

A Grace Note from the Rector
September 15, 2022

Dear Ones,

Yesterday was Holy Cross Day. Historically, the feast has been associated with the dedication in 335 of what we know as the Church of the **Holy Sepulcher**, a complex of buildings built by the Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem on the **sites of the crucifixion and Christ's tomb**. This shrine includes a large basilica and a circular church. Constantine's mother, Helena, supervised the construction of the shrine, and a relic believed to be the cross was discovered during the work of excavation. All these centuries later, it remains a place of pilgrimage and fascination. Check it out.

KOLA OWOLABI, ORGANIST
Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.

Sursa Performance Hall (Riverside at McKinley)

Kola Owolabi is Professor of Organ at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Dr. Owolabi's concert at Ball State is made possible through sponsorship of the **Mertens Organ Fund**. Owing to their love for the organ and church music, **Bea Mertens with her late husband, Tom**, established this fund to bring nationally acclaimed organists to our community. All are welcome to attend this free concert.

HOLY HIKE ON SEPTEMBER 21 IN NEW CASTLE'S BAKER PARK

Join us for a Holy Hike and Peace Walk **next Wednesday, September 21**, in observance of **The International Day of Peace**. The hike will begin at Baker Park Shelter House #2 at 5:30 pm Eastern. A light meal will be served after the hike. Contact Pat Carter at elganpat@gmail.com with questions.

NEWCOMER WELCOME SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 25

On Sunday, **September 25**, we will be taking time during the Eucharist to give thanks to God for, and welcome, the new faces at Grace. If you'd like to be included, please see me.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

I am delighted to announce that we are restarting our COVID-paused relationship with Christian Ministries. Our very near neighbor – 401 E. Main Street @ Elm – that's just 2/10 of a mile from our door to theirs, their programs include shelter, Emergency Assistance, Delaware County's largest food pantry, to name just a few. Their programs and services aren't ends in themselves. They are here to give individuals in need a hand up when life has them down. Check out their good work at <http://www.christianministriesmuncie.org/>.

You may remember times when we donated to the food bank. Times have changed, and they now have an **URGENT** need for: **disinfectant spray, washcloths, and blankets**. Look for the Christian Ministries cart in the cloister. God bless your generosity!

A BETTER WAY ~ SEPTEMBER NEEDS

New bed pillows, paper towels, cleaning supplies (liquid Lysol, cleansers, sponges), new or gently used flatware/silverware, and cereal bowls.

Our friends in **Girl Scout Troop 3917** appreciate your continuing contributions of **CLEAN plastic tops/lids** for their special project. There is a container for your donations in the Parish Kitchen.

GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grace Village's Wednesday morning Wild Card Café needs **individual trail mix packets, gluten-free breakfast bars, and bottled coffee drinks** (such as Starbucks Frappuccino). Look for the Grace Village donation box in the Cloister. Thank You!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

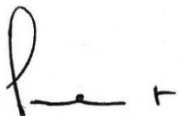
Laura Kirby (September 17)

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.

Here's another Wendell Berry poem, from *This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems*. Berry is a farmer in Kentucky and is well-attuned with the turning of the earth.

The summer ends, and it is time
To face another way. Our theme
Reversed, we harvest the last row
To store against the cold, undo
The garden that will be undone.
We grieve under the weakened sun
To see all earth's green fountains dried,
And fallen all the works of light.
You do not speak, and I regret
This downfall of the good we sought
As though the fault were mine. I bring
The plow to turn the shattering
Leaves and bent stems into the dark,
From which they may return. At work,
I see you leaving our bright land,
The last cut flowers in your hand.

God bless you in these days,



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