

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-12-20

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 Tyrone Allen, Robyn Arrington, Diane Basta, Horace Higgins, Mark Jones, Valerie Jones, Pret Kaichen, Dave Kelly, Josh Lumley, Mike McKibbin, Jason Pagano, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Wendy Taft, Larry Tucker, and Paige Whitley.

BE THE CHURCH

We are collecting food for the Hope Center Food Pantry. You may bring food and leave it in the plastic bin at the back door. If you would like to send a monetary contribution to the Hope Center they would be most appreciative. Send to The Hope Center at 827 Commerce Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. You can also donate via their website at dcuhopecenter.org.

Some Items needed are grape jelly, crackers, canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, stew), along with canned fruits and vegetables.

GENTLE REMINDER

The church building is closed for our safety. We are not sanitizing the building at this time so every person who comes in is not only putting themselves at risk but also is exponentially increasing the risk of infection for others. If you need something from the building please email or call and arrange with us to pick up things on Wednesdays when we can bring it out to your car. We appreciate your understanding and care for one another.

YOUR OFFERINGS

There are so many good things for which to be thankful in the summer, even in a pandemic. Another thing that happens in the summer is that our offerings decline. This is made more obvious due to our inability to gather for worship, causing us to lose some of our usual plate and non-pledge offerings, sometimes creating a cash flow shortage in the summer months. If you have forgotten to send in your pledge, this would be a great time to catch up, and if you would like to give thanks for God's goodness this summer, a gift to the church is one way to do that.

We can support our church and the wider community with our prayers, our acts of service, our participation through online worship and study, our reading of mailed news and sermons, and our financial gifts. In whatever way you are able to give, we are grateful.

You may make a contribution electronically by going to "Give" at www.christandgrace.org. Offerings can be set up for a one time or recurring gift. The church is charged a fee for this service. If you are able to include the fee with your offering, the total amount is tax deductible. Or you can set up a regular payment through your bank's bill pay, or mail checks to Christ and Grace 1545 S. Sycamore Street, Petersburg, VA 23805.

INVITATION TO BE IN THE MOVIES

If you've had a chance to worship virtually at Christ and Grace in the past few months you have seen the videos progress as the videographer (me!) has improved her skill level. I'm now able to put together a group of clips and create the worship video.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us in making online worship possible. If you would like to read a scripture passage or prayers of the people, an individual prayer, or offer your musical gifts, please let us know. You can contact the church office, Rev. Robin, or Bill Owen. It only takes a few minutes of your time, we will make it easy for you to do, and everyone will love seeing you "in the movies"!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a minute to complete the brief survey attached. Your input will help us plan to offer a safe service for those who are ready to return to the church for worship.

Your input is crucial to determining the best way to meet the needs of everyone in our church. Please complete the survey and return it by July 19. The sooner we hear from you, the sooner we will be "seeing each other in person."

Good Ground by Malcolm Guite

I love your simple story of the sower,
With all its close attention to the soil,
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,
So equally available to all,
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.