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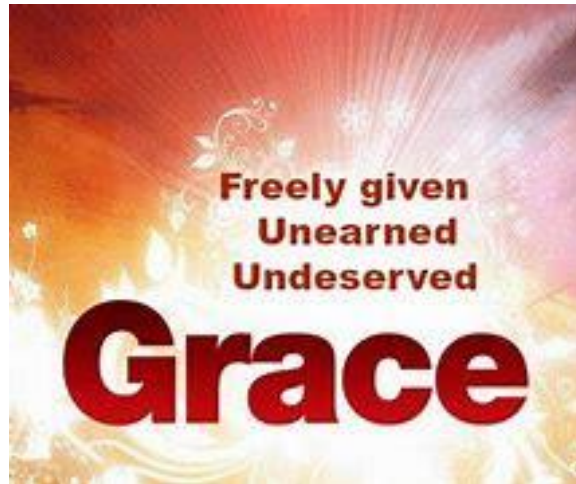
Over Memorial Day weekend, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was admitted to the hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he underwent testing for internal bleeding and a heart condition. He has been discharged and will be monitored while working on a reduced schedule from home.

Curry's internal bleeding is under control, and additional test results are expected later this week. He has been receiving treatment for atrial fibrillation (AFib), which was detected in an annual physical. While in the hospital, Curry experienced two other episodes of irregular heartbeat, and he will wear a heart monitor to determine what further treatment is necessary.

Until he is cleared for air travel by his medical team, Curry will remain in Raleigh, resting and working from home on a reduced schedule. As more information becomes available regarding Curry's health and schedule, his staff will provide updates.

Please pray for a full and speedy recovery—and for Curry's medical team as they identify the best course of treatment.

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Growing up, I thought **grace** was a prayer we said before we ate. Fact is, **grace** is that! It took some time for me to come to realize that **grace** was much more than a blessing said over food.

Grace was, in fact, our undeserved favor and acceptance before God. Unlike merit badges or credit card reward points, we can do nothing to earn God's **grace**. It's just a gift, unearned and undeserved.

Wait, you say, the world does not work like this (that's true); people will take advantage of such good news, do reprehensible things, and then at the last minute ask for pardon (yes, that can happen).

And yet, **grace** is the first and last word of the Christian community. Our task is to proclaim it and not to worry about how grace might be misused.

Easier said than done, you say. And you'd be right, again.

But the more it is done, the easier it becomes.

Blessings,

Richard

"Grace is God's best idea. His decision to ravage a people by love, to rescue passionately, and to restore justly – what rivals it? Of all his wondrous works, grace, in my estimation, is the magnum opus." Max Lucado

Parish Notices

FIRST THURSDAY PARISH POTLUCK: On Thursday, June 1st, we gathered for food and fellowship in our Conference Room. The DeMeyer family provided the main course – Shrimp Alfredo – and we also shared birthday cake in honor of Nancy Stone’s birthday anniversary. Our July potluck will occur on the 6th of the month and Mike and Joyce Bayne are providing Teriyaki Chicken as our entrée. We will meet at 6:00 in the Conference Room and those gathering are asked to bring a dish to share.

CHURCH REPAIRS: On Friday, June 9, work will commence on the foundation of and tower of our 150-year-old church edifice. Two of the east side buttresses have been targeted and the tower will be tuckpointed in several areas. We are so grateful to our Parish Administrator, Mike Bayne, for securing E & H Construction of Davenport to do this work at a very competitive price.

MONTHLY VESTRY MEETING: June’s church board will occur on Wednesday, June 21st, in the Conference Room at 4:30 p.m. The date of our Vestry meeting in July has not been set. If you have anything for the Vestry Agenda, please contact Mike Bayne in the Church Office.

KLINKEFUS’ MARSHALLTOWN HOME: Almost two years ago, Orlin and Sally moved from their beloved acreage south of Hwy 30 to new digs in Cedar Rapids. After their departure, son Jon and daughter Beth readied the home and property for resale and on the very first day of the listing, they accepted a bid for the full asking price. The family is grateful for this quick sale and for the efforts of parish member Jesse DeMeyer for helping them with the “heave ho” just prior to the sale.

ARTS@STPAULS July Organ Concert: Mark Babcock, the organist of St. Paul’s Cathedral, Des Moines, is returning to St. Paul’s to perform on Sunday, July 9th, at 3:00 p.m. This will be the first concert of Mark’s since the interruption of the pandemic, and we know it will be both outstanding and memorable. Please plan to attend and bring your friends.

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Requests 

Let us pray for those who are in need of our prayers: Orlin Klinkefus, Ruth Davis, Dan and Carroll McInroy, Alice, Pat Gourley, Brian DeSilva, Jillian, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for all those during the month of June thru mid-July who are celebrating birthdays, especially Nancy Stone, Sally Klinkefus, David Thomas, and Leon Vanlangen, and for those observing anniversaries, especially Jonathan and Chris Hull and Doug and P.J. Joslin.

We pray for the clergy and people of every parish in our diocese. We also pray for our companion dioceses of Nzara and Swaziland in Africa, and Brechin in Eastern Scotland.

We pray for leaders in every community and nation we entrust with the authority of government, especially for Joseph, our President and Kimberly, our Governor, that they may be filled with the love of truth and righteousness and seek the common good.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that they will soon know justice and peace in their land. We also pray for the people of Sudan.

We pray for all those whose lives have been appallingly ended by the heartless use of firearms.

On the Lighter Side

