

A Grace Note from the Rector
October 26, 2023

Dear Ones,

As Episcopalians, we know that when the air turns chilly, Stewardship Season is not far behind. This year's **Stewardship Campaign** is being co-chaired by Mary Mordue and Kristi Koriath. This annual, and essential, activity allows the Vestry to forecast income as they create the budget for the coming year. It also gives you the opportunity to express your interest in volunteer service that is vital to our health as a parish community.

You will receive pledge letters and commitment forms in the mail in early November, and we will celebrate the ingathering of our pledges of financial and service support with a **Thanksgiving Brunch** after the morning service on **November 19th**.

In the coming weeks, four Grace parishioners will offer **Stewardship Moments**, sharing their personal relationships to this parish as well as why and how they support our common life. I want to thank them in advance for their inspirational words to all of us. This week's Stewardship Moment is from **Becky Byrum**.

I am Becky Byrum and have been attending Grace Church for just over two years. I was drawn to the rich worship life at Grace through the poetry of the hymns, the moving prayers, and the opportunity to be an active participant through the liturgy. Dave and I were immediately welcomed into the life of the congregation and have been given many opportunities to share in the mission of the church and to deepen our spiritual lives. These opportunities, for me, have included participating in study groups, donating to A Better Way and Christian Ministries, knitting hats, helping with watering and weeding the landscape beds, bringing food for coffee hour, reading in the service, and tithing. All of these, but especially tithing, are spiritual disciplines which help me focus on the generous nature of God and form my Christian discipleship. I find that intentional generosity helps me on my journey to become more like Jesus, the most generous One of all.

ROOM AT THE TABLE

Next week, there will be two opportunities to view ***The Philadelphia Eleven***, a compelling new documentary film about the first women to become Episcopal priests. Screenings will be held on November 3 in Indianapolis, and on November 4 in Richmond. Each screening will feature a panel discussion. I hope to see some of you at the Indy screening. For more information, and links to register, follow this link to the October 18 issue of the IndyDio General News. <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Diocese-of-Indianapolis-General-News--October-18--2023.html?soid=1113914586377&aid=XVie-lZtrVc>

HALLOWE'EN CANDY

This is your **last chance** to contribute Hallowe'en candy for our guests at Gathering Grace. There is a box in the parish hall for your candy donations. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark will **take a break for Hallowe'en** but will resume on November 7. A simple supper in the Parish Hall at 6:30, is followed by Bible Study at 7pm.

A BETTER WAY – OCTOBER NEEDS

Athletic socks for women, teens and children. A Better Way is always in need of volunteers. You will be trained and work alongside staff answering calls, office work, etc. Interested? Call 765-747-9107.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

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

GRACE VILLAGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 4th, 6-9pm

First Presbyterian Church ~ *see Fr. Paul for tickets*

ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL

On Thursday, December 7 at 7pm, I will be offering a program of organ music for the Nativity Season. Reception to follow. Mark your calendars and invite your friends now.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jo Ann Beckley (October 27)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sandra & Eric Kelly (October 26, 1996)

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.

God bless you in these days,



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