

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

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

**Rev. Robin is away until Sept. 14. If you have an urgent need 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.**

### **WALNUT HILL COMMUNITY MEETING**

The Historic Petersburg Foundation (HPF) invites all residents of the Walnut Hill neighborhood to a community meeting at Christ and Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesday, September 14 beginning at 6 PM to discuss the process for designating a portion of Walnut Hill as Petersburg's newest historic district. Representatives from HPF, the Walnut Hill Historic District Committee, the Department of Historic Resources and Marstel Day (the firm that will be conducting the survey) will be on hand to explain the process and answer any questions you may have. To ensure the safety of all participants, we ask that masks be worn the entire time you are inside the building. If you have any questions or need any additional information prior to the meeting, please call Louis Malon of HPF at (804)514-9394.

### **CATCHING UP**

In August we have been catching up on some deferred maintenance projects around the church, both inside and out. We are getting the weeding done, having some dying trees removed, and doing some repair work on our HVAC system. This fall we will seal the brick on the outside of Lackey Hall and repair the damaged wall. We also need to repair the classroom ceiling underneath of the rear corner of Lackey Hall. We also hope to get some estimates on gutter work, which should prevent another leak through the walls. Your pledges and gifts make this work possible – thank you!

### **HURRICANE IDA RELIEF**

On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. To make a gift today, please visit [episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief](https://episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief).

### **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.

## **BIBLE STUDY AT CHRIST AND GRACE BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers” with God’s help. Bible Study is a great way to fulfill this promise as we read God’s word together. The time together becomes fellowship and strengthens our community. This fall we are going to begin with the beginning, and read the book of Genesis. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite you to join us.

On Thursdays during the day, we will meet at church at noon for Noon Bible Study. We hope you will BYOL – bring your own lunch to enjoy while we study.

On Thursday evenings, we will meet on Zoom at 7 PM for Zoom Bible Study. We hope you will BYOB – bring your own beverage to enjoy while we study.

We will be using a study guide that may be purchased on Amazon at:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0830830227/ref=ox\\_sc\\_act\\_title\\_2?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0830830227/ref=ox_sc_act_title_2?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

You may also purchase online or in person at Rainbow Christian Books and Gifts in Colonial Heights: <https://rainbow.parable.com/product/9780830830220>

If you need assistance getting a study guide, let Robin+ know and one will be provided.

Please contact Robin+ at [rteasley@christandgrace.org](mailto:rteasley@christandgrace.org) or 804-733-7202 so we can contact you with more details and know which study you plan to attend.

## **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 - 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*

## **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, Melba Felty, Rod Hale, Heydon Lewis, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villepontaux, Linda Watanabe, David and Wyatt.

**Psalm 19** *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## **THE COLLECT**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## **The Gospel**

### **Mark 8:27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."