



## Celebrating 116 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – March 2018

### The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Grace Church,

I so appreciate the warm welcome I have received from you as we begin this period of transition together. Briefly I would like to explain to you what an Intentional Interim Pastor/Priest is all about and therefore how I conceive my ministry here for the next 6-7 months.

Actually, Grace Church's interim period began last June with Jane Piver's retirement after 10 years of ministry here. Kudos to Grace Cangialosi for providing leadership and pastoral care during the past 7 months. The Diocese of Virginia has asked me to take over this next phase of the interim period to provide fresh eyes and ears to Christ's ministry here using training, experience and skills about Transition ministry that I have learned during my 5 previous interims.

The theology of transition ministry is clear: the march of the kingdom of God doesn't stop just because a settled pastor has left. While the default tendency may be to hold the fort during this period, and kick outstanding issues and opportunities in the congregation down the road, this is counter-productive. Among other things it places the new Vicar in the position of making changes which may be necessary but also costly.

Optimally we wish for the new ministry to be able to address issues on the horizon rather than spending a lot of time rehashing old ones that weigh down momentum. In this regard I am delighted to learn that the Vestry has initiated a plan to develop a new

website, since your present one is woefully out of date. This is important because the primary way folks look for a church home today is to through that medium.

Biblically speaking then an Intentional Interim serves as a sort of St. John the Baptist- helping you to prepare the way for the new vicar- albeit in this case, without the hell fire and brimstone! I come with no agenda other than to share with the Vestry information and observations about your ministry here. I look forward to seeing with you what God has in mind, as the march of the Kingdom of God proceeds.

In Christ,

Jeffrey

#### Lenten Activities:

- There will be Soup & Salad Dinners each Wednesday, on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 6:00 PM. The theme for the evening programs will be "*A Walk Through the Prayer Book and What Comes Next.*"
- **Stanardsville United Methodist and Grace Church** are joining together again this year to walk the *Stations of the Cross* on **Good Friday** through the Town of Stanardsville. We will begin at 12:15 PM at the Stanardsville United Methodist Church and end at Grace Episcopal Church.
- There will be the usual **Good Friday Service** at 7 PM at Grace Church. The plate offerings from this service will be going to the *Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem.*

# Easter Story Cookies

*To be made the evening before Easter.*

## You need:

1c. whole pecans  
1 tsp. vinegar  
3 egg whites  
pinch salt  
1c. sugar  
zipper baggie  
wooden spoon  
tape  
Bible

## Instructions:

Preheat oven to 300 (this is important-don't wait til you're half done with the recipe)

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces.

*Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.*

**Read [John 19:1-3](#).**

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl.

*Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink.*

**Read [John 19:28-30](#).**

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life.

*Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.*

**Read [John 10:10-11](#).**

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl.

*Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.*

**Read [Luke 23:27](#).**

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1c. sugar.

*Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.*

Read [Ps. 34:8](#) and [John 3:16](#).

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed.

*Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.*

**Read [Isaiah 1:18](#) and [John 3:1-3](#).**

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet.

*Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.*

**Read [Matt. 27:57-60](#).**

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door.

*Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.*

**Read [Matt. 27:65-66](#).**

GO TO BED!

*Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.*

**Read [John 16:20 and 22](#).**

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow!

*Explain that on the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.*

**Read [Matthew 28:1-9](#).**

*This article was provided by Cathy Lagana and is found at*

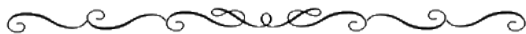
<https://bible.org/illustration/easter-story-cookies>

## Vestry Update

The vestry held its organizational meeting for 2018 on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Treasurer, Linda Robbins, graciously agreed to host our meeting at her home.

We welcomed our new members, Gwen Atwood and Barbara Nye, and we chose vestry liaisons for various programs (we will circulate this information next time). Larry Meslar agreed to continue to use his considerable talents as junior warden, and I agreed to continue as senior warden.

We are also working with a number of our congregants on some outreach programs. Julie Winslow has suggested that we have the sanctuary open for prayer and reflection several times a week, and she and Linda have agreed to be there. In addition, as Gwen announced in church, we are going to arrange transportation for people who want to attend services, but who have difficulties doing so. Finally, we are continuing our project to send welcome cards to people who have recently moved to Greene County, telling them about Grace Church and inviting them to join us. We also have several other outreach initiatives in the works, and will keep you up to date on those. Outreach has always been an important part of our mission. The vestry wants to support these efforts, and we welcome ideas from any of you.



### LOVE LAUNDRY – Spring 2018

On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Bert and Barbara Nye will be holding a LOVE LAUNDRY at the laundry room next to the Office at Bailey Court Apartments across the street from Grace Church. They will provide free washing, drying and folding loads of laundry for the individuals and families at the complex, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or until finished.

**You can help.** Donations of quarters for the machines are greatly appreciated. Please also consider volunteering to help and/or visit with our neighbors – whatever time you can spare. You may contact Bert & Barbara at 434-985-2402.

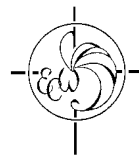
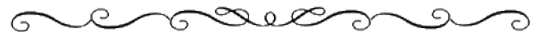
### Neighborhood Brunch

On Saturday, **March 31<sup>st</sup>** Grace Church will be hosting their usual 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Neighborhood Brunch. Because it's the day before Easter, a special guest, E. Bunny, will tell the real first Easter story. Coloring and activity books depicting the event will be distributed to all children who attend the Brunch.

We hope you'll help spread the word and encourage your neighbors to attend and bring their children and grandchildren to the **Parish Hall from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

These brunches are rewarding experiences! Not only because of the people who are fed, but because of the relationships that are formed through the warm conversations we share.

We will need shoppers, cooks, servers, set-up & clean-up crews, and lots of welcoming hosts. Volunteer cards are in the pews. Please fill one out and drop it in the basket on the information table. Join us in making this another great success!



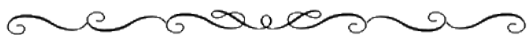
### ECW NEWS AND NOTES

The first get together of 2018 for the Episcopal Church Women will be on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Linda Robbins house at 2:00 for a Movie Matinee! The DVD is entitled **"I'm Not High Maintenance Just low Tolerance."** A one woman show by Anita Renfroe. This is particularly funny to those women trying to go through life with all its changes and challenges and doing it with grace and a positive attitude. Please bring a snack to

share. Drinks will be provided. If you need directions to Linda's house please give her a call at 985-7202. I hope you will be able to attend and join in the fun!

The ECW is again helping with snacks for the YDC after school program. We have already provided snacks on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. In March we will be providing snacks on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (which we already have volunteers) and the 29<sup>th</sup>. Looking further ahead, we will need volunteers for April 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate please let me know so that I can coordinate with Heather Myers. Thank you to all who have helped with this project; and Heather extends her thanks as well!

Mark your calendars now for the **Diocesan ECW Spring Meeting**. The meeting will be on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Church of the Epiphany in Richmond. More information will follow.



### 2017 UTO Grants

The first priority of The United Thank Offering is to **encourage the spiritual practice of gratitude** and then to give grants from the abundant collection of coins and bills given each year to our Blue Boxes.

In 2017 the United Thank Offering annual grant recipients, seminarian and young adult grant recipients are working towards evangelism and reconciliation as a part of the Jesus Movement. The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church awarded 47 grants for a total of \$1,169,969.55 for the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The 2017 grants were awarded to 34 Episcopal Church Dioceses, 8 Companion Relationships, 4 International Dioceses/ Provinces and 1 to continue our tradition of supporting Episcopal Church missionaries. Each year UTO grants are given from the amazing collection of those coins and bills from the Blue Boxes. Remember that each donation is given in gratitude for a blessing, and UTO simply passes that blessing along through its grants. Please visit

[www.UnitedThankOffering.org](http://www.UnitedThankOffering.org) or [www.EpiscopalChurch.org/UTO](http://www.EpiscopalChurch.org/UTO) to see a full list of grants awarded.

### Diocese of Virginia

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church Richmond, VA**  
St. Peter's, the Warm and Welcoming Church: A New Ministry, a New Reality, \$32,000  
To install an elevator, accessible bathroom, and walkway between the worship space and the parish hall in historic St. Peter's Church, which is located in an area with a high concentration of poverty. Many in this aging church community can no longer navigate the many steps necessary to enter the sanctuary. With a majority of the church community facing mobility challenges, participation in church and related activities is no longer possible without accessibility improvements.

**VA Theological Seminary (Companion Grant Diocese of Southeast Florida)** "If you really knew me": A Series of Conversations tilted toward Reconciliation \$2,500.

**VA Theological Seminary (Companion Grant Diocese of Navajoland)** "Capturing the Beauty Way, Hozho" \$2,500.

**Grace Episcopal Church Stanardsville will have its Spring UTO Ingathering on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



### UTO Prayer

**Gracious God**, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.  
Amen



The symbol for World Day of Prayer was developed by the women of Ireland and adopted as the international logo in 1982. Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.

### **Suriname 2018**

### **World Day of Prayer 2018 is Friday, March 2nd**

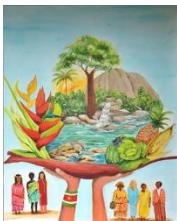
The Republic of Suriname lies in the northeastern part of South America. It is named after the Surinen tribe, one of the indigenous peoples of that land. Suriname is part of the Guianas, an ecological region within the Amazon. The word Guiana comes from a Kaliña word meaning “land of many waters.” Suriname has many rivers and creeks. Over 90 percent of the country is covered by pristine tropical rainforest and great biodiversity.

### **All God's Creation is Very Good!**

The theme for the Suriname worship service urges us to evaluate how our actions affect our planet - one of our Lord's greatest creations.

The environmental crisis is also a crisis of global justice. God's justice always meant loving and sacrificial self-giving. We, as Christians cannot be silent. We live with the hope and belief that people have the means, and increasingly, the will to focus on justice, peace, and the integrity of creation

To recycle is to give a new use to objects, thus reducing the consumption of resources that may degrade the planet. We may use the way we do WDP activities to educate and campaign for climate justice.



**REDUCE,  
REUSE,  
RECYCLE!**

*World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration.*

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome.
- It is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world:

- affirm their faith in Jesus Christ
- share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs.

Through World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged:

- to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation
- to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures
- to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them
- to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The motto of the World Day of Prayer is “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”.

[www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org)

Respectfully submitted, Jeannie Palin

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
March 2018**

*Let us give thanks and praise to God for these special days in the life of our parish family members and friends.*

**Birthdays**

- 01 Ron Morris
- 03 Heather Meslar  
Ann Dye
- 11 Suzanne Haney
- 13 Nina Wright
- 15 Eloise Virginia Pattison
- 16 Bobby Winslow
- 22 Jeannie Palin
- 23 Cathy Lagana



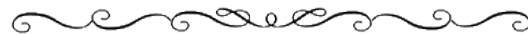
**Anniversaries**

- 17 Bob & Kathryn Thomas
- 20 Ryan & Katie Miller



**Baptisms**

- 02 Berowne Paradis
- 22 Alexandra Ladd
- 24 Ann McDaniel
- 27 Garnett Mingledorff



**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday Services**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Stations of the Cross** (thru town)

**Good Friday Service** (at Grace)

**Easter Sunday Services**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM & 10:30 AM**

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

**Fri, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon**

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 AM & 10:30 AM**



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Twenty **Easter Lilies** have been ordered to decorate our altar during the Easter services. A sign-up sheet will be available on the information table in the Sanctuary for those interested in purchasing a lily. The lilies may be given in Thanksgiving or to honor the memory of loved ones.

## *Lay Participation Schedule for March 2018*

	<b>3/4 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>3/11 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>3/18 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>3/25 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</b>
<u>Lesson</u>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Philippians 2:5-11
<u>Psalm</u>	19	107: 1-3, 17-22	51: 1-13	118:1,2, 19-29 31:9-16
<u>Gospel</u>	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 11:1-11 Mark 15
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>			Hebrews 5:5-10	Red = Liturgy of the Palms
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<u>LEM</u>	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly
<u>Lector</u>	Betty Moreland	Betty Moreland	Betty Moreland	Betty Moreland
<u>Intercessor</u>	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck
<u>Usher</u>	Andy Byerly	Andy Byerly	Andy Byerly	Andy Byerly
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<u>LEM</u>	Cathy Lagana	Linda Robbins	George Long	Larry Meslar
<u>Lector</u>	Gwen Atwood	Eleanor Wabnitz	Mary Hogge	Ron Morris
<u>Intercessor</u>	Mary Hogge	Jenny Morris	Jeannie Palin	Linda Robbins
<u>Usher</u>	Roy Dye	Angelo Lagana	Lou Hatter	Mary Hogge
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Wabnitz	Dye	Winslow	Robbins
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins

**Note:** Adult Forum: Has started a study of **C. S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*** beginning at 9:15 on Sundays in the parish hall. You are invited to come and enjoy the coffee hour which follows the 8:00 service.



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