

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings in the name of the Father, and the Son, and ✠ Holy Spirit.

***And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matthew 6:12(NRSV)***

The operative word in the verse quoted above is FORGIVE. What comes to mind is an occurrence which caused harm or perceived harm. The harm could be mental, (“she hurt my feelings”), physical or both. When this harm occurs, it creates a break in a relationship. Consider that someone made a statement about you that was not true. *Thou shall not bear false witness* comes to mind. This false witness may have been responsible for you not receiving a promotion or may have placed you in an unwarranted conflict with another person. Enmity now exists between you and this person.

Time passes and the person who started this adversity realizes the error of their ways and comes to you with a sincere apology and a request for you to forgive them. They admit to the harm they caused you and state the actions taken to make the situation right. What is your reply?

***For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14-15 (NRSV)***

God has not requested us to forgive, He gave a command to forgive. We are commanded to forgive as we have been forgiven. Consider the comments that I have heard over the years. “I am never going to forgive him.” “What she did is just unforgiveable, so no, I am not going to forgive her.” What if that was God’s response to us? Have we not committed and continue to commit harm to Him? Have we not created a broken relationship with Him?

God sent his Son, Jesus who on the cross established a system of eternal forgiveness. Regardless of how great a sin we commit, God will always forgive us if we ask. He will never say the harm you have done to me is unforgiveable. This gift of grace was given to us on Easter.

We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 2, 2022. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes. The time of the Mass at Grace is 11:00 AM. The time of the Mass at St. Luke is 7:30 PM. Due to covid restrictions, ashes will be distributed in individual cups and at the appropriate time in the liturgy we will self-impose the ashes.

The peace of the Lord is always with you

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠



**TREASURER’S REPORT – January 2022**

Income for the month of January was $9,491.06 (budget $8,464.00); expenditures totaled $9,331.17 (budget $8,464.00), resulting in income for the month of $159.89.

The book value of our endowment fund is $62,847.24; market value as of December 31 ,2021 is $73,164.12.

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

**FEED MY SHEEP (FMS)**

***No one has ever seen God,but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 1 John 4:12.***

This month is an update on FMS.   Rick and Pam Pulver and  I received a warm welcome to Little Fork 2 weeks ago. We met with the congregation and later with the vestry.  They are very enthusiastic and have been to Bealeton to assist with packing groceries and to get “a feel” for how it is done. They have identified  a great need in rural Rappahannock and Culpeper counties . They will be in prayer as to how best to serve their needs.  This past week St Andrews ( Cheryl Berry)  reached out to me about contributing toward FMS.  As you may remember St Andrews was a donating partner pre-covid.  So, our circle is widening slowly.  Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

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.**

**Upcoming Special Dates to Remember:**

* Wednesday, March 2nd, Ash Wednesday service, 11AM at Grace
* Wednesday, March 2nd, Ash Wednesday service, 7:30PM at St. Luke’s
* Tuesday, March 8th, Bible Study via Zoom – topic: “The Aspects of Salvation” **Meeting ID: 939 4860 7623**
* Sunday, April 10th, Easter Service 10AM at Grace
* Thursday, April 14th, Maundy Thursday Service 7:30PM at St. Luke’s
* Friday, April 15th, Good Friday Service 7:30PM at St. Luke’s
* Sunday, April 17th, Easter Service 10AM at Grace on the lawn, weather permitting

**SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT**

Dear Grace Family,

Here’s what’s happening at Grace:

* + The **tree** that had been leaning over a substantial part of the cemetery has been removed., as well as the fallen tree that had been uprooted by the snow/ice earlier
	+ Fr. Michael’s Letter of Agreement (LOA) is being changed from “Supply Priest” to **“Priest-in-Charge”** to comply with Diocesan guidelines
	+ COVID-19 safety decisions have been put into the hands of each church’s priest; the Fauquier area is still in the “**red** zone;” therefore, will continue with masking, no singing, and sitting a safe distance apart
	+ The 2021 Parochial Report has been completed and approved for submission by the Vestry
	+ March 2nd, we will have **Ash Wednesday** service at 11AM
	+ March 8th, we will begin our virtual Lenten Study on **“the Aspects of Salvation”** at 7PM via Zoom - **Meeting ID: 939 4860 7623**
	+ **“Alleluias”/ “Hallelujahs” will be omitted** during Lent as will the altar adornment of flowers, although, **greens may be used**
	+ **“Operation Soup”** was a raving success; many were blessed by cooking, preparing, and receiving; stay tuned for our next “Soup” opportunity

Blessings,

Mary

**Other Activities you might be missing:**

**“The Center”** potluck lunch each Wednesday at noon. Bring a dish and join in the fellowship! **Yoga** with Mary Ashton at the Parish Hall – cost = donation

 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4PM

 Fridays at 10am

**“Sew What,”** is our sewing/quilt group that meets the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be March 12th from 9:30AM to 1230PM at the Grace Parish Hall. Bring projects you are **sewing, knitting, or crocheting**.

**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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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.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



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| **Day** | **Readings** | **Altar** | **Reader/Acolyte** | **Offertory Presenter** |
| 2ndAsh Wednesday**11 AM SERVICE** | [Joel 2:1-2,12-17](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#ot1) or [Isaiah 58:1-12](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#ot2) [2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#nt1)[Matthew 6:1-6,16-21](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#gsp1) [Psalm 103 or 103:8-14](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#ps1) | **Barbara Jacobs** | **Judy Ball** | **Mary Neal** |
| 6thFirst Sunday in Lent | Deuteronomy 26:1-11Romans 10:8b-13Luke 4:1-13Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 | **Betsy Anderson** | **Mary Neal** | **Mignonne Spellmeyer** |
| 13thSecond Sunday in Lent | [Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent2_RCL.html#ot1)[Philippians 3:17-4:1](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent2_RCL.html#nt1)[Luke 13:31-35](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent2_RCL.html#gsp1)[Psalm 27](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent2_RCL.html#ps1) | **Carol Cordell** | **Betsy Anderson** | **Susan Payne** |
| 20thThird Sunday in Lent | [Exodus 3:1-15](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent3_RCL.html#ot1)[1 Corinthians 10:1-13](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent3_RCL.html#nt1)[Luke 13:1-9](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent3_RCL.html#gsp1)[Psalm 63:1-8](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent3_RCL.html#ps1) | **Mary Neal** | **Bryan Jacobs** | **Barbara Jacobs** |
| 27thFourth Sunday in Lent | Joshua 5:9-122 Corinthians 5:16-21Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32Psalm 32 | **Pam Ruffner** | **Judy Ball** | **Betsy Anderson** |

 **SERVING SCHEDULE**

   

*Photos by Diane Gulick*



“OPERATION SOUP” IN ACTION!