



# GRACE NOTES

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The mission of Grace Church is to nurture a Christian community in which all individuals are inspired to grow spiritually in grace, reflecting the love and joy of Christ.

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## Rector's Note

Dear Grace Church Friends,

A new year brings with it all sorts of changes. One of those changes is membership on the Vestry. When you see the parishioners who have recently completed their three-year terms—Bill Nichol, Margaret Prim, Rich Maddux and Brandy Gregory—please remember to thank them for all their leadership and dedication and tireless effort in serving Grace Church. Also, please thank Larry Campbell for serving as our church treasurer for the past five years! Larry has done an amazing job for all of us! He is a Grace Church treasure! And, we are beyond fortunate to have Bill Nichol step into his position. With Larry, and now Bill, overseeing our church finances, we can be confident that our resources are being managed impeccably.

In a few short weeks, we will be entering the season of Lent. The Ash Wednesday liturgy invites all of us to

observe a “holy Lent,” and I hope that many of us have been thinking about how we will do just that. Without the observance of Lent, we cannot experience the full joy of Easter. Toward that end, from the first Sunday in Lent through Easter Day, we will have two services on Sunday mornings. Yes, you read it correctly! We will have an 8:00 am service in addition to 10:15.

There are many ways to observe Lent. Giving up something we are attached to can be a good reminder of the season, but many people prefer to take on an additional spiritual practice—to draw closer to God through spiritual reading or more time spent in prayer. If you are interested in considering Centering Prayer, we have moved our weekly group to Thursdays at noon to hopefully be more convenient for those who work jobs with set hours. Also, we will be offering a six-week discussion group on Henri Nouwen’s book Compassion during the Lenten season—more information will be coming your way soon.

May you know God's presence and  
God's blessing in a special way this year.  
Alice+

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Pussy Willows, Anyone?

Some churches use pussy willows  
rather than flowers during Lent. Worship  
Committee thought that might be a nice  
addition—if anyone has access to some. If  
so, call the church and let us know.

Alice  
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### New Board Members

The new board members for the Vestry are  
Susan Ferguson, Emma Nanney, Jim  
Coursey, and Tom Price. The new board  
members for the Kindergarten Board are  
Eva Akpom, Amanda Pirrung, and Tom  
Price. Welcome to all.

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Nursery Personnel

We would like to welcome our new Nursery  
Personnel; Valerie Weaver.

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Outreach

The Outreach Committee is requesting  
ladies winter coats for the inhabitants of the  
Trilogy Center. Many of these women have  
none. Coats of all sizes are being collected,  
and should be brought to the Gaither Room.  
Please let Debbie know when you bring  
coats to the Church.

### Volunteer Training/Pennyroyal Hospice

Pennyroyal Hospice will be holding a volunteer  
training session on Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Hospice building, 220  
Burley Avenue, Hopkinsville. The classes begin  
at 9:00 am and finish at 3:00 pm. There is no  
charge for the classes, lunch is provided.

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New Church School Program for 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade through High School!

Jaclyn Feezor, who is a new member at  
Grace Church, has offered to lead a Church  
School class for young people between 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Jaclyn teaches English  
at Hopkinsville High School and has prior  
experience working with a church youth  
group at St. John's in Murray. She is very  
enthusiastic and energetic, and being in her  
class will definitely be interesting! The class  
will start this Sunday, December 11, at 9:00  
am, running concurrently with the Adult  
Church School class. Jaclyn's only request  
is that jeans be the standard garb. Please  
encourage the young people in your lives to  
get involved. Thanks!  
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Mailbox Slots

There is now a new mailbox that is located  
in the sacristy. This mailbox is for the  
convenience of church members receiving  
mail at the church. Members can now pick  
up their mail on a Sunday when the church  
office is closed. This mailbox has been  
created courtesy of Dr. Joe Vance.

## Weekly Envelope Boxes

There are weekly envelope boxes in the back of the church. If you don't find one with your name, please call the church office.

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## Those in Need

Volunteers are currently needed for our Western State visits. These take place on Mondays from 10:00am until 11:30am. Please see Barbara Kirkham or Sondra Price if you are interested in volunteering.

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## All Sorts And Conditions

**For those in our parish family in need of God's healing:** Jack, Margaret, Marty, James, Susan, & Steve.

**Our family and friends in need of God's healing:** Christi Carver, Trevan Bell, David Northup, Linda Painter, Ethel Quackenbush, Peter Sherman, Ami Shah, Sheila Clark, Elemuel McIntosh, Doris Taylor, Michael Whoy, Pete Nicolos, Richard D. Waterson II, Charles E. Yant Jr., John Brace Latham.



February Birthdays: Hal McCoy (5), Keith Shepherd (5), Hollis White (5), Milton Marshall (6), Virginia Browning (7), Elizabeth Bressler (13), Joyce Cornett (15), Taylor Hayes (15), Celia Bressler (18), Hunter Hayes (19), Edward Harris (24), Jennifer Maddux (26).

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**Newsletter Deadline for Printed Copies**  
We look forward to receiving your articles for the next newsletter which will be printed the week of February 20th. If you wish a printed copy, please contact the church office. The printed copies will not necessarily be the most current information. The newsletter on the Web Site can be updated at any time, just call or email your article to the church office.  
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## Servers Schedule

Don't forget to check the Servers Schedule and the Calendar. Click on your "back button"; click on Service Schedule icon right above the Newsletter icon.  
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## Grace Episcopal Church Staff

Rector, Alice S. Nichols  
Organist/Choirmaster: Stephen Wiggin  
Secretary: Debbie Motes,  
Sexton: Phillip Merritt,  
Nursery: Valerie Weaver  
Bookkeeper: Vonda Dew,  
Treasurer: Bill Nichol

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## Vestry Members

Alice S. Nichols, rector;  
Keith Shepherd, Junior Warden;  
Bill Nichol, Treasurer;  
Brenda Jones, Secretary;  
John Kirkham, Anne Noel, John Watson,  
Malcolm Blane, Eva Akpom, Sue Ann Savoie, Susan Ferguson, Emma Nanney, Tom Price, and Jim Coursey.