

A Grace Note from the Rector  
October 19, 2023

Dear Ones,

### **A (NEW) TREE GROWS IN MUNCIE**



Sunday afternoon, I received this email from Charlotte Mason:

What a blessed morning! Thank you for this most thoughtful tree-gifting for us and the town of Muncie. We are deeply appreciative of the gracious event and pray that the beech tree will grow year by year: Year One: sleep, Year Two: creep and Year Three; leap! May it continue on and on giving shelter for many more years to grow as Grace Church will, and also give all who come blessings! Our hearts are dancing!  
Much love, Charlotte & Charlie

### **OTHER NOTES FROM OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Malvia Miller has asked me to tell you that Gordon had a stroke last week. He is doing better, and is going to rehab to strengthen his legs. Prayers are welcome.

This week, I received an email from Ikenna Madukaife:

Dearest family,  
Greetings from my heart and family. We have moved from Muncie. We appreciate the warmth and support from you all throughout our stay.  
Gracefully thanking everyone,  
*Ikenna and Chinwe and the children*

### **ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL**

On Thursday, December 7 at 7pm, I will be offering a program of organ music for the Nativity Season, including Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*, that I have arranged for String Trio and Organ. Reception to follow. Mark your calendars and invite your friends now.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

It's not too late to join our Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark on Tuesdays. A simple supper in the Parish Hall at 6:30, is followed by Bible Study at 7pm.

### **HALLOWE'EN CANDY**

**Gathering Grace** is collecting Hallowe'en candy to be distributed on the last Sunday of October. A box will be placed in the parish hall for your candy donations. Thank you!

## A BETTER WAY – OCTOBER NEEDS

**Athletic socks** for women, teens and children. For the last 10+ years Daughters of the King and Grace's congregation have been supporting A Better Way. Your donations have provided warm items in the winter and toys, shoes, etc. in the summer.

## 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.

## GRACE VILLAGE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm**

First Presbyterian Church ~ *see Fr. Paul for tickets*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Sandra Bailey** (October 20)

**Max Nottingham** (October 21)

*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.*

If you are wondering how to respond to the Israel-Hamas war, check out Episcopal Relief and Development's website: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/worship-resources/bulletin-inserts-2/israel-hamas-war/>

Many of you asked about the prayer I used at the conclusion of the Prayers of the People last Sunday. It is from that great store of *Prayers and Thanksgivings* that begins on page 810 of the Prayer Book. (Church nerds call these the 1-800 Prayers.)

### *6. For our Enemies*

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP, 816)

God bless you in these days,



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