

A Grace Note from the Rector  
September 26, 2024

Dear Ones,

You have a chance to **add your voice** to a large national study exploring what it is like to participate in a religious community today. As part of The Episcopal Church, Grace Parish is invited to participate in the 2024 Attender Survey. This nationwide survey is an attempt to **map religious life and communities**, especially post pandemic. The survey is sponsored by the Hartford Institute for Religious Research, Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations, and Faith Communities Today. It takes less than 15 minutes, you can complete it online or on paper, and it's available in multiple languages.

There is a flyer attached to this email which gives an attender survey link (which is unique to Grace), and the deadline, which is Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for participating!

**GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY**

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**BRATS • BEER • PRETZELS • MUSIC • FELLOWSHIP**

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm**

Lutheran Church of the Cross  
4401 N Wheeling Avenue, Muncie, IN

\$20 Tickets – In advance, or at the door  
Ages 21 & Up

**A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**Special Thanks to our Prize Donors!**

Muncie Civic Theatre, Whimsies, Berry Winkle, Obie Salon and Spa

**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

On **Saturday, October 5**, Grace will host the annual Diocesan Gathering of Chapters and Daughters. The day begins at 9:30, and includes Morning Prayer, a business meeting, a workshop on “Rejoicing in the Vision” given by The Rev. Kathryn Thomas, the new Diocesan Chaplain. Then follows lunch, and the Eucharist at which Mtr. Kathryn will preach, and Fr. Paul will preside.

**HARP CONCERT**

On Thursday, **October 10, at 7pm**, **Cindy Shelhart**, who is known to some of you, will present a program of music for the Double-Strung Harp. The performance is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. If you don't know what a Double-Strung Harp is, check out her website:  
<https://cindyshelhart.com/>

## VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

If you want to think about what it might mean to vote your values, check out this tool kit, courtesy of the Diocese of Indianapolis: <https://indydio.org/election-toolkit/> Also, mark your calendars to join Bishop Jennifer online for a Pre-Election Prayer Service on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. ET.

## GATHERING GRACE NEWS

It's difficult to think of winter when it's so hot, but **cold weather is just around the corner.**

**Donations of gently used** coats, jackets, sweatshirts, shoes, boots, hats, scarves, and gloves, are appreciated. These items will be offered to Gathering Grace guests throughout the winter months.

On Sunday, we served **133 meals** of homemade chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, veggie, and desert (as always, with a baloney & cheese sandwich). Many thanks to a wonderful crew of volunteers! Come join us in this good work...and fun!

## A BETTER WAY ~ SEPTEMBER NEEDS

Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, coloring books (adult and children), colored pencils, women's underwear (small and medium).

## A BETTER WAY ~ DONATION CENTER

In addition to the items we collect on a weekly basis for A Better Way, it is now possible to drop off larger items at their new donation center. It is located at 1000 S. Elm Street (just blocks from the church). The hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday 8:30-12:30, Thursday 12:30-4:30. Hours will change this winter. Please call 765-747-9107 before delivering. Check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for a poster with all this information that you can take with you. Thank You!

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

**Personal Care Items:** Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, blankets. **Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

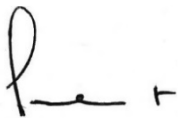
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Tony Brinkman** (October 1)

**Ruby Woldmoe** (October 3)

*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.*

God bless you as the seasons turn,



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