

A Grace Note from the Rector
September 7, 2023

Dear Ones,

Many thanks to those volunteers who braved the heat to offer the friendly face of Grace Church at Saturday's Pride Festival: **David Ferrell, Kristi Koriath, Katherine Mitchell, and Connie & Joe Turner**. All of us heard stories of people thanking us for being present because they didn't know churches like Grace existed in Muncie. God be praised!



If you missed the chance to help at Pride, fear not, there's another opportunity right around the corner. **The Old Washington Street Festival** returns on September 16 & 17. Grace will be open to welcome guests on **Saturday the 16th from 11-5**, and we need volunteers to serve as hosts and guides. We have plenty of the wonderful brochures produced by Sandra Kelly and Kristi Koriath that describe our many artistic assets. Please join in sharing our wonderful building with visitors. There will be a **signup sheet in the Parish Hall for 2-hour shifts**, so please sign up on Sunday, or email me immediately.

Our near neighbor Christian Ministries will be holding their **Hands Up Gala** on **Thursday, September 14**, at the Horizon Convention Center. For tickets or information on other ways to support them, check out <https://www.facebook.com/christianministriesmuncie/>

Next Wednesday, **September 13**, I will be at Waycross for Clergy Day, so there will be **no noon Eucharist** that day.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Lucinda Rarick has expressed interest in forming an Intercessory Prayer Group. Many of us have a practice of praying for others individually, but it can also be a group practice. In some ways, we all do this every Sunday when we lift up the people and organizations listed in the service bulletin. Do you have an interest in praying in some way on a daily basis as a group? At this point, there is no structure. Perhaps there could be a set time every day, each person praying in their own home, with an occasional meeting at Coffee Hour to share their experiences. If this interests you, please contact Lucinda at lucindararick@sbcglobal.net or me. Thank you.

YARD SALE FOR GRACE VILLAGE

Wild Card Cafe – Grace Village’s Wednesday morning Grab-n-Go breakfast – is having a Yard Sale this **Saturday, September 9 from 9 to 3**. They need items to sell and some volunteers to help during the day. (Of course, some shoppers would be great, too!) Items can be dropped off between 8 and 9am at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 Wheeling Avenue. Anything left at the end of the day will go to the Muncie Mission. FFI: markie.f.oliver@gmail.com.

TULIP UPDATE

Last week we requested donations of bulbs for fall planting. I’ve recently learned that Gordon Miller is able to purchase bulbs at wholesale prices. **Please consider donating money instead of bulbs.** This will also allow for optimal planning to ensure we have blooms throughout the season. Thank you!

A BETTER WAY – SEPTEMBER NEEDS

Hygiene Items – deodorant, shampoo, hair conditioner, children's toothpaste, and hair brushes. A Better Way has a personal care closet which is almost empty. Your donations are a great help to their already stressed budget.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

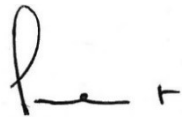
Food Pantry: Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & pasta sauce, mac & cheese. **Personal Care Items:** Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, blankets.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Karen & Marc Sullivan (September 9, 1967)

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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