

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Ronnie Elder, Kathy Ferguson, Horace Higgins, Dianne Holloman, Mark Jones, Pret Kaichen, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Wendy Taft, Patricia Thorpe, Larry Tucker, and Cameron Wilson.

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.

ON LINE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For those who are not ready/able to be in church on Sunday, check out the other online options. Here are some suggestions:

Washington National Cathedral, www.cathedral.org
St. Paul's Petersburg, www.stpaulspetersburg.org
St. Stephen's RVA, www.ststephensrva.org
St. Paul's RVA, www.stpaulsrva.org
Johns Memorial Farmville, www.johnsmemorial.org
Manakin, www.manakin.org
St. John's, RVA, www.saintjohnsrichmond.org

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, 234

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

JOIN US FOR ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL OF MARK BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7 pm and would love for you to join us. We spend an hour together reading the assigned text for the week and then discussing what we hear in God's word. We ask questions, sharing what we know and admitting what we don't know. Zoom study is relaxed and we laugh a lot, although it's different from in person study. We learn to share the microphone, listen more carefully, and form a community following Christ.

Our next study is the Gospel of Mark, which will be our Gospel in Year B beginning in Advent. If you are interested in this study please contact Robin+ at rteasley@christandgrace.org

If you are interested in this study but cannot join us on Thursday evenings, there is a possibility of a daytime Zoom class, or even an in person class in the parish hall with safe distancing and face masks. Please let Robin+ know if this would be helpful for you.

The Thursday Evening Zoom Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark begins October 15th.

WEEDS ARE WAITING

If you have a spare hour, the weeds are waiting for you in the Memorial Garden and elsewhere around the church. Let's all pitch in to beautify our church!

Weeds are quiet but they can be persistent, reminding us of our need to be quiet and persistent in prayer. Spend some time in quiet reflection with the weeds. It will give your prayers some muscle!

For more information please contact Greg Gwaltney or Samantha Ellis.

CHRIST & GRACE SAFE-DISTANCING PICNIC

You are invited to a parish picnic! This will be different from past get-togethers, but we hope it will be just as much fun. We ask each family to reserve a spot. This helps us with our planning, and ensures we can contact you in case of inclement weather and the need to reschedule.

Date: Sunday, September 27th, after 10 am service

Where: Christ & Grace side lawn

What to bring:

- A picnic lunch and beverages to feed your own family (we are not sharing or doing potluck)
- A blanket and/or chairs on which to sit

What is provided:

- Safe-distance picnic spots that still allow fellowship with your fellow picnickers
- Bottled water and a sweet treat!

***Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 4th*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A safe-distance gathering with a brief service will be held outside on Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 pm and with a drive-through option available as well (more info to come). We will be collecting supplies for the local animal shelter- to bless animals in need of love and care - so please bring items on that Sunday including dog/cat food and treats, kitty litter, blankets/sheets/towels, leashes, pet toys, etc. Donations can also be left in the orange box at the back door of the church anytime up to Sunday, October 4.

CHURCH FOR CHILDREN DURING THE PANDEMIC

It's taken us some time to learn new technology and find the right resources but we are all in this pandemic together! Please check out our new YouTube Channel for children - Christ and Grace Kids

There is a welcome video and a Virtual Vacation Bible School from Gina Mead available for when your kids need a break from school work. In this 3 part series we will be learning about how Jesus is here for us yesterday, today, and tomorrow. There will be a Bible story, some questions to answer, and a craft to enjoy. And because the lessons are all online you and your family can watch and participate anytime.

Soon we will begin posting an exciting new Sunday School series called, "What's in the Box?" Each week there will be a short introduction from Ms. Gina and then a wonderful member of our congregation will show the children what is in the box and explore a Bible story and lesson through the video.

"We hope all of our little ones are able to join us as we embark on this new online journey of staying connected together as a church and with our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Ms. Gina