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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Why do people need Grace Church?

That was the question I posed two weeks ago in my weekly reflection.

At the time, I offered my own personal answer, and I asked you to tell me how you would respond. Many people emailed me back, and the list of reasons they provided was incredible.

Why do people need Grace Church?

*"Grace is not only a diverse church but is committed to serving the surrounding community."*

*"The Pennyworth shop"*

*"Great music program for kids"*

*"Choir"*

*"Men's Group"*

*"The opportunity to study the Bible"*

*"The Christmas Bazaar"*

*"Collecting food for the food pantry"*

*"Excellent, thoughtful sermons"*

*"Sundays provide a moment to sit and reflect."*

*"Community"*

*"The willingness to address issues of race"*

*"Homeless Ministry and second Sundays at Shepherd's Table"*

*"Sunday School"*

*"Family"*

And, that is only a partial list. I know many of you might also say the Daughters of the King, or Altar Guild, the Crafters, or Grace Episcopal Day School. There are as many answers as there are people in our community. That is what makes Grace so special.

My favorite response, though, probably came from one of our youngest parishioners, who recently told me, *"I like to learn about Jesus."*

What can you say to that, except... me, too!

See you in church,

Andrew