

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Robyn Arrington, Diane Basta, Yvonne Butler, Langley Curry, Ronnie Elder, Horace Higgins, Dianne Holloman, Katherine Miller, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Patricia Thorpe, Larry Tucker, and Cameron Wilson.

To send a note of encouragement to parishioners on the Prayer List, please use the on line church directory that you can find at www.christandgrace.org. Contact the church office 733-7202 for the log in password or for additional assistance.

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS/Every Member Canvass

As you consider your 2021 pledge to Christ and Grace spend a moment with this week's Faith-Filled Generosity reflection. Today's reflection comes from the Rev. Chris Harris who is Associate Rector of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. When you have completed your pledge card, you may drop it off when you are at church or return it by mail. For your pledges, consider setting up an online payment at www.christandgrace.org and go to "Give" at the top of the page or sign up for automatic payments from personal checking or savings accounts through your bank.

HOLY EUCHARIST ON SUNDAYS

We have returned to a service of Holy Communion for our 10 AM Sunday services. We know that not everyone is ready to rejoin public worship but welcome you if you are ready to return. Our first concern continues to be that we offer a worship service that is safe for all who attend. Please click the link below to find our guidelines for worship.

This weekly service is livestreamed at 10 AM each week and is then saved on our YouTube Channel. If you are unable to worship with us in person or on YouTube, the saved videos are available about 12 hours after the service for you to watch at your convenience. They will then be saved to our YouTube channel to view later if you are unable to watch them on Sunday mornings.

At this time Holy Communion is bread only for everyone's safety. We believe that Christ is fully present in the bread and in the wine so to receive bread only is to receive full communion. We will explain how to safely receive communion during worship on Sundays.

Now that we will be consecrating the bread, we will have reserved sacrament available for those who would like communion brought to their homes. Please contact Robin+ to schedule a visit.

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

- Christ and Grace will be providing bagged lunches on Thursday, November 12 and Thursday, November 19. Please contact Sonyia Elder at 804 691-1735 if you are interested in providing a crockpot of chili, individual desserts, fruit cups, or crackers to serve 100.
- Clothing Drive on Saturday, November 14 from 12: 00 - 2:00 pm outside at the Christ & Grace pavilion. Now that the weather has turned chilly, Martha Merritt for the Homeless is in need of new or very gently used clothing for her clients. Primarily she needs men's clothing, but some women's and children's clothing would also be appreciated. Also, new socks are urgently needed.
- Christ and Grace will be providing Thanksgiving prepared meals to the Hope Center Food Pantry. Each meal serves a family of four and costs about \$45. If you would like to donate the cost of a meal, please make check payable to Christ and Grace and on the memo line put "Outreach Holiday Meal". If you have questions, please contact Debbie Newman 804 691-8153 or Sonyia Elder 804 691-1735.

“SHOES FOR THE WORLD” Kevin Meza’s Eagle Project, Troop 912 - Fort Lee

Christ and Grace is happy to be able to assist Kevin Meza with his Eagle Project for BSA Troop 912. Kevin is friends with Ray Ellis and Gavin Zimmerman, members of our parish. Ray and Gavin will be helping Kevin with this collection.

Kevin is working with the Soles4Souls Regional Donation Center in Richmond, VA to collect 250 pairs of new and gently worn shoes for countries around the globe. Your donated shoes will provide relief as well as create sustainable jobs. Help protect the environment by recycling your shoes.

Any style of shoe is accepted, so clean out your closets and bring your shoes to church. We will put a collection box outside on Wednesdays when the office is open. Sunday Collection dates are: November 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Wednesday Collection dates are: Nov. 11th and 18th.

THERE'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER ELECTION

Yes, there is going to be another election, but this one promises to be only goodness and joy for everyone. Our Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, November 22 following our 10 AM service.

The service is livestreamed but that will end before the meeting begins. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to attend via Zoom, you must contact the church office by 12 PM, Friday, November 20 so that we can send you a link to join.

The Vestry of Christ and Grace made the decision this summer to reduce the size of the Vestry from 12 to 9 members to better reflect the size of the parish and in awareness of the commitment it requires of fewer volunteers than we've had in the past. We will elect three new Vestry members by acclamation, so no ballot vote is necessary. Our candidates this year are Missy Gates, Dave Hettinger and Tim Richardson. We are so blessed to have them share their gifts for ministry with us. Please read about our slate of nominees on the enclosed page.

ANNUAL MEETING

Despite the pandemic, the work of the Church goes on. Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 22 following the 10 AM service. Please see our Nominees for Vestry elsewhere in this eNews. As we have done before, we will be electing our slate by acclamation so no ballots are needed. We will present the Rector's, Wardens', and Treasurer's reports, thank our outgoing Vestry members and elect by acclamation our new Vestry members. There will be a time for questions from the floor with regard to any Old or New Business.

We know that not everyone is able to attend in person. We will provide access to hear and speak remotely by means of Zoom. If you would like to attend via Zoom please contact the Church Office by 12 pm on Friday, November 20 and we will send you a link to join the meeting via Zoom.

CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS!

If you are able to arrange flowers for our altar, please contact Lee Adams at shaubuku42@gmail.com. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to offer training at this time. If you arrange flowers for your own pleasure in your home, you have the skills we need. Please consider giving of your time and talent even if you are unable to commit to doing so on a regular schedule. Thank you.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

We all know that Advent and Christmas will be different this year, and we are learning that some of our most treasured traditions in the church can be transferred to our homes. One of these traditions is the Advent Wreath Workshop. Having an Advent wreath at home offers families a wonderful way to watch and wait for the coming of the Savior in a prayerful way at home.

C&G Parish Life is offering a virtual Advent Wreath making workshop this year. We will provide the Advent candles and a wreath form. You supply your own greens from your yard (or a kind neighbor's yard). There will be an instructional video to provide you with helpful tips and guidance from our own wreath making expert, Missy Gates.

Please sign up by calling the church office as these Advent wreath kits are available on a first-come first-served basis.

Preordered kits will be available for pickup on Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22. If those dates are not convenient, please contact the church office to make an appointment to **pick-up on Wed. Nov 18 or Fri. Nov 20.**

The instructional video with Missy will be available on our YouTube channel **November 25** and you can work on your wreath at your convenience. Christ and Grace YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/326ngmL> .

ECW UPDATE

Due to the pandemic the ECW will not be offering the Wreath sale or the Bake sale this year. We do hope to have a Donation virtual bake sale in January to help us with our Outreach programs. Thanks to everyone that purchased pecans, they will be arriving before Thanksgiving and we will have some extras if you forgot to order. Looking forward to 2021. We hope you can join us January 10 for ECW Sunday. Valerie Jones, ECW President

For a variety of reasons, there will not be a poinsettia sale this year. The Night Circle thanks you for your many years of supporting our annual fundraiser.

Margery Wright & Ann Riggs

ADVENT AT CHRIST AND GRACE

Activities

- Virtual Advent Wreath Workshop - sign up now
- Children's Advent Activity Packs - pick up or request delivery
- Intergenerational Advent Devotional for the Parish - "Naming Jesus - available at church
- What's in the Box for Advent? videos for the young and young at heart - coming soon!

Worship

- Holy Eucharist in Advent, Sundays at 10 AM, also live streamed on our YouTube channel
- Evening Worship in Advent, Wednesdays online
- Family Nativity Worship, Sunday Dec. 20 at 5 PM outdoors
- Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, Dec. 24 at 8 PM, also live streamed on our YouTube channel
- Holy Eucharist, First Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 27 at 10 AM, also live streamed on YouTube

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

