

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021**

*REMINDER:* We have regathered for in person worship each Sunday at 10 am. Masks are strongly encouraged. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel.

### **BACK TO CHURCH**

It's that time of year when we are getting in that last bit of summer fun, and starting to think about fall, turning leaves, cooler temperatures, and getting back to church. This year we are pushing back our return to activities until October. We want to see what effect children returning to school will have on COVID numbers. Here's a link <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> to help you keep track of how we are doing.

Teachers and students are excited and most likely anxious about returning to in person learning so we want to give everyone time to settle into a routine. Additionally, we will be bidding farewell to Bill Owen and welcoming Tim Hall, so October seems like a great time to kick off things.

Tim will be in touch with choir members in September about rehearsals. If you have been considering singing in the choir, this would be the perfect time to join, so watch for more information about that in September.

We will continue through the fall with our 10 AM worship service and will be offering two Bible Study opportunities on Thursdays – stay tuned for more information.

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**Rev. Robin is away until Sept. 14. If you have an urgent need you may contact the Church Office at 804-733-7202 during office hours and leave a message at other times. You may also call Senior Warden Kemper Brinkley at 804-773-1292 and he will be in touch with me.**

### **ANOTHER TREE UPDATE**

The update is that we have a third tree to remove, at the far side of the upper parking lot. It is dying and we don't want cars damaged or people injured by falling limbs. The work to remove all three trees is being done this week. We are grateful for the generosity of those who have contributed to this unexpected project.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Do you remember how exciting it was to get your new school supplies? If you loved back to school shopping growing up, or even as a parent whose children are now grown, this opportunity is for you!

We are collecting supplies for Walnut Hill Elementary School. There is nothing more important than making sure the children in our community have what they need to succeed in school.

If you are shopping and see a great sale on something, toss a few items into your cart and bring them to Lackey Hall. We'll deliver them in September.

## **IT'S LUNCH TIME! HOPE CENTER LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

We will be providing 80 bag lunches to our community at the Hope Center and you can help! The menu is fried chicken, rolls, potato salad, cole slaw, peanut butter crackers, cookies, and bottled water.

Volunteer at church at 10 AM - help assemble the lunches and deliver to the Hope Center

Donate needed lunch items - bottled water, peanut butter crackers, cookies

Donate monetarily for purchasing needed items - fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls

Please drop off food items in the church kitchen 3-4 days before Sept. 15

Please send monetary donations to the church office, checks payable to Christ and Grace with Hope Lunch on the memo line.

For more info contact Elayne Pagano at 804-586-2951, Rev. Robin at 804-733-7202

*"...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*

## **HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

On Saturday, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest portion of Haiti. This devastating earthquake was followed by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night and much of Tuesday. More than 1 million people, including more than half a million children, have been impacted by the back-to-back disasters, and the death toll is close to 2000. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region, as partners plan long-term recovery. Your generous gift can provide assistance to help people in the wake of these disasters. To assist in these efforts, visit [episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief](http://episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief).

## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

Christ and Grace has for years supported a ministry of providing Christmas joy to children of incarcerated parents through Angel Tree Ministry. The registration deadline for our church to volunteer with Angel Tree is September 1. ***If we do not have a parishioner to organize this ministry we will not have an Angel Tree this year.***

Ministries in the church are important, but ministries change and that can be healthy for a parish. It might be that this is a time to consider a new outreach ministry, perhaps with a local school or retirement community.

If you have ideas about ways that Christ and Grace can share the love of God and the hope of Christmas with those in need, please contact Rev. Robin at [rteasley@christandgrace.org](mailto:rteasley@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 James Christiansen, Thomas Clark, Shannon Farthing, Melba Felty, Kathy Hackett, Rod Hale, Heydon Lewis, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villepontaux, David and Wyatt.

## THE COLLECT

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.*

## Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

### *Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”