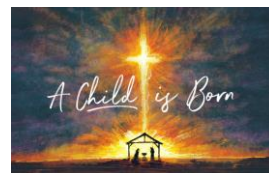




Grace Notes

December 2022



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Sr. Warden's Notes

Dear Grace Family,

"Christ the Savior is Born!"

We continue with our Thanksgivings as we enter into this season of joy. The Jr. Warden is working diligently, arranging for a little tidying of the Church parking lot and Family Center drive. Even though Christmas Eve and Christmas day services will be at *St. Luke's, your Altar Guild Director and her Floral Experts will be placing a few poinsettias and greenery to decorate the Church.

Please join our Christian brothers and sisters at St. Luke's at one or both of the Christmas services (*the 24th at 7:00PM/ the 25th at 10:00AM.)

We have been richly blessed with the opportunity this year to provide Christmas gifts to a Fauquier Shelter Family. Please read on to see the specifics provided by "Saint Mignonne" in this newsletter. Thank you, Mignonne!

Fr. Michael will be moving a bit closer during the month of December, making his commute a whole lot easier. He has asked that his address be shared with all, so effective 19 December 2022, his address will be:

Fr. Michael B. Guy
13550 Heathcote Blvd. Apt 307
Gainesville, VA 20155

Mark your calendars for the next Annual Congregational Meeting. Please use "pencil" as we will need to ensure that Fr. Michael and St. Luke's can work with this time frame. The event is normally held on the third

Sunday, after church. This year, the third Sunday is January 15, 2023, so pencil that in! Two of our Vestry members have completed their terms: Betsy Anderson, who was filling a vacated slot for a one-year term and Mary Neal, who was filling a vacated slot for a two-year term. It is exciting to report that we have two candidates ready to slide into those slots, but we need for you to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting to vote them in!

May God richly bless your Holiday!

Christmas Blessings!

Mary Neal, Sr. Warden

Treasurer's Report – October 2022

Income for the month of October was \$11,733.45 (budget \$8,464.00); expenditures totaled \$8,316.66 (budget \$8,464.00), resulting in income for the month of \$3,416.79.

The book value of our endowment fund is \$62,847.24; market value as of October 31 is \$61,073.51, a gain for the month of \$360.57.

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

Weekly events:

- **Yoga at Grace Parish Hall.** Contact Mary Ashton for days and times (540-229-0114.)
- **Sew What?** and any other creative tasks you would like to bring will be held at Grace Parish Hall in Casanova this month on December 10 from 9:30 to 12:30. We will be working on charity quilts this month.
- **The Center lunch** held each Wednesday at noon, Grace Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share!



Feed My Sheep (FMS)

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in order for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 NIV

The holiday season is upon us with the long dark days of winter in close pursuit. Let's ensure that our FMS families have a bountiful holiday meal and warm, comforting foods through the winter. Please continue to help FMS and pray for the many other providers throughout the country.

"How can I contribute to "Feed My Sheep?" you ask? Cash can be put in the collection plate in an envelope marked "FMS." Checks should be made out to Grace Church with a notation "FMS" and sent to Grace Episcopal Church, PO Box 18, Casanova, VA 20139.

Gods Peace,

Carol Grove 🙌

Birthdays for December

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|-----------------|--------|
| Carolyn Martin | 8-Dec |
| Jose Escorcia | 10-Dec |
| Melba Hendrix | 19-Dec |
| James Ottevaere | 25-Dec |
| Carol Grove | 26-Dec |
| Carol Cordell | 28-Dec |
| Lora Moline | 28-Dec |
| Jim Ruffner | 30-Dec |
| Jennifer Coates | 31-Dec |
| Greg McLeod | 31-Dec |

December Schedule

| DAY 2022 | READINGS | ALTAR/FLOWERS | ASSISTANTS | OFFERTORY PRESENTER | COFFEE HOST |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Second Sunday of Advent December 4th | Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12 | Betsy Anderson/ Diane Gulick | Michael Calhoun & Sharon Sweeney | Judy Ball | Marilyn Ottevaere |
| Third Sunday of Advent December 11th | Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 | Carol Cordell/ Mignonne Spellmeyer | Betsy Anderson | Mignonne Spellmeyer | Sharon Sweeney |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18th | Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25 | Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney | Bryan Jacobs | Susan Payne | Mignonne Spellmeyer |
| Christmas Eve | See Bulletin | ✱ | Judy Ball | ✱ | ✱ |
| Christmas Day | See Bulletin | ✱ | Mary Neal | ✱ | ✱ |

IF ANY DATES DO NOT FIT YOUR
SCHEDULE, PLEASE ARRANGE TO
TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

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Amazon 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.

Adopting a Family this Christmas

This year we are again fortunate to adopt a family at Vint Hill's Transitional Housing, part of the Fauquier Family Shelter. Our family is **Sheterria** (Mom); **Kamden** (17-year-old male); and **Luca** (7-year-old girl).

On the next page you will find a list of sizes and what they would like. Luca would like a bike with training wheels (perhaps several of you could go in together to purchase this). Gift cards are also on the list. Please wrap these in a box so that they are not lost, and please wrap and tag all presents. Also please try to get to me **by December 9** or bring to church on or before **December 4**. I know this is a short window, but the Shelter has limited help and even less right before Christmas.

Let me know what you would like to contribute so we are not duplicating some of the items.

Thank you all so much for generously supporting this family.

Mignonne (540 272-0014)

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Mom

Wish List for: Code SM Gender Female

Clothing/Shoe Sizes:

Favorite Color: Blue

Tops size: Womens small

Pants size: Womens small

Shoe size: 7 1/2



I really need Walmart or food gift cards
visa gift cards

I would really like to have Wristlet Wallet
Body lotion
Journal
Devotional

Child

Wish List for: Family Code SM Child Code KM
Age 17 Gender male

Clothing/Shoe Sizes:

Favorite Color: Black or Red

Tops size: adult small (mens)

Pants size: adult small (mens)

Shoe size: 10 1/2 mens



I really need socks & undershirts
gloves

I would really like to have gift cards - visa or
Walmart

Child

Wish List for: Family Code SM Child Code LM
Age 7 Gender Female

Clothing/Shoe Sizes:

Favorite Color: purple

Tops size: 6x or small (girls)

Pants size: 6x or small (girls)

Shoe size: 11 youth



I really need a winter coat
bike helmet

I would really like to have bike with training wheels
gift card
arts & crafts supplies