

GRACE CHURCH

An Episcopal Community In The Southern Berkshires

October 4, 2015

"Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Creator, who created all the lights in the heavens. God never changes or casts a shifting shadow." —James 1:17

Dear Members of Grace Church:

With the Fall season upon us, each one of us is reminded of the bountiful harvest being raised from God's soil and the labors of many. Throughout the Bible, we are reminded that God gives us life surrounded by the bounties of this fragile earth, our island home. During this season, we embark (starting October 4) on the six-week series of reflections on giving to acknowledge all God has given us. On each Sunday during this time, the worship bulletin will include an edition of "God the Giver" reflections. This will be supplemented by personal reflections from fellow members of our Grace Church.

As a church community, Grace Church continues to be a leader in assisting all in need through food pantries, Gideon's Garden and providing comfort and support for those with challenges and struggles. The on-going generosity of this community in time and treasure is inspiring to all. Your generosity enables our ministries and furthers the mission of Grace Church.

The annual pledging process is a time to reflect on how the practice of intentional giving is in keeping with all God has given us. One of the most important passages of the Bible, John 3: 16 states, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son". God so loves each and every one of us that God gave and continues to give to each of us in unique ways.

During this period of reflection, prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to continue to share God's abundance through this giving community. Think about all God has given you and then respond generously, once again. Please know the Grace Church community continues to be a beacon to many around this region and beyond.

You are welcome to contact any member of the Stewardship Committee listed below and Janet, our priest.

Faithfully,
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John Cheek
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