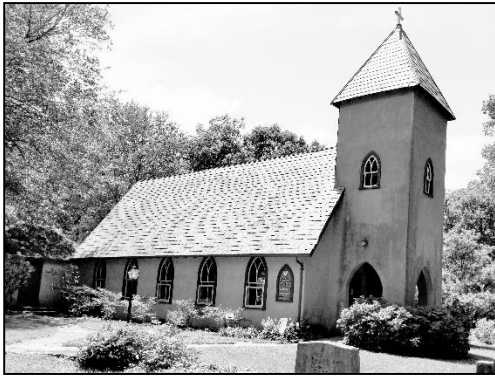


GRACE NOTES October 2019



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Services every Sunday at Grace Church on Route 602 in Casanova at 9:00 AM, followed by coffee fellowship in the Family Center near the church.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Ones,

Jesus gives us these simple instructions concerning money and possessions: "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*" ([Matthew 6:19-20](#))

He commands us not to store up money here on earth, but instead to invest that money into heaven—into the Kingdom of God. Why is it so important to put your money into the Kingdom? Jesus explains: "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" ([Matthew 6:21](#)). It is impossible to overlook the importance of that verse. Wherever your treasure is, that determines where your heart will be. Your money leads; your heart follows. Knowing this, Jesus commands us to put our money into eternal things. Why? So that our heart will be into eternal things.

For example, say you invest money into a company's stock. Previously, you didn't really care about that company, and you didn't bother to read news articles about them. Now, however, you're scouring the newspaper for any articles that even remotely relate to that company, you check their stock price daily, and you religiously read their earnings reports. What caused such a change? Your money went into the company and with it your heart.

This principle—where your money goes, your heart follows—is illustrated very well in [Mark 10:17-22](#), which records the story of a rich young man who came to Jesus asking how to be saved. He had done everything right and followed all the laws and commandments, but, according to Jesus, there was "one thing" he lacked: "*Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.*" At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

The man had great wealth, but really his wealth had him—it owned and controlled him. Jesus wanted the man's heart, and so Jesus demanded his money. Jesus knew that the man could never follow Him if his heart was more attached to his possessions than to God.

The man's face fell, and he went away sad because his heart was too attached to his possessions. His money was invested in his own possessions, and therefore his heart was invested in his own possessions. However, Jesus wanted to break that bondage, so he commanded the man to give away all of his

possessions to others. By giving his money to help the poor and the needy, Jesus knew that the man's heart would be transformed into serving others, and in so doing he would come identify with and follow Christ.

Do you want your heart to be full of love for others? Give to them and bless them with your money. Then your heart will follow.

If you want a heart for God, invest your money in building the Kingdom of God. Then your heart will follow. If you want a heart for the poor and the needy of the world, use your money to fight local and global poverty and hunger. Then your heart will follow. If you want a heart for global missions, support missionaries in Africa, Asia, and the rest of the world. Then your heart will follow. Wherever your treasure is, that's where your heart will be. Where is your heart committed?

In His grace and love,
Jim+

GRACE CHURCH WEBSITE: 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.

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

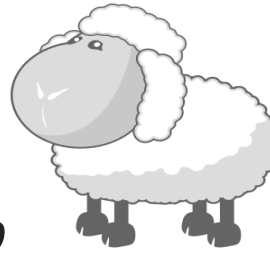
GoFundMe Page

The GoFundMe page for the Roof Fund is up and running. The link for the page is: <https://www.gofundme.com/grace-episcopal-church-casanova> , but you can also go to the Grace Church website home page and click on the link there.

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.

Feed My Sheep



Many thanks for your continued support of this ministry that is so vital to so many. We are currently providing groceries for 60-70 families each week. Each family receives 1-3 bags of groceries each week and once a month a supply of staples. FMS is a ministry that provides a handup, not a handout. Midland Church of the Brethren has a vetting process that reaches our neighbors who fallen through the cracks of various gov't agencies. Some of our clients are long term and some just need short term assistance. All of our donations need to be non-perishable.

Here is a list of foods we can use...

Any canned fruits, juices, veggies, meats, dry cereals, condiments, puddings, jello.

It's also time to start thinking about the **HOLIDAYS**! Please bring in appropriate items. i.e. cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, canned sweet potatoes and other vegetables. Only nonperishable and easy prep!

If you shop at the big box stores we will be glad to break it down. Please no gallon size cans. If you would prefer to donate cash we will shop for you.

Grace is the one of the largest contributors. Let's keep up the good work.



Thank you
Carol Grove

UNITED THANK OFFERING 2019 FALL INGATHERING – OCTOBER 20

The 2019 UTO Fall Ingathering will take place on October 20. The envelopes will be available on October 13.

UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for those blessings. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Community.

The Spring UTO offering was sent to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the UTO Board to be given in UTO grants.

OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05 Ashley O'Meara **
06 Worship 9 AM 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Adult Ed 10 AM	07 Open Doors 4-6	08	09	10	11	12 Pam Ruffner ** Ministry Appreciation Day Tomorrow!!
13 Worship 9 AM 18 th Sunday after Pentecost Adult Ed 10 AM Blessing of the Pets 1:30 SPCA	14 Columbus Day obs.	15	16 Vestry 7 PM	17 Jackie Shipe ** Logan Shipe **	18	19 Country Brkfst 8-10 AM & Blessing of the Hounds 9 AM Parish Hall
20 Worship 9 AM 19 th Sunday after Pentecost Adult Ed 10 AM UTO Fall InGathering	21 Open Doors 4-6 Fall Camp Registration Due	22	23 Book Club 5 PM	24	25	26 Sew What 9 AM
27 Worship 9 AM 20 th Sunday after Pentecost Julie Brewer **	28 Shrine Mont Fall Camp	29 Corey Butler ** Barbara McLeod ** Shrine Mont Fall Camp	30 Shrine Mont Fall Camp	31 Halloween Shrine Mont Fall Camp		

Birthday **

Anniversary ++

OCTOBER SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE 2019	DAY	LESSONS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	ALTAR	COFFEE HOUR
10/6	Pent 17	Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Betsy	Judy	Betsy	Dale & Sue
10/13	Pent 18	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Dee	Bryan	Barbara & Dianne	Mary & Penny
10/20	Pent 19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Mary	Dale	Mignonne	Mignonne & Dee
10/27	Pent 20	Joel 2: 23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Kevin	Bryan	Jan	Judy & Barbara
11/3	Pent 21	Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 Luke 19:1-10	Dee	Judy	Tammy	Dale & Sue

Senior Warden's July Vestry Report

Buildings & Grounds: Lights in the Sacristy closet and the Parish Hall have been repaired. Repair of LED lights outside the Parish Hall and in the kitchen are in process.

Roof Funds: The status of the Oldham Grant is that the initial letter of interest (LOI) has been submitted, but Grace has not yet received an invitation to apply.

St Luke's Rector Sharing project: The sharing project is going well, although it was noted that Jim has been missed at our Sunday morning social hours. No official request by the St Luke's Vestry to make this temporary arrangement more permanent. Fr. Jim will consider any offer, but it must be in the best interest of Grace Church, his primary parish, before any agreement could be made.

Gravel Refresh at the Church and Family Center: A big thank you to Barbara McLeod who provided the gravel!

Adult Education: Sunday School will resume in September, as is Grace's usual custom. The first study program will be that of "The Prodigal God," which will begin on September 8th.

Home Depot Card: The church received an invitation to obtain a Home Depot Credit Card, with the advantages being, tax exempt status and the convenience of having purchases recorded and not having to request reimbursements and checks. A motion to accept this invitation was made and carried.

Timber: Two large black walnut trees have been identified on Church property and it has been suggested that these could be harvested for timber. The Vestry will revisit the possibility once additional details are obtained.

Grace Church website: Kevin Holmes has graciously offered to update and keep current the church's website. He has recently updated it and is requesting any pictures of past Church events that he can post thereon. Parishioners are requested to forward any pictures they may have to him via email: Holmeskevin55@gmail.com. Additionally, any announcements of current interest can be placed on the Home page of the website very easily; please ensure that for any such items, Kevin is copied. Fr. Jim's sermons are now being posted weekly, and archived, as are the Grace Notes.



TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Income for the month of August was \$7,533.08 (budget \$9,350.17). Expenditures totaled \$7,702.01 (budget \$9,350.17), resulting in a deficit for month of \$168.93.

There were obligations due and unpaid at the end of August in the amount of \$1,130.58 which were paid in September.

Contributions to our Raise the Roof Fund during the month of August totaled \$10,121.51.

Total raised as of August 31 - \$96,146.30.

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

Update from the Roof Committee

As of September 5, 2019, the church had received/raised \$96,292.28 for our roof fund. This total includes a \$5,000.00 grant from the Peter James Lee Church Revitalization Fund.

Additional funds are being collected through our GoFundMe page, [smile.amazon.com](https://www.gofundme.com/smile.amazon.com), and another grant is pending with the Oldham Little Church Foundation (OLCF.)

Requests for Quotation (RFQ) were released to four firms in July 2019. The firms were given 30 days to respond; some responded with “no bids,” while others did not respond at all.

It was mentioned that many in the congregation have expressed a preference for slate material to be used on the new roof. Because of the age of the church, it was discussed that an engineering firm would need to assess the structure to see what material the roof could support. Additionally, it was mentioned that the current wood may need to be evaluated.

The way forward: As a result, the roof committee convened to develop a new plan of action.

Committee members mentioned that they had additional leads from parishioners and friends of Grace. As a result, it was agreed that the additional sources would be contacted for quotes.

Since the funding status exceeded the initial estimate received for slate and many congregants expressed a preference for slate to replace the roof, all possibilities will be explored.

Consultation with an Engineering Firm to research the roof’s foundation will also be conducted. Because there is now additional time, roof funds will be temporarily placed in a Money Market account by the Treasurer for the purpose of obtaining a bit more interest.

The roof committee would like to thank all of those who have donated, worked to raise funds, offered suggestions, provided opinions, and performed research. Blessings to all!

Prepared by:

Mary Neal, Roof Committee Chairperson

This information was also announced at the church service on September 8, 2019.

TRI-DIOCESAN COUNCIL ON AGING FALL CAMP 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging has put together another wonderful opportunity for members of the Three Virginia Dioceses to participate in Fall Camp. It will be held at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia, October 28-31, 2019.

The keynote speaker is Philip Gulley. Many of you will remember him as he was our keynoter several years ago. He is a retired Quaker minister who believes that one of the worst things that has happened is that houses no longer have front porches. Philip is a wonderful storyteller and author. He is considered an Indiana treasure.

Ed Kilbourne returns as our Musician and Folk Theologian. He will be sharing his music and gospel stories with a twist. Ed's morning devotions are not to be missed.

In addition to all of the above, numerous workshops are offered for you to participate in. There is also plenty of free time to explore Shrine Mont, sit on the porch and rock, catch up with folks you haven't seen in a while, or meet new friends especially at our half-hour social time before dinner every evening. And don't forget the wonderful meals provided for our enjoyment. Help yourself to the buffet!

Each year we have an outreach project. This year's project is a little different. As many of you know, Tom Summerlin, Mr. Hospitality, died after a heroic battle with lung cancer. He was one of the first people who greeted you when you came through the door of the hotel. Tom was a big supporter of our scholarship fund that allows campers to be able to attend Fall Camp. This fund will now be known as the **Tom Summerlin Scholarship Fund**. We are asking that you contribute to the scholarship fund in memory of Tom this year. Make your checks out to Tri-D Council and memo the scholarship fund.

Please share the enclosed registration and encourage your friends to join us for Fall Camp. There is no age limit for attending. We look forward to seeing you October 28th-31st at Fall Camp.

Yours truly,

The Fall Camp Planning Committee

We worship together in daily sessions, explore various issues, and participate in one or two session workshops (each session is an hour and a half) on a variety of topics. We always have a keynoter, a chaplain and our folk theologian, Ed Kilbourne, who leads us musically and tells amazing stories.



A social "half-hour" is held before dinner each evening.

In addition to the scheduled activities, there is plenty of time to sit on the porches, visit with friends, relax, and enjoy the amazing scenery and to explore the surrounding area.



Instead of an outreach donation this year, please make a contribution to the Fall Camp Scholarship Fund in memory of **Tom Summerlin**



www.fallcampatshrinemont.org

FALL CAMP 2019

October 28-31

Shrine Mont Conference Center

Orkney Springs, Virginia



PHILIP GULLEY

Keynoter

ED KILBOURNE

Folk Theologian



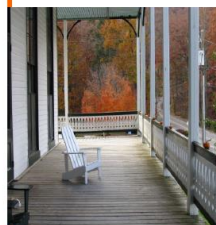
Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor, writer, and speaker from Danville, Indiana. Gulley has written 22 books, including the *Harmony* series recounting life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana and the best-selling *Porch Talk* essay series. Gulley's memoir, *I Love You, Miss Huddleston: And Other Inappropriate Longings of My Indiana Childhood*, was a finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor. In addition, Gulley, with co-author James Mulholland, shared their progressive spirituality in the books *If Grace Is True* and *If God Is Love*, followed by Gulley's books *If the Church Were Christian* and *The Evolution of Faith*. To read more about Philip Gulley go to www.philipgulley.com

As always, we will be entertained by Folk-Theologian **Ed Kilbourne**. Ed is known for his collections of moving music, quirky humor, and insightful monologues. He has earned a reputation as one of America's cutting edge religious communicators, a folk-theologian if you will, offering his teaching in story and song. Ed combines acoustic guitar, singing and commentary. Additionally, Ed offers a 1/2 hour devotional each morning before breakfast. To read more about Ed, go to www.edkilbourne.com



WHAT IS FALL CAMP?

Fall Camp is a four day adult conference sponsored by the Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging which represents all three Episcopal dioceses in Virginia: Dioceses of Virginia, South-west Virginia, and Southern Virginia. It is held Mon-Thurs each year in October at Shrine Mont Conference Center, in Orkney Springs, VA. More information on Shrine Mont itself is available at www.shrinemont.com.



Fall Camp is an opportunity to spend time in the mountains of Virginia with other seniors (but we don't have an age limit) from across the Commonwealth and from other states. The Camp is an attempt to take seriously the spiritual needs and journeys primarily of retired people. We attempt to challenge participants through keynote speakers, workshops, worship and interaction with one another.



Please print and return FALL CAMP REGISTRATION
with your non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 per person to
Fall Camp 2019
Susan Summerlin
737 Churchill Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
(susan.summerlin@gmail.com)
Susan: 757 831-9969)

TOTAL COST: \$270 per person for a double room
\$350 per person for a single room
Make checks payable to Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging

Please mail your registration so it will be received by **OCTOBER 21.**
Express Check-in will be available for those whose full payment has been received by Monday, October 21
Please remember we cannot accept credit cards at check-in

NAME: _____

NAME YOU ARE CALLED _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL _____

DIOCESE _____ CHURCH _____

_____ Single Room _____ Double Room Specific Room request _____

Sharing a room with _____

If you wish to be housed together with a specific group: _____

(this is not guaranteed. Everyone who wants to be included, needs to indicate, please)

SPECIAL HOUSING NEEDS: ShrineMont has a limited number of first floor rooms, especially those with no steps for access. If you request a first floor room, please explain your limitations so that we may assign you appropriately. Is your request for a first floor room one of ____preference or ____necessity ?

Room special requests will be honored in the order they are received .

For dietary needs call Shrine Mont at 540/856-2141 and speak to the kitchen staff.

I would like to contribute \$_____ to the Fall Camp Scholarship Fund

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