

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 26, 2020

WHEN WILL WE REGATHER FOR WORSHIP?

Everything is in place and ready for us to return to worship on August 2 except for one thing we are still working to procure a sufficient supply of hand sanitizer and disinfectant, which we must have before we can regather.

Our Service of Morning Prayer will be at 10 am and last up to 40 minutes. We chose this time because you all were equally divided on your time preferences, so we split the difference. We are so excited to welcome everyone back to Christ and Grace!

WHERE WILL WE SIT?

When you arrive for worship, an usher will help you find a seat. We must remain six feet apart at all times, therefore every other pew will not be used. Cushions have been removed to allow easy cleaning after each use. Please bring a cushion from home each week if you would like. Please see the photos for an idea of how the ushers are able to seat us so that we all maintain a safe distance. At the conclusion of the service the ushers will direct one pew at a time toward the exit. We appreciate your patience as you wait, and we hope you will enjoy the music or use the time for additional prayer.

WHO'S BEHIND THE MASK?

When we regather for in person worship, masks are required. It's one way that we can love our neighbor. If you have a mask, please wear it. If you need a mask, we have beautiful masks created by Marigene Little. They come in all sorts of colors and designs and can be washed and worn over and over. Eventually we will begin to recognize one another even with our masks on and we will look fabulous doing it, thanks to Marigene!

A SLICE OF THANKSGIVING

So many of you have been wonderful about keeping your pledges and offerings current through these hot summer months, allowing us to continue our ministries and we are grateful for you. We know that not everyone is able to give right now, and we hold you in our prayers.

You can also support Christ and Grace with your prayers, acts of service, and connecting with us through our weekly eNews, online worship and Bible study. Soon we will be able to regather to worship in person. We have so much for which to give thanks!

If you need more information about giving please contact the church office or go to "Give" at www.christandgrace.org.

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, James Harris, Horace Higgins, Mark Jones, Valerie Jones, Dave Kelly, Josh Lumley, Jimmy McCarty, Mike McKibbin, Jason Pagano, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Wendy Taft, Larry Tucker, Paige Whitley, Cameron Wilson and Margery Wright.

HOPE CENTER LUNCHESES

Thanks to all who helped provide lunches to the Hope Center on July 9th and July 16th. Christ and Grace provided 100 lunches each week! We are grateful to Sonyia Elder for organizing this ministry and to all who donated items and helped to pack the bags.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH, The Book of Common Prayer, page 817

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.