

Grace Notes is the monthly newsletter for Grace Episcopal Church in Spring Hill. If you would like to contribute an article or comment, please reach out to a member of the Grace Notes committee: Carol Martinez and Peggy Roberts. *It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people, and bring Christ to our community.*

Services and Continuing Events

Sun.	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun.	10 a.m.	Facebook Live Service
Mon.	1:00 p.m.	Creative Mondays (2 nd & 4 th Mondays)
Tues.	10:30 a.m.	Inquirers Class
Tues. & Fri.	7 p.m.	AA Meeting
Wed.	12:00 Noon	Holy Eucharist
Thur.	12:00 Noon	Ladies Luncheon, (1 st Thur. of the month)

Events and Dates of Notes

Here are just some of the dates to note on the church calendar. Information on activities and programs at Grace will be sent to you via email and Facebook.

Jan. 15	Bishop's Annual Visitation (Faith Hall reception following worship)
Jan. 18	Confession of St Peter The Apostle
Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul The Apostle
Feb. 2	Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in The Temple
Feb. 2	Ladies Luncheon, Potluck Grace Faith Hall
Feb. 19	Last Sunday after Epiphany
Feb. 21	Pancake Supper at Grace
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday

Vicar's Report

Sunday, January 8, 2023

This year has had several turning points. The most vivid one I remember happened over a period of one week. When our bishop made his visitation on January 30 of 2022, he met with our mission council after a brief reception in Faith Hall. Towards the end of our time together, I said, "We have lost several key families and members in the past year because they have moved away. People haven't come in to replace them, and no one has been visiting during the pandemic."

The bishop said, "At least you are not like one church, where no one is moving into town. Here, there are people moving in every week." No one could deny the truth of what he said; but where were they?

We learned where some of them were the next week. The very next Sunday, we had eight visitors.

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Now four of them are regular members. It was as if some kind of spell had been broken. The angels heard my plea and turned the hearts of several people towards Grace, and lo, they came and stayed; most of them, anyway.

When the Hawarahs left in 2021, I called for someone else to pick up where they had left off in newcomers ministry. Peggy Roberts answered the call. She has worked with me and others in our church to keep track of visitors and newcomers and work out welcoming them into the life of the congregation as she explains in her report. Without such intentional efforts, most congregations become blind to what it's like to visit their church, and they tend to expect visitors to figure out on their own how to get involved. Many would-be members just give up and go away. Aided by Peggy and others who help with this on-going welcoming ministry, we are trying to help new people find their way to the point where they find what they need and get involved in church life so their own spiritual gifts are used for the good of the church and the glory of God. Special thanks go to Stana Chapman and Carolyn Warnick for writing notes to members new and old. These notes are a great way to let people know we are thinking of them.

Another turning point is that, largely due to the pandemic, we had a deficit year for 2021; but our best estimates say we broke even financially in 2022. Also, pledges keep coming in, but we already have more pledged for 2023 than we did for 2022. This is all good. In the mission council, we attribute this turn around to the end of the pandemic and the return to less constrained in-person worship, along with the fact that we started passing the plate; it seems that no one can turn Charles Cochran or Robert Chapman down when they pass the plate.

But that's just money. Lots of good things happened when it was deemed safe for us to loosen the Covid 19 protocols, under which we lived for two whole years. Peggy Roberts was received into the Episcopal Church on January 30 when the bishop came. We baptized Leon Alexander Mott, Braxton Kupa a iKaika Pomeroy, and Peter Nolen Carper. A new stained-glass window was given by the Isbells in memory of their son Chad Bodine. It was blessed

in a special service on November 5. This window adds even more beauty to the already beautiful church building while celebrating the way human beings honor God by living in harmony with animals and the natural world.

To our normal Lenten observance, we added the Great Litany to the First Sunday of Lent; and we enjoyed hot cross buns following the solemnity of the Good Friday service. The Daughters of the King had a Lenten quiet day led by Sheila Flynn on the theme "Remember the Cross." We have a new acolyte, Bryson Farmer; and Jerry Schmelzer has returned from the injured reserve list to active duty as the starting lay Eucharistic minister. We have prospects for new lay Eucharistic ministers and acolytes in the coming year.

In 2021, our average Sunday attendance (in-person) was 18. Last year, it was 33, if you don't count the Sunday we canceled in-person worship due to snow and ice. Our online attendance is impossible to determine exactly, but it is around 20 every Sunday. So we are currently reaching more people with combined online and in-person worship than we have since around 2017.

We have continued our weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing and anointing of the sick. I encourage you to consider coming to this service if you can get away or if you are not working in the middle of the day on Wednesday. It is a quiet, worshipful service, and we commemorate holy people in our calendar of saints. They all reflect the presence of Christ in their lives in ways that inspire us in our various walks of life. We need to ponder how God works through his faithful people because doing so makes us more receptive to his promptings in our own lives. Also, whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we share in the redemptive offering of the Son to the Father which gives life to the world and makes eternal life a reality for us all. If you have trouble wrapping your mind around that, you are in good company; but if you come and experience this service, I think you will know what I am talking about.

We also resumed coffee hour after each Sunday service and 5th Sunday brunches. It has been a great joy to have some informal time with one another

after church. Creative Mondays, led by Pat Mayo, have brought our artists together for mutual support and fellowship two Mondays a month. Diann Schneider has hosted a crochet group in Faith Hall on Thursdays. We have been having a ladies' luncheon once a month. This gathering has done a lot to help our ladies get together and to know one another after the forced isolation of the pandemic times.

We will have a separate report on communications in the following pages, but I need to say that *Grace Notes*, laid out by Peggy Roberts, edited by Carol Martinez, and reviewed by yours truly every month has continued to serve a very important function for our congregation. It makes our leaders get organized and plan ahead, because we have to make plans before we can announce them in *Grace Notes*. It gives our members and staff a chance to communicate with the whole congregation at once in a way that is not otherwise possible. When would you learn what is going on inside Bill Rieger's head unless you could read what he has to say in *Grace Notes*? Where would you learn such interesting information about the history and meaning of our hymns, if not from Deanie's short essays on church music? Where would you get a chance to read prose that contains so many carefully included Oxford commas, if not in our monthly newsletter? *Grace Notes* keeps members informed about what has happened and what is coming up. It gives me a way of teaching and conveying my theological reflections that wouldn't go in a sermon or in a class. *Grace Notes* also makes a record of the history of this congregation so that in future years people will be able to read it and learn what life was like at various times. Wouldn't we like to read newsletters from the time when *Grace* went through the Spanish Flu Epidemic of just over 100 years ago? Now, people will have a written record of how we made it through the Covid 19 pandemic, at least through December of 2022.

Continuing to maintain our Facebook presence has greatly expanded our visibility in our community and beyond. Most of you know this, but it still bears saying lest we forget: whenever anyone looks for something, he or she begins by searching online

these days. The drive-by appeal of our beautiful building draws people in; but until they come, they can only learn about what happens inside through our Facebook presence and our website. Thanks to Carol Martinez and James Dallas for their disciplined attention to what needs to be available online.

For the first time in my years among you, we had a ministry fair last November, thanks for Laurie McNutt's leadership. Several new people have volunteered to serve, and you should begin to see them in their new jobs soon, if you don't already. Part B of the ministry fair is planned in the coming months.

Also, by popular demand, though we don't have anyone who needs to be confirmed among our adults, some of our new people asked for an inquirers class, so we began meeting on November 1. We have had 7 classes, with anywhere between eight and four people attending on any given Tuesday morning. Most of those who attend say they are learning a lot in this refresher course. This gives me a chance to teach the doctrine of the Church, the Creeds, the Bible, the history and unique character of the Episcopal Church, the meaning of the Eucharist, how to do Morning and Evening Prayer, and how our Daily Office and Sunday lectionaries work. These classes will continue through early February at least.

Our outreach ministry, led by mission council liaison Charles Cochran, kept our food ministry to The Well in our minds. The Christmas outreach project to the families provided by The Well involved several of our members in reaching out to these families in need.

On a sadder note, we had several deaths followed by funerals for Ed Mayo on January 16 of last year, for Joy McKnight on August 6, for Bernice Haug on August 20, and for Allen Blumberg on August 31. I also led a service for Ronnie Beal at a funeral home in Columbia on January 28. We are sorry to lose these loved ones and friends, but we look forward to seeing them again in the Communion of Saints.

Looking ahead to next year, we hope to have a Lenten series with dinners and a class on Wednesday nights beginning March 1. Somehow we had about 54 visitors for Christmas in 2022, which to me is quite astounding, especially when you consider that

the temperature was around 11 degrees when we got out of church. About 20 of our own members attended in person. I hope more of our own can attend next year, but we were glad to provide a service that others could be part of.

Some people were disappointed that we did not have a service of lessons and carols this past Advent. I am glad they wanted to have one. This year, it did not work out, but Deanie and I are going to work early together with you as choir members to have one on the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are going to work it out so that everyone who wants to can receive communion that day and still go to the lessons and carols.

Next year, we can look forward to a continuation of children's church, more acolytes joining our ranks, and more lay Eucharistic ministers. My goal is to have at least 4 crucifers and lay Eucharistic ministers so we can have one of each every Sunday and no one has to serve more than twice a month.

Finally, I have a few more expressions of thanks to offer. Thanks to John Harvey for continuing to be the steward of the prayer list and for printing out and putting together the bulletins every Sunday. Thanks to Karyl Beal for preparing the bulletins and prayers of the people every Sunday for my review and completion. Thanks to Susan Austin for her tireless service as junior warden the past three years, for her service in the children's church, for doing most of the work involved in the painting of the parish hall and office, and for the help she has begun giving in the office. Thanks to Diann Schneider for serving as senior warden. Thanks to Linda Colmore for leading the altar guild and Sheila Flynn for leading the Daughters of the King. Appreciation goes to Chuck Warnick for taking excellent minutes at our mission council meetings and for supplying the occasional guidance when parliamentary questions come up.

Grace Church has its own unique character. On January 17, it will be the thirty-sixth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. How this can be, I simply can't figure out, since I am only 44 years old. (Ha ha!) It has been my privilege to serve, on a regular basis, nine churches as a priest for periods of time between six months and thirteen years. A few things about Grace stand out for me among the

churches I have served. This congregation has a spirit of prayer about it that I can feel every Sunday. I can also feel the way you listen to my sermons. Grace finds a way to take care of what needs to be done, either for the building or for fellow members in need. We are genuinely interested in getting to know one another. And we love to spend time together when we can. We don't demand perfection of one another, but we try our best when we are at worship, or helping one another, or reaching out to the community. Most of all, there is joy among our members, joy that is a special gift of the Holy Spirit which grows in people as they grow in Christ.

I appreciate the trust you have put in me as your vicar for the last 6 years. I share in your joy as I look forward to what the future brings this church, and as we plan to celebrate 145 years of worship in this building on May 16 of this year; and I give thanks to Christ and to our bishop for the call to serve among you in the meantime.

Father Joe

Senior Warden's Report: Diann Schneider

First of all, I want to thank the members of the Mission Council of Grace Church and Father Joe for electing me to be the Senior Warden. It has been a learning experience, and you learn more about the Episcopal Church than you thought existed. At times it was challenging work, and it does take time, but afterwards you don't realize how much time it did take. However, it is not one person's job, but all the Mission Council. I especially want to thank Susan Austin, Junior Warden, for all the hard work she has done. We have had a very dedicated Mission Council. Everyone has worked hard.

At this time, I want to thank those members of Grace Church who served the church in many ways. There are many more, but these are mainly the Mission Council.

Carol Martinez, Communications Liaison
William Pomeroy, Children's' Church and
Christian Education Liaison
David Thomas, Treasurer
Susan Austin, Junior Warden

Charles Cochran, Outreach Liaison
Laurie McNutt, Parish Life Liaison
Chuck Warnick, Council Secretary
Les Bennett
Lynn Rieger

There are many members of Grace Church that have pitched in when something needs to be done and somehow everything gets done.

But these are not the only ones who have served, there are ushers who serve every Sunday, Deanie, our organist, and our newly formed choir. There are lay readers, chalice bearers, acolytes, and Sunday School teachers, especially, Lynn Rieger, Children's Church Chairperson. These are the "workers behind the scenes" that work every Sunday, like the Altar Guild and ushers. I hope you know we still broadcast the weekly service, so if you cannot attend in person, you can still attend "on air".

I hope that everyone has had a chance to look at our beautiful new stained-glass window. If not, please look at it.

Due to the budget, we had to cancel our agreement with the cleaning company. Everyone has stepped forward to clean the church, take out the trash, lock the doors and other things that need doing in any building. It all seems to get done.

I hope you support the new Senior and Junior Wardens and the Mission Council, as you have supported Susan and me, and the current Mission Council. As you know the church year has closed and the new one has begun. It is not just the Mission Council that makes things look good, but every member of Grace Church.

Junior Warden's Report: Susan Austin

While 2022 did not quite get us back to "pre-pandemic normal", we continued to make considerable progress in that direction. It has been wonderful to see more of our Grace Church family returning to in-person worship.

What continues to be normal is the usual maintenance of our building and grounds and how so many of you have been generous with your time and talents to help. This included both routine, smaller projects as well as some bigger, more costly projects.

In late spring, we began the refresh of the interior of the addition part of the church which had not been touched in several years. Grace Church members had previously voted on the new color. In May, work began in earnest to paint Faith Hall, the office, the kitchen and pantry, hallways, and rest rooms. Volunteers then came to the rescue, unpacking boxes of books and organizing our refreshed library, even featuring recommended books of the month, available for members to borrow. The new "Foggy London" color really brighten up these areas. It also provided the perfect backdrop for the beautiful artwork generously donated by our own resident artist, Pat Mayo. In May, we had applied for grant from the Maury County Historical Society to help cover the cost of this project. In the fall, we were pleased to learn that Grace Church was a recipient of a \$600 grant from the Historical Society.

I want to thank Sheila Flynn for again taking the lead in making our flower gardens look so beautiful. She and Laurie McNutt worked many hours in the gardens from spring to well into the fall, adding plants and transplanting others. We have received so many compliments this past year on how nice the property looks. I also want to thank Sheila for beautifully decorating the large cross which stood near our church entrance for Easter.

Routine maintenance continued throughout the year. This included the regular lawn maintenance and several plumbing projects such replacing the kitchen faucet and making repairs to the loos in the rest rooms. When our old dishwasher began to leak, we gladly accepted a gently used dishwasher donated to Grace. Thanks to Bill Rieger and Charles Cochran for the removal and disposal of the old machine and the picking up and installation of the new one.

In early fall, while the contractor was here installing the new stained-glass window, I asked about some damage I noticed around the bottom of the church's exterior. There was water damage due to the old gutters no longer doing the job. We knew the gutters had to be replaced. However, further inspection behind the gutters revealed that the damage was more extensive than previously uncovered. There was significant wood rot damage to the exterior walls, fascia, and even portions of the

roof. The cost of repairs totaled over \$15,000, including the cost of the new gutter installation. Fortunately, two anonymous donors covered these expenses in full.

There is one routine task that I truly do not enjoy: raking. As always, whenever I ask for help with the yardwork, I am not disappointed. I appreciate the helping hands of many with the fall raking.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the trust that you have put in me for the past three years as your Junior Warden. It brings me such immense joy and peace to work around the church. I only hope that whoever is elected as your new Junior Warden, will allow me to help from time to time.

Stewardship 2022: Carol Martinez

In 2022, 28 households were pledging members of Grace Episcopal Church. The financial administrator and treasurer are working to determine the final amount received. It will be more than was pledged.

To date 30 households have pledged for 2023. Presently, the number is greater than the amount pledged for 2022. Traditionally, Grace continues to receive pledges until Spring, so we expect that number to grow.

The Stewardship Committee - David Thomas, Fr. Joe, and Carol Martinez - are very pleased with the pledge results especially due to the current economic situation. Grace members have opted to make giving to our church a priority and for that we are all very grateful.

In addition to the money contributed directly to the pledge drive, a significant amount of money has been given to Grace through contributed services. Members have individually paid for building improvement projects, appliances, day-to-day supplies, and a host of other items. It is difficult to come up with a total since many people do not share the actual amount of their contributions. The overall amount is at least \$30,000.

Stewardship is about more than just money. It is about giving of your time and talents. Grace members spend many hours working at the church to prepare for services, children's church, community outreach, and other programs. Their efforts are much appreciated and are featured in other reports given today.

If you are interested in finding out ways that your talents can be used to help Grace Church, please reach out to a member of the mission council or Father Joe.

Communications: Carol Martinez

The primary communications job is to edit, write, and do layout for the *Grace Notes* newsletter. Presently, the newsletter editorial team is Peggy Roberts, Carol Martinez, and Father Joe. Regular contributors to Grace Notes include Susan Austin, Charles Cochran, Laurie McNutt, Deannie Moore, and Dave Thomas. This year Emily McGhee contributed her first article and we hope that she becomes a regular writer. Special thanks to Margaret Lee and Momma Kline who both regularly comment that they enjoy reading the Grace Notes newsletters that they receive via US mail.

Another part of Communications is to oversee the Grace Facebook group this includes acting as an administrator of the page and determining if people who ask to join are appropriate. Also, review the page regularly to see if there are any posts that are not relevant to the page (this happens infrequently, someone posted about Amazon job opportunities). Current Facebook administrators are Carol Martinez, David Thomas, James Dallas, and Father Joe.

Facebook has been a very good way to reach potential members and increase the church's visibility in the community. Current frequent posters are: Carol Martinez, Dave Thomas, James Dallas, Alicia Fitts, and Father Joe. Frequent Facebook commenters are - Karyl Chastain Beal, Margaret Daily and Gerald Schmelzer. I would encourage you to join this group.

The Grace Facebook Group has 182 members and 70 visitors. From Nov. 28 to Dec. 26 there were 101 posts or comments on the page and there were 1,678 views of the page. At least 15 percent of those views were from Dave Thomas' family, since he has been great about recruiting members of his large family to join the group.

The top posts are always the weekly services photographed by Dave Thomas. The Christmas Eve service was featured on I Heart Spring Hill, a local Facebook page and that was part of the reason for the

larger attendance. Thanks to James Dallas for managing and updating the Grace website.

Community Outreach Report: Charles Cochran

It has been my honor to stand for Grace in our outreach program. I would just like to say that Grace may be small in number but it has one huge heart. We as a parish donated 300 pounds of food to the Well Food Outreach Program and \$700 in cash. The people at The Well light up when they see us coming.

We also adopted 3 families for Christmas and purchased gifts and hams for them. The response from the people of Grace was fantastic. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who took part in this cause.

It took four vehicles to deliver all the gifts and food to the three families. Thank you to Johnny Harvey, Carol Martinez, David Thomas, Lynn and Bill Rieger, and Jackson Gray for taking care of the deliveries. Again, thank you to all.

In 2022 Grace did not host the pancake supper due to Covid. Also, the Divine Swine BBQ did not take place. Present plans are to host the pancake supper and to look at hosting the Divine Swine in 2023.

Congregational Life Report: Laurie McNutt

Growing in Grace was the theme of the ministry fair that was created by Laurie McNutt. It took place in Faith Hall on Nov. 6 and members of the church had the opportunity to learn more about the various church ministries including Altar Servers, Cleaning Ministry, Daughters of the King, Music, Children's Church, Mission Council, Altar Guild, and Flower Guild. Several people signed up to assist with some of the programs at the church. The ministry fair will take place this Spring and will include the following ministries: New Members, Stewardship, Communications, and others.

Coffee Hour after church returned and we thank John Harvey for the wonderful donuts. Peggy Roberts also assisted Laurie with making sure that everything was ready after church. The Fifth Sunday Brunch returned in 2022 and Laurie coordinated the event and collaborated with members of the congregation to make certain that delicious meals were presented. She also worked with the families who had memorial services at Grace and planned

receptions and other events in conjunction with the families.

Laurie organized the cleaning of the church during 2022 and coordinated member participation. Also, she completed many of the duties herself. She worked with the Junior Warden on maintaining the garden and the yard at Grace.

The Ladies of Grace Luncheons took place every month during 2022 and included visits to popular local restaurants and a visit to the home of Alicia Fitts. They concluded with a potluck in Faith Hall. Laurie organized these events that included between 4 and 12 participants.

Pat Mayo is in charge of Creative Mondays. On the second and fourth Monday of each month, members of Grace and friends gather in Faith Hall to work on art projects and enjoy conversation and fellowship. In addition to organizing the events, she helped participants with their projects. During the summer, some grandchildren attended the program and created art. Pat also contributed to Grace several of her wonderful paintings which can be seen in Faith Hall. Thanks to Pat for all she does.

A crochet group meets on Thursday mornings at Grace. We thank Diann Schneider for being the liaison for that group. Thanks also go to Carolyn Warnick for managing the Greeting Card Ministry. She has been faithful in sending birthday and anniversary cards to our members.

Laurie served as the Mission Council Liaison with the Altar Guild and the Grace chapter of Daughters of the King.

Sadly, Laurie McNutt resigned from the Mission Council as she is moving. The good news is that she will continue to be a member of Grace Episcopal Church.

If you have any ideas for new ministries or activities, please share your thoughts with any mission council member.

Laurie McNutt and Carol Martinez

Christian Education and Children's Ministries:
Will Pomeroy

The Return of Children's Church
Grace Church was delighted to welcome back the children for Children's Church this past fall. After

having been away since the start of the pandemic, the children were welcomed back with instruction on Biblical stories and Christianity. Grace Church will continue to hold Children's Church every Sunday at 10 a.m. and we welcome children of all ages. A big thanks to Lynn Rieger, director of children's church; James Dallas, Susan Austin, and Nicole Poirier for helping organize and execute the programs.

Treasury Report for November 2022

November brought Grace revenues of \$9,430.00 which fell short of its 11,548.61. in expenses. Giving should increase in December when people finish their annual giving.

Following is the general breakdown of funds. Note that the report addresses November.

Finances for November 2022 are as follows:

Pledged offerings:	\$7,019.00
Plate offerings:	\$1,739.00
Special offerings:	\$547.00
Total offerings:	\$9,305.00
Facilities rental:	\$125.00
Total revenue:	\$9,430.00
Total expenses:	\$11,548.61
November net total:	-\$2,118.61

Banking balances:

First Horizon checking account:	\$9,180.55
First Horizon savings account:	\$48,283.48

Savings Account Fund Breakdown:

Organ fund:	\$23,500.00
Building fund:	\$20,650.00
Undesignated fund:	\$4,127.53
Interest earned:	\$5.95

Total available funds, plus savings: **\$57,464.03**

*The Annual 2022 Financial Report will be in the February issue of Grace
David Thomas, Treasurer

November Mission Council Minutes

November 16, 2022

Attendance: Fr. Joe recognized a quorum was present and gave an opening prayer.

Scribe's Report: Chuck Warnick - Minutes for October 2022 meeting was reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: David Thomas sent the October financial reports to the mission council members. The October treasurers report can be seen in the November Newsletter. After discussion, the Treasurer's reports were accepted.

Stewardship Report: Carol Martinez - The 2022 financial books will be officially closed on December 31, 2022. After this date, any gifts to be counted in 2022 must be dated December 31, 2022, and received in the offering plate no later than January 1, 2023.

Vicar's Report: Fr. Joe shared the following items. 1) Annual Diocese of Middle Tennessee Convention: January 20-21, 2023, at St. David's Episcopal Church in West Meade. Carol Martinez and Chuck Warnick will serve as delegates. Fr. Joe will follow up with suggestions for two alternates. 2) Inquirer's Class has had 5-8 attendees the last three sessions. 3) The Bishop's Visitation is currently scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023, which coincides with Grace's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting may need to be moved to the following Sunday. 4) Nominating Committee: Diann Schneider and Susan Austin gave an information update on the progress of the Nominating Committee. The final slate needs to be complete before the December meeting of the Mission Council. 5) Fair Share Form: Will Pomeroy moved to submit the form indicating \$1,200 will be given by Grace to the Diocese. Charles Cochran seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden's Report: Diann Schneider reported that serving as Senior Warden was a learning opportunity.

Jr. Warden's Report: Susan Austin reported the following items: 1) Reminder: The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 10. 2) Fall Cleanup Day is November 19. 3) Grace will be accepting donations for Christmas poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary.

Liaison Reports: *Christian Education & Children's Ministry* - Children's Church will begin the First Sunday in Advent. There are currently 11 children in Grace's church family.

Communications – Peggy Roberts, Carol Martinez, and Susan Browning are working to develop an

updated member list. Carol Martinez presented statistics from Grace's Facebook page: November 6 service reached 80, with 94 engagements; October 31 service reached 94, with 100 engagements; New Stained Glass Window reached 917, with 218 engagements; October 23 service reached 68, with 96 engagements.

Outreach – Grace donated \$80 to the Well in October. There is still a lot of continued need for food and support of this ministry.

Congregational Life - The Ministry Fair went well and several folks are volunteering as a result. Fr. Joe is looking for additional Eucharistic Ministers to assist with services.

Old Business: Christmas Eve service at Grace will begin at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business, Fr. Joe closed the meeting with a blessing.

Chuck Warnick, Scribe

Clergy and Staff

The R. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music
Susan Browning, Financial Administrator

The Mission Council

Carol Martinez, Senior Warden
Bill Rieger, Junior Warden
David Thomas, Treasurer
Peggy Roberts, Communications
Robert Chapman, Congregational Life
Charles Cochran, Community Outreach
Will Pomeroy, Christian Education & Children's
Ministry

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