

A Grace Note from the Rector  
November 23, 2023

Dear Ones,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope that you're able to be with family and/or friends to celebrate the gifts of a gracious God. I want to take a moment to recognize once more, and with deep gratitude, everyone who had a part in making our Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday a success. To Mary Mordue and Kristi Koriath for heading up the letter-writing campaign; to Mary, Kristi and Becky Byrum to creating the brunch, *and* the quiches; to Becky, Cecil Bohanan, Lis Mitchell and Lauren Henry for their beautiful Stewardship Moments; and for everyone who provided salads, sides and (tons of!) desserts. And let's not forget everyone who turned in Pledge Form recording your commitments to the future and growth of this wonderful place we call Grace Parish Church.

#### **YARN AND YARNS**

We are inviting all **knitters and crocheters** to join us on **Wednesday, November 29**, at 10am at Grace Church for knitting/crocheting and conversation. All levels of experience are welcome! ~*Becky Byrum and Pam Seburu*

#### **CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING DECEMBER 2 @ 2**

If you like to bake Christmas Cookies, but don't often get the chance, here's the perfect holiday event for you! Come and get flour on your hands in the Parish Hall and Kitchens. We will bake Christmas Cookies for Gathering Grace's Christmas Eve Dinner, as well as for our own Christmas Hospitality.

#### **ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL**

On Thursday, **December 7** at 7pm, I will be offering a program of organ music for the Nativity Season. Reception to follow. Mark your calendars and invite your friends.

#### **GATHERING GRACE & A BETTER WAY – WINTER PROTECTION**

New and gently used gloves, hats and scarves are still being accepted to help prepare Gathering Grace guests and A Better Way clients for winter. At the present time, A Better Way is caring for 14 adults, 15 children and 3 family pets. Pets can be very comforting during stressful times. Thank You!

#### **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 BIRTHDAY!**

**Amy Travis** (November 29)

*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.*

Even though there is no Thanksgiving Day in the British Isles, but our friend Malcolm Guite has penned a lovely sonnet for us.

**Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving starts with thanks for mere survival,  
Just to have made it through another year  
With everyone still breathing. But we share  
So much beyond the outer roads we travel;  
Our interweavings on a deeper level,  
The modes of life embodied souls can share,  
The unguessed blessings of our being here,  
The warp and weft that no one can unravel.

So I give thanks for our deep coinherence  
Inwoven in the web of God's own grace,  
Pulling us through the grave and gate of death.  
I thank him for the truth behind appearance,  
I thank him for his light in every face,  
I thank him for you all, with every breath.

With thanks to God for all of you,



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