

A Grace Note from the Rector
September 5, 2024

Dear Ones,

Next Wednesday, the 11th, the clergy of the Diocese will gather at Waycross with Bishop Jennifer for our annual celebration of Holy Cross Day, and the autumn Ember Days. Ember Days occur four times a year, in conjunction with Ash Wednesday, the Day of Pentecost, and Holy Cross Day (September 14), and St. Lucy's Day (December 13). My favorite mnemonic to remember them is "Lenty, Penty, Crucy, Lucy."

In ages past, Ember Days were observed as days of fasting, abstinence and prayer in each season of the agricultural year. Later, they became associated with ordination, with the entire church community praying for those preparing for ordained ministry. When I was in the ordination process in Connecticut, all of those in preparation were required to write to Bishop Smith during each of the four Ember periods, updating him on our progress.

So, as the clergy of the diocese are gathered at Waycross next week, praying for our own vocations and the work of the entire diocese, I ask you to join with us in prayer, praying for your own Christian vocation as well. Those of you who are Morning Prayer people will recognize this prayer. It occurs several other times in the Prayer Book.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

GRACE VILLAGE & WILD CARD CAFÉ YARD SALE

Our annual yard sale will take place from 9am to 3pm **this Saturday**. We need stuff to sell which can be delivered to Lutheran Church of the Cross on Sat. morning between 8am and 9am. We also need volunteers to help sort items, staff the event through the day and help with cleanup, which includes a run to Muncie Mission with items not sold between 3pm and 4pm. Lunch will be provided. This is a "priceless" sale with only a few items with suggested prices. For more information, please contact Markie Oliver at markie.f.oliver@gmail.com or text 765-212-4071. It's a lot of fun!!!

YARN AND YARNS

All needleworkers are invited to gather next Wednesday, September 11 from 10-noon in the Parish Library.

OLD WASHINGTON STREET FAIR OPEN HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once again this year, Grace will be featured in the House Tour of the Old Washington Street Festival on Saturday September 14th, from Noon-5pm. Connie Turner has volunteered to be this year's point person, and we need volunteers to show visitors around our beautiful space. There is a splendid brochure assembled by Sandra Kelly and Kristi Koriath that makes it easy to be a docent. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall on Sunday. Please help us show off the beautiful face of Grace. **It is rumored that there will be homemade ice cream that day!**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING RETREAT ASSEMBLY

Grace will be hosting the annual Diocesan Retreat Assembly of the Daughters of the King on Saturday, October 5. This year's theme is "Rejoicing in the Vision." The Rev. Kathryn Thomas, the Diocesan DOK Chaplain will preach, and I will preside. Please keep the Daughters in your prayers.

GATHERING GRACE

This past Sunday, we served 115 meals of one of our house specialties, Turkey Manhattan. If it seems like we're always asking for volunteers, it's because we can always use help on Sunday afternoons. Even an hour or two makes a big difference. Thanks for thinking about it.

A BETTER WAY ~ SEPTEMBER NEEDS

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

A TESTIMONY

This is a testimony of a high school student residing with her mother at A Better Way: "A Better Way has made this school year my best year ever by providing me with the clothes and school supplies I needed. I feel good about myself and that I belong!"

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!

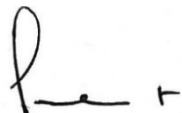
Gordon Miller (September 5)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Karen & Marc Sullivan (September 9, 1967)

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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