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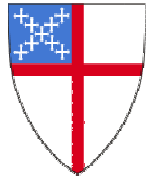
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Grace Notes



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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

February. Still cold and dark, but each day the sun rises a minute or two earlier. Light is on the way back. Still a good time to sip hot tea by a fire and look inward. Time is well spent preparing the inner self for the outward work to come.

We have had our Annual Meeting by the time you read this, though I write a few days before. It is time to look back on the year behind and to think of the year we have begun—and the work to do together. And that work is clear: the mission of the church is to participate in the mission of God.

Darrell Guder, one of the many theologians exploring what it means to be missional church, writes, “Mission” means ‘sending,’ and it is the central biblical theme describing the purpose of God’s action in human history.... We have begun to learn that the biblical message is more radical, more inclusive, more transforming than we have allowed it to be. In particular, we have begun to see that the church of Jesus Christ is not the purpose or goal of the gospel, but rather it’s instrument and witness.... God’s mission is calling and sending us, the church of Jesus Christ, to be a missionary church in our own societies, in the cultures in which we find our-

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selves.”¹

That is, we are called to find out what God is up to in the world, how the Holy Spirit is creating life, where Christ is found among the least and lost, where the Father’s love refuses to be defeated by the forces of sin and darkness. And then jump in, participate, lend our gifts and strengths. Our mission field is our family, work, school, life. We need to be missionaries to our own culture, not some far-away land. And along the way we gather with other like-minded and spirited partners, Christians and other people of good will, and strive together for justice and peace and the healing of the earth.

So part of the task is to discern what are our gifts and strengths and where are our challenges and weaknesses. Where is the Holy Spirit acting, where are those in need, and how do we fit into the picture as individuals and as just and resilient communities, on an earth that’s crying for us to change our ways.

To that end, we will be spending much of this year in an intentional effort at discernment of gifts, assessment of needs and resources, and planning for collective engagement.

The first thing to do is take stock. This is a good month to begin, to sit by the fire and pray, gather together and ask ourselves some good and hard questions. God loves this world. God loves you and I. Let’s start there. And follow Jesus as we go.



¹Darrell L. Guder (editor), *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, 1998, 4-5



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 17

SERVINGS 6 P.M. TO 7:30

This annual supper will once again be cooked and served by the men@grace. Come, bring friends and enjoy good food and fellowship.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Stewardship Committee

As our 2015 Pledge Season nears its end we reflect on our successes so far. Pledges for the 2015 year have reached approximately \$150,100. This amount reflects the following:

- Financial commitments from 68 households, roughly the same as last year.
- 10 pledges made by households new to the church or from those who chose to pledge for the first time.
- 16 households increasing their pledge levels as well as 4 households decreasing their pledge levels.

The committee thanks all our parishioners who make it possible to carry out the 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 Linda Hogan or Father Matt with questions or comments.

Linda Hogan
Jean Hayes
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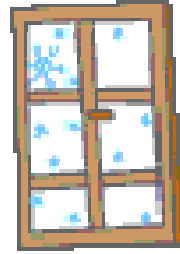


LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

We are excited for the return of the Lenten Ecumenical Services. As many of you remember, these services take place each Sunday in Lent at our neighboring churches. Grace, St. Joseph's, Lyall Federated Church, St. Peter's and Verbank Methodist will each take a turn hosting this service. St. Joseph's will host the first service on February 22nd. All services are at 7 pm and a small reception follows. A complete listing of the host churches and guest preachers will be in Sunday bulletins, the weekly e-blast and on our website.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

February 2015



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>Mr. & Mrs. J. Thorne</i>	2 <i>O. Thorne</i>	3 6:15 pm ESL <i>Treuille</i>	4 <i>Trevena</i>	5 6:15 pm ESL <i>Tuccillo</i>	6 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Vallarino</i>	7 <i>Van Tassell</i>
8 5 pm Epiphany Evensong <i>Velletri</i>	9 <i>Verrilli</i>	10 6:15 pm ESL <i>Vickery</i>	11 <i>Weaver</i>	12 6:15 pm ESL <i>Weeden</i>	13 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Welling</i>	14 <i>Westney</i>
15 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Wetmore</i>	16 <i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Whalen</i>	17 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Whalen</i>	18 Ash Wednesday Services at 10 am, 7 pm <i>Whiteley</i>	19 6:15 pm ESL <i>Whitton</i>	20 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Willis</i>	21 <i>Wilson</i>
22 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box 7 pm Lenten Ecumenical Service at St. Joseph's <i>Ainsley</i>	23 <i>Archambault</i>	24 6:15 pm ESL <i>Armstrong</i>	25 <i>Ashton</i>	26 6:15 pm ESL <i>Augerson</i>	27 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Ball</i>	28 <i>Banning</i>



February 2015 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 Sharon Schumacher at 877-1407 (email mrsshu12@aol.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>February 1</u>	<u>February 8</u>	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 22</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Barney Calame	Jean Hayes	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Kathryn Calame	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier
Chalice	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitten	Cathy Shanks	Dawn Carolie	Brenda de Martine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	Rudy Family	Susan Quigley
Usher 2				Paula Wilson
Reader	ML Ball	Lynda Boissey	Don Delaney	Alex Freeman
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Madeline Delacey	Jonathan Kolessar-Wright	Matthew Kolessar-Wright
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Lisa Lacey	Jim Kolessar	ML Ball
Chalice 2	Pam Freeman	Barbara Rudy	Sharon Schumacher	John Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Mustello Family	Susan Quigley	Margaret & Lynn Kasin	Rudy Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17
Psalms	Psalms 111	Psalms 147:1-12, 21c	Psalms 50:1-6	Psalms 25:1-9
Epistle	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15



March 2015 Service Schedule

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 Sharon Schumacher at 877-1407 (email mrsshu12@aol.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>March 1</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Jean Hayes	Barney Calame	Jean Hayes	Barney Calame	Betty Rae Nittiski
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Barney Calame	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	Cathy Shanks	Dawn Carolie	Jean Hayes	Brenda deMartine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
	To be determined				
Usher 1	Pat Picney	Lorie Whiteley	Kolessar-Wright Family	M.L. Ball Family	Mustello Family
Usher 2	John Byron	Dorothy Knapp			
Reader	Dawn Galente	Ida Leung	John Lacey	Dorothy Knapp	Lorie Whiteley
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Mariel Mustello	Matthew Kolessar-Wright	Madeline Lacey
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	Sharon Schumacher	Jim Kolessar	John Lacey
Chalice 2	Sharon Schumacher	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Pam Freeman	Lynda Boissey
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour					
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalms	Psalms 22:22-30	Psalms 19	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalms 51:1-13	Psalms 31:9-16
Epistle	Romans 4:13-25	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Mark 8:31-38	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:1-15:47



Epiphany Evensong

Grace Church Millbrook February 8th at 5 pm

Come and spend a contemplative hour in a service combining the music of Taizé and Anglican Evening Prayer. If you would like to learn the music beforehand, come at 4:45. An informal dinner in the Parish House follows.

The Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah, TSSF will lead the music, and three local pastors, Msgr. Gerardo Colacicco of St Joseph's and the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins of Grace, and the Rev. Cam Hardy will lead the prayers.

men@grace News

The men will host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17th at 6 pm in the Parish House. The youth group will be on hand to set up and serve. All are invited and encouraged to bring friends and extended family.

The monthly dinner meeting will be held in the Parish House at 6 pm on Wednesday, February 25th.

The March dinner meeting will convene at 6 pm on Wednesday, March 18th.

A very special event is in the planning for May. More information to follow.

For questions, please contact Lynn Kasin at lkasin@fishkillhealth.com.
Thanks

Food of Life Pantry

Wish List

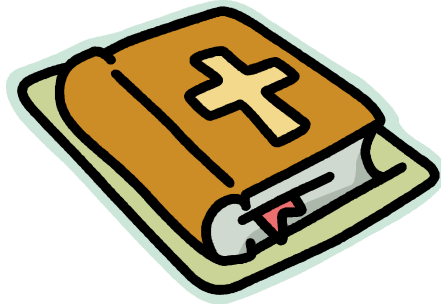
- Cans of fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna fish, chicken
- Peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, chili
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Coffee, tea
- Cornflakes, Raisin Bran, oatmeal
- Toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, detergent



Please email Robin Capers at somerscapers@aol.com if you're able to help.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues after a wonderful Christmas season. We have been learning about the Epiphany, John the Baptist, Eli and Samuel. The younger children have been working on learning The Lord's Prayer and are doing very well.



In February, our focus will begin with learning about Jesus as a teacher and a healer. We will also learn about the Transfiguration of Christ on a high mountain, learning that the glory of God is present in Jesus; that Jesus is the Son of God. Lent begins on February 18th. We will be discussing with the children about resisting temptation and talking about their Lenten practice, for example giving up sweets or adding extra acts of kindness throughout this season.

Our schedule for classes is February 1st and 8th, with a break on February 15th. Classes will resume for the next five week session on February 22nd.

If you have any questions or wish to register for Sunday School, please contact Betty Rae Nittiskie at bettyrae@optimum.net

Betty Rae Nittiskie

When I Am Troubled

Sometimes when I'm troubled
And can't see the way to go
'Tis then I cry to God
And let the tear drops flow.

Sometimes when I'm bur-
dened
And nothing's going right
I have to voice complaint
And tell God of my plight.

Sometimes I write it in a book
Pouring out my rage
Like King David long ago
With words upon a page.

And after I have done that
I will find release
I will find my song again
And be restored to peace.

If you are ever troubled
You can do as I have done
For God is always listening
You can know you're not
alone.

Dorothy Knapp
November 2014