

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-19-20

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, Paige Whitley and Cameron Wilson.

Please pray for the families of Bernadine Sosinsky, grandmother of Amanda Zimmerman, who died on Sunday, July 12, and Ronnie Riggs, brother in law of Ann Riggs, who died on Tuesday, July 14.

DEATH OF A PARISHIONER

Mary Theresa Lee died on Monday, July 13, 2020 in Marshall, MI.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon her.
May her soul, and souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BISHOP SUSAN TO LEAD ONLINE BIBLE STUDY IN AUGUST

Bishop Susan would like to invite anyone in the Diocese of Southern Virginia who is interested to study the Bible with her through Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a prayerful way of studying Scripture that, once learned, can be practiced in groups or in solitude. Beginning August 10, we will meet weekly for four weeks to look at Scriptures that will also be helpful in assisting us to navigate through the COVID-19 crisis. No experience is needed, as Bishop Susan will guide you through the practice of reading (lectio), meditation (meditatio), prayerful response (oratio), and contemplation, or simply resting in God (contemplatio). Beginning at 7 p.m., these meetings will last for 90 minutes. Each meeting is limited to 50 persons, so registration is needed. [Register to participate here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

WHEN WILL WE REGATHER FOR WORSHIP?

The Regathering Team has been hard at work preparing for us to return to our sanctuary for worship. Our regathering proposal was approved by the Vestry last week and sent to the Diocese for their approval. This week we had usher training so that things will go smoothly when we return to our space. Now we are waiting for the Bishop's approval and then we will be able to worship together again! We expect this to be in the next few weeks. Stay Tuned!

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"!

A Prayer attributed to Saint Francis, The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.