



Grace Notes

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*My command is this:
Love each other as I
have loved you.
John 15:12*

For just as the body is one and had many members, and all members of the body, through many are one body so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a

I give thanks to God for this healthy body, Grace Episcopal Church Casanova, VA. As of today, I have been here two months and sixteen days. It gives me great joy to be in this communion with you. I have been and continue to be welcomed warmly and strongly supported.

Let us give thanks to are wardens and vestry. They constantly work for the congregation to ensure that the congregation is in the best position to carry out the mission of the congregation. Let us also give thanks to you the congregation. While you may be small in numbers you take on huge mission projects. You are always considering the mission of the Church which is the body of Christ. A portion of this mission is how we love and take care of the body. Grace, you are very successful in your outlook for mission. While there is a concern because we are small, your main concern is how we treat and love one another. We have received a \$5000.00 grant for Feed My Sheep to aid us in this goal. Thank you, Carol, and Bryan, for spearheading this grant request. I am very excited to be a part of this mission. Deo Gracias!

When I first moved into the Northern Virginia area, Dale City, Woodbridge, Dumfries were considered bedroom communities for the D.C. area. I believe that now Fauquier County is the bedroom community for the D.C. I therefore believe that the growth in this area over the next five years will be strong. This will bring several church and unchurched families to our community. Thanks to Bryan Jacobs I had the opportunity to meet the mayor of Remington and he agrees with this outlook. Let us start searching various outreach programs so that our main mission of proclaiming the good news will continue to be accomplish. Let us not forget that research in evangelism still maintains that it is a friend who brings a friend to church that garners the most growth.

We are in the season of the Epiphany. Epiphany as you know is the manifestation of the light of Christ. In this season we read and hear of the many accounts of his manifestation and how he has given us that light. Grace, we will continue to let our light shine in proclaiming the good news. Let us work tirelessly to bring this Word so that all people will know of God's love and the mercy he gives to all of us.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠



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Serving Schedule



<i>Day</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Altar/Flowers</i>	<i>Reader/Acolyte</i>	<i>Offertory Presenter</i>
6 th Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Carol Cordell/ Sharon Sweeney	Judy Ball	Barbara Jacobs
13 th Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Jeremiah 17:5- 10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Betsy Anderson/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Mary Neal	Betsy Anderson
20 th Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Genesis 45:3- 11, 15 Psalm 37:1- 12, 41-42 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38	Mary Neal/ Diane Gulick	Betsy Anderson	Howard Charnock
27 th Last Sunday after Epiphany	Exodus 34:29- 35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)	Pam Ruffner	Bryan Jacobs	Judy Ball



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

<i>Louie ♥ Pat Warren</i>	<i>2-Feb</i>
<i>Rick ♥ Betsy Anderson</i>	<i>14-Feb</i>
<i>Chase Perreault</i>	<i>15-Feb</i>
<i>Brandon Payne</i>	<i>21-Feb</i>
<i>Emily ♥ TJ Johnson</i>	<i>23-Feb</i>
<i>Jessica Warren Rhoads</i>	<i>23-Feb</i>
<i>Paige Payne</i>	<i>26-Feb</i>

Treasurer's Report – December 2021

Income for the month of December was \$11,134.37 (budget \$6,267.00); expenditures totaled \$13,731.81 (budget \$4,543.00), resulting in a deficit for the month of \$2,597.44.

The book value of our endowment fund is \$62,847.24; market value as of November 30, 2021 is \$71,353.79.

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

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Feed My Sheep (FMS)

Never stop thanking GOD for all the wonderful gifts He has given. 1 Corinthians 1:4 TLB.

I'm writing this as I look out my living room window at the snow. I'm thankful that we have heat (wood stove) and Coleman lanterns for light . The linemen are working diligently to restore power. Not all our families are so fortunate. Most do not have an alternate source for heat, light and water. Griolis , church of the Brethren and Calverton market have generously invited the community to come for a warm place and food. But many of our families do not have transportation or have disabilities that prevent from leaving their homes. The one thing they can depend on is their weekly delivery of groceries. FMS delivers every week, 52 weeks a year, rain, snow, sleet or 100-degree weather. Did you know that many food banks close during the holiday? FMS is the only food source locally, that delivers directly to the homes. Some of our clients are bed bound, use oxygen, undergoing some type of medical treatment or are disabled. Currently we have no source for bread donations from the stores, an added expense that we have been able to provide because of your continued generous donations. We recently received a \$5000 grant from the diocese. Talk about manna from heaven!! Thank you, Bryan, for your assistance in facilitating that. Thank

you for your support. *Carol Grove* 😊

Checks may be made out to Grace Church with a notation to FMS and mailed to Grace Church at the address shown in the footer of this document. Cash or checks can also be put in an envelope and left in the collection plate.

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Senior Warden's Report – January 2022

Grace Family,

A big thank you to all of those attending the Annual Congregational Meeting that was held on January 16, 2022, during which time we expressed sincere gratitude for the service of outgoing Vestry members **Pat Williams**, **Marilyn Ottevaere**, and **Sharon Sweeney**. Three very capable and hardworking Grace Members stepped up to fill the vacancies. Welcome to our new Vestry members: **Betsy**

Anderson, **Howard Charnock**, and **Susan Payne**! With our first Vestry meeting complete, your Vestry team already has a wealth of new ideas brewing, so be on the lookout for those (especially the **BACK PAGE** of this newsletter!)

During the Vestry Meeting, we elected "new" officers.... sort of. You are stuck with **me** again as your **Senior Warden**; I'll do my best, but bear with me. **Barbara Jacobs** remains **Junior Warden**; **Judy Ball**, **Treasurer**; **Diane Gulick**, **Register/ Clerk**; **Bryan Jacobs**, **Diocesan and Region Delegate**. At the passing of our dear friend and sister-in-Christ, Penny DePompa-Davis, **Bryan Jacobs** has agreed to fill her former and vacant position of **Assistant Treasurer**. I will still be the Grace Notes editor, Grace Directory keeper/updater, and the Webmaster (but, if you'd like to take on one of these projects, please let me know.) **Barbara Jacobs** is currently your weekly **bulletin** provider.

You may notice (especially with all of the heavy snow ❄️ and ice 🧊 we have experienced) that **trees** are broken, fallen, hanging low, or leaning at dangerous angles. One such **tree** is seriously threatening one of our families' grave areas. This is a large area that contains many very old graves and structures. The family represented in that large area has offered to arrange and fund the **tree's** removal, so you may notice a change in the graveyard in the near future. Keep your eyes peeled to **see if you can figure out** which area.

Blessings,

Mary

New Ideas



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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.

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- * 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.