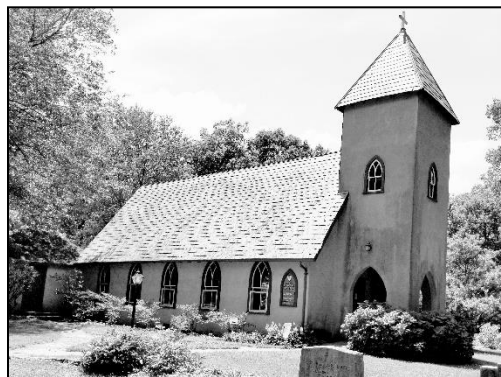


GRACE NOTES

August 2019



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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Ones,

God is good ... All the time! And all the time ... God is good! Some Christians are fond of saying this in a responsorial way to one another and it is absolutely true though there are times when we're not so sure. Right now – I am sure!

As you know, we have a leaking roof in need of total replacement. You also know that we have a lofty goal of raising \$70,000 to replace that roof with a metal roof in keeping with the historic materials in use at the time of the building of Grace's second building. That's a lot of money for a small church with a small group of people to raise. As you also know, when it comes to a need for money, I defer to God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills and everything else as well. He has more than enough resources to make that goal happen and it has.

At the time of this writing (in July) we have reached and surpassed our goal receiving over \$85,000 for our "Raise the Roof" campaign. So, I will say it again - God is good ... All the time! And all the time ... God is good!

We have reached and surpassed our goal because of the work of many and the gifts and generosity of many more who have been involved. Our local friends and neighbors have been very generous in supporting our efforts as well as some who are far away. For all of the help we have received, we are immensely grateful.

I know some were doubtful that we would ever be able to reach this goal. Others thought it impossible and some knew that, with God's guidance and help, we absolutely would reach our goal. The lesson here for us all is that with God, all things are possible even when, or maybe especially when, things look completely unachievable.

A quote I have posted in my study at home reminds me often to “Depend on God” when it comes to any need. It says, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” Hudson Taylor – Missionary to China

With that thought, allow me to end by saying that each of needs to give thanks to God for this fabulous and amazing outpouring of resources from many. It is God who has moved so many to give so let us give thanks. Many times and upon many occasions.

And so, to Him who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb, be honor and glory, dominion and splendor now and forevermore.

Your sheepdog,
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.

AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Birthday **
Anniversary ++

04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Worship 9 am 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Open Doors 4-6		11:00 AM Senior Center Art & Sue Payne ++			Sew-What

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 9 am 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Open Doors 4-6	Emily Johnson **	11:00 AM Senior Center	Mildred Riddell **	Mary Neal **	

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 9 am 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Open Doors 4-6	Doris Pearson** Bob Brewer**	11:00 AM Senior Center Book Club			

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship 9 am 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Open Doors 4-6		11:00 AM Senior Center Dale Cirillo**			Nathan Butler **

AUGUST SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE 2019	DAY	LESSONS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	ALTAR	COFFEE HOUR
8/4	Pent 8	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107,1-9,43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Kevin	Judy	Jan	Judy & Barbara
8/11	Pent 9	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50,1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Betsy	Dale	Betsy	Sharon & Marilyn
8/18	Pent 10	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2,8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Mary	Bryan	Barbara & Diane	Mary & Penny
8/25	Pent 11	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Judy	Dale	Tammy	Dale & Sue

Senior Warden's April Vestry Report

Facilities & Grounds: Replacements were made to the outlet at the coffee station and the altar light above organ in the church. The door latch at the parish hall has been repaired. All painting of facilities has been completed. The armchair used for healing prayers in church is being reupholstered by Barbara Jacobs.

Rector's Absence: Jim away May 5-8. He and Dale will be away for Mother's Day weekend – May 10-12. Jim will be away May 31-June 1, but back for Sunday services June 2.

Roof Fund update: Committee members are Mary, Marilyn, Stacey, Judy, Kevin, Bryan, and Jim. Mary Neal is the chair. Current funds collected equal \$22K.

A Go Fund Me Page was generated, under Stacey's Facebook page, but will be changed to a new Go Fund Me Page under 501C, under Guidestar.

Grace has applied for the Peter James Lee Small Church Revitalization Grant (PJL) and will be submitting a Letter of interest (LOI) to the Oldham Little Church Foundation Grant Fund (OLCF). The PJL grant will (hopefully) award Grace \$5K. The OLCF grant offers \$7-9 K.

Solicitation letters have gone out to the congregation and Friends of Grace Church and our Quilted Wall Hangings Raffle is still generating income.

Judy has established an Amazon Smile account for Grace. Simply log in at <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose Grace Church as your charity or, if you already have a "smile" account, double-check your charity name to ensure it is Grace.

Copy machine replacement is needed as the current machine's service plan is expiring and not being offered due to the machine becoming obsolete. Options were reviewed and discussions/questions ensued. Additional information is being obtained before a decision is made.

Advertising Ourselves:

Harris Teeter offered to advertise our Church on their Pharmacy bags; however, the Vestry decided not to pursue it, agreeing that visibility on a Pharmacy bag would not prove effective.

It was agreed that the ad in Yellow Pages would be cancelled for the same reason. Warrenton Chamber of Commerce membership would advertise for free, but membership is cost prohibitive.

Nokesville Days: A motion was made, passed, and carried to participate in Nokesville Days as a fund raiser for raising the roof. Dale volunteered to set up a booth to sell raffle tickets and pictures of the Church. Judy Ball offered to pay the booth fee.

Culpeper Region meeting was summarized by Bryan. By-laws were discussed and there were good presentations. Mission Grant committee name was changed to Regional Ministry Fund.

Senior Warden's May Vestry Report

Raising the Roof:

Taking into account that there is a matching gift promised, there are enough funds to pay for a shingle roof. Decision was made to wait and raise more funds in hopes of obtaining

enough for metal or slate. Thank you notes have been sent to those who have donated so far. Parishioners who are notified or are aware of donations for which Grace has not provided a response, please advise a Vestry member as soon as possible so that we may respond.

The current Go Fund Me page for the roof has not been changed to 501C status thus far, causing all of those contributing to forego a tax deduction. The Vestry will work to arrange for closing of the current page and the creation of a new page with 501C status.

Nokesville Days: - In addition to pictures and raffle tickets, free water will be handed out to individuals on Nokesville Days. Adhesive labels containing the church's information will be placed on the bottles. The drawing for the Quilted Wall Hangings being raffled will take place on Memorial Day Sunday at church.

Rector's Absence: Jim will be out May 31-June 1.

New Copier: A motion was made, passed, and carried to purchase a new copier.

Organist's Absence: Michael will be off for one Sunday in May and has arranged for a fill-in organist. A motion was made, passed, and carried to pay the supply organist \$100 from church funds.

Upcoming Events:

Vestry meetings will be held in June and August. No meeting in July.

The Church picnic will be held at the Jacobs home in Bealeton on June 8.

Spring cleanup needs to be done at some point. Suggestions are welcomed.

Senior Warden's June Vestry Report

Buildings and Grounds:

Gutters of the rectory were cleaned out and paid for from Rector's discretionary fund.

Raising the Roof:

The Roof Fund: currently contains over half of what is needed. Thank you everyone!!!!

The Roof committee will meet June 25 to begin to formalize future decisions to be made. i.e. type of roof, time frame.

Oldham Little Church Foundation Grant (OLCF) Letter of Interest (LOI) is being completed. Fr. Jim is currently working on his portion which will complete the application.

The Go Fund Me page has not yet been transferred to the 501c type. Courtney Holmes will look into what this would entail.

Sharing:

Grace is currently sharing Fr. Jim with St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Remington. Jim will be filling in for the summer at St. Luke's at an 11:00 service each Sunday.

New Copier is in place. Training on how to use the machine will be forthcoming.

Rector's Absence: Fr. Jim will be away July 15-31, returning August 1. Fr. Lee Moore will be interim priest in his absence. Jim may also take a few additional days off in June.

Looking into the Future: As we are currently joined together in an effort to “raise the roof” of the Church, we realize there are many other projects that could use our attention. We welcome all suggestions/labor/funds to complete upcoming projects, i.e.:

The Church parking/traffic area is in need of gravel.

The Family Center Lane is need of fill dirt and gravel, as a result of the past wet season.

Power washing is needed for the Church fence and Rectory.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT – JUNE 2019

Income for the month of June was \$7,217.12 (budget \$9,350.17). Expenditures totaled \$8,106.13 (budget \$9,350.17), resulting in a deficit for the month of \$889.01.

There were obligations due and unpaid at the end of June in the total amount of \$1,595.93. These obligations were paid the first week of July.

The market value of the Endowment Fund on May 31 was \$54,088.01.

Contributions to our Raise the Roof Fund during the month of June totaled \$5,680.00. Total raised as of June 30 - \$45,146.73.

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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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.
