

A Grace Note from the Rector  
October 5, 2023

Dear Ones,

The people have spoken, and the numbers are in. Thanks to all who participated. Here are the results of our kinetic mapping project.

	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Class (12:30)	0	3	0
Lunch (Noon)	0	3	0
<b>Class (7:00)</b>	9	<b>19</b>	5
<b>Supper (6:30)</b>	4	<b>11</b>	4

As a result, our **Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark** will begin on Tuesday, October 17, beginning with a simple supper in the Parish Hall, followed by Bible Study at 7pm. I've reserved the space for six Tuesdays, in case the group wants to take a break for Hallowe'en. Bring an open heart and mind, and a Bible. I still have some copies of the NIV translation if you need.

#### HALLOWE'EN CANDY

**Gathering Grace** is collecting Hallowe'en candy to be distributed on the last Sunday of October. A box will be placed in the parish hall for your candy donations. Thank you!

#### 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.

#### A BETTER WAY – OCTOBER NEEDS

**Athletic socks** for women, teens and children are needed at this time. Your monthly donations help A Better Way use their funds in other needed areas. Thank You!



#### GRACE VILLAGE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Grace Village, formerly called The Lutheran Center, has been a campus ministry at Ball State for 60 years! Please join us for a fundraiser event catered by Grand Grilling as we celebrate this milestone!

It will be a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we hear “  
from current and former students, current and former campus ministers, and others.

We hope to see you there!

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm**

First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall

1400 W Riverside Avenue, Muncie

\$40 tickets in advance

or, RSVP by email to [PastorRobertAbner@gmail.com](mailto:PastorRobertAbner@gmail.com)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**Tara Bailey** (October 6)

*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.*

Yesterday was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, arguably the most popular of saints. Malcolm Guite wrote this sonnet shortly after the election of the current pope, who took the name of Francis, in 2013. According to the author, the sonnet was also a prayer that Pope Francis would enable the wider church to follow the example of St. Francis in rebuilding the church.

***Francis, Rebuild My Church':  
a sonnet for the Saint and for the new Pope***

'Francis rebuild my church which, as you see  
Is falling into ruin.' From the cross  
Your saviour spoke to you and speaks to us  
Again through you. Undoing set you free,  
Loosened the traps of trappings, cast away  
The trammelling of all that costly cloth  
We wind our saviour in. At break of day  
He set aside his grave-clothes. Your new birth  
Came like a daybreak too, naked and true  
To poverty and to the gospel call,  
You woke to Christ and Christ awoke in you  
And set to work through all your love and skill  
To make our ruin good, to bless and heal  
To wake the Christ in us and make us whole.

God bless you in these days,



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