

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 30, 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 Tyrone Allen, Robyn Arrington, Diane Basta, Susan Dovell, Kathy Ferguson, Nancy Furr, James Harris, Horace Higgins, Dianne Holloman, Mark Jones, Josh Lumley, Mike McKibbin, Jason Pagano, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Wendy Taft, Larry Tucker, Paige Whitley, Cameron Wilson and Margery Wright.

To send a note of encouragement to parishioners on the Prayer List, addresses for those in the hospital or rehab are listed below. For home addresses, please use the church directory https://www.christandgrace.org/servant_keeper.php - contact the church office 733-7202 for the log in password or for additional assistance.

JAMES HARRIS

James is in hospice care at St. Mary's Hospital, Room 608. His niece, Aneisa Ruffin, and sister, Cassie Ruffin welcome his Christ and Grace church family to visit. Three people may visit at one time.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

DEAR FRIENDS,

I am away for some rest and renewal and will see you again on Sunday, September 6th. If you need assistance with a business matter please call the church office. If you have a pastoral emergency call the church office during business hours or after hours please contact Kemper Brinkley. He will alert me to your need and I will be in touch.

Blessings, Robin+

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST CLERGY

While Robin is away, August 23 and August 30, we welcome The Rev. Dr. Doug Wigner as our guest clergy. Doug and Robin served together at Christ Church Episcopal in Glen Allen as Interim Rector and Interim Assistant Rector. Doug was ordained over forty years ago and has served a number of churches as rector and interim rector. Doug is from the Northern Neck, attended Virginia Tech, served in the Army and then attended Virginia Seminary, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

GENTLE REMINDER

The church building is now open on Sunday mornings for worship at 10 am. If you need something from the building during the week, 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 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, Bible study and in person worship at 10 am on Sunday mornings. 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.

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.

WE ARE READY TO REGATHER FOR WORSHIP

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!