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 Jean Hayes, Beth Willis

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Chair: Robin Capers

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Virginia Neville,
 Director

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Betty Rae Nittiskie ,
 Secretary

VESTRY

Wardens:

Bill Hogan, Class of 2019
 Katherine Mustello, Class of 2015

Clerk:

Betty Rae Nittiskie, Class of 2016

Treasurer:

Kurt Barnes

Members:

Kathryn Calame, Class of 2015
 Doug Capers, Class of 2016
 Pam Freeman, Class of 2019
 Jean Hayes, Class of 2017
 Lynn Kasin, Class of 2018
 Jim Kolessar, Class of 2015
 John Lacey, Class of 2018
 Becky Scribner, Class of 2014
 Cathy Shanks, Class of 2017
 Paula Wilson, Class of 2016

Grace Notes

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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

WARDENS' REPORT

This past year with the able leadership of Ajung Sojwal, the members of the Vestry, and our committees, the missions and activities of Grace Church were enhanced significantly. Many of these changes are reflected in the committee reports. In the absence of a full-time rector many have stepped up to make sure the activities of the Church remained on track and, in many cases, actually improved. From the preschool, to the website, the actions of individuals and committees are obvious. We are thankful for the profound assistance and leadership that Ajung has given us in her time here at Grace, and that so many members of our Church have stepped up to help us move forward. Many of the things that have happened in the past year you will read about in detail in the following reports, but the following is a brief overview of what has transpired in the past year:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee put in much time dealing with heating issues in the Church and parish house.



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Pam Freeman took the lead to develop a new website. If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to explore it.

Maureen Sarma, our new director of the preschool and her staff spent many volunteer hours this summer getting the facility ready for September. The accomplishments of Maureen and her staff are inspiring.

Finances have been a challenge for us in our transitional phase. We have a finance committee led by our Treasurer Kurt Barnes that has a solid understanding of the financial issues we face and is helping us work through those issues.

We encourage you to read each of the reports presented. If you are inclined, ask the committees members about the challenges they face, perhaps even join a committee to help. Consider getting involved in some of our missions such as the outstanding Hispanic Ministry, our mission at the Lunch Box or the Saint Thomas Food For Life Food Pantry which relies heavily on volunteers from Grace Church. Most of all, please continue to support Grace Church as we find our way through this period of transition.

The Vicarage – A few words about the vicarage, that lovely building next to our rectory. Last fall, the vestry voted to attempt to rent out the vicarage while exploring uses that might enhance the missions of the Church. It was decided to explore using it for transitional housing for female veterans. We have learned that there is a tremendous need for this resource in our area. A small group consisting of Paula and Paul Wilson, Ajung, Katherine and Ron Mustello and Bill Hogan visited such a facility at Zion Episcopal Church in Avon, New York .

Our host, the Mother Kelly Ayers really impressed us with the facility and its

interaction with the parish. While much was learned, there is still much to determine. The goal is to be certain that it is a viable program that can support itself. In the meantime, the vestry is open to other potential uses that fit within the goals of Grace Church. The tenant states that she would like to stay for several years. If that continues to be the case we have some time to make a decision. If not, we will need to either find another tenant or determine a financially viable mission for the vicarage in a timely fashion. Budget constraints make holding on to the vicarage with no apparent funding very difficult. A sale may then be the only alternative.

Interim Rector – We are renewing our search for our new rector with great vigor and enthusiasm. Mother Ajung's time with us is coming to an end. As of this writing, The Reverend Masud Ibn Syedullah has agreed to join us as Interim on a half time basis. We are moving forward as the contract is being prepared and we are hopeful that he will be joining us for our services on February 9th. Fr. Masud comes with wonderful experience as a preacher, retreat leader, and youth educator coupled with a very strong music background. Many of you will remember him when he conducted a few services at Grace this past summer. We know you will all introduce yourself to him and welcome him to our Grace family.

Katherine Mustello & Bill Hogan



Calendar and Prayer Cycle




February 2014

Sunday Service Schedule:
7:30 Holy Eucharist

Weekday Services:
Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am

10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist
- Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>K. Page</i>
2 <i>Palmeriro</i>	3 <i>Peach</i>	4 6:15 pm ESL <i>Phillips</i>	5 <i>Podmaniczky</i>	6 6:15 pm ESL <i>Power</i>	7 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Prehatney</i>	8 <i>Putnam</i>
9 <i>Quigley</i>	10 <i>Quinn</i>	11 6:15 pm ESL <i>Recknagel</i>	12 7 pm Women of Grace <i>Reilly</i>	13 6:15 pm ESL <i>Renfroe</i>	14 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Roach</i>	15 <i>Rudy</i> 
16 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Schnoor</i>	17 <i>B. Schumacher</i>	18 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. R. Schumacher</i>	19 <i>Scribner</i>	20 6:15 pm ESL <i>Seaman</i>	21 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Shanks</i>	22 9 am Lunch Box Prep <i>Shrubsole</i>
23 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Snyder</i>	24 <i>Sojwal</i>	25 6:15 pm ESL <i>Stearns</i>	26 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Sturges</i>	27 6:15 pm ESL <i>Styles</i>	28 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Sutherland</i>	



February 2014 Service Schedule (Revised)

If you are unable to serve, you are responsible for finding your own replacement. Schedule changes after the 15th will not be in Grace Notes. For any questions regarding the schedule, please call the Lay Server Schedulers, Joan McGilvray at 635-3021 (email bmcgilvray4@gmail.com) for the 7:30 service or Pam Freeman at 635-8504 for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>February 2</u>	<u>February 9</u>	<u>February 16</u>	<u>February 23</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Virginia Neville	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier	Kathryn Calame	Barney Calame
Chalice	Brenda De Martine	Beth Willis	Kurt Barnes	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Dawn Carolie	Brenda De Martine	The Nevilles	Karen Whitton
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	Scribner Family	Kolessar-Wright Family
Usher 2				
Reader	Paula Wilson	Don Delaney	Marion Thompson	Ann Westney
Acolyte	Matthew Kolessar-Wright	KC Bryant	Jonathon Kolessar-Wright	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs	ML Ball	Jim Kolessar
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Pam Freeman	Jim Kolessar	Sharon Schumacher
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Susan Quigley	Meigs Family	Scribner Family	Barbara Rudy
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Malachi 3:1-4	Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18
Psalms	24:7-10	112:1-9, (10)	119:1-8	119:33-40
Epistle	Hebrews 2:14-18	1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 5:38-48



March 2014 Service Schedule

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	<u>March 2</u>	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Virginia Neville	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes	Virginia Neville
Reader	Rob Dyson	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Barney Calame
Chalice	Beth Willis	Brenda DeMartine	Kurt Barnes	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Jean Hayes and Hollie Surges	Cathy Shanks	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Rob Dyson
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	Steven Bryant	Paula Wilson	Ball Family
Usher 2			Ben Lacey	Susan Quigley	
Reader	Dawn Galente	Dorothy Knapp	Alex Freeman	Paula Wilson	ML Ball
Acolyte	Matthew Kolessar-Wright	KC Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Jonathon Kolessar Wright	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Sharon Schumacher	Lynda Boisey	ML Ball	Jim Kolessar	Ida Leung
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Pam Freeman	Jim Kolessar	Sharon Schumacher	Barbara Rudy
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	Mustello Family	Freeman Family	Thompson Family	Sandy Podmaniczky	Rudy Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Exodus 24:12-18	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalms	99	32	121	95	23
Epistle	2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41

Stewardship Committee

Pledges for the 2014 year reached \$160,000, an amount shy by \$30,000 of the goal of \$190,000. This reflects the following:

- Pledge commitments by 67 households, down from 87 in 2013. (Some of this decrease is due to families moving away and parishioners passing away during the year.)
- 1 new pledge but also 20 previous pledges that didn't come through for the new year.
- 18 households increasing their pledge levels with 10 households decreasing their pledge levels.

The committee thanks all our parishioners who make it possible to carry out the basic, everyday activities and special missions of Grace Church. Although the formal pledge season is over, those who are interested in serving Grace Church through sharing their "Time, Talent and Treasure" will find no lack of ways in which to do so. There is a committee, ministry, or activity that needs your assistance! And, pledges are accepted at any time of the year. Please contact committee members with questions or comments.

William Augersen, Jean Hayes, Linda Hogan, and Beth Willis

Grace is Going Green...

Beginning April 2014 we are asking you to read Grace Notes online. Please contact Maria if you still want a print copy mailed. There will be a limited number of issues in the back of the church for those who wish a print copy but don't need it mailed. Help us save paper and your pledges by going green.

Grace Lay Server Ministry

As we head into 2014, I ask you to consider joining our lay server ministry. We would welcome folks to help as chalice bearers, acolytes, readers, ushers, and coffee hour hosts. Please contact Pam Freeman at 635-8504 if you would like to volunteer at the 10 a.m. service, or contact Joan McGilvray at bmcgilvray4@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer at the 7:30 a.m. service.

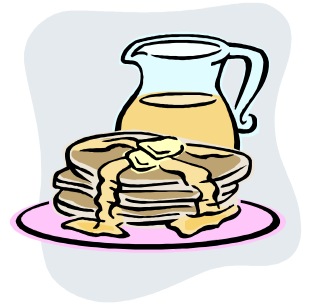
"Many hands make light work." ~ John Heywood

Thank you again for all that you do for Grace Church.

Shrove Tuesday

March 4th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Our traditional pancake supper served by Grace chefs. All ages are invited...and bring friends!



Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

March 5th

Services at 10 am and 7 pm.

Women of Grace:

Women of Grace will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 7 pm for Evening Prayer and on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30 pm for pot luck dinner in the Parish Hall.