

# Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

## Incarnate Light

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

These words from John's Gospel (1:5) make up part of what scholars call the "Prologue" and what liturgists title "The Last Gospel." John starts his gospel with a hymn of praise for the Incarnation of Christ, "The Word made flesh." After these first 18 verses we are introduced to John the Baptist, and then, to the start of Jesus' ministry.

The words were so important for the Church that from the early centuries the celebrant at the Eucharist would recite them as a private devotion of thanksgiving at the end of the liturgy. By late medieval times, it was read aloud at the Altar before the final blessing. This practice continued in the Roman tradition until 1964 when so many changes were made to the "Mass."

We read the Last Gospel on Christmas Eve, and then these same verses are the Gospel for the noon celebration on Christmas Day. I encourage you to use these verses for your own preparation for Christmas during the season of Advent.

Light and darkness are realities in our physical world as we move closer to the Winter Solstice on December 21 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent). The shortest day of the year has less than 9½ hours of daylight! The cold and dark of the start of winter also affects our emotional and spiritual lives. We need to remember "the light shines in the darkness."

Darkness also is a symbol of the world's evil, sin and death. For some months we have all watched the world's response to the Ebola crisis with scores of deaths still devastating large areas in Africa. More US troops have been sent to Iraq to stem the advance of ISIS. We hope our political leaders can work together for the good of the country as we start a new year. We need to look at our world—far and near—and see where "the light shines in the darkness."

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# Worship Schedule

## Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I.....7:30 am  
Child Care..... 8:45 am–12:45 pm  
Children’s Chapel 8:50 am-9:30 am  
La Santa Eucaristía.....9:00 am  
Choral Eucharist Rite II.....9:00 am  
Christian Ed classes .....10:15 am  
Choral Eucharist Rite I.....11:15 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II..... 5:00 pm

## Weekday Schedule

Tuesdays, Rite II w/healing..6:30 pm  
Wednesdays, Rite I.....7:00 am  
Thursdays \* ..... 12:15 pm

\*Alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

## Grace Church is:

A center for worship and fellowship

A school for discipleship and stewardship

A community for healing and outreach

## 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. The deadline for submitting copy is midnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

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Grace Church’s newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Gary Carter, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Lee Meeks, Teresa Preston, Sarah Schultz and Beth Wiggers.

...*Rectors Reflections, continued from page 1*

Our life at Grace is full and rich as we prepare for Christmas, the Feast of the Incarnation. Advent is a time of hopeful preparation. The 12 days of Christmas shine with the glory of Christ’s birth. Epiphany celebrates the light moving through the Church and the world. We already look forward to several baptisms in January, a bilingual celebration for the Three Kings on January 4 at 9:00 am and our Annual Parish Meeting and Chili Bowl on January 25.

The parish staff and I hope these holy weeks ahead will fill you and yours with the Light of Christ.

*Grace, Peace, Love,  
The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

*...O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.*

Isaiah 64:8 (NRSV)

When I first came to Grace Church in the mid-1980s, I had no thought of how I would be formed in this community. Through the years, this parish gave me and my family opportunities to meet God, to be healed and to serve God’s people.

After a period of discernment, I responded to a call to the vocational diaconate and was made a postulant by the Bishop in fall 2013. Since then, I have been studying at The Deacons’ School, a program that equips postulants for diaconal ministry by training us academically and providing the practical skills we will need.

Beginning in January 2015, I will be serving a one-year internship at St. Alban’s in Annandale. Under the mentorship of their rector, I will work with parishioners to discern which new community ministries they will become involved in. I will learn to serve in the liturgical role of the deacon and will lead services at the local nursing home. The year will be an exciting and busy one as I continue studying in the Deacons’ School and working at my full-time job at an education association in Alexandria.

Although I will not be worshipping or serving with you next year, Grace Church will continue to be my parish. In March, I will ask the Vestry’s assent for my application to become a candidate for ordination. By the grace of God, my classmates and I will be ordained in 2016.

As we prepare to celebrate God’s glorious gift of the Incarnation, I am grateful for the many times that you have reflected God’s love to me. I will miss being among you. Please keep me in your prayers as my formation continues. You will be in mine.

Yours in Christ,  
Theresa Lewallen

# CHRISTMAS AT GRACE CHURCH 2014

## Christmas Pageant, December 14

5:00 PM ..... Children's Christmas Pageant  
followed by a pizza party and cookie feast in the Merrow Hall Auditorium  
*Pageant participants arrive at 4:00 PM; youth with speaking parts at 2:30 PM*

## Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00 PM ..... First Eucharist of Christmas with procession to the crèche. (Prelude at 4:30 PM)  
*The Nursery will be available at 4:30 PM for children 2 years and under.  
Children's Chapel will also start at 4:30 PM for those 3 years through kindergarten.*

7:30 PM ..... Holy Eucharist (Prelude at 7:15 PM)

9:30 PM ..... La Santa Eucaristía (in Auditorium)

10:30 PM ..... Choral Prelude

11:00 PM ..... Midnight Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord



## Christmas Day, December 25

12:00 NOON .... Festival Eucharist  
*There is no Child Care or Children's Chapel Christmas Day*

## Saint Stephen, December 26

12:00 PM ..... Holy Eucharist

## The First Sunday after Christmas, December 28

7:30 AM ..... Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM ..... La Santa Eucaristía (in Auditorium)

10:00 AM ..... Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

*The Nursery will be available at 9:45 AM for children kindergarten and younger.  
Children's Chapel will start at 9:50 AM for those 3 years through kindergarten.*

5:00 PM ..... Holy Eucharist



## Feast of the Holy Name, January 1

12:00 NOON ..... Choral Eucharist

## The Second Sunday after Christmas, January 4

7:30 AM ..... Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM ..... Bilingual Eucharist with La Gracia (celebrating the Epiphany of Christ)

10:00 AM ..... Fellowship Sunday; with a visit from the Three Kings; no classes

11:15 AM ..... Festival Eucharist

5:00 PM ..... Holy Eucharist



## The Epiphany of Christ, January 6

9:00 AM ..... Grace School Chapel

7:30 PM ..... Festival Eucharist

## From the Assistant to the Rector

On November 15<sup>th</sup> we had a Women's Retreat. We celebrated a day of worship, prayer, and theological reflection on the lives of Sarah, Rachel and Hannah. Chrissy Crosby used her silk screen art and poetry to connect the women gathered to the stories. It was a beautiful way for each of us to think about our relationship with God and the particular way he blesses us and equips us for mission.

One outcome of the day was a call to have another offering like this retreat again, next fall. A few participants raised the thought that it was the perfect way to prepare for Advent and the holiday season. We all seemed to have a craving for a day to slow down. Time to focus on our personal spirituality and to build our relationships with one another in community was just icing on the cake!

I hope that we can use the energy from the retreat to grow more fellowship opportunities for women at Grace Church. In January, I'd like to begin a regular series of informal gatherings for women. I had the pleasure of attending such an event at St. Luke's Church on Fort Hunt Road. They gather each month on one regular evening for a couple of hours. Each brings "something to pass" and a beverage. And they just talk. Sometimes the conversation is about the community, sometimes about a theological question, sometimes just funny stories and laughter. It helps to connect the women of St. Luke's across generations and life stages. January seems like a good time to start offering more opportunities at Grace Church, like the retreat or like the St. Luke's monthly gathering, to get us all together!

Would a regular get-together be something you'd be interested in? Do you have some fellowship ideas? Would you like to form a Bible Study? Would you like to help plan our next retreat day in Lent or another day for women in November 2015? Please contact me or Mother Elizabeth.

*Peace,  
The Rev. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen*

### Christmas Pageant – December 14

The children and youth of Grace Church are putting on a Christmas Pageant at 5 pm on Sunday, December 14. All are most welcome to attend!

- Pageant roles will be decided and rehearsed in Sunday School starting **November 23**. If you don't attend Sunday School regularly, but would like to take part in the pageant, please email Sarah Schultz ([sarah.schultz@gracealex.org](mailto:sarah.schultz@gracealex.org)) or Lisa Bellantoni ([erbellantoni@gmail.com](mailto:erbellantoni@gmail.com)) as costumes need to be planned in advance.
- On **December 14**, all participants with speaking roles should arrive to rehearse at **2:30 pm** and all other participants at **4 pm**.
- The pageant will be followed by a pizza party and cookie potluck in Merrow Hall Auditorium for participants. Please bring cookies to share. A good will offering will be taken at the door for pizza.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the pageant in any way, from costumes to staging to party-planning, please email [sarah.schultz@gracealex.org](mailto:sarah.schultz@gracealex.org) or [erbellantoni@gmail.com](mailto:erbellantoni@gmail.com).



## From The Assistant for Parish Life and Family Ministries

# Preparing Jesus' Cradle

As I start thinking and getting excited for the coming season of Advent, my imagination has been captured by a family Advent practice called “Straw for the Manger.” In this Advent calendar-like tradition, the family chooses a “manger” for baby Jesus—perhaps a basket or box of some kind, and then each of the family helps prepare for Jesus’ arrival by making the manger as soft a bed as possible.



In order to make a basket into a soft bed, you have to add straw! This could be real straw, or fake straw, or even pieces of yarn or strips of paper. Then everyone in the family does things to add straw to the manger and make it ready for Jesus. Every time you do one of these activities, take a piece of straw (it’s best to keep a pile near the manger) and place it in Jesus’ basket.

We get ready for Jesus by spending time with God, so add a piece of straw when you:

- Say a prayer;
- Read a Bible story;
- Thank God for something;
- Pray for someone;
- Worship God.

We also prepare for Jesus when we care for others, so add a piece of straw when you:

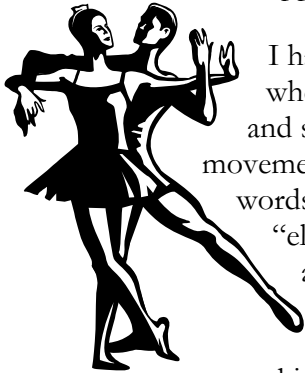
- Play with a sibling;
- Put away the dishes;
- Set the table;
- Call a grandparent;
- Feed a pet.

With your family, brainstorm more ways you can add straw to Jesus’ cradle! Then on Christmas Eve, when the cradle is full and soft, take a moment to say a prayer welcoming Jesus into our homes and hearts, and sing a Christmas carol. How soft can you make Jesus’ cradle by Christmas?

*In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth Locher*

## What Makes Our Worship Graceful?

When I sat down to write this month's article, I had a specific objective in mind: to write about the various roles that parishioners play in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, as we know it at Grace Church. While it is possible for one member of the clergy and one parishioner to celebrate together with no one else present, this is atypical. The Eucharist is meant to be celebrated "in community." Grace Church is a community and, as we pursue other community activities together, we celebrate together. It's an active, rather than a passive, experience. I cannot remember ever worshipping at Grace Church when only the clergy were "saying" or "doing" everything.



I have always found our style of worship to be particularly graceful, especially on festival days when the actions, words and songs of the many participants flow like a combination of dance and symphony. I thought about some of the synonyms for the word "graceful." They include movement words like "supple" and "limber" and "skilled" and "controlled." They include aural words like "rhythmic" and "harmonious." And they include visual words like "beautiful" and "elegant" and "aesthetic." And then I focused on the fact that being graceful isn't easy or automatic. It takes work to be graceful. And it takes practice.

Long before worship starts, members of the Altar Guild work to ensure that our place of worship is beautiful and orderly. Everyone has a task to do, and most are completed on Saturday morning. Silver and brass are shined, linens are laundered and ironed, flowers are arranged and placed on the altar, candles are trimmed and vestments are made ready for the clergy.

Ushers greet us when we enter the narthex, hand us bulletins, and help us to find seats (or our family members) if the nave is crowded. They invite visitors and newcomers to sign the visitor's book, and help them find the rest room or nursery. They quietly collect our offerings, and act as "traffic cops" when it's time to go up to the communion rail.

It's time for the worship service to begin. If it's a Choral Eucharist, the choir, accompanied by the organist, leads us in the opening hymn. Their voices are strong, and they don't hesitate because they've practiced together earlier in the week. They walk up the center aisle of the nave, two by two, singing and smiling. (How do they manage both at the same time?) Then they retire up to the choir loft to continue leading us in song throughout the service ... and usually sing a special anthem just before the Eucharist starts.

The altar party processes up the center aisle after the choir. The Master of Ceremonies knows exactly what the clergy, acolytes and lay eucharistic ministers (LEMs) are supposed to do and say—and when—just in case. He/she also serves as "acolyte wrangler" for the younger set. The acolytes carry the processional cross and the candles, and a special acolyte, the thurifer, handles the incense (if incense is used at the service).

A little time passes and it's time for the readings. The lector rises from his/her seat and moves to the lectern. There might be one reading or two, depending upon the service, and each is read clearly and loudly enough to be heard in the back of the nave. Each lector has his/her own style, but they all have one thing in common: they practice before they read, to ensure that they know how to pronounce those tricky place-names and people-names. It's "the Word of the Lord" and they want to get it right.

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Acolytes and LEMs have several tasks to perform during the remainder of the worship service. Acolytes, and sometimes a LEM, process with the Gospel Book and a member of the clergy. A LEM usually leads the Prayers of the People, either from the sanctuary or the nave. Acolytes receive the offerings from the ushers and present them to the celebrant, one of them rings the sanctus bell at the appropriate times, and they assist parishioners as they approach the altar rail. LEMs administer the chalices, and sometimes assist with the host. They also help bring communion to those who cannot come up to the altar rail.

But wait, I almost forgot the element bearers. These are two parishioners who bring the ciborium (containing the bread) and the flagon (containing the wine) from the narthex to the altar rail after the collection of the offerings. These two people represent all parishioners, and it's an easy but important job that is often done by newcomers.

After the Eucharist has ended and the closing hymn has begun, the choir processes out, followed by the altar party. A member of the clergy says the Dismissal, and it's over. Or is it? Although our worship service is over, work is still being done. Ushers tidy the pews, removing used bulletins and making sure that books are where they belong (spine to the left, if you please). Members of the Altar Guild "crew" remove items from the altar and the credence shelf, and set up for the next service.

Yes, it takes work to be graceful. And it takes practice. We couldn't worship the way we do at Grace Church without parishioners who volunteer to be ushers and lectors and element bearers, acolytes and LEMs, members of the choir and the Altar Guild. They are trained in their roles, and they perform them well, to the glory of God.

Many hands do, indeed, make light work. More are always needed, and most definitely welcomed! If you'd like to volunteer, speak with an usher, a member of the clergy, or someone at coffee hour.

June Huber

### Thank You!

*I would like to thank the members of Grace who contributed to my farewell purse that I recently received. Who made these contributions and the amounts are not known to me; so this is my acknowledgement to all who have remembered my service in this manner.*

*Last summer, before my retirement was realized and became effective, I had planned a road trip with my daughter to Mississippi and Louisiana to search for our ancestors. Genealogy is of great interest to me, and we made plans to visit relatives and cemeteries during our 13 days on the road. I'm pleased that we were successful in our efforts—I visited all eight of my great-grandparents' graves, as well as some of their parents. We discovered one cemetery had digitized their burial records, which will help in the future.*

*For those of you that are aware that one of my retirement goals was to begin exercising, specifically swimming, I can report that I can be found in the Wakefield pool during senior swimming times, not every day, but many days.*

*Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness with a tangible gift.*

Charlotte Payne Wright

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PARISH LIBRARY

Most people get to know the parish library first by browsing the books in one of our branches, in the St. Mark room or outside Merrow Hall auditorium. However, the main library, next to the Rector's office, is where the treasures are.

The books on the shelves are arranged by the Dewey Decimal system. The number 001 starts in the far upper corner near the window and continues to 999 near the door. Most of our books are in the 200's, which stands for "Religion and Theology." Shelf labels break down the 200's into smaller topics.

There is a special section for books new to the library—see the red with white polka dot framed shelf. We have four shelves of fiction, on the right, next to the door—these books are also religion-related, such as medieval monk mysteries.

Biographies are on the shelves near the circulation desk and the CDs and DVDs are next to them on the lower shelf. Paperback books are on the rack beside the couch. Magazines are on the bookcase next to the door. All these books and magazines are also religion-related.

On the circulation desk are binders that contain lists of the books in the library. The lists are by author, title and subject. Use them to find your books.

On most of the shelves on the left side of the room are the Reference Books. These books may be used while you are in church but may not be checked out except by special arrangement with a member of the library team.

Why not make a New Year's resolution to grow in your understanding of religion by reading a book from the parish library? Reading about theology, faith, discipleship and the lives of devout men and women can be one way to increase your understanding of God's love and how he works in the world. The library will provide you with reading lists from the church's ministries, members and staff. These lists are available in all the branches of the library . . . either in the St. Mark room, outside Merrow Hall Auditorium, or the main library on the second floor.

The following list is from 25 BOOKS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD READ, edited by Julia L. Roller. Books marked with an \* are available in the library and their call numbers are listed.

- \**The Philokalia*, by St. Nikodimos of the Holy Mountain and St. Makarios of Corinth – REF 248/PHI
- \**The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Henri Nouwen – 269/NOU
- \**Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis – 239/LEW
- \**The Seven Storey Mountain*, by Thomas Merton – BIO/MER
- \**A Testament of Devotion*, by Thomas R. Kelly – 248.4/KEL
- \**The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer – 241.5/BON
- Selected Poetry*, by Gerard Manley Hopkins
- Orthodoxy*, by G.K. Chesterton
- The Brothers Karamazov*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- \**The Way of a Pilgrim* and *The Pilgrim Continues His Way*, by an Unknown Author – 242/FRE
- \**A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, by William Law – 239/LAW
- \**The Practice of the Presence of God: The Best Rule of Holy Life*, by Brother Lawrence – 242/LAW
- The Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan
- Pensées*, by Blaise Pascal
- Dark Night of the Soul*, by St. John of the Cross
- \**The Interior Castle*, by St. Teresa of Avila – 248.4/TER
- Institutes of the Christian Religion*, by John Calvin
- \**The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas à Kempis – PB/T
- Revelations of Divine Love*, by Julian of Norwich
- \**The Cloud of Unknowing*, by an Unknown Author – 239/WAL & PB/J
- The Divine Comedy*, by Dante Alighieri
- \**The Rule of Saint Benedict*, by St. Benedict of Nursia – 255/PAR
- The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*, translated by Benedicta Ward
- \**The Confessions of St. Augustine*, by St. Augustine – 241/WHI
- On the Incarnation*, by St. Athanasius

The library is open whenever the church building is open, unless a meeting is scheduled. We have coloring books and crayons for kids to use while you search the shelves. Come visit our library! It is a special place.

*Wendy Cummings*



# Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

For children, youth, and families

## Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

- 10:15 am - Intergenerational Advent Craft Day

## Sunday, December 7 - St. Nicholas Visits during services

- 10:15 am - Parent Forum: "Children and Grandparents"
- 5 pm - Advent Lessons and Carols
- 5:30 pm - Youth Fellowship Christmas Party

## Sunday, December 14 - Christmas Pageant!

- 4 pm - Pageant participants arrive
  - o Youth with speaking parts arrive at 2:30pm
- 5 pm - Christmas Pageant
  - o Followed by pizza party and cookie potluck

## Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 10:15 am - last day of Sunday School until January 11

## Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

- 4:30 pm - Nursery and Children's Chapel open
- 5 pm - Family Christmas Eve service
  - o *Please bring school supplies to place at the manger!*
  - o *This is the only Christmas Eve service with childcare*

## Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- 12 noon - Festival Eucharist
  - o *Children's Chapel and Nursery are closed*

## Sunday, December 28 - First Sunday after Christmas

- 10 am - Christmas Lessons and Carols
  - o *Nursery and Children's Chapel are open*

## Sunday, January 4 - Three Kings Sunday

- 9 am - Bilingual Eucharist
  - o Followed by coffee hour with visit from the Three Kings



## What is the Boys' and Girls' Choir?

The Boys' and Girls' choir is an extra-curricular musical opportunity for children and youth, committed to providing the finest music education in the context of the spiritual and liturgical life of Grace Episcopal Church, and to nurturing the best examples of citizenship.

Boys and girls form the treble (soprano) section of the Choir, continuing the centuries old tradition of choral singing, and more specifically, carrying on the over a century and a half choral tradition at Grace Church, where generations of children and adult choristers have had their music training.

## Who is eligible for the Boys' and Girls' Choir?

Any boy (up until voice change) or girl reading age and up may audition for the choir; it is not necessary to be a member of Grace Church or any other religious group. Previous musical experience is not necessary because those who enter the choir are given a thorough grounding in basic musicianship. What *is* necessary: a musical ear, general vocal ability, and a positive attitude. Auditions are *usually* held in the spring and summer and the new choristers (Novices) begin training at choir camp. Auditions for the new year will be held during the month of January. Girls ages 12-16 are especially welcome at this time.

### Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday rehearsals begin at 8:15 am

New choristers choose one rehearsal a week and all others attend two. All choristers sing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at the 9:00 am service. For more information contact: Dr. Richard Newman, Director of Music at [richard.newman@gracealex.org](mailto:richard.newman@gracealex.org) or 703-549-1980.

*Dr. Richard Newman  
Director of Music*

### From the Parish Register

#### BAPTISMS

- Kayla Marie Dagne, daughter of Abby and Haile Dagne
- John James Green, son of John and Meredith Green, brother of Parker
- Bence Márton & Levente Áron Fulwiler, sons of Matthew & Keisztina Fulwiler, great-nephews of Cynthia Puskar
- Claire Adeline and Aiden Brian Guernsey, children of Allison and Brian Guernsey, sister and brother of Jackson

#### MARRIAGES

- Jody Lynn Ashman and Christopher Douglas Stuard
- Erica Diane Sigmund and Dennis James Hough

#### TRANSFERS IN

- Barbara Blakistone, from Cathedral Church of St. Stephen, Harrisburg, PA
- Audrey Adlis, from Holy Comforter, Vienna

#### DEATH

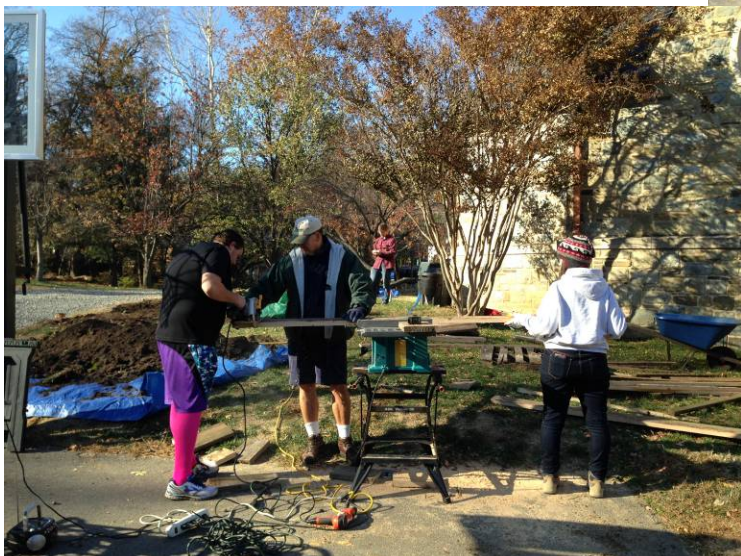
- Marian Brice, mother of Marie Bowie



EYC works on the raised planter beds for the Food Pantry garden.

Four of the beds were refurbished to be smaller and more efficient size, and 5 new beds were built.

Grass was dug up to accommodate the new layout, and mulch was spread in between the beds.



## December/January Birthdays

12/1	Poppy Gardner	12/26	Jude Adams	1/17	Caroline Legere
12/1	Rick Grimes	12/26	Wanda Fraser	1/18	Cathy David
12/1	Homer Hunt	12/26	Eva Lorentz	1/19	Jeannette Ovando
12/3	Sloane Mebane	12/27	Rob Cheron	1/21	Jane Barr
12/4	Parker Green	12/27	Sam Waskowicz	1/21	Tom Donelson
12/4	Kevin Plunkett	12/27	George Winstead	1/22	Dorothy Daniel
12/4	Clara Shriner	12/28	Matthew Tschetter	1/22	Bill Eckel
12/4	Nicholas Shriner	12/29	Norma Alvarenga	1/22	Chris Kupczyk
12/4	Mary Walsh	12/29	Stanley Borgia	1/22	Katherine Peck
12/5	Jennifer Henel	12/29	Linda Durand	1/22	Alison Smith
12/6	Cameron Sweet	12/29	Brett Medley	1/23	Nat Ames
12/7	Lara DeMarco	12/29	Steven Nider	1/23	Suzanne O'Malley
12/7	Harrison Moore	12/30	Gabriella Everett	1/24	Brennen Ruff
12/8	Eddie DeMarco	12/31	Thomas Crabtree	1/24	Charles Winstead
12/8	Valerie Eudy	12/31	Barbara Ramm	1/25	Lizzie Goodnow
12/9	Deborah Crabtree	1/1	Judy Miller	1/25	Michelle Searcy
12/9	Zoe Moore	1/2	Edward Burkhalter	1/26	Tania Shand
12/9	Kirk Schultz	1/2	Mira Chiow	1/27	Robert Carpenter
12/11	Juliet Carr	1/2	Jane Joyner	1/27	Kathryn Pattarini
12/11	Alexander Everett	1/3	Chris Corlett	1/28	Nicholas Gentry
12/11	Lindsay Howard	1/3	Yasuhiko Kamakura	1/28	Nora Gentry
12/13	Isabella Giacomo	1/3	Dina Salamanca	1/28	Lucy Medley
12/13	Lucio Ovando	1/4	Michelle Cox	1/29	Allison Knippen
12/14	Mike Stancil	1/4	Bryce Fleming	1/29	Avery Laboy
12/14	Mary Carol Tazewell	1/5	Dorothy Bakke	1/29	Morgan Miller
12/14	Lucy Waskowicz	1/7	Colby Gustafson	1/30	Henry Tazewell
12/15	Peter Eckel	1/7	Kaitlin Hazelwood	1/31	Anne Boris
12/15	Greg Whitlow	1/7	Karen Hoppe	1/31	Sarah Gabbert
12/16	John Sweeney	1/7	Emily Smith	1/31	Carys Henel
12/17	Julia Cooper	1/7	Sydney Toler	1/31	Robert Steele
12/17	Mary Fox	1/8	Wyman Howard		
12/17	Mary Lewis Hix	1/10	Chipper Fowler		
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