

A Grace Note from the Rector  
November 30, 2023

Dear Ones,

If you're interested in listening to parts of the recent Diocesan Convention, particularly the two presentations by Cole Arthur Riley, and the Bishop's Address, check out the IndyDio playlist on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGN9U90RdrR-NOMs4\\_LUwCaIjO33fHPg](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGN9U90RdrR-NOMs4_LUwCaIjO33fHPg)

**ADVENT** is nearly here. There is a certain irony that in a season whose major focus is waiting ... there is so very much to keep us busy. May some of these opportunities help in letting your heart prepare him room.

### **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.

### **POINSETTIAS**

To dedicate a Christmas poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one, there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$20 to the Altar Flower Fund is recommended, but not required. A list of donors and memorials will be included in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may also contact Mark Mordue with the necessary information at: [markmordue@gmail.com](mailto:markmordue@gmail.com)

### **2023 GIVING TREE**

Stay tuned for information on this year's Giving Tree.

### **ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL**

On Thursday, **December 7** at 7pm, come enjoy a candlelit recital of organ music for the Nativity Season. *There may be singing.* Reception to follow. Invite your friends.

### **HOLIDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 24	9:30am	Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24	5:30pm	Lessons & Carols followed by Holy Eucharist
Monday, December 25	10:30am	Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 27	Noon	Midweek Eucharist: St. John's Day
Sunday, December 31	9:30am	Holy Eucharist: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

### **YARN & YARNS**

The December gatherings for Yarn & Yarns needlework group will be Wednesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00am at Grace Church. Bring your current project and join us!

## 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. Thank you to all who have contributed thus far.

### 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!

**Darleen Lugenbuhl** (November 30)

**Kimberly Livingston** (December 2)

**Mary Mordue** (December 4)

**Claudia Fenoglio** (December 5)

**Cecil Bohanon** (December 6)

**Connie Turner** (December 6)

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**Kim & Dennis Livingston** (December 2, 1994)

*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.*

Once again this year, my friends Tom Mousin and Merry Watters have produced their wonderful **Advent Calendar**. You'll receive one on Sunday, and there's one attached to this email. You can also download one at home and **subscribe to a daily Advent Meditation**, go to: <https://thomasmousin.com/>

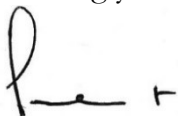
Here is this year's poem for the calendar.

### Advent

By Advent's light we hope to see a new and better way.  
And when Isaiah's voice proclaims the coming promised day,  
this world in which the sword and spear, the rifle and the gun  
hold sway as idols of our fears will one day be undone.

When all the weapons of our hates will surely be recast  
as tools to plow and plant the soil where peace will reign at last.  
A distant dream, yet we will dare by Advent's light to forge  
with Christ, new hearts and hands with which to study war no more.

Wishing you a blessed Advent,



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