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A Season of Hope

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From Mother Anne M. Turner

Rector



Dear Friends in Christ,

The thing that I like most about Advent is also the thing that makes it most challenging: Advent begins with endings. With the end of the world, to be specific. Every year, on the first Sunday of Advent, the lessons speak of the stars falling from heaven, the unexpected hour of judgment and change.

I have a lot in my life that I want to let go of. I have a lot in life that I am afraid to let go of. And I know, in the end, that I cannot move on in life without letting go.

Advent is important for me this year because we at Grace are in a moment of letting go. Staff transition is the most obvious change. We have said goodbye to our Music Director and Associate Rector. We are preparing for Mother Emma's maternity leave. We are welcoming three interim positions: Music Director, Family Ministries Assistant, and (soon to be named) Associate Rector. We anticipate searches for permanent staff members beginning in the new year.

But staff transition is not the only change. Our world is in tumult, and we are constantly responding to that upheaval, whether through our outreach ministries, pastoral care, or worship life. We welcome newcomers every Sunday—a far happier change, but one that nonetheless makes demands of us.

I know that change can be hard. I know that it can be tiring. I also know that it keeps us alive.

The gospels teach about the end of the world not as a disaster but as a promise for transformation. The purpose of change is to open us more and more to God's future for us.

Crisis brings opportunity. It is a cliché but also true. In this moment of change, we can live intentionally into our mission as a place to love, proclaim, and serve God. We can be deliberate about making choices that align with our vision for the future.

The theme for this issue of Grace Notes is "A Season of Hope." Can we honestly say that we are living in a season of hope right now? I believe that the answer is yes. I understand that loss and anxiety are close at hand. But I also believe that sadness and fear draw us closer to Jesus. These difficult emotions encourage our dependency on Jesus. And when we draw close to Jesus, we find new intimacy with him.

In Luke's gospel, the response to the end of the world is this: "Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." My friends, I hope your heads are high. God's future is seeking us out.

Yours in Christ,
Anne+

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On the Mind of Father Santiago



THE REV. SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ,
FORMER ASSOCIATE RECTOR

...one last time...

As I look back on my years at Grace, the story that keeps giving me language for what I have learned is the Christmas story. In true David Letterman fashion, here are Ten Things Grace Has Taught Me, told through the wonder of the Incarnation.

1. The Annunciation.

Gabriel came to Mary with world-shaking news. After fear and incredulity, she opened her heart with trust. You, Grace Church, have taught me to receive news - good and hard - with gratitude, hope, and a calm confidence that God is always at work. You are a graceful bunch, and I am forever grateful for your witness.

2. The Visitation.

Mary "went with haste" to Elizabeth, carrying both mystery and joy. You have shown me that pastoral care - showing up, checking in, holding one another through fear and celebration - is one of the most beautiful ministries we share. And when we gather, blessings often overflow into song.

3. Joseph's Dream.

When disappointment clouded Joseph's heart, God revealed a deeper truth. Through your faithfulness in grief and uncertainty, you have taught me how to wait on God's loving plan when life surprises us.

4. The Manger.

The Word made flesh was cradled in loving arms. At Grace, I have learned again the sacredness of children - their joy, questions, and wonder. You have helped me cherish the child within me and celebrate the gift of childhood among us.

5. The Angels' Song.

Shepherds heard heaven break open in praise. At Grace, our worship, too, rings with meaning. We worship with the reverence of people who know God meets us here: "We take worship seriously, but we do not take ourselves too seriously."

6. The Shepherds' Journey to the Manger.

They came simply to behold what God had done. From you I have learned that ministry is not about control. The divine plan does not depend on me. I am a witness, a companion, a servant. Everything depends on God.

7. The Naming of Jesus.

The Holy Name carries power to heal and save. In this community, I have seen how turning to Jesus - honestly and vulnerably - transforms lives, softens hearts, and brings hope.

8. The Gifts of the Magi.

Your generosity - of time, talent, treasure, and spirit - has shaped me. You give sacrificially and with joy, and I am a grateful student of your example.

9. The Presentation in the Temple.

Mary and Joseph offered what they had. You have shown me that faith grows through steady, humble offerings: prayers, service, presence.

10. And finally - Christmas itself.

A story of grace and love. That is what I found at Grace Church. That is what you have given me. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.



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From Mother Emma

THE REV. EMMA BRICE,

ASSOCIATE RECTOR FOR FAMILY MINISTRIES & GRACE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Mother Emma graciously offered her reflection space so you might hear from the youth in the parish who attended Diocesan Convention. This piece is from Celia Schultz.



Something that I want the rest of Grace Church to know about convention is its community. It is a place where everyone has taken time out of their lives to attend and it means a lot to them to be there. It was also really nice and reassuring to be surrounded by so many people who share the same faith, values, and an open mindedness of what worship looks like to each and everyone of us.

As a youth attending this event, it reminded me that there are so many others that care about mine and the youths' place in my church and in the wider Episcopal churches. During our voting period, some of the other youth delegates that I had met stood up and talked about how the church can be more inclusive to new youth that were intimidated by the wider church themes. The people listening were nothing but kind and even congratulated them on taking a stand and talking around so many people in the room.

It reminded me that sometimes I forget there is a larger group than just the people at Grace and how we may think we are alone in our faith, but there is a whole community of people walking in the same direction.



Crichelle and Mtr. Emma Brice, with youth from around the diocese, at a small group on youth issues



Bishop Stevenson introduces the past and current directors of Shrine Mont Camps (always a Grace youth favorite)



Goat news:

The upper wooded area of the playground got the G.O.A.T. treatment in early November when a whole herd arrived for some kid-friendly goatscaping. They were brought in to help clear the wooded area behind our playground, and they wasted no time getting started. As soon as the trailer opened, the animals eagerly began munching on the greenery.

Students had the chance to meet one of the goats up close and watch as Mr. Rojas and Ms.



Mary, the goats' owner, worked together to build a fence line to keep the animals (goats and a few sheep) safe while they're on duty.

During their time with us, the goats and sheep munched their way through the ivy, undergrowth, and understory of the wooded area. It was incredible to see how quickly they worked—revealing a few surprises, plenty of thorns, and even the potential for a winding pathway, a project we hope to bring to life this winter.

This project is the first step in reimagining our outdoor space, inspired by the Grace mission of “honoring the gift of childhood” and by a desire to celebrate the natural beauty that surrounds us. We look forward to partnering with the church community as we bring this project to life in the months ahead.



Season of Hope

Our school community embraces this season of hope and gratitude as a reminder that both are things we can create and celebrate together, through experiences on and off campus. From investigating worms in the soil around campus to stepping back in time during visits to places like the Carlyle House, our students are building meaningful connections to their community and the wider world, fostering appreciation for what is and nurturing a sense of hope for what is to come.

A core value at Grace School is serving others. During this season of thanksgiving, our students had several opportunities to share their gratitude, while also learning about the world beyond our doors. On Veterans Day, with school in session, we devoted time to honoring veterans and those currently serving the country. Students participated in a thank-you card project and attended an inspiring assembly led by Air Force Lt. Col. Fritz Glojek, a current school parent.

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Field trips, assemblies, and engaging classroom lessons, staples at Grace, offer opportunities for hope to grow as students discover their world and see themselves as part of something bigger. Our students have already visited a variety of local venues, from the National Building Museum to the Buddie Ford Nature Center, learning about the past, present, and the possibilities ahead. Visiting goats and sheep on campus sparked conversations about sustainability, compassion, and care for the future, while explorations in art invited students to study perspective and artistic traditions from around the world. Together, these experiences nurture curiosity, helping students understand that they play an active role in shaping the world they will one day lead.

We will finish this season of hope with our annual Christmas performance, a cherished tradition and a meaningful opportunity for students to share joy with the community while reflecting gratitude and optimism through music, storytelling, and togetherness. Our students will offer their gifts of instrumental and choral talent, with a few theatrical twists, as we honor the Christmas story alongside familiar carols and Christmas music from around the world. As students, families, faculty, and staff head into the holiday break following this incredible community event, they will carry with them deep gratitude for our community and excitement for the year still ahead.

In every corner of our school, from assemblies and performances to playground laughter and shared stories, we see gratitude and hope taking root. The cadence of these school experiences and traditions, combined with our Episcopal identity, brings us both joy and purpose as we head into the new year.

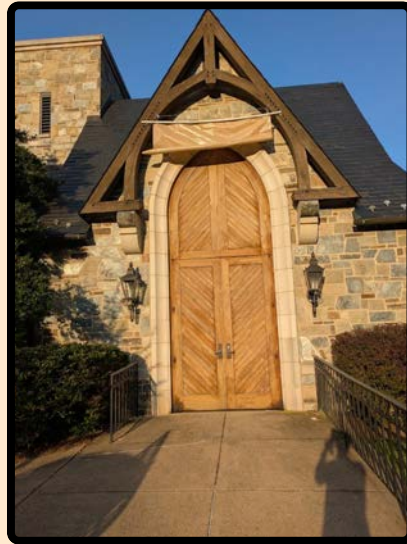
We wish you all a season filled with rest, joy, and renewed hope as we look ahead to the new year.



Grace School students collecting donations and showing off how many they gathered with their annual depiction of Tom the Turkey! Photo Credits: Julia Byrnes

The Story of the Narthex Doors

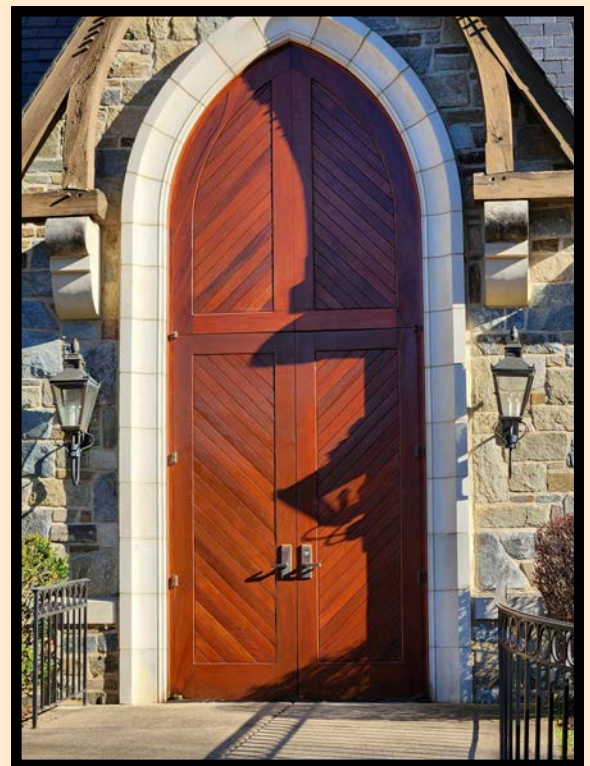
What they looked like before...



...during...



and after!



Many thanks to Eric Waskowicz for his dedication and hard work to make this needed upgrade a reality.


Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Join us for Advent &
Christmas @ Grace



Special Events & Services

In addition to our regular service offerings, we invite you to experience the seasons of Advent and Christmas here at Grace Church with special events and services, outlined below.


* **Childcare provided**  **LIVE** = *Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel*

Sunday, November 30, Advent I

9:30 am- Intergenerational Wreath Making Event

Sunday, December 7, Advent II

8:45, 9, & 10:30 am- Saint Nicholas visits these services*

5 pm- Advent Lessons & Carols with Choral Eucharist 

6 pm- Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, Advent III

5 pm- Youth & Children's Christmas Pageant
A reception follows in the Auditorium.


Sunday, December 21, Advent IV

6 pm- Greening of the Church
Join us as we decorate the nave for Christmas Services!


Tuesday, December 23

7 pm- Las Posadas & Santa Eucaristía, Rito II
Servicio en español


Sunday, December 29

10:30 am- Christmas Lessons & Carols* 
8:45 am Spanish Service & 9 am Little Church held as usual.
No 7:30 am or 5 pm services.

Thursday, January 1, Feast of the Holy Name

Noon- Festival Eucharist 

Sunday, January 4

5 pm- Bilingual Festival Eucharist for Epiphany (transferred) 
7:30, 9, & 10:30 am Services held as normal, no 8:45 am service.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Held in the nave

Christmas Eve, 3 pm, Rite II *

Little Church Service with Holy Eucharist


Christmas Eve, 5 pm, Rite II *

Festival Eucharist, with procession to the Creche 
Music Prelude starts at 4:30 pm


Christmas Eve, 7:30 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist

Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist 
Music Prelude starts at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day, 12 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist 



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Grace Church at Diocesan Convention 2025



*Don't be fooled by the attempted disguises.
(Fr. Santi and Mtr. Emma!)*



*Crichelle, Mtr. Emma, Celia Schultz, Mira Schaio,
Rushad Thomas, Fr. Santi*



*Diocesan Bishop E. Mark Stevenson and
Rushad Thomas, Grace Church delegate*



*One of these things is not like the others.
Fr. Santi; Chrissie Crosby, Member of Diocesan
Standing Committee; Mtr. Emma*



WHO ARE THESE TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL CHICKS?

The first Annual Friendsgiving and Cookie Bake-off was a HIT!

Savory and Sweet!



Crowds...



*JUDGES!!...
and PEOPLE!*



AND environmentally friendly!



ENVISIONING TOPICS FOR ADULT FORUM

By Anne Clift Boris

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 -10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

FALL SCHEDULE

December 7: Turn, Turn, Turn: Navigating Change Spiritually, by Tracy Enger

December 14: Answering Children's Questions About God, by Mother Emma Brice

December 21: Advent Art: Watching for the Light, by Anne Boris

If you are interested in presenting in any of these areas, or want to suggest another topic you might present, or want to request a topic that you would not be presenting yourself, please contact [Anne Clift Boris](#).

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS (*Deadline is December 14!*)

It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. The Altar Guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration. Scan the QR code on the left if you wish to contribute electronically to the Christmas decoration fund.

If you wish to have your dedication in the Christmas bulletin, the office must receive this form and payment **by 4 pm on Sunday, December 14.**

Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at cke1986@gmail.com. Please consider making a donation this year as the flower fund is at a low and our Christmas donations can help increase the fund for 2026.



A Visit From St. Nicholas

By LucyLee Reed

Many centuries before the poet Clement Moore moved the great Saint's visit to Christmas Eve, Saint Nicholas had his own special date: the 6th of December. He was so popular in the middle ages for his special interventions for children, brides, and sailors, and for his honesty and generosity that, reportedly, to this day more churches bear the name Nicholas than bear the name Mary!

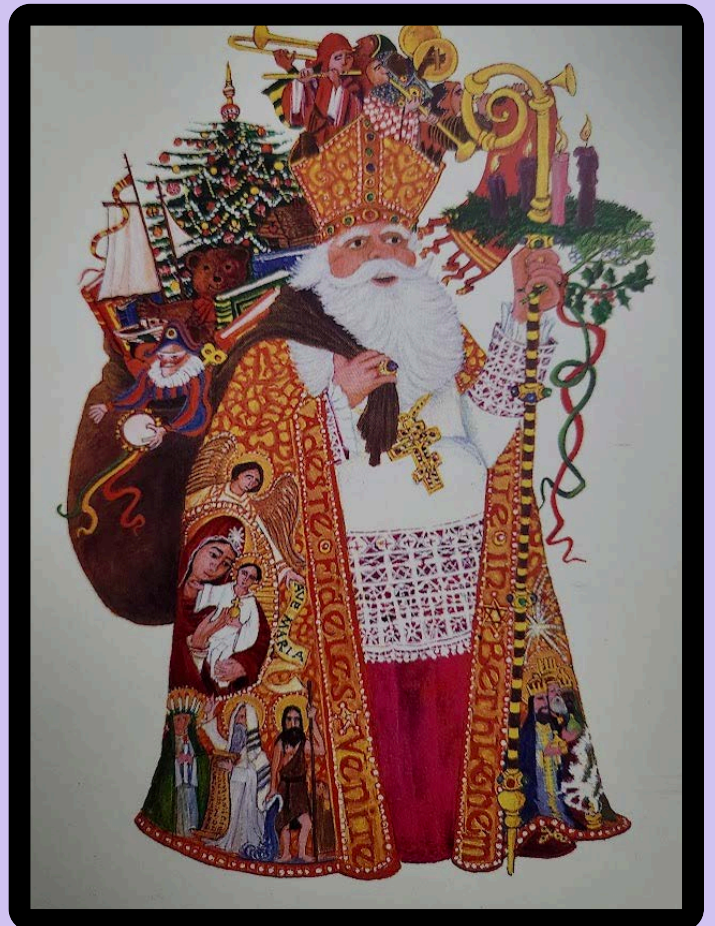
Before we returned to Grace in 1988, we were involved with the movement back to the original Saint and date under the influence of the then Bishop for the Armed Forces. He always visited in Germany in early December to celebrate a Saint Nicholas Eucharist at one of the Episcopal churches.



David Crosby and Fr. Malm
(date uncertain; possibly 1990?)

When we came back here, Grace had started an intergenerational Chrismon event with an appearance from Santa Claus. (Chrismons are Christian symbols for Jesus Christ made into tree ornaments.) After Father Malm arrived, I proposed to him that we switch to a visit from Saint Nicholas. He agreed and, of course, we had our own red cope and mitre (bishops' vestments) to borrow from the Altar Guild, and a crook (shepherd's hook) we could borrow from the pageant supplies. (Once, a visiting bishop forgot his traveling crook and used the one we had in the sacristy for Nicholas!)

When the Chrismon event no longer was offered, Father Malm suggested moving the visit to Sunday morning services. A script was created incorporating blessings from "Prayers for the Domestic Church" by Father Edward Hayes, whose over-the-top print of Saint Nicholas is a favorite (picture to the right). Saint Nicholas always gives the children small red and white candy canes representing his staff and the body and blood of Christ, and holy cards.

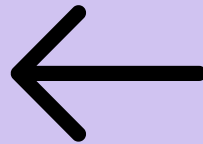


Many persons have depicted Saint Nicholas for us, beginning with David Crosby (who had been our Santa Claus before). Early on we had false beards available if needed, but for many years we have been blessed at Grace with many bearded aspirants for the post! Many of these looked very much like the icon.

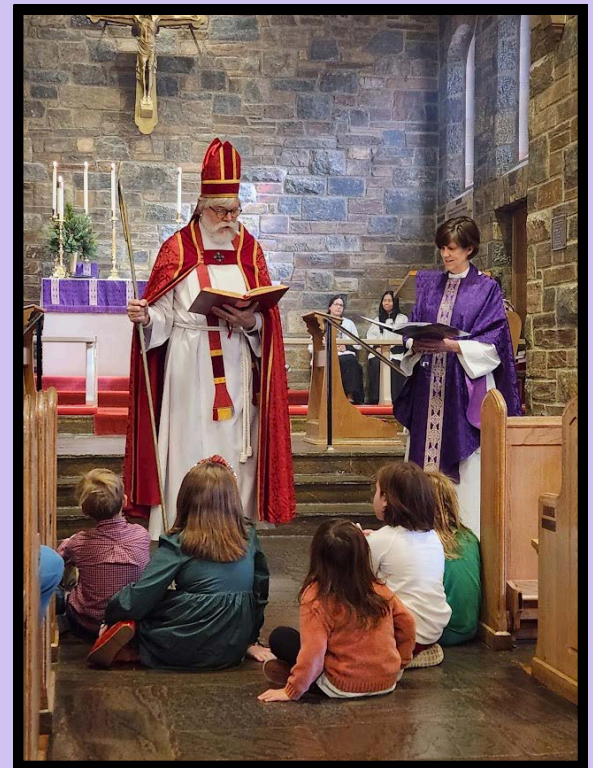
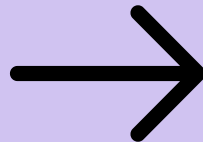
Some who have helped depict Saint Nicholas at Grace School or in Sunday service: David Crosby, Dr. Locke Bowman, Dr. William Stafford, Cleve Corlett, Elliot Branch, Father John Rick, Bob Steele, Father Fred Huntington, Jean Reed, John West, Robin Dodge, Ken Pepin, Peter Schmidt, George Lindroth, David Adams, Fred Saalfeld, Brad Bergmann, and Bill Eckel. (If anyone was missed, please contact LucyLee Reed to restore the record.)



**Bill Eckel with Fr.
Santiago
and best helper
LucyLee Reed**



**Bill Eckel with
Mtr. Anne
December 2024**



In addition to the Saint Nicholas visit, we have for many years had a display of Saint Nicholas related materials in the Narthex in early December. This came about because a dear friend was ordained on Saint Nicholas day and I began collecting things to send her each year. Relatives and friends heard about this and began giving me Saint Nicholas items. I also found many myself. Just this year I have received beautiful items from my daughter-in-law, directly from the Saint Nicholas Church in Bari, Italy. Thus the collection has burgeoned!

I have also occasionally given Advent and/or Saint Nicholas programs at Forum. If you would like to know more about the great Saint and the movement to restore him to his rightful place (and date!), check out: saintnicholascenter.org. I will never be able to thank Grace and Father Malm and Mother Anne enough for letting me share this passion of mine with all of you every year.

A Stewardship Story

Grace Church 1855–2125

In early November, Elizabeth Legere and Barry Joyner led a Sunday adult forum on the topic “Stewardship Funded our Start and Ensures our Future: Grace Church 1855–2125”.

We discussed our parish’s stewardship journey as having three distinct parts: honoring the past, shaping the present, and protecting the future. (Slides are shared online.)

In the history of our parish, Grace Church was planted in 1855 on South Patrick Street in Old Town. Did you know that land purchase and the building construction were all funded by individual donations? The parish spent 90 years at that location, and the first pledge campaign was conducted there after many years of disjointed contributions and vestry members paying parish bills.

In 1948, Grace Church was transplanted to Russell Road, to serve the booming neighborhoods that blossomed around here after World War II. Have you heard that many parishioners took second mortgages on their homes to build our church here? That's unusual and sacrificial giving!

If you’re interested, the fabulous booklet in our parish library, “A History of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia” is a wonderful read, with lots of details of our past, our firsts, and our historical facts.

Stewardship as shaping the present is most on our mind today, as we look ahead to funding the 2026 budget. Our pledge campaign each year funds 80% of our annual budget. Individuals lead "shaping the present" every year by volunteering, donating their skills, mentoring others, as well as making a pledge through our pledge campaign. We talked about the various parts of our spiritual lives and communal lives that call us to give back to God’s creation, our parish, other people, and our community.

Have you visited the Stewardship page on our parish website? You'll find great resources there including how to give financially, how to pledge, how to pay your pledge, and logistical details on automatic bank payments, stock donations, making IRA gifts, and how to plan for the future through planned giving.

Lastly, we examined Stewardship in planning for the future. The 2025 Grace Church Vision Committee Report recently released to the parish shares our combined future vision for the parish and our core values.

As we move into living and planning that vision for the coming decade, the financial side of protecting the future is through planned giving. We spent quite a bit of time talking about the Grace Trust, overseen by our independent Grace Trust Board.

The Grace Trust is our parish's endowment that was started in 2000 as a savings account. Thanks to generous donations from living parish members and bequests of past parishioners, the balance is now over \$1.8 million, a step on our larger goal of an endowment that can provide supplemental income towards the care of our parish for many generations to come.

Our Vestry requests an annual disbursement from the Grace Trust to be used for capital acquisitions, major maintenance projects, or highly unique outreach opportunities. As the annual disbursement grows, more of the care and maintenance of our campus and building are assured for future generations.

We hope in the spring to have a more detailed adult forum on personal stewardship steps including life planning, making a will, funeral planning, and your own planned giving, including alerting the parish office when you include the Grace Trust or Grace Church in your will. If you have specific questions or topics for that type of adult forum, please contact Anne Boris, Elizabeth Legere, or Barry Joyner.



GRACE-FULLY YOURS

Saying "Yes" Leads to Serenity and Hope

by June Huber

The hardest thing about saying yes to God is that it means accepting everything life puts in front of us. Most of us have a habit of going through our days saying no to the people and things we don't like, and yes to the people and things we do like. Yet everyone and everything we encounter IS our life. We may be afraid that if we say yes to the people and things we don't like, we will be stuck with them forever. That might or might not be true. But it's only through acknowledging the existence of everything and everyone in our life that we can begin the process of change. So saying yes doesn't mean indiscriminately accepting things that don't work for us. It means conversing with God and starting the conversation with a very powerful word — yes.

This brings to mind the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

When we say yes to God, we enter into a state of hope and trust that whatever our situation is, we can live and work with it. We can identify and try to accept what we cannot change, and then start trying to change the things we can. We express confidence in ourselves and the world around us, and we also express a willingness to learn from whatever comes our way, rather than running and hiding when we don't like what we see or hear. The question we might ask ourselves is, "What it will take for me to get to the point of saying yes?" For some of us, it takes coming up against something we can't ignore, escape, or deny, and so we are left with no choice but to say yes. For others, it just seems a natural progression of events that leads us to making the decision to say yes to life.

The first step to saying yes is realizing that, in the end, it is so much easier than the alternative. Once we understand this, we can begin examining the moments when we resist what is happening, and experiment with saying yes instead. It might be scary at first and even painful at times, but if we continue to say "Yes, I accept these things I cannot change," we will discover the joy and hope of moving on to positive and prayerful conversation with God about the things we actually can change through our response to them—by our words, our actions, or both. This might even include joining groups of people who hope to influence the kind of change that can't be accomplished by one person acting alone.

The Book of Life

Grace Episcopal Church Birthdays

Kate Lorentz	October 01	Kathleen (Kathie) Burgess	November 01	Lucy Humphries	December 01
George Harrigan	October 02	Phoebe Humphries	November 01	John Bertram	
Ruth Corlett	October 04	Evelyn (Evie) Griffin	November 02	(JB) Serke	December 02
Sheng Davis	October 05	Sam Heaney	November 02	Clara (Glory) Shriner	December 04
Danny Kiepora	October 05	Alexandra Willson	November 03	Nicholas Shriner	December 04
Anne Berry	October 06	Bette Yancey	November 04	Valerie Eudy	December 08
June Huber	October 06	Skyler Caceres Yoc	November 05	Meraf Nigatu	December 12
Wendy Murphy	October 07	Walter (Peck) Davis, Jr.	November 06	Emmy Doyle	December 13
Barry Joyner	October 08	Jennifer Pease	November 06	Isabella Giacomo	December 13
Susan Merritt	October 08	Amelia (Amy) Barron	November 07	Michael (Mike) Stancil	December 14
David Holiday	October 09	Annelise Whitlock	November 07	Mother Anne Turner	December 14
Alexandra Smith	October 09	Amanda Fowler	November 11	Lucy Waskowicz	December 14
Teddy Honeycutt	October 10	Michael (Tony) Madigan	November 11	Greg Whitlow	December 15
James (Everett) Ruff	October 11	Sherrie Arnold	November 12	Tacie Williams	December 16
Rushad Thomas	October 12	Maxine Meeks	November 12	Mary Fox	December 17
Ford Chinworth	October 14	Anne Zuidema	November 12	Mary Hix	December 17
Hector (Ariel) Lopez Bonilla	October 14	Jo-Anne Barnard	November 14	Christina Ritter	December 17
Katherine Winstead	October 14	Clare Miller	November 14	Owen Malone	December 18
Laura Laemmle-Weidenfeld	October 15	Ashley Alvarenga	November 15	Patricia (Pat) Edelin	December 20
Lisa Medley	October 15	Jennifer Eckel	November 15	Wendy Wilmer	December 21
Charles Nelson	October 15	Jeffrey (Jeff) McQuilkin	November 15	Priscilla Hanley	December 22
Christine Byrnes	October 18	Douglas (Doug) Prince	November 16	Constance Troyer	December 23
William Corley	October 19	Denise Bean	November 17	Katerina (Katya)	
Stephanie Farciert	October 19	Joanne Lukens	November 17	Epifanovskaya	December 26
Elizabeth (Beth) Yancey	October 19	Jonathan Lorentz	November 18	Eva Lorentz	December 26
Patricia (Tricia) Bamford	October 20	Grace Pattarini	November 19	Sam Waskowicz	December 27
David Koegel	October 20	Andrew Serke	November 19	Walter (George)	
Amber Lopez	October 20	Muriel Corley	November 21	Winstead	December 27
Jay Legere	October 22	Malcolm Eckel	November 21	Matthew (Matt)	
Wendy Cummings	October 23	Ryan Reyes	November 22	Tschetter	December 28
Colleen McArdelle	October 23	Holly Bray	November 24	Pierce Klemmt	December 29
Paul Rugaber	October 25	Susan (Susie) Saffelle	November 24	Melanie Farciert	December 30
Matthew Whelpley	October 25	Anna Stanchak	November 24	George Humphries	December 30
Paul Hanley	October 27	Elmira (Elly) Vogtmann	November 24	Barbara Ramm	December 31
William (Bill) Malone	October 27	Carlisle (Lisle) Bean	November 26		
Christine Harris	October 29	Sean Harris	November 27		
Ted Prosser	October 29	Geovanny (Joey) Portillo	November 28		
Willem Schultz	October 29	Todd Egaas	November 30		
Benjamin Kong	October 30	Elizabeth (Liz) Myers	November 30		
Pedro Hernandez	October 31				

NOTE: All information is either from the Breeze Database or from bulletins. If we have missed anyone, please note that information to us and we will correct our records and identify our misstatements.

Your Grace Notes team

Family Fun Page



Image by Judy Willard for Grace's 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Family Fun Page

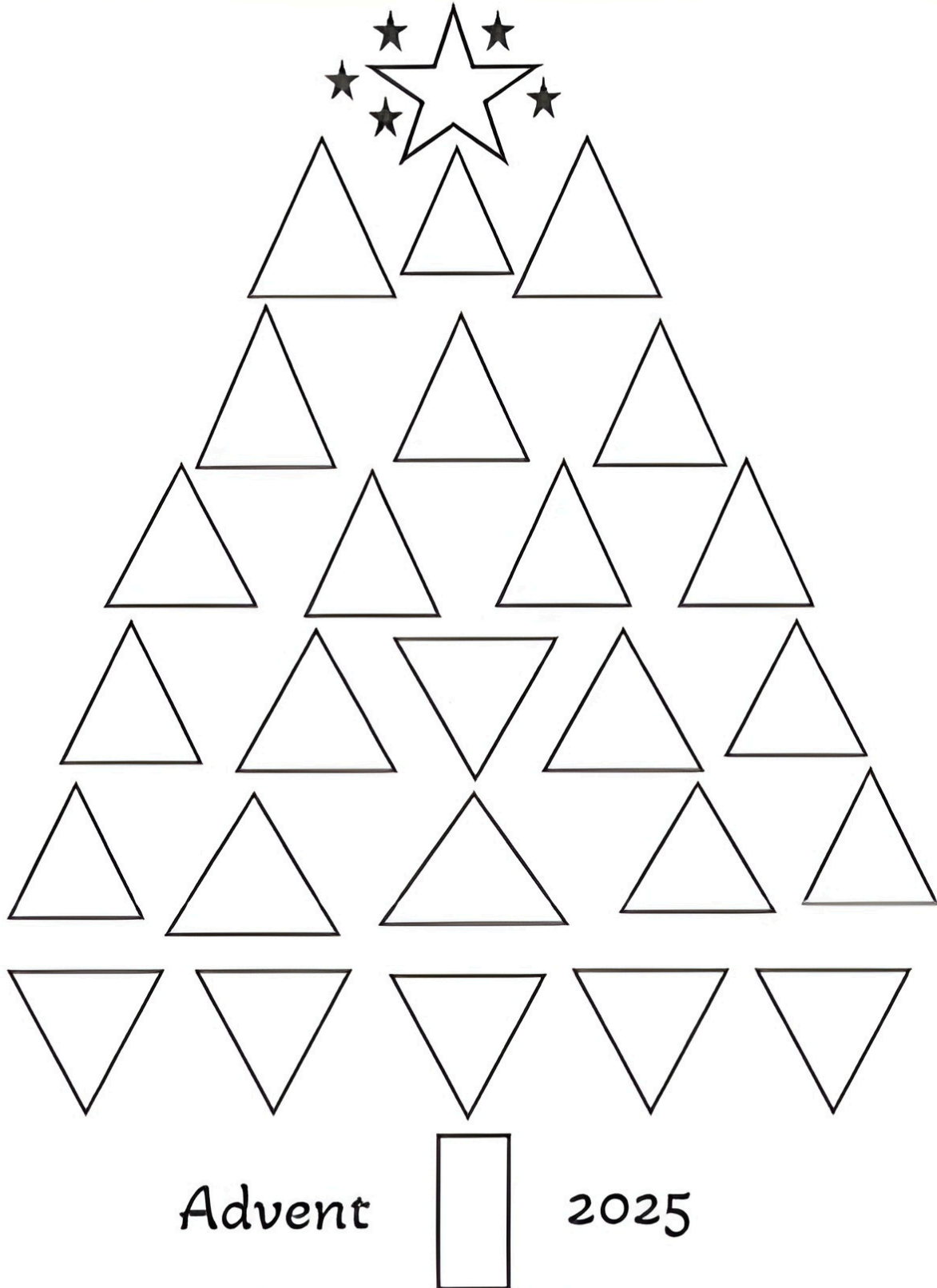


Image and text by Sybil MacBeth, Praying in Color

Pray for a person each day. Write their name in the space. Doodle around the name, add color. Think of each stroke of color or each doodled mark (line, dot, arc, spiral...) as a wordless prayer. If words come to you as you draw, pray them—in your mind or write the word on the page.



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