



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven [Ecclesiastes 3:1]

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! [2 Corinthians 5:17]

October 16, 2023

Dear Grace Church Community,

As the days become shorter and the air cooler, so too is our church in transition. This month we rang the Eldredge Chimes and invited our neighbors to share our joy in the rebuilding of our 150-year-old Tower, the culmination of a three-year project requiring the time, talent, and treasure of so many. Also this month, we welcomed new church leadership — Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky as the new Priest-in-Charge and Will Parks as the new Interim Music Director.

Through all of this — and as always — the time, treasure and talent of the congregation was at work in other ways as well. We prepared the church for services every Sunday. We welcomed and supported bridge and guest priests. We maintained and cared for our physical plant and welcomed our community to use our beautiful spaces. Our Good News Garden flourished, and we made plans to expand how we will support those around us who are food insecure. We supported our children and youth by signing up to teach Sunday School. We broke bread together at the Retreat, Game Nights, Coffee Hours, Summer Breakfasts and Summer Barbecues.

We truly are better together and in all of these endeavors, God was with us.

Looking toward next year, we ask you to pause and reflect how you will continue to support Grace Church in 2024, contributing to the new foundation — quite literally — we have laid this year. The Vestry's goal, with 100% participation, is to raise \$260,000 in pledges to enable our worship, inquiry, and ministry together next year. We are asking you to consider how you can join us in this effort — no amount is too small. How will you share your time, talent, and treasure in the coming year to support Grace's work in the world?

With Thanksgiving,

Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky
Priest-in-Charge

Ellen Farwell
Senior Warden

Karin Shannon
Junior Warden & Stewardship Co-Chair

Scott Aquilina
Junior Warden

Jim Volcker
Stewardship Co-Chair