

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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.

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 or in person at Rainbow Christian Books and Gifts in Colonial Heights.

If you need assistance getting a study guide, let Robin+ know and one will be provided. Please contact Robin+ at rteasley@christandgrace.org or 804-733-7202 so we can contact you with more details and know which study you plan to attend.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of Holy Communion is held in person and live-streamed each Sunday at 10 AM on our YouTube channel. Please call the church office at 733-7202 or email Robin+ rteasley@christandgrace.org if you would like a home visit with communion, or if you are worshipping online and would like to come to the church to receive communion after the livestream on Sunday.

The Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."