

A Grace Note from the Rector  
June 27, 2024

Dear Ones,

The **81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church** is currently meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The big news of yesterday was the election of the **28<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe**, currently the bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York. He was elected by the House of Bishops from among five nominees on the first ballot. Shortly thereafter, his election was confirmed by the House of Deputies. Succeeding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Rowe's nine-year term will begin on November 1. More information on the transition and consecration will follow.

Read about other happenings at General Convention at  
<https://media.episcopalchurch.org/video/>

Please remember to **keep the Daughters of the King in your prayers** as they meet in Louisville until Sunday.

As you know, I popped down to Louisville for my seminary dinner on Tuesday evening and the Eucharist and election on Wednesday. It was a joy to see so many friends, and to see the Episcopal Church at work!

#### **GROUNDS HELP SOUGHT**

Last Sunday, Connie Turner asked for volunteers to do outdoor watering at Grace. Despite the last couple days of rain storms, the ground is still too dry. Please contact Connie directly, or sign up on the schedule, which is posted in the Parish Hall.

#### **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

Grace has a **NEW office telephone number (765) 744-5283**. *Please change your contact list!* As always, if you want to reach me, **call me directly** on my cell phone (765) 326-0353.

#### **YARN & YARNS**

Knitters, needle pointers, crocheters, etc. will take a hiatus for the months of July & August. The **next gathering will be September 11**, from 10-Noon in the Parish Library.

#### **GATHERING GRACE**

Last Sunday, Gathering Grace served **130 meals (!)** of pizza, salad and yummy cupcakes. We ran out of food once again. Thank goodness the air conditioner for the Parish Hall was working again.

#### **A BETTER WAY ~ JUNE NEEDS**

Summer items to keep children busy (plastic balls and bats, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, Frisbees, crayons, activity books, bubble wands, etc.), flip flops (kids, teens, and adults), African American hair products (shampoo and conditioner). **Thank you for remembering A Better Way during June!**

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

**Personal Care Items:** Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, blankets. **Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Deborah McMillan** (June 28)

**Steven Scherschel** (July 1)

**Andy Bonnell** (July 2)

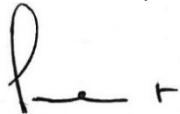
**Lewie Gillespie** (July 3)

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

At each month's Vestry Meeting, we have an ongoing conversation about educating ourselves about the history of racial relations in our town and region. As you know, Mary Mordue is working to organize a group to see **RESIST!**— an exhibit at the **Indiana Historical Society**.

As part of this process, at **Coffee Hour on July 7**, we will view a short video presentation on the history of the Ku Klux Klan here in Indiana. I've seen the video and found that a lot of what I thought was true, was not true. Also on that morning, Mary will gather names of those interested in making a trip to Indy together. As we are on the cusp of celebrating Independence Day, it seems like a good time to have this conversation.

God bless you and keep you cool,



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