

A Grace Note from the Rector
August 8, 2024

Dear Ones,

As you read this, I am headed to Italy for two weeks of vacation in Rome. Rome has been a favorite destination of mine since the 1980s but, between work schedules and pandemics, I haven't been there in almost 15 years. The weather is predicted to be blistering...but it's still Rome. Deep thanks to all of you who will keep Grace running smoothly. Please keep me in your prayers.

While I am away, I will not have access to email or phone. If there is any sort of emergency, please reach out to the Senior Warden, **Connie Turner** (765-730-4265), who will know how to reach me if necessary. The next Grace Note will come on August 29th.

AUGUST LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

This Sunday, Fr. Steve Giovangelo will be at Grace to preside and preach. On August 18, Steve Holdzkom will preach, and Mike Ashley will preside at the Liturgy of the Word. We are fortunate to have such friends.

There will be **no Wednesday Eucharist on August 14 & 21**. The Wednesday service will resume on August 28th.

Mark your calendars! From **August 25** onward, the **Sunday Service will begin at 10am**.

GATHERING GRACE

This past Sunday, we had fewer guests than of late, and served 85 meals. And we had a wonderful group of volunteers. Thanks to all!

WILD CARD CAFÉ & GRACE VILLAGE YARD SALE

Our annual yard sale is coming soon. The yard sale is scheduled from 9am to 3pm for Sat. Sept. 7th. We need stuff to sell which can be delivered to Lutheran Church of the Cross on Sat. morning between 8am and 9am. We also need volunteers to help sort items, staff the event through the day and help with cleanup, which includes a run to Muncie Mission with items not sold between 3pm and 4pm. Lunch will be provided. This is a "priceless" sale with only a few items with suggested prices. For more information, please contact Markie Oliver at markie.f.oliver@gmail.com or text 765-212-4071. It's a lot of fun!!!

A BETTER WAY ~ AUGUST NEEDS

Hair brushes, hair ties, baby wipes, adult shoe laces, light bulbs and bath towels. A BIG thank you for donating all the outdoor activity items in June and July. Your contributions kept the children busy during their time off from school.

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!

Markie Oliver (August 7) *missed this last week, sorry!*

Oswald Petrucco (August 9)

Judy Wagley (August 9)

Lauren Henry (August 14)

Teresa Curtis (August 18)

Mike Ashley (August 21)

Lis Mitchell (August 24)

Dave Byrum (August 26)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mary & Mark Mordue (August 28. 1999)

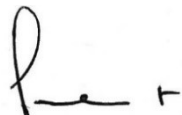
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A THANK-YOU FROM GRACE VILLAGE!

Hello friends, all of us at Grace Village just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for everything you have done for us over the past school year. Your willingness to bring us meals for *God and Grub* on Monday nights, to donate food for *Wild Card Cafe* on Wednesday mornings, to participate in our fundraisers, and to pray for us and support us in other various ways has made all the difference in the world. We could not maintain this ministry without your support! Because of your support, we averaged 20-25 students engaged in conversation at *God and Grub* every week, and 15-20 came through *Wild Card Cafe* every week for food and conversation. Because Grace Village exists, and receives support from you, dozens of students have a safe, affirming, Christian space near campus where they can be their authentic selves, support one another, ask their tough questions, and know that our churches truly care about them. We look forward to a new school year starting in just a few weeks, and we plan on providing you all with more regular updates about what is going on at Grace Village and providing more ways for you to be involved. Thanks again for all that you do to support us.

Pastor Robert Abner, *Campus Chaplain*

God bless you in these days!



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