

# Grace Notes



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## A Word from Our Priest

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

Happy New Year! Some of us have new ideas that we will start. Some of us will complete projects that we started last year. All of us pray that we become better people this new year.

Let us remember we can accomplish all things with the help of God. It is when we think we can go it by ourselves that we stumble. Let us remember that when we do stumble, God is there to support us. Yes, even if we fall, He is there to pick us up. My help is God. Happy New Year!

Thanks be to God.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠

*Personal growth is about  
progress not perfection.*

~ Author Unknown

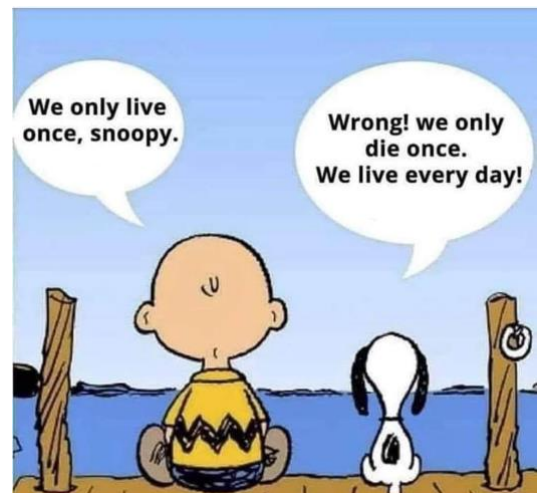


January Calendar of Events

- Jan 3 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Jan 5 Sunday Service 9am Grace
- Jan 7 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 8 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 10 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- Jan 11 Sew What, 9:30am, St Luke's Parish Hall  
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- Jan 12 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- Jan 14 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
  
- Jan 15 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Jan 17 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Jan 19 Sunday Service at 9am, Grace
- Jan 21 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 22 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
  
- Jan 24 Yoga at 10:00am, the Parish Hall  
Casanova Book Club, 12pm TBD  
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- Jan 26 Sunday Service 1t 9am, Grace  
Annual Congregational Meeting
- Jan 28 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 29 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 31 Yoga at 10:00am, the Parish Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Richard & Carol Payne	Jan 3
Shannon Perreault	Jan 4
Brandon Dawson	Jan 11
Stacey Yacoub	Jan 11
Louie Warren	Jan 11
Richard Payne	Jan 12
Judy Ball	Jan 13
Will Shipe	Jan 21



Treasurer's Report ~ November Data

Income in the month of November was \$12,330.00 (budget \$9,429.75); expenditures totaled \$7,130.60 (budget \$9,429.75), resulting in income for the month of \$5,199.40.

Book value of the Endowment Fund at the end of November was \$73,059.87; market value as of November 30 was \$81,554.86, a gain of \$2,039.85 for the month.

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

## Vestry Report

The Vestry met on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> for the last meeting of 2024. The biggest news out of the meeting is the proposal to be placed on the Annual Congregational Meeting to reduce the number of members of Vestry from the current 6 to 4. With the current size of the active membership, it has been difficult to field a slate of candidates and to maintain an active participation of a 6-member Vestry. If the proposal passes, there will be no need to have a Vestry election this year.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, immediately following mass.

With Susan Payne leaving the Vestry this term, we are in need of a new Registrar. This would require being present at all Vestry meetings (6 per year) and taking notes, preparing and distributing minutes and keeping a file of vestry related correspondence. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact either Fr. Michael or Bryan Jacobs.

We are planning on having a Shrove Tuesday gathering at IHOP again this year. Shrove Tuesday is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Bishop's visit to Grace will be on Sunday March 9.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19, 2025 at 3 PM in the Family Center.

*Bryan Jacobs* - Sr Warden

## Wreaths Across America: Honoring Our Veterans



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> was an unusually pleasant winter day with plenty of sun and blue skies for our volunteer crew to place wreaths on veterans' graves in Grace's church cemetery. **Thank you, team!** From left to right are Bryan Jacobs, Barbara Jacobs, Sue Ballantine, David Coates and Fr. Michael Guy. We look forward to making this one of our regular community service activities. Note: If you are not familiar, Wreaths Across America is an organization that places wreaths on veterans' graves across the nation at Christmas time.

## Get Ready! Valentine Soup Kitchen

Our now traditional Valentine Soup Kitchen preparation is slated for Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Meeting place is the Grace Parish Hall. To make this a success, we will need contributions of soup, cornbread, and cookies plus very importantly people willing to assemble trays and deliver. If you are able to help in any capacity, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Mignonne at 540 272-0014.



## From Our Adoptive Family

Mignonne & the Grace Episcopal Church Family,  
Thank you for sponsoring a family in the Vint Hill program this Christmas. The family was truly overwhelmed and grateful for your generosity. Thank you for all you did to make this family's Christmas so special. Wishing you & yours a merry Christmas & a peaceful new year!  
-Melinda VHTH

12/14/2024

A big thank you to all who contributed time, money and joy in giving our adopted family at the Vint Hill transition housing center a wonderful Christmas.

I delivered the gifts this morning - 5 bags full of gifts. And for those of you who gave me money, Susan and I purchased Pandora bracelets for the two girls.

So, again thank you everyone. I think the family will be very pleased with your generosity.  
Mignonne

## Sew What - Tap into your Creative Side!

The Kona Fabric Company has chosen the color "Nocturne" for this year's Kona challenge/competition. The quilter will make a 20 inch square of your choice in design that includes some amount of the "challenge color". As you might guess, the color for 2025 is a very dark blue just a shade shy of what one traditionally envisions as black. Deadline is September. That's just 2.5 square inches per month!

Sew What will continue to also make quilts for Alzheimer's patients.

Peace on Earth ✨

Almighty God, we pray for peace in our world. Where there is often conflict and strife bring an end to violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen

## January Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<b>Second Sunday After Christmas January 5, 2025</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-6;15-19 Matthew 2:1-12	Carol Cordell/ Diane Gulick	Judy Ball	Susan Payne	Barbara Eanes
<b>First Sunday After Epiphany January 12, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord</b>	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17;21-22	Joy Goodenough/ Sharon Sweeney	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Joy Goodenough	Marilyn Ottavaere
<b>Second Sunday After Epiphany January 19, 2025</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Barbara Jacobs/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Bryan Jacobs	Sue Ballantine	Sharon Sweeney
<b>Third Sunday After Epiphany Jan 26, 2024</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Luke 4:14-21	Carol Cordell/Sharon Sweeney	Judy Ball	Sharon Sweeney	Mignonne Spellmeyer