

# GRACE NOTES JUNE 2020



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**The Episcopal Diocese has suspended all church services due to Covid19 precautions. At whatever time, it is deemed safe to regather at church, services will be held again. At that point, services will be held on Sunday at Grace Church on Route 602 in Casanova at 9:00 AM, followed by coffee fellowship in the Family Center near the church. Please check the Grace Church website for the most current information.**

## EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA PLANS FOR RE-GATHERING

As you are well aware, we have been unable to worship face-to-face since mid-March. With the announcement of the Governor of Virginia to begin re-opening the Commonwealth, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia has been developing plans for the Episcopal churches to re-gather for worship. The Diocese web site has a lot of information about this process on their website (<https://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/covid-19-resources/>), but I will attempt to summarize the process below.

There are 4 phases of opening as defined by the Diocese, which correspond to Public Health Indicators of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently in Phase 1, where no in-person worship is conducted. Phase 2 will allow in-person worship with significant restrictions. Phases III and IV, will begin to progressively ease these restrictions. See this link ([https://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/MWVA\\_Statement\\_6\\_0.pdf](https://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/MWVA_Statement_6_0.pdf)) for the full text of these phases.

So, how do we get to Phase 2? The Diocese is developing strategies, guidelines, checklists, support and review processes for phased re-gathering for worship. There are 4 Task Groups that are working to prepare the congregations for phased re-gathering (see [https://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/attachment\\_2b.pdf](https://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/attachment_2b.pdf)). It is thought that all of this will be in place by mid-June. At that time, the Vestry will have the resources to develop our own re-gathering plan for Grace Church, which can be submitted and approved by the Diocese. Once approved, we can begin to meet once again face-to-face!

I hope this gives you an idea of how we might get back to worshipping in person. The full text of this will be posted on the Grace website, and the links to the Diocese COVID-19 Resources are also there.

Please check the Grace Website at <https://www.gracechurchcasanova.org/> for progress as updates will likely occur prior to the next Grace Notes.

Kevin Holmes

## June Announcements

### ***Sad news at Grace:***

#### A Thank You and History Lesson

My family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the ever-constant support of my Grace Church family upon the passing of my mother, **Rebecca Bragg Warren (Becky.)** Your prayers, calls, e-mails, texts, cards, contributions to Blue Ridge Christian Home, flowers, and food were all filled with Grace's loving care and we are truly grateful.

Mama became a member of Grace when marrying my dad in 1951. They were married in the Episcopal Church at Brandy Station, yet another of our yokings back in the day. She was a faithful supporter from that time until she could no longer do so. As a small child, after church, I remember her driving us (me, my brother, neighbor kids) to St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Catlett (with whom Grace was yoked) and teaching my Sunday School class. She was the Grace Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) Treasurer for many years and was the "administrator" of our Coffee Hour Hosting (formerly Nursery and Coffee Hour.) She was a member of the altar guild and trained many to become members over the years. She was also a big supporter of Vacation Bible School, both teaching and transporting many to the summer fun.

Many of Grace Church's events were quite well attended due to the fact that my mother loved the telephone (an inside joke in the family.) But, seriously, she did love people and she was devoted to the service of our Lord. She called members, neighbors, newcomers, and people with which she was only distantly acquainted to invite them to dinners, breakfasts, picnics, bazaars, Christmas Tree lightings and the like.

Becky Warren was a great Christian woman and we thank you for helping us as we grieve and yet celebrate her arrival in Heaven.

Lovingly,

Mary Warren Neal

On behalf of the Warren Family

### **Glen Cordell** December 23, 1940-May 10, 2020

A tribute from his grandson:

My grandfather was a timeless soul. The type of man that communities have depended upon since time immemorial. His archetype is that of the unconditionally affectionate patriarch who extends his nurturing tenderness to all who surround him. His radiant warmth seemed almost an innate characteristic, as if infused into his character at birth and carefully honed in his youth. A simple glimpse of his congenial and sometimes playfully boisterous smile could brighten anyone's day. He added to this perpetual grin his unique vocabulary and quaint accent, together making for a delightfully endearing experience.

Much about my grandfather's disposition stood as a stark contrast to the worst qualities of cosmopolitan northern Virginia in which I was raised. Arriving at my grandfather's property on Kingsley road offered a respite from suburbia, replacing its gray drabness with that wonderful vibrancy which only flora can provide. As a youth, nothing injected the world with mystery like wandering the narrow rows of my Grandfather's garden.

Though my grandfather has passed away, the lessons he has taught me continue to inform my decisions and will only increase in relevance as I grow older. I know too that his example has been imparted upon countless others, inspiring their social manners. A man is made in his actions, what he continually does, he becomes. It is through this imitation of my grandfather's character that his presence will continue to persist in this realm as his spirit moves to the next.

### **Michael Calhoun's Dad**

**Jackson Calhoun** February 11, 1931 - May 17, 2020

Notes from his obituary

Jackson Hayes Calhoun, known as "Jack" went to be with Jesus on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, after a long and wonderful life.

Jack loved to chat with family and friends, visiting the nursing homes, and will be remembered as a loving and supportive husband, father, grandparent, and a good friend of many residents of Doddridge and surrounding counties. He will be much missed by family, friends, neighbors, and friends in the Emergency Squad, Fire Department, J & J Flowers, American Legion, Harry Green Chevrolet, and Doddridge County Historical Society.

**GRACE CHURCH WEBSITE: [WWW.GRACECHURCHCASANOVA.ORG](http://WWW.GRACECHURCHCASANOVA.ORG)**

Check out the website, there have been some updates! But we still have a little work to do, such as updated pictures from Grace Church events in 2019-2020.

Pictures, questions or other items of interest that you wish to have posted can be sent to the website email address: [website@gracechurchcasanova.org](mailto:website@gracechurchcasanova.org) or you can contact Kevin Holmes.

#### **AMAZON SMILE FOR GRACE CHURCH**

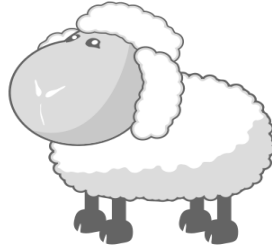
Don't forget to sign up with Amazon Smile to have 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items given to Grace Church at no cost to you! You can also go to the Grace Church website home page and click on the link there.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*AmazonSmile Shopping App for Android Users Now Available\*\*\*\*\***

You can now support Grace in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations to Grace from your Android device.

- \* If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
- \* View Settings and select AmazonSmile.
- \* Follow the in-App instructions to complete the process.

AmazonSmile is not currently available for IOS users – we'll let you know when it becomes available.



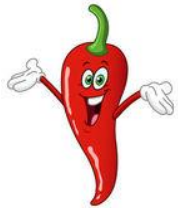
## ***Feed My Sheep***

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations of food and money. The money has enabled us to purchase fresh meats (chicken, hamburger, hot dogs) for the families. This is a first in a long time that FMS has been able to do this.

Please continue to leave non perishables on the back pew. There will be a manila envelope there also for anyone who would prefer to leave cash and I will do the shopping.

Carol Grove

## **CHILI COOK-OFF AND PACKAGING EVENT UPDATE**



The Chili Cook-Off which was originally scheduled for March 21 has now been postponed until March 6, **2021**. Hopefully, we will be back to semi-normal social distancing practices and will feel comfortable gathering in a large group at that time.

The Chili Cook-Off team has decided to schedule the Rise Against Hunger packaging event on Saturday, October 3, 2020, in the Parish Hall. We will work with Rise Against Hunger to ensure that all social distancing and sanitary requirements are met.

We will keep you updated as we come closer to each event.

## ***Treasurer's Report – April 2020***



Income for the month of April was \$11,925.69 (budget \$10,423.75). Expenditures totaled \$8,220.63 (budget \$10,193.42), resulting in income for the month of \$3,705.06.

Interest earned on our Raise the Roof Fund during the month of April was \$0.62. There were no expenditures. The balance in the roof fund account at the end of the month was \$14,973.53.

The book value of our endowment fund as of April 30 was \$57,511.98.

During this time when we can no longer worship together, I urge you to ***please continue with your pledges if possible***. You can either mail your check to Grace at PO Box 18, Casanova, VA 20139, or put it in my box at the Parish Hall. We have received waivers and grace periods for health insurance and pension plan payments; with these concessions and your continued giving I believe Grace will be able to meet all its other obligations in a timely manner throughout these troubling times.

Please continue to pray for Grace Church that it will grow spiritually, financially and numerically. If you have any questions about this report or any financial matter, please contact me.

Judy Ball, Treasurer



### ***Birthdays and Anniversaries for June***

Melanie Moline 6/1 birthday  
Greg Butler 6/12 birthday  
Greg and Betty Huddleston 6/14 anniversary  
Marge Estes 6/15 birthday  
Jackie and Donna Shipe 6/17 anniversary  
Art Payne 6/17 birthday  
Greg and Stephanie Butler 6/18 anniversary  
Kevin and Courtney Holmes 6/18 anniversary  
Betty Huddleston 6/18 birthday  
Amanda Walton 6/22 birthday  
Joshua and Genna Warren 6/25 anniversary  
Travis and Amy Fields 6/25 anniversary  
Mignonne Spellmeyer 6/26 birthday  
Sharon Sweeney 6/28 birthday  
Julia Yacoub 6/30 birthday

## JUNE READINGS

DATE 2019	DAY	LESSONS
6/7	First Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20
6/14	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
6/21	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39
6/28	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

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Catlett, Virginia

WELL---WE USED IT!!!

Since January of last year, when "the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper" was authorized by the General Convention of our Church for trial use, people have been saying, "Don't use it, " or "When are we going to try it?"

Well, last Thursday; the night of Ascension Day, we tried it. Afterwards someone said, "It wasn't as bad as I expected." Of course we did find some parts of the service a bit awkward because of our familiarity-with the Prayer Book Liturgy. It is not always easy to say "you" and "your" when for years you have been accustomed to saying "thou" and "thine". Actually, there is nothing radical about this so-called "New Liturgy. " Many of its elements are not new at all. Indeed, the Creed follows a more ancient form than the version in the Prayerbook. The Gloria in Excelsis is put in its proper place. Some of the verbosity of the regular service has been eliminated. The Creed itself need not be used except on Sundays. While this "streamlining" of the service was not merely to accommodate people in a hurry, it does tend to make our worship more meaningful.

Last Thursday evening we wanted to go all out for that celebration and attempted to find someone who, in addition to the organ, might play a guitar, the double bass or some other instrument which might bring a new element of joy into our worship. In fact we would have settled for a percussion section with drums , cymbals and all the rest in order to do what the psalmist said, to "praise God in the "timbels and upon the loud cymbals." But luck was not with us, and we were very staid in having only the organ for our musical accompaniment. I \_ "

In response to previous requests, we did sing "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "The Qld Time Religion." Actually there was real appropriateness to these hymns, This religion of ours is old, and in a sense we did bring in the sheaves. Instead of using the customary wafer and wine, bought either at the ABC store or super market, we used offerings of the congregation". Mrs. Scott Gouldthorpe, baked the bread which was prepared for communion on the altar. Mrs. Charles Tompkins brought wine which had been made at Spring Hill. Both these ladies presented these offerings along with the alms of the congregation in accordance with the traditional ceremony. The only unfortunate aspect of this offering was that Mrs. Tompkins took the left—over portion of her wine home with her after the service . And members of the Altar Guild ate the rest of the bread. The Rector had not had dinner and was looking forward to having some of Mrs. Gouldthorpe's homemade staff of life for supper.

In this Liturgy there is a section which is known as "The Peace". In many congregations, this has been awkward. But the purpose of it is sensible and sound. Frequently people come to Communion services with the idea of having a little private session with the Almighty. Communion, however, is not something 'individual, it is corporate. The service is one of Holy Communion and not 'one of holy isolation.

Frequently The Peace has been observed with the Rector grasping an acolyte's hand, saying "The Peace

\_Of the Lord be always with you." 'The acolyte responds "And with your spirit. " In turn, the acolyte passes The Peace to a member of the choir and each member does this individually to others 'in the choir.' The Peace is passed through the congregation by having the ushers go to the end of each pew.



To me this seemed awkward and in some cases annoying. Certainly it is time consuming. Whether we solved the problem properly the other night I leave to you to decide. What we did was simply to ask those in each pew to join hands and say in response to the officiant, "The Peace of the Lord always be with you. And with your spirit" to each other. This seems to me to be far more natural. Most of us will shake-hands with others on our way, in or out of the Church. Why not do it inside ?

The Trial Liturgy provides opportunity for lay people to share in the service by reading the Old Testament lesson, the Epistle, and a Litany of Intercession. These parts were read last Thursday by Mr. Richard Gore, Col. Robert Riddell, and by the Acolyte, Jack Shipe.

The next question is, should we use this service again? For last Thursday evening's celebration we borrowed the service books from St. James in Warrenton. Perhaps we can find the moderate amount of money it would take to buy our own booklets if enough people are venturesome and feel that this, service might develop into a closer worshipping fellowship with Almighty God. The 7:45 AM service might present such an opportunity.

COMMUNICATIONS have arrived from Miss Harriet Turnbull who is doing more of the world. She was in Turkey two weeks ago and last week she and her party were the first Americans to stay at the new Kuwait Hilton in Kuwait on the Arabian Gulf. The Place was luxurious and naturally they received VIP treatment. While there they met Robert McNamara, President of the World Bank. Coca Cola was as common as coffee and tea. The University of Kuwait is only three years old and is completely up to date.

BEST WISHES. To Jane Childs and Barbara Gouldthorpe who had birthdays this week.

AFTER WRITING THE ABOVE some of us attended the Boosters Banquet at the High School. Special awards were by Jack Shipe for Baseball and by Robin Gulick for Basketball. The most honors for the evening went to Scott Alexander. In addition to receiving an Emblem for Wrestling, Scott was given the Most Valuable Player Award in Football. ("Good Student - worked hard - made all practices.) Scott received one of the Senior Awards for Football, Wrestling and Track. He was also given the Boys Sportsmanship Award. When giving Scott the Track Award, Coach B. B. Mitchell said, Scott is the most outstanding track man I have ever coached'. He is an excellent example of dedication and humility. " . . . Congratulations to Jack, Robin and Scott.

#### NOTES

LAST SUNDAY WE WERE PLEASED to have Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Goodrich worshipping with us. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich live in the Westgate Apartments in Manassas. Mr. Goodrich has duty at Vint Hill. We hope they will want to come again. We were also pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. John McRae, the parents of Mrs. Samuel Richards, of Laurel, Miss. The McRaes will return to Laurel this week and their grandson John will be with them for most of the summer. .

MORE CONGRATULATIONS to Scott Alexander who won the shot put and discus throw at the State Meet at Blacksburg last Saturday. Scott was sort of a one man track team. His record in the shot put and discus gave Fauquier 5th place in the meet

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS to Greg Crittenden who, among other things, received a puppet for his birthday last Monday.

THE SECRETARY of the Presiding Bishop's Fund, the Rev. Raymond E Maxwell, has written, expressing thanks for our contributions to the PB's fund. Let's hope that none of us are ever hungry or homeless, but if it should ever happen we will probably be happy that there is such an entity as the Presiding Bishop's Fund.

"Not long ago a clergyman received a letter in which a layman complained \_ that the parish was being run by a clique. He replied by saying. 'Upon investigation we find that your statement is true. Furthermore, we find the clique is composed of faithful members who attend our meetings and services, who accept appointment on committees, who give willingly of their time, energies, and efforts, and who sincerely believe that the more one puts into his Church, the more he will get out of it. I would suggest, therefore, that you join that clique. It is not difficult to do so - in fact, it is very easy. Begin by attending services and meetings regularly, take a more lively interest in Church work, make helpful constructive suggestions, and accept responsibilities. Show a continual interest in affairs pertaining to your parish. Before you realize it, you will be a member of the clique, and you will be amazed to know how anxious they are to have you with them'".

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