

A Grace Note from the Rector
April 18, 2024

Dear Ones,

I had hoped to announce this right after Easter, but illness got in the way. As a reminder, the results of the kinetic mapping project about the Sunday service time were these.

9:30	8
10:00	24
No preference	13

I have decided that the Sunday service will **shift to 10am**. The Vestry and I discussed the timing, and the consensus was that the change will come **at the end of the summer**. The exact date has yet to be determined, but you will have plenty of notice. Thank you again to everyone who participated in the mapping project. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

A CHANCE TO LEARN

From now until August 2, the Indiana Historical Society is featuring an exhibit called *RESIST!* Which seeks to help visitors understand key questions and realities around the Ku Klux Klan's (KKK) rise to power in Indiana. It will also feature how people resisted and raised questions about how to combat hate. This exhibition will explore these broad themes by looking at one pivotal event from 1924 in South Bend and its surrounding context. Here's a video intro to the exhibition <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bIUQBASIjU>

I would like to put together a group visit. If you are interested, please let me know.

YARN & YARNS

Join the needleworkers in the Parish Library from 10-Noon next Wednesday, **April 24**.

LANDSCAPING NEEDS

If you have any unwanted yard equipment, please consider donating it to Grace. Rakes, shovels, a cart, clippers, etc. would be helpful with landscaping. If you need anything picked up, please contact Connie at 765-730-4256. Thank you!

GATHERING GRACE

Gathering Grace served **118 meals on Sunday**. We were very busy! If you would like to volunteer, please come anytime from noon to four. Stay as long as you like. Next up is "Tater Tot Casserole"!

A BETTER WAY ~ APRIL NEEDS

Deodorant, shampoo, body wash, journals, and ball point pens. A Better Way is a multi-service organization providing emergency shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and their children.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Barbara Alvarez (April 18)

JP Wills (April 22)

Betsy Scherschel (April 22)

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.


Before the spring flowers are gone completely, I want to remember the English poet A. E. Housman (1859-1936). The eldest of seven children, Housman became one of the leading Classical scholars of his day. He is best known for *A Shropshire Lad*, a cycle of 63 poems published in 1896. *Loveliest of Trees* is the second poem in the cycle. It reminds me of Robert Herrick's (1591-1634) admonition to *Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, / Old Time is still a-flying; / And this same flower that smiles today / Tomorrow will be dying.*

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

Keep on feasting! Alleluia, Alleluia!



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