

A Grace Note from the Rector  
September 1, 2022

Dear Ones,

Thanks to those parishioners who helped give a face to Grace at last Saturday's Muncie Queer Business Expo. Lots of folks told me how happy they were to see us there, and to find out that we feed the community on Sundays!



In that same vein, **Muncie Pride** will take place in Canan Commons Park on Saturday, September 3 from 5-10pm. We won't have a booth this year, but I'll be there, and invite you to join me. Here's more info [https://youtu.be/Cfj\\_5V0AEyY](https://youtu.be/Cfj_5V0AEyY)

### **GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY IS BACK!!**

The Fall Semester is here! This year's schedule and donation needs are a bit different; please see details below. As always, **thank you** as always for supporting Grace Village!

**God & Grub Fellowship** – Mondays, 5pm  
Youth Hall @First Presbyterian Church

**Grab & Go Breakfasts** – Wednesdays, 7:30am-10am  
back parking lot @ First Presbyterian Church

At this time we have plenty of paper products to start the year, but we do need **individual trail mix packets** and **gluten-free breakfast bars**. There will be a Grace Village donation box in the Cloister. Thank You!

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

Our neighbor to the south, St. James, New Castle, along with ecumenical and community partners, will host a Holy Hike and Peace Walk on **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](mailto: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.

### **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 **plastic tops/lids** for their special project. There is a container for your donations in the Parish Kitchen.

Thanks for all the books you've donated for the **Tiny Library**. We're at capacity right now, so we're pressing pause on more for now. We may come back around, so stay tuned.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*If I missed you, please email me to let me know.*

**Fr. Paul Jacobson** (September 1)

**Dennis Livingston** (September 1)

**Sandra Kelly** (September 2)

**Gordon Miller**(September 5)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Phyllis & Max Nottingham** (September 1, 1968)

*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.*

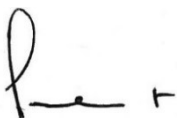
Monday is **Labor Day**, the traditional “end of summer” holiday, and **the Church Office will be closed**. When I was a child, it meant the closing of public pools and the start of school. Some of you may remember that it meant hanging up seersucker and white garments until next summer. To those of us who are not manual laborers, it's good to remember Labor Day's deep roots, and its connection to the commitment we make in our Baptismal Covenant to ***respect the dignity of every human being***. I invite you to read the Collect (below) slowly, but first, a little history...

Beginning in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as the trade union and labor movements grew in response to the Industrial Revolution, different groups chose a variety of days on which to celebrate labor. In the United States, a September holiday called Labor Day was first proposed in the early 1880s, and its popularity spread across the country. In 1894, Congress passed, and President Grover Cleveland signed, a bill recognizing the first Monday of September as Labor Day, making it an official federal holiday. Originally a holiday only for federal workers, Labor Day is now a statutory holiday in all US states, the District of Columbia, and US territories.

*Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

—Book of Common Prayer, p. 261

God bless you in these last summer days,



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PS – If you spot the **sunflowers** at the Southway Centre (on South Madison Street, just north of the roundabout), and they make you smile, thank **Fr. Charlie Mason!**

