



Grace upon Grace

'Faith Working Through Love'

Dear Friends,

Our community came together enabling a very successful evening by supporting our Memorial Hymn Sing. Good things happen when people work together and when we support one another. You deserve a special note of thanks for what was accomplished to support the work and mission of Christ Church Cherry Valley.

Today's reading from Galatians speaks of another community of faith, however, one that is testing the patience of its founder. Paul gives us his "spiritual autobiography." His faith story serves to remind the Galatians that God called him through grace. We know that he had a dramatic transformation. While Paul is upset by the situation in Galatia he believes that they are all united by something that is much stronger. While every generation, community and people can be led astray, faith true faith brings us back to what really matters. For Paul as it should be for us it is his fundamental belief that he has been called by God through his son Jesus. He says, "the only thing that counts is faith working through love." What a great mission statement for any church. It is incumbent upon us to find ways to share our faith stories. These stories serve two great purposes. They remind us of our spiritual journey and they also give hope and encouragement to others. Yes Paul is bold and his boldness rises from his passion for the Gospel he shares. Lord give us the courage to be bold in sharing our faith.

In the love our Lord Jesus,

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