

Grace Notes

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Rector's Reflections

Getting to Know God Better Every Day

I got a jump on summer recently when Leslie and I spent a few days at the beach in Georgia sandwiched between my nephew's wedding and my daughter's college graduation. It was wonderful to swim, enjoy the sun, read and walk/run on the beach. For many of us, the summer months of June, July and August provide a break from work, school and routines. Sometimes the summer provides us with opportunities to travel and to visit with family and friends.

St. Mark introduces the story of the Transfiguration with these words, "*Jesus took with him Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves...*" (9:2). Jesus often took a break from teaching, preaching, healing. Sometimes he needed to go off by himself or with two or three of his closest friends for prayer, for retreat, for a "vacation." The word *vacation* is derived from an ancient Latin root meaning, "to be empty, to be free." In the spiritual life, this self-emptying is necessary to hear God's guidance, to see the Spirit's work, to know Christ's presence and love.

If you are able to get away this summer, I hope your travels, your vacation might include some elements of emptying, finding freedom, retreating in order to encounter God in some new, powerful dimension.

Someone once described the Christian life as "getting to know God better every day." We don't need to go off on a vacation or trip to know God better. But we do need to make room for God in our lives.

Our summer schedule begins in June. The changes on Sunday and during the week can free us up to experience the Spirit's work in our lives in some new ways. You might try attending the Holy Eucharist at a different time than you normally do during the school year on Sundays and/or during the week. You might try incorporating time each week for Bible reading and/or private prayer.

Whatever you do, wherever you go this summer, remember the promise from the letter of James, "*Draw near to God and God will draw near to you.*" (4.8). May you have many blessings in the weeks ahead.

Grace, Peace and Love,
— The Rev. Robert H. Malm

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule through June 6

Holy Eucharist Rite 1.....7:30 am
 Child care8:45 am–12:45 pm
 La Santa Eucaristía.....9:00 am
 Choral Eucharist Rite 2.....9:00 am
 Christian ed classes.....10:15 am
 Choral Eucharist Rite 1.....11:15 am
 Holy Eucharist Rite 2.....5:00 pm

Sunday Schedule beginning June 13

Holy Eucharist Rite 1.....7:30 am
 Child care9:45 am–11:15 am
 La Santa Eucaristía.....9:00 am
 Choral Eucharist*.....10:00 am
 Holy Eucharist Rite 2.....5:00 pm
 * alternates between Rites 1 and 2

Weekday Eucharist through June 11

Mondays, Rite 1.....6:30 pm
 Tuesdays, Rite 2 with healing...6:30 pm
 Wednesdays, Rite 1.....7:00 am
 Thursdays, Rite 2.....7:00 am
 Fridays, Rite 1.....12:15 pm

Weekday Eucharist beginning June 15

Tuesdays, Rite 2 with healing...6:30 pm
 Wednesdays, Rite 1.....7:00 am
 Thursdays, Rite 2.....12:15 pm

About Grace Notes

Grace Notes is published 10 times a year by Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia — monthly except for combined July/August and December/January issues. Deadlines for submitting copy are by midnight on the 15th of the preceding month. The next *Grace Notes* deadline: June 15th for the July/August issue.

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From the Assistant Rector

Unity Amidst Diversity

As many of you know, we offer a Spanish language Eucharist at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Generally, we also have three bilingual services annually: at Shrine Mont, on the celebration of the Holy Family, and finally on Pentecost. I look forward to these services, even though they require great effort on behalf of our church staff and volunteers, including Beth Wiggers, who creates our bulletins, and Thom Robertson, who has had the choir rehearse and sing special bilingual pieces. There is also the challenge for the clergy, and the preacher especially, of moving between English and Spanish. However, the effort is all well worth it.

The opportunity for us to worship together is a gift. We have this time to affirm our unity amidst our diversity, our sameness and yet our uniqueness. While we worship the same God, know the same Jesus Christ, and are moved by the same Holy Spirit, we do so most weeks in our native tongue, and from a different cultural perspective. Interestingly, we worship simultaneously on either side of the cross bearing the crucified Christ, above the altar, one congregation facing the other on opposite sides of the stone wall. However, as we all gather around the same altar at our bilingual services, we discover our unity, in the one body and one spirit of Christ offered to the world, and we find our differences dissolve. We are simply the same people of God, all in need of the same spiritual nourishment.

Our shared services of Holy Eucharist are an opportunity to embrace the other by extending loving hospitality and to see the good that each style of worship has to offer. For example, while our Latino parishioners are quite moved by our high liturgy, the grandeur of our new organ and our hymns, many of our English speaking parishioners have found in La Gracia an equally wonderful form of worship, with hymns that are better suited to guitar than organ, and are quite splendid, simple and praiseful. So memorable are some of these tunes that I find myself singing them on my way to Grace on many mornings.

It continues to be a blessing for me to serve both groups that make up our community. Our seminarian, Andrew White, held a series of conversations between La Gracia and English speaking parishioners, and led a Spring forum where we discussed ways we can draw closer as a community. I hope that we'll implement some of the suggestions that came out of those discussions. We'll also strive to find other ways that we can come together as a community, and ways we can serve the world together in Christ's name.

I am yours in Christ,
 — The Rev. Patrick T. Crerar, Assistant Rector

Parish Register

Baptism

✧ Nicholas Brent McGehee, son of Michael and Brandi McGehee

Marriage

✧ Georgene Marie Hilb and Brian Lee Chatman

EYC Towel Mission Project

“I never built anything before (now)!” was heard on the weekend of April 16-18 and again on May 2. That’s when the Grace Church youth groups built a wheelchair ramp at the Guest House, a halfway house in Del Ray that for 35 years has been providing structure and support for women leaving prison.

“Sometimes the Holy Spirit expresses itself in building things,” according to Deacon Mike Jenkins, leader of Towel Ministries, a program developed in the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina to teach the gospel to teens through service to others, especially by small construction and cleanup projects. The name “Towel” derives from John 13:5.

The 26-foot ramp is made of pressure-treated wood and was built to commercial standards. It is 40 inches wide and has railings, pickets, and a stair coming off the side. It rests on ten 12-inch round concrete piers cast to a depth of two feet.

It was great to see our kids on the work site on the first weekend: Skye Whitlow, Heather Murphy, Stephen Boris (crowing about building something), Lauren Gustafsen (who owned the chop saw), Ben Joyner (manning the half-inch auger drill), George Waskowicz, Nicholas Smoot, Noelle Smoot, Sophia Kostyal, Julia Ziegler (crouched over the screw gun) and Christina Iovino. On the following weekend Heather Kelly, Erin Kelly, Emma Imphong, Sloane Mebane and Sam Waskowicz joined us.

Deacon Mike Jenkins, Richard Kelly, Phil Smith, Robbie Schrum, Jan Spence and Chrissie Crosby provided consistent on-site leadership.

Before construction could begin, we needed someone to draw up the building plans. Lisle Bean more than stepped up. He drew several alternative layouts for us, then completed detailed structural and decking plans. The ladies of the Guest House were especially pleased by Lisle's design.

A Towel Weekend is a mixture of activities: Part building, part musical celebration and reflection, and part community



EYC members working together to build a ramp.

outreach. Mike led discussions on Friday and Saturday night. Chrissie Crosby, Ben Joyner and Mike led us in some great songs. (My favorite "Me and Andrew went fishing"). For me, the highlight was having lasagna dinner at the church on Saturday evening. Kari Galloway, Director of the Guest House, came with her husband. Six residents also arrived, all in one crowded van. They were friendly and open and seemed so pleased to be

with us. One woman was born and raised in the Episcopal Church and told us the anxious dreams she had before her confirmation (the Bishop slaps you on the cheek when you're being confirmed in Alabama). Another woman had only been out of prison for fourteen days after serving fourteen years time; she was nervous because everything felt so different.

I have left out the names of many of the adults and parents who supported us with time, expertise, food and moral support before, during and after our times on-site. It was truly an uplifting experience and is great for me to re-live as I write about it. The youth are following up with a mission trip to New Orleans this summer, but I have also contacted St. Mary's Episcopal Church about doing a Towel mission trip to Arlington in October. I am happy we are stretching our boundaries and making new relationships as we go.

— Eric Waskowicz

Grace School Graduation

On June 4 at the 9:00 am chapel, Grace Episcopal School will hold graduation exercises for the eight 5th grade graduates. We are extremely proud of their many accomplishments here at Grace and in the community. We wish them the very best in all that they do in the future and hope they will return to visit us.

5th Grade Graduates:

Parker Allen, Isabell Baltimore, Erin Fleming, Olivia Gilliam, Sterling Gilliam, Bailey Griffin, Mia Howard, and Lucy Waskowicz. Best of luck to all of you in Middle School!

The "Endless Green Season"

The season after Pentecost is the sixth and final season of the church year, lasting for 33 or 34 weeks into late autumn, and ending with the coming of Advent. It is sometimes referred to as "ordinary time" from the word *ordinal*, which means "counted time" (First Sunday after Pentecost, Second Sunday... and so on). During this season we examine the works of the Holy Spirit, stories of Jesus' ministry, passages from the Old Testament and letters written by disciples for members of the early church. The color for the season after Pentecost is green, appropriate for a time of life and

growth. The Old Testament Hebrew word for *green* also means "young." Green came to symbolize the life of the young Christian church following Pentecost as well as the hope of new life in the resurrection.

Certain solemnities and feasts that fall during the season after Pentecost will pre-empt numbered Sundays in the series if the observance falls on a Sunday (All Saints' Day for example). On these Sundays, the color green is replaced by the color of the feast day.

— June Huber

June Birthdays

6/1	Francis Dombrowski	6/10	Donna Triplett	6/20	Jessica Soraghan
6/1	Jason Spence	6/10	Linda Waskowicz	6/20	Otto Wolff
6/1	Ron Vassallo	6/11	Grace Hughes	6/21	Tim Dodd
6/2	John Cunningham	6/11	Surinder Khanna	6/21	Barbara Read
6/2	George Waskowicz	6/12	Katie Alvarenga	6/22	John Boris
6/2	Margaret Will	6/13	Rowena Lund	6/22	Rachel Rushing
6/3	Ava Fraser	6/13	Daniel Shaver	6/23	Charles McElwain
6/3	Sarah Schultz	6/14	Nora Alvarenga	6/23	John Raymond
6/3	Randy Wallace	6/14	Joyce Ames	6/24	Jonathan Doelp
6/4	Abigail Dougherty	6/15	Richard Kelly	6/24	Anne Lukens
6/4	Armando Falcon	6/16	Jacob Hazelwood	6/24	Lew Michael
6/4	Sam Woodhead	6/16	Jennifer Lednický	6/24	Karen Wires
6/4	Ben Yeannakis	6/16	Avery Murchison	6/25	Benjamin Martin
6/5	Sydney Barron	6/16	Matt Wolff	6/25	Beth Scott
6/5	Hilda Burcher	6/17	Katie Hayden	6/25	Jackson Spencer
6/6	Cynthia Puskar	6/17	Sarey Hayden	6/27	Maria Cooper
6/6	Wolf Ramm	6/17	Shannon Kelly	6/27	Jean Hawes
6/6	Philip Saphos	6/17	Hazel Lockwood	6/27	Donaline Taylor
6/7	Avery Baird	6/18	Al Baker	6/27	Jeff Winter
6/7	Sarah Hughes	6/18	Patti Burch	6/28	Paul Bellantoni
6/7	Nikolai Karamyshev	6/18	Debra Busker	6/28	Rebecca Funes
6/8	Eleanor Reed	6/18	Sally Stone	6/28	Bill Spahr
6/8	Polly Spahr	6/19	Maya Hendricks	6/29	Margaret Hillsman
6/9	Lisa Cassady	6/19	Ricardo Sosa	6/30	Heather Dady
6/9	Kristine Hesse	6/19	Mark Sweet	6/30	Sara Dubsky
6/9	Amelia Martin	6/20	Lillian Curley	6/30	Theresa Lewallen
6/10	Jane Rosman	6/20	Cindy Diehl		

RENEW Yourself at VBS This Year!

Remember how much fun you had as a child during Vacation Bible School (VBS)? As a teen or adult you can RENEW your inner child by volunteering to help lead an activity during our joint VBS with Christ Church this summer. Our VBS RENEW, will run **Monday, July 12 to Friday, July 16**. A full day (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) or half day (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) option is available. Children will learn about living simply and sustainably to help care for all of God's creation. If you are interested in teaching or volunteering in any way, please contact Rosa Castillo or Julie Simonton for more information.

Teacher Recognition Sunday—We invite you to celebrate the end of our Sunday School program and recognize the outstanding work our volunteers have done with our children and youth programs this year during the **9:00 am** service on **June 6!** We celebrate these teachers for sharing their love of God with our children and youth. Please give them your thanks and consider being a Sunday School teacher for our upcoming year.

Children's Chapel – Ruth Young

Godly Play – Ramee Gentry and Judith Willard



Grades 1 to 3 – Kristine Hesse, Cindy McIntyre Kelly and Lindsay Malm
Grades 4 and 5 – Liz Imphong and Erin White
Rite – 13 – Wendy Murphy, Eleanor Reed and Chris Rugaber
EYC – Chrissie Crosby, Khaki Berry and Rich Kelly

Youth Leaders – Robbie Schrum, Ashley Metz, Jan Spence and Mai-Lan Smith

Children's Ministries Needs You—We are blessed to be in a community of faith that includes programs designed especially for children and youth. These programs require volunteers to teach Sunday School, help lead Children's Chapel or chaperone an overnight lock-in. Many of our current volunteers are taking a well deserved respite from teaching next fall. Therefore, we will need continued support from other adults to help us continue these programs. To promote church safety, the Diocese requires that all children and youth programs have a minimum of two adults present. If you are interested in learning more about how to be involved with children's or youth ministries, please contact Rosa Castillo at kids@gracealex.org.

— Rosa Castillo, *Children's Ministries Coordinator*

Honoring Our Pledges

What a glorious Easter and Eastertide and Pentecost we've celebrated at Grace Church this spring! As we celebrate all of God's gifts, we continue to be humbled by all that the parishioners of Grace Church give of their time, talent and treasure. Despite back-to-back blizzards and continued economic uncertainty, giving and pledging to Grace Church are only slightly behind expectations. However, given the size of our budget, even small shortfalls can make a huge difference. Thus, we'd like every parishioner to consider three things:

First, if you haven't yet pledged for 2010, it is not too late. Pledge cards are available in the pews and in the parish office. You may also pledge online or call

Charlotte Wright in the parish office to communicate your pledge over the phone.

Second, if you feel so moved, it is never too late to increase your pledge!

Third, if you haven't yet contributed toward your pledge, we ask that you begin doing so soon. While pledging is annual, expenses are monthly, and it's not unusual to find ourselves in October not knowing if we will meet our pledge budget. Last year, many program budgets were frozen before the end of the year.

We ask your continued prayerful consideration and, as always, we thank you for all your many gifts.

— Colin Rushing and Jean Reed, *Stewardship Co-Chairs*

Sr. Wardens' Report

Your vestry is in full swing after initial delays caused by the storms this past winter. In March, the vestry held its business meeting at the Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria after touring the facility. Coincidentally, the Grace School Parents Association happened to be serving the evening meal. We were all impressed with the service the shelter provides our community. I was equally impressed when I realized the number of Grace Church parishioners who volunteer at Carpenter's Shelter (the LEMs and Outreach Committee serve also).

The April vestry meeting was the first meeting of the year held at the Church. After a nice presentation from the Grace School Board, much of the meeting dealt with budget issues. We discussed how we could fulfill outreach obligations from last year, which went unmet due to a spending freeze last fall. This conversation led to a larger reflection of our priorities as a parish and how to direct our limited resources.

Of course any conversation about the budget is incomplete without a mention of stewardship. Income from pledging is behind projections, and we are watching our spending

accordingly. Nevertheless, many of our expenses such as salaries and utility bills cannot be deferred.

The vestry elected lay delegates and alternates to the 216th Diocesan Council to be held in January, 2011. Our delegates will be Jane Rosman and June Huber, with Barry Joyner and Richard Smith serving as alternates.

At the May meeting we discussed the Education and Outreach programs and approved the Diocesan grant application request of \$200 for seven EYC members to help fund their mission trip to New Orleans. The Church will match the grant money for the seven new confirmants.

You can follow these and other issues from the vestry by reviewing the meeting minutes and current financial statements, which are displayed on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have any questions or issues you would like to see addressed, please contact me or any member of the vestry. Thank you.

— *Howell Medley, Senior Warden*

Connections. . . **Julie Simonton**, our Assistant for Family Ministries, received a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) degree at Virginia Seminary on May 20. This program consists of a core curriculum almost identical to the Master of Divinity course followed by most postulants for holy orders. It offers the flexibility to concentrate on different areas of ministry. With her background of five years at Christ Church, first as assistant to the rector and then as program coordinator, Julie chose congregational development as her focus. She is well prepared for her ministry to young families as she balances her professional work at Grace Church with care of toddler Evie and the prospect of frequent moves and overseas deployment of her husband, David who is in the Marine Corps.

Ashley Busse has completed her PhD in English Renaissance Literature at George Washington University and "this fall will enter the academic job market in search of an assistant professorship of literature and a writing gig!" Ashley and her husband, Mark, have a young daughter, Anne. You can hear Mark singing in the 9:00 choir.

Early in May, **Ryan Durkin**, son of **Kathy** and **Tommy Durkin** and grandson of Joyce and Jim Stancil, graduated from Radford University. Ryan, who treats us to music from his bagpipe at ShrineMont, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Noelle Smoot, a long-time acolyte, will graduate in June from Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge where she is an International Baccalaureate diploma candidate. Noelle has been accepted at Virginia Military Institute where she hopes to study Psychology and Fine Art. Our second local senior, **Sydney Toler**, will graduate from TC Williams High School. She will attend High Point University in North Carolina. Sydney plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, with the hope of attending medical school.

On a less cheerful note, a phone call several weeks ago from **Ada Rairigh** let us know that her sister, **Eddi**, is now in a nursing home in Florida where they both moved a few years ago. Ada spends much of her life taking care of Eddi, who is in irreversible poor health. For several years, Eddi was head usher for the 11:15 service at Grace Church, and they both served on the Altar Guild. Ada would be more than happy to hear from those who remember them at: 2309 Malcolm Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34684.

The next Grace Notes will be a July-August issue. For that issue, please send any news you'd like to share to Dorothy Daniel (dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org) or Linda Waskowicz (linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org).

Treasurer's Report

Current Monthly Operations

I am almost halfway through my second and final year as your treasurer, and up until now my reports have generally been very positive. Today, I have some sobering news: As of the end of April, pledge payments are off by 20% as compared to an average on the same date in 2009, 2008, and 2007. That 20% represents about \$65,000.

Look at the situation from another perspective. By April 30, one third of the year had gone by, and therefore we should have collected one third of the \$870,000 pledged for 2010, or \$290,000. Our actual income at the end of April was only \$261,915, which is off the expected income by \$28,143. While this shortfall is not an alarming when compared to the total amount pledged, it could become an issue if it continues or grows, particularly as we move into the summer season. When school is out and families are on vacation, the payment of our regular pledges generally falls off.

In closing: Please be mindful of the pledge you made, and bring your contributions up-to-date if you are behind.

Grace Anew!

Contributions Paid through April 2010:	\$1,000,000
Costs Expended To Date:	\$1,250,000
Outstanding Costs:	\$ 75,000*
Total Anticipated Cost:	\$1,325,000

* The vestry is working with Michael Hart to complete the final cost of the organ.

The church is currently financing the needed costs through a loan with BB&T (current outstanding balance: \$200,000) and through the management reserve (\$65,000+/-). On June 19, 2010, the church must fix the amount of the loan with BB&T and start making monthly principle and interest payments.

Calendar 2010 represents the third and final year of a three year payment schedule of your Grace Anew! pledges. During 2008 and 2009, you gave \$930,000, or \$465,000 in each year. Your generous and timely gifts have helped keep the interest we carry low. Thank you so much! So far this year, \$70,000 has been received. We on the vestry are hopeful that you not only make your donation this year, but if at all possible, please try to make it early in the year. It would be incredible to pay off the BB&T loan by December 31 of this year.

Electronic Giving

In closing my report, I wanted to finish with a plug for our Electronic Giving program. Between 18-20 parishioners, or about 6% of our pledging units, have taken the plunge to use this payment mechanism. It's easy to use and helps the church even out their cash flow needs. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

— Nat Ames, Treasurer

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Easter Thompson.....	School Board

Class of 2011

Alison Campbell.....	Pastoral Care
Rich Kelly.....	Youth
Erica McFarquhar.....	
Howell Medley.....	Senior Warden
Frank Waskowicz.....	Junior Warden

Class of 2012

Amy Barron.....	Fellowship
Lisa Bellantoni.....	Education
Theresa Levallen.....	Evangelism
Robby Schum.....	TNT
Sharon Steele.....	Outreach

Alternates

Lisle Bean.....	
Kristine Hesse.....	Communications



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Silent Auction a Success!

Greetings from Team Tanzania! Eleanor Reed, Theresa Lewallen and I want to thank everyone at Grace Church and beyond for the great response and participation at the April 24 Silent Auction. It was a fun evening with many wonderful items that went on the auction block. We auctioned everything from vacation homes to a one-minute sermon to having Eleanor come to your house and drink your coffee and read your paper on a Saturday.

When we started our Tanzanian adventure almost a year ago, we didn't know where our journey would lead us. We prayed for guidance on how to help Father Yohana and his ministry, and boy, did we get an answer! The Silent Auction raised over \$18,000. These funds will help pay for a much-needed car. His ministry takes him all over the city of Dar es Salaam, and he currently uses public transportation or depends on the good graces of friends and family.

Many people came together to make this auction a reality, and I can't begin to name everyone simply

because there's a word limit in this article, so I will mention a few outstanding folk: Lisa Doelp and Barbara Read, Barbara Sherlock, Barbara Ramm, Barbara Morris, Khacki Berry, Melissa Reed, Lucy-Lee Reed, John Berry, Ruth Corlett, Lynn Rohrs, Nancy Robinson, Lorna Worley, Barry Barr, Paul Bellantoni, Lisa Bellantoni, John Gnorski, Tricia Bamford, Jane Joyner, Chrissie Crosby, Rich Kelly, our wonderful youth, Alison Campbell, Molly Sim, Sharon Steele, Cindy Young, Howell Medley, Tania Wilkes, Susan Nelsen, and Jean Reed.

Special thanks to the Grace parishioners, who sold tickets, solicited merchants, donated food and articles for the auction itself. It truly makes me both proud and humble to be part of such a faith community. So what is next for Team Tanzania? Wherever the Holy Spirit leads us.

Asante Sana (Swahili for "Thank You Very Much").

— *Cindy Diehl*

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Grace Notes going online



Since 2003, our newsletter *Grace Notes* has been printed by Giant Printing. We have had a very cordial relationship with Giant Printing and its owner David Parks, and we hope to continue to do business with them for special printing jobs as necessary. However, the time has come for us to make use of the technology we have at Grace Church.

The June issue of *Grace Notes* is the final issue that will be printed outside and mailed to the more than 700 folks on our mailing list. Beginning with the combined July-August issue, when each issue has been uploaded to our website, you will be notified by email and provided with a link to the issue.

We will print a small number of copies of *Grace Notes* in the office and make them available for those who cannot read it online or print it at home. And, we will continue to mail each issue to those who have requested us to do so.

If you haven't yet let us know how you wish to receive our newsletter, please complete the survey below. We assume that you will read *Grace Notes* online if we do not hear from you.

Be sure to check out the current and past issues of *Grace Notes* at <http://www.gracealex.org>; click on "News" in the menu bar at the top of the home page and, then, on "Grace Notes."

Please complete this form to let us know how you would like to receive *Grace Notes*. You can mail it to the church office or place it in the Sunday offering bag, or you can complete and submit a similar electronic form posted on our website. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you will read it online.

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