

A Grace Note from the Rector  
September 28, 2023

Dear Ones,

Greetings from Sewanee, TN where I am at The School of Theology at the University of the South, where my dear and long-time friend The Rev. Canon Dr. Lizette Larson-Miller is giving this year's Alumni Reunion Talks. This year, the topic is Essential Baptism. Sewanee is a new place for me, but I've run into people I haven't seen in years. The Episcopal Church really is small! I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

### **BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

The Rev. Dr. Steve Holdzkom will be leading a **Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark**. Mark is the core Gospel for the liturgical year that begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 3. The class, which will last for five sessions, will begin the week of October 15, and conclude before Thanksgiving. If you need a bible, we have a dozen NIV bibles available at no cost. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

We've had an impressive start with our *kinetic mapping* project. If you missed it last Sunday, it's not too late. Check out the chart on the Cloister window. Simply make a mark on all of the times you would be willing to come, and whether or not you're interested in a meal beforehand. The results will be tabulated and announced next week.

### **THE BLESSING OF PETS & COMPANION ANIMALS**

Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and you are invited to join with our ecumenical siblings to give God thanks for, and to bless our pets and companion animals.

**6pm at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 Wheeling Avenue.**

### **A NEW GREAT THANKSGIVING**

This Sunday, we will begin using a **new, fully sung, setting of Prayer C** at the Eucharist. Prayer C, affectionately known in some circles as "The Star Wars Prayer," is one of the lesser known eucharistic prayers; it features frequent congregational acclamations. Since we are blessed with the musical leadership of the Choir, we will try a setting that is sung throughout. My part is chanted, and your acclamations are accompanied by the organ. In this way, we share more fully in our common prayer of thanksgiving to God.

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

An intercessory prayer group has been established. The members are Reed Akolgo, David Blakley, Cecil Bohanon, Andy and Brooke-Renee Bonnell, Sandra Kelly, and Lucinda Rarick.

They will take intercessory prayer requests from the congregation at coffee hour this coming Sunday, Oct. 1. They prefer to take the requests in person, but if people want to email Lucinda, please do. Her email is [lucindararick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lucindararick@sbcglobal.net)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Tony Brinkman** (October 1)

**Ruby Woldmoe** (October 3)

**Adam Beach** (October 4)

*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.*



## 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)

## 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 – SEPTEMBER NEEDS

Hygiene Items – deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, children's toothpaste, and hair brushes. Coffee mugs/cups are still needed, so please check your kitchen cabinets.

On Monday, I received a hand-written note from the people of A Better Way to Jo Ann Beckley, and all of us here at Grace. It said:

*Thank you so much for your recent donation of dishes and coloring books. We appreciate your ongoing support and everything you do for us. Your generosity restores dignity and helps us continue our mission. Thank you!!! Sincerely,  
Lenora & A Better Way*

God bless you in these days,

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