

A Grace Note from the Rector
June 20, 2024

Dear Ones,

I had a wonderful time away in Minnesota attending a great conference. I also got to see some family and catch up with friends, and had a few quiet days of retreat at my favorite monastery. I'm more grateful than I can say for those who kept things here bubbling along while I was away. Deep thanks to Connie Turner, Jamie-Sue Ferrell, Steve Holdzkom and Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale. We are all blessed by their leadership.

Yesterday was **Juneteenth National Independence Day**, commemorating the ending of slavery in Texas in 1865...two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. There was a wonderful article in Monday's paper about how Juneteenth has been celebrated in Muncie. Here's the link...

<https://www.thestarpress.com/story/opinion/columnists/2024/06/17/muncies-memorable-emancipation-day-celebration-of-1898/74075865007/>

And here is the **Collect** that we prayed at yesterday's Eucharist.

Almighty God, thou hast rescued thy people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages thou hast never failed to hear the cries of the captives; We remember before thee our sisters and brothers in Galveston, Texas who on this day received the glad tidings of their emancipation; Forgive us for the many grave sins that delayed that liberating word; Anoint us with thy Spirit to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned an exhibit called **RESIST!** at the **Indiana Historical Society**. It explores the rise of the KKK in Indiana through the lens of an event of resistance in South Bend in 1924. The exhibit goes through August 2, 2025. I have asked Mary Mordue to see about organizing a group visit, and she suggests a video to whet your interest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgRUoODbXxk> Please watch the video and reach out to Mary if you're interested in a group excursion to Indy. *PS* – there's a sister exhibit in South Bend that runs through October 13, in a space that overlooks the intersection of the 1924 clash between the Klan and Notre Dame students.

You'll be seeing this announcement for several weeks: Grace has a **NEW office telephone number (765) 744-5283**. *Please change your contact list!* As always, if you want to reach me, **call me directly** on my cell phone (765) 326-0353.

YARN & YARNS

Knitters, needle pointers, crocheters, etc. gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10-Noon in the Parish Library. **June 26 is the next gathering.**

GATHERING GRACE

Last Sunday, Gathering Grace served **118 meals** of pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, and applesauce cake. We ran out of food...and managed to give some folks a short reprieve from the heat outside.

The **81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church** will take place June 23 – 28, in Louisville, Kentucky. The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies (lay people and clergy from each diocese) and the House of Bishops.

There will be many activities surrounding Convention, including Bishop Michael Curry's **final revival** as Presiding Bishop. On Wednesday morning, a new Presiding Bishop will be elected for a nine-year term. The House of Bishops does the electing during a sequestered session in the context of prayer and reflection. The House of Deputies will then be asked to confirm the election. For a full list of the goings-on, follow this link... <https://generalconvention.org/>

I will be going to Louisville on Tuesday for my seminary dinner and staying for the Wednesday Eucharist and the election of the Presiding Bishop.

There will be **no noon Eucharist** at Grace next Wednesday

A BETTER WAY ~ JUNE NEEDS

Summer items to keep children busy (plastic balls and bats, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, Frisbees, crayons, activity books, bubble wands, etc.), flip flops (kids, teens, and adults), African American hair products (shampoo and conditioner). **Thank you for remembering** A Better Way during June!

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.

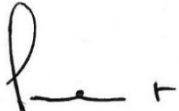
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kristi & Kirby Koriath (June 21, 1969)

Rose & Jim Jeffery (June 23, 1980)

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 and keep you cool in these days,



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