A Grace Note from the Rector September 8, 2022

Dear Ones,

This Sunday, we will **welcome the Choir back!** As you know, Sunday is September 11, the 21st anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington DC, and Shanksville, PA. As Sunday is the actual anniversary, I have asked the Bishop's permission to use a set of prayers and readings developed by the Episcopal Diocese of New York for anniversary observations. She has consented, so Sunday's Eucharist will also be **A Day for Remembrance and Hope.** I look forward to remembering and hoping with you on Sunday.

Next Wednesday, September 14, I will be at Waycross for a Clergy Day with Bishop Jennifer, so there will **be no noon Eucharist** that day. The following Wednesday, the 21st, there will be a special Eucharist at noon to commemorate the **International Day of Prayer for Peace.**

KOLA OWOLABI, ORGANIST Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m. Sursa Performance Hall (Riverside at McKinley)

Kola Owolabi is Professor of Organ at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

Dr. Owolabi's concert at Ball State is made possible through sponsorship of the Mertens Organ Fund. Owing to their love for the organ and church music, Bea Mertens with her late husband, Tom, established this fund to bring nationally acclaimed organists to our community. All are welcome to attend this free concert.

GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grace Village's Wednesday morning Wild Card Café needs **individual trail mix packets**, **gluten-free breakfast bars**, and **bottled coffee drinks** (such as Starbucks Frappuccino). There is a Grace Village donation box in the Cloister. Thank You!

HOLY HIKE ON SEPTEMBER 21 IN NEW CASTLE'S BAKER PARK

Join us for a Holy Hike and Peace Walk on **Wednesday, September 21**, in observance of **The International Day of Peace**. The hike will begin at Baker Park Shelter House #2 at 5:30 pm Eastern. A light meal will be served after the hike. Contact Pat Carter at <u>elganpat@gmail.com</u> with questions.

NEWCOMER WELCOME SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 25

On Sunday, **September 25**, we will be taking time during the Eucharist to give thanks to God for, and welcome, the new faces at Grace. If you'd like to be included, please see me.

A BETTER WAY ~ SEPTEMBER NEEDS

New bed pillows, paper towels, cleaning supplies (liquid Lysol, cleansers, sponges), new or gently used flatware/silverware, and cereal bowls. Here is a **client testimony**: "As a domestic violence survivor I went from homeless to housed and regained the custody of my children thanks to A Better Way. They understood my struggle from the very beginning. I am just in awe that there are still good people, people with pure intentions." – Tyler

Our friends in **Girl Scout Troop 3917** appreciate your continuing contributions of **plastic tops/lids** for their special project. There is a container for your donations in the Parish Kitchen.

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.

As we approach the anniversary of September 11, I offer you this prayer, written soon after the events, by **the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, III** who was then the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

God bless you in these days,

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