



Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness...'

+Genesis 1:26

Greetings, grace, and peace to you and your loved ones!

St. A's is excited to invite you to join this year's stewardship campaign, "Grace in Action." Over the next several weeks, we will reflect together on how God generously puts grace into action, from homemaking to celebrating to bridge-building acts of mercy – and how we, children of God created in God's image, can do the same.

Let's start at the beginning. The Bible opens with the story of creation where we meet God as a creator, organizer, decorator, feeder, teacher, gardener, and builder of this world we call home – the almighty homemaker.

Here at St. A's, we've been working hard to demonstrate God's abundant and compassionate hospitality to all – in essence, becoming homemakers here in this place in the image of God. Through our partnerships with the Peekskill Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and Ossining for Refugees, along with other Outreach ministries, we've helped to feed and support our neighbors. Through our mission partners with the New York Haiti Project in Martel, Haiti, we've been builders, evangelists and educators. Our children and spiritual formation ministries have made us teachers. Our ClothingFest makes us determined organizers so that we can generously provide affordable clothing to our community and to those in need. God's hospitality is expressed in the homemaking we do at St. A's as we prepare for worship, take care of our property and welcome and feed our members and visitors weekly and on special occasions, like JuneFest.

God graciously made the cosmos, and we are called to act in God's image by making St. A's into a microcosm within that larger one – a place where everyone can feel at home. If you've found a home here, or have been moved by our ministries and the mission of God in the Church, we hope you'll help make sure our church home stays as graceful and active as possible.

Enclosed you will find our Grace in Action prayer. Put the prayer somewhere you'll see it every day – and whenever you see it, pause to say the prayer. A pledge card is also enclosed for you to submit on or before Giving Sunday, November 20th.

If you have any questions, please contact our Stewardship Committee Chair, Richard Olver at richard.olver@verizon.net.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Jennifer Owen
Rector