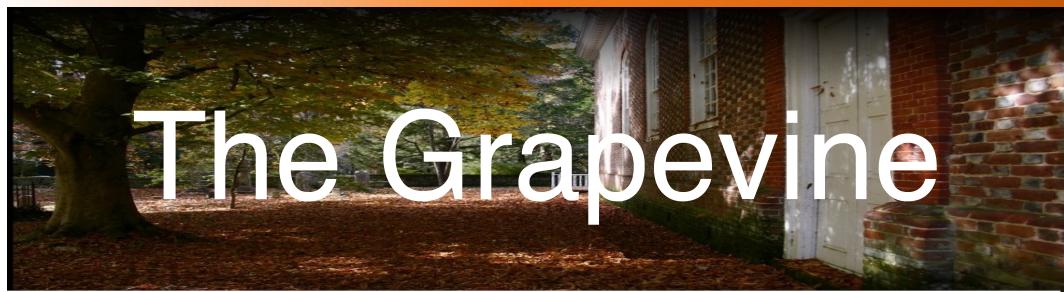


OCTOBER

WARE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8*

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### Welcome to Ware!

#### Worship Times

<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation <i>(September-May)</i>
	10:10 a.m. Children's Chapel <i>(September—May)</i>
	10:25 a.m. Sunday School <i>(September—May)</i>
	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday** 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Grace and Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ,

The next time you leave my office, look to the left of the door. You will see the above verse displayed for all to see. This verse is one of the most significant verses of scripture for me. I learned it at my Granddaddy's knee, and it has returned to my awareness numerous times throughout my life. Depending upon the translation, this verse of scripture contains a question and an answer: the question – what does the LORD require of you?; the answer – but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. It is one of those rare instances in scripture where the question is answered and not in terms that are too difficult to grasp.

Throughout September and into October, we as a parish family have been gathering to listen to one another and to listen for the Holy Spirit regarding what we sense God is calling us as a parish to be at this time and in this place and heading into the future. Once the initial conversations are concluded, the conversations coordinators and facilitators will begin processing all the information that was gathered. Just because the parish wide conversations are not continuing as they were does not mean that we are finished listening to one another and, most importantly to the Holy Spirit. Think about what the church would look like had the people of God stopped paying attention to the presence and direction of the Holy Spirit. Think about if the Church has stopped listening to the Holy Spirit in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, or the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, or 1720, or 1865, or 1976. We, as the Church, have come a long way, and we have a long ways to go.

As we continue to move forward in conversation, let us anchor ourselves in the words of Micah and strive to make doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our God the core identifiers of our mission and purpose. As Christians, we look to Christ Jesus as the perfect example of justice, loving-kindness, and walking humbly with God. We are called, by virtue of our baptism, to seek to be like Christ in all the we do and all that we are. While we continue to discern where we will be as a parish in the future, let us not lose sight of the spiritual work that we each need to do every day.

How do we seek to promote justice in our own lives? One way is to participate fully in civic life of our country: vote, educate yourself about the issues and the stances of candidates; give your voice to promoting Christian ideals in the public square.

How do you exhibit loving kindness (mercy)? One way is to be involved in community outreach and service. Opportunities for such involvement are becoming more frequent in our own parish life – take part in some of these. Or find your own ways to engage the needs of the hurting world.

How do you walk humbly with God? The foundational way of this is regular worship. In our worship of God, we are reminded of God's presence, God's forgiveness, and the joy of being God's people. In our weekly walk with God in worship, we are reminded to live a life not centered on ourselves alone, but anchored first and foremost in God. Having our weekly reminder of this, we then walk with God, and God walks with us the rest of the week.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is well known for championing the Jesus Movement. Notice the word "movement". There is action there. It's not the Jesus Sitting, or the Jesus Standing, but the Jesus MOVEMENT. Walk with Jesus; tell the story of salvation as you have come to understand it. And along the way, do justice and love mercy as you walk humbly with God.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Grant Ambrose".

Grant Ambrose

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## RECTOR'S NOTES

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T. Grant Ambrose

Mark your calendars now for the last Sunday in October (October 29) for Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. and a special service at 10:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer with Sermon. We will also have a service of Morning Prayer with Sermon on Sunday, December 24, at 9:30 a.m. for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Keep your eyes open for more information about opportunities for Morning Prayer in 2017-2018.

Fall Stewardship Events:

# Parish News

Our focus this fall at Ware Church is "All Hearts Open." These are words you hear during the beginning of almost every worship service when Grant prays, "Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid ..." Each time we come to church, settle into our pews, silence our cell phones, move from hymnal to Prayer Book to service bulletin, and so much more as the service begins, it's sometimes easy to miss this important call into worship ... and this important call into our relationship and story with God.

So this year we invite each person who enters our doors to consider how all hearts are open at Ware:

- ◊ How has your heart been opened to God's call?
- ◊ How has your heart been opened to yourself to know the gifts God has given you?
- ◊ How has your heart been broken open, and in its brokenness been filled with God's grace?
- ◊ How has your heart been opened to others and how have others opened their hearts to you?
- ◊ How can the heart of Ware Church open itself to those outside our walls?

The way our hearts are open at Ware Church has profound impact within the church and in our community. We will highlight the increasing impact of our church community, near and far, beginning Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at our "Gathering at the Well" discussion that will focus on "Resources." Additionally, we will host a Chili Cook-Off in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 12th as we gather to celebrate our gifts. We hope you can join us.



Once a year, the Ware River Circle of the King's Daughters & Sons sponsors a spaghetti dinner at the Courthouse Restaurant. This year—the date is Friday, Oct. 20th from 5:00-8:00. The cost is \$10.00 per person and the menu is a beverage, salad, roll, spaghetti/sauce and homemade dessert. Take-out is available, as well and all the proceeds will go to local charities. We receive \$7.00 out of each \$10.00 which is a super deal. If you will not be able to attend, donations are greatly appreciated and for each \$10.00 donation we feed a “Bread for Life” person. Last year, we were able to feed 87 people a delicious, warm meal. If you would like to attend or give a donation, please let see Diana Joyce, Bobby Ray or Jane Smith .



#### SHARE WITH WARE SUNDAYS



The outreach ministry, Share With Ware will be continuing its mission Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Cary Adult Home. Please join us for songs, fellowship, and an ice cream social. We would love to see all of you there to help sing and serve ice cream.

Also, mark your calendars for Sunday December 3rd: Share With Ware will be visiting Cary House again, for a mid-afternoon snack and appetizers.

Cary Street is in need on the following items which can be placed in the donation basket on Sunday morning: Tooth Paste, Body Wash, Denture Cream, Hair Conditioner (shampoo is provided), Hair pomade/ grease, Body Lotion.

# Young Adult Book Club

Peg Moncure

## All Youth! Save the Date...

Join us for a short-term book club series hosted by Peg Moncure. You will have the chance to read "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio— one of Time Magazines 100 Best Young Adult books of all time.

We will provide the book for you to read. Discussions will take place on November 5th, 12th, and 19th during coffee hour for approximately 20-30 minutes. On November 19th, the discussion meeting will be followed by a group outing to see the movie version of Wonder. FREE movie tickets will be provided to the youth who participate in the discussion meetings.

*"A crackling page turner filled with character you cant help but root for"*

- Entertainment Weekly

Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Committee





## **"Therefore, We Praise You"**

Fall Retreats to Quiet the Mind and Energize the Soul

*This Fall, Ware Church will host three retreats for parishioners, family and friends, and members of the community. The purpose of these retreats is to provide a space apart for people to find a bit of quiet from the pace of everyday life, to spend intentional time with God through worship and prayer, and be in community with others walking the pilgrim's way.*

*The first two retreats will be held at Ware Church and there is no charge for these two retreats.*

*The third retreat will be held at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, VA, and will include an optional overnight component. There will be a cost to the overnight and a minimal fee for just the Saturday option. More information on costs of the third retreat available in October.*

*The Reverend Grant Ambrose will lead and facilitate this year's fall retreats.*

*Registration will open two weeks before each retreat.*

*Here's a preview of each retreat.*

### **October 28      "And All The Company of Heaven"  9 a.m. – 12 noon**

*Today, we turn our attention to all the Saints of the Church and the saints of our lives who have shared a vision of the Kingdom of God and set an example for us to follow as we seek to know Christ and to make him known.*

### **November 30 – December 1    "We Laud and Magnify God's Glorious Name"**

*This is the retreat weekend at Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond, VA, a retreat center of the Diocese of Virginia. There is an optional overnight component for those who wish to have an extended retreat prior to the start of Advent. Precise times will be shared closer to the weekend.*

*Synopsis: In Advent, we contemplate what it will mean to receive God as a child and as a human as well as contemplate the glorious return of Christ. Today, we think about our Advent preparations to once again hear the Angels sing and see the child wrapped in swaddling clothes.*

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# VESRTY UPDATES

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## PAT ROANE

**Picnic pavilion** - At the September meeting, the vestry received two bids for "turnkey" estimates on concrete pad for the picnic shelter. Estimates included site prep, concrete slab with prep for electrical wiring, and clean-up. The 38 ft x 50 ft site has been marked. Once the slab is in place, work will begin on posts and roof.

- Initial estimate for roof and post materials is approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. The cost of labor for installation will have to be figured separately.
- To complete the slab and get the materials, approximately \$28,500 to \$33,500 will be drawn from the Endowment Fund. That estimate excludes labor for constructing the pavilion (which hopefully we can get volunteers for a sizeable chunk of that labor).
- The vestry approved the recommendation to use the lower cost concrete bid (\$18,550) to place the slab and proceed. At the October meeting, the Junior Warden will update the vestry with solid estimates for post & roof materials and anticipated labor expenses.

**2016 Audit** - The audit of 2016 Ware Church finances was completed by Pat Roane, Helen Brown, George Bains and Kristin Brooks. The audit is forwarded to the Diocese; a copy is available in the office for review.

**2018 Budget** - John Galloway, George Bains and Pat Roane are building the 2018 budget. They will be in contact with Ware organizations that require church funds to complete the mission of the church.

**Parish House parking** - Troop 111 has [almost] completed the parking spaces near the north entrance of the parish house. The spaces are ready to use now, with the addition of gravel coming in the near future. It is hoped that parishioners will reserve the use of those spaces for our more senior brothers and sisters. Our thanks to the Scouts for providing the energy to complete this project!

**Nest Dedication** - The Nest, our unstaffed nursery in the parish house, is ready to welcome our youngest members. A dedication will take place in the Nest on Sunday, 15 October at 10:15. The vestry is grateful to Mary Galloway for providing the vision and organization to make our church more accessible to young families!

**Hammer & Nail Guild** - Next gathering of the guild is Saturday, 14 October (2nd Saturday of the month). Breakfast at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall, followed by some projects in the church and parish hall. All are welcome to join in...bring an appetite and a smile.



# ST.TABITHA'S GUILD

Martha Ambrose



This guild is for people seeking to grow in faith as we crochet and knit prayer shawls and other items for people in need of comfort and a reminder of God's love for them. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 7:00PM – 8:00PM. All are welcome to join us!

Next Monthly Meeting Time:  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017; 7:00-8:00pm

Make sure to attend the monthly meeting for helpful tips and to visit with your St. Tabitha's family. It's always the third Tuesday of the month!

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## SUNDAY MORNING GATHERINGS:

This fall, all are invited to gather in the St. Tabitha's room every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:15 as we continue to work through the stacks of plastic bags, getting them ready to make Sleeping Mats.

## ALL-WEATHER SLEEPING MAT OUTREACH PROJECT:

Thank you to all who donated plastic bags for this project. We do NOT need any plastic bags at this time. We will let you know if we need more in the future.

Our All-Weather Sleeping Mat project is hefty in size and requires many hands to finish it. We need a group of people to help sort the bags already received. Consider donating an hour of your time to assist with this church-wide community outreach project.

Ask Martha Ambrose for more information or let her know if you will participate in this project.

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Sign up for the "St. Tabby's Yarns" email!  
Email Martha at [marthaarose@gmail.com](mailto:marthaarose@gmail.com) to receive this monthly email.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## KICKOFF SUNDAY

Join us for Stewardship Kickoff Sunday on October 8th. The Fall Stewardship campaign begins and *pledge cards will be* available. We will also wrap up our "Gathering at the Well" conversations.

## YAC

Engaging the Faith: At Home and Abroad will continue with service and fellowship on Sunday, October 22nd at 4pm .

## CHILI COOK-OFF

The Stewardship campaign Chili Cook-Off will be on Sunday, November 12th after the 10:30 am service. Mark your calendars!

## W.O.W. BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on November 19th at 11am. We will be discussing the book, *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Chiaverini. Please join us!

## VESTRY

The Vestry will on Monday, October 16th at 6pm in the Library.

## HOLY DAY SERVICES

Please join us in the Chapel for  
the following services:

- Wednesday, October 17th for St Luke the Evangelist at noon
- Monday, October 23rd for The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem at 7pm
- Saturday, October 28th for St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles at noon

# October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Hurricane Relief Donation Sunday & Share With Ware @ 1 pm	<b>2</b> STARTING WITH THE WORD @ 8:30 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Francis of Assisi @ 12 noon Chapel	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Fall Stewardship Kickoff	<b>9</b> STARTING WITH THE WORD @ 8:30 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Midweek Service & Holy Communion @ 12 noon Chapel	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Hammer & Nails Guild Breakfast & Meet @ 8 am
<b>15</b> NEST Dedication @ 10:15 Abingdon Ep. Pumpkin Patch Opens	<b>16</b> Vestry Meeting in Library 6 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> St Tabitha's Guild 7 pm	<b>19</b> St Luke the Evangelist Service @ 12 noon	<b>20</b> Spaghetti Dinner Benefit @ Courthouse Restaurant 5-8pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> YAC: Engaging the Faith @ 4:00 pm	<b>23</b> STARTING WITH THE WORD @ 8:30 Feast of St. James @ 7pm Chapel	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Midweek Service & Holy Communion @ 12 noon Chapel	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> And All The Company of Heaven Retreat 9 – noon
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Special Services for Morning Prayer and Sermon	<b>31</b>				Last day of Abingdon Ep. Pumpkin Patch

# LAITY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

**10/1/2017**

VESTRY OF DAY		LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	
8:30AM	PAT ROANE	CRAIG MONSEN	CRAIG MONSEN	MATT SOUTH	
10:30AM	VESTRY OF DAY	LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	USHER
	PAT ROANE	FRAN MUSICK	TOM HAY	KENNY RICHARDSON	JAY SMITH
	ACOLYTE NEWIE LAWRENCE	ACOLYTE LARKIN DENTON	ACOLYTE JILLIAN LAWRENCE	COUNTER PAT ROANE	COUNTER TOM HAY THE HAYS

**10/8/2017**

VESTRY OF DAY		LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	
8:30AM	TBD	PEG MONCURE	PEG MONCURE	TBD	
10:30AM	VESTRY OF DAY	LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	USHER
	TBD	BILL WHITLEY	DEBBY WIGGINS	LEE BROWN	BILL WHITLEY
	ACOLYTE CARTER HARTLEY	ACOLYTE ANDIE HARTLEY	ACOLYTE STEPHANIE RIEDELL	COUNTER TBD	COUNTER LINDSAY SOUTH JANE SMITH

**10/15/2017**

VESTRY OF DAY		LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	
8:30AM	RICK ZIMA	KENNY RICHARDSON	KENNY RICHARDSON	DICK ZIMA	
10:30AM	VESTRY OF DAY	LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	USHER
	RICK ZIMA	BRECK MONTAGUE	PEG MONCURE	DEBBY WIGGINS	KENNY WIGGINS
	ACOLYTE HAYDEN ZIMA	ACOLYTE HARRISON ZIMA	ACOLYTE LARKIN DENTON	COUNTER RICK ZIMA	COUNTER BRECK MONTAGUE THE ZIMAS

**10/22/2017**

VESTRY OF DAY		LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	
8:30AM	JOE BROWN		MIKE JENKINS	ROBERT JOHNSON	
10:30AM	VESTRY OF DAY	LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	USHER
	JOE BROWN	ANN BROWN	PETER TEAGLE	HENRY MONCURE	SHOT TABB
	ACOLYTE ANDREW TEAGLE	ACOLYTE MEG TEAGLE	ACOLYTE KATE REICHENBACH	COUNTER JOE BROWN	COUNTER PETER TEAGLE THE TEAGLES

**10/29/2017**

VESTRY OF DAY		LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	
8:30AM	JOHN GALLOWAY	MARTHA AMBROSE	MARTHA AMBROSE	RICHARD CLAYTON	
10:30AM	VESTRY OF DAY	LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER	USHER
	JOHN GALLOWAY	FRAN MUSICK	JANE SMITH	PETER TEAGLE	JOHN GALLOWAY
	ACOLYTE SARAH TEAGLE	ACOLYTE JILLIAN LAWRENCE	ACOLYTE NEWIE LAWRENCE	COUNTER JOHN GALLOWAY LISA LAWRENCE	COUNTER CAROLE WHITE



4 - Karen Ward	11 - Rauri Kilduff	18 - Thomas Shermer
5 - Sharon Diaz	11 - Rhiannon Kilduff	21 - Sally Hecht
5 - Minnie Diaz	13 - Dorothy Long	21 - Kim Polley
6 - Elizabeth Roane	15 - Katie Shaw	23 - Lewie Lawrence
7 - Pete Roane	16 - Bob Diaz	25 - Bruce Forsberg
7 - Breck Montague	16 - Carole White	26 - Gary Anderson
10 - Beth Haskell	17 - Tish Grant	27 - P. J. Teagle
10 - Michael Kiku	17 - Will Grant	31 - Joan Jackson
10 - Rachel Teagle	17- Breck Montague	31 - Mike Jenkins
11 - Samuel Hecht	18 - Maggie Boyce	



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