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 Jim Kolessar, Class of 2015  
 Becky Scribner, Class of 2014  
 Cathy Shanks, Class of 2017  
 Paula Wilson, Class of 2016

**Grace Notes**

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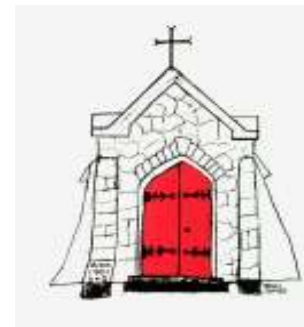
**A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR  
 THE REV. AJUNG SOJWAL**

Dear Sisters and Brothers at Grace,

There are many things to praise God for at Grace Church. It has been a wonderful year of getting to know you. It has been especially wonderful to see you grow in your confidence as a church community and the ways in which you have responded so joyfully to the needs of the church in this transition period. My time with you is slowly coming to an end, but of course you will always hold a special place in my heart. You will be in my prayers in the coming months as you continue to discern and seek God's will for you as the Body of Christ at this particular time, in this particular place of Millbrook.

God is always looking for those who will be His joyful and obedient disciples as He goes about in our broken world bringing healing, hope and transformation. What a privilege it is to be with our Lord as He walks with the undocumented migrant worker, as he embraces the poor and the needy in our community, as he comforts the one who has lost a loved one, as he sits by the bedside of the one who is ill, as he gathers the

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tears of mothers and fathers praying for their children, and as he nurtures the dreams and aspirations of our children through success as well as disappointments. Above all, to be able to worship our Lord as the gathered Body of Christ, week after week, is truly a holy experience. Without us knowing exactly how, we are being broken, kneaded and made anew in the hands of our Maker every day.

I want you to remember that God is invested in His church so much more than we can ever be because it is the community of His children. Continue in your good works and know that what God said to the people of Israel through the prophet Jeremiah holds true for all His children throughout history, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.”

Prayer is by far the most powerful tool God has given us to stay connected to Him and to each other, so continue to be faithful in your prayers for the right shepherd to come along in God’s good time. May this time of transition be God’s own time for you all to become the future with hope in this village of Millbrook, and beyond.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Ajung Sojwal



### **Women of Grace:**

Women of Grace will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for evening prayer and on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm for our monthly pot luck dinner.

## **Grace Stewardship**

As our formal pledge season ends, we thank all of you for supporting our Grace Church community through your pledges for 2014. Your pledges are vital, and only through knowing how much money is available to support our staff, our buildings and our necessary expenses can the vestry make knowledgeable decisions for our future.

Thanks also to the many presenters who came out for both services this past fall to tell how pledging “Time, Talent and Treasure” makes our church work successfully. We hope that while listening to each presentation, you thought about how you might volunteer, or share your special skills, or how your financial resources could support the church’s work throughout the year.

A new budget year is now here, but we are still approximately \$35,000 short of our pledge goal of \$190,000 for the year. Pledging helps both the church and our families plan and organize expenses for the year.

If you haven’t yet pledged your financial support, please consider doing so in the next few weeks. If circumstances make it difficult for you to do so, know that there are many other ways you can support Grace Church.

Grace Church is a community.... We pray together, we sing together, we care for each other together, we have fun together. Thank you for being a participating member of this wonderful community.

The Stewardship Committee,

Bill Augerson, Jean Hayes, Linda Hogan, Beth Willis

# Calendar and Prayer Cycle

# January 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
<i>Happy New Year!</i>			1 <i>Leung</i>	2 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lewin</i>	3 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Lindsay</i>	4 <i>Lindsley</i>
5 <i>Logan</i>	6 <i>B. Lynch</i>	6:15 pm ESL 7 <i>R. Lynch</i>	7 pm Women of Grace 8 <i>Mandy</i>	6:15 pm ESL 9 <i>McGilvray</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry 10 <i>McGregor</i>	11 <i>McNeil</i>
12 <i>McWilliams</i>	13 <i>Meigs</i>	6:15 pm ESL 14 <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. S. Meyer</i>	15 <i>Moore</i>	6:15 pm ESL 16 <i>Mott</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry 17 <i>Mueser</i>	18 <i>Muir</i>
11:30 am Vestry Meeting 19 <i>Muller</i>	20 <i>Murray</i>	6:15 pm ESL 21 <i>Mustello</i>	6:30 pm Women of Grace 22 <i>Myers</i>	6:15 pm ESL 23 <i>Napier</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry 24 <i>Nestel</i>	9 am Lunch Box Prep 25 <i>C. Neville</i>
11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box 26 <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. M. Neville</i>	27 <i>Nicita</i>	6:15 pm ESL 28 <i>Nittiskie</i>	29 <i>Noonan</i>	6:15 pm ESL 30 <i>Noone</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry 31 <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. Page</i>	



## January 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](mailto:bmcgilvray4@gmail.com)) for the 7:30 service or Pam Freeman at 635-8504 for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>January 5</u>	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 19</u>	<u>January 26</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Virginia Neville	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Barney Calame
Chalice	Beth Willis	Brenda De Martine	Kurt Barnes	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Jean Hayes and Hollie Sturges	Cathy Shanks	Betty Rae Nittiskie
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	Mustello Family	Rudy Family
Usher 2				
Reader	Paula Wilson	Don Delaney	Marion Thompson	Paula Wilson
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Jonathon Kolessar-Wright	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Sharon Schumacher	Ida Leung	ML Ball	Jim Kolessar
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Pam Freeman	Jim Kolessar	Sharon Schumacher
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Thompson Family	Freeman Family	Scribner Family	Annual Meeting
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalms	84:1-8	29	40:1-12	27:1, 5-13
Epistle	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23



## February 2014 Service Schedule

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	<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

## Latino Outreach

### ESL

After much red tape and hard work between the State of New York, Catholic Charities and Grace Latino Outreach (GLO), we have been approved by the State of New York to benefit from 'The Office for New Americans Program'. Michelle McKeon, MSW Supervisor - Social Services Catholic Charities Community Services and Daniel Buzi, Program & Volunteer Coordinator, Neighborhood Based Opportunity Center Office of New Americans Catholic Charities Community Services were instrumental in achieving this venture. Dan is the program and volunteer coordinator for the 'Office for New Americans Program' (ONA). The goal for this collaboration is to enroll eligible students in the Office for New Americans Program. Through this program we are able to cover the cost of books and student enrollment at no cost to GLO or the students. ONA also provides immigration legal services to those students who are interested including work-permits, green-card application assistance, citizenship application assistance, and just about any other (non-criminal) immigration legal issue you could imagine.

The first 'Grace Latino Outreach and Kinship Program Thanksgiving Feast' at Grace was held on Monday, November 25, 2013. The students and families of the ESL classes and 'Kinship Program' were participants from Amenia, Dover, Millbrook and Millerton. To Rev. Ajung and all the Grace parishioners who attended the dinner and donated turkeys and desserts, we are grateful for your kinship and generosity. We had about 50 people in total. The turkeys that were not consumed that evening were given to the families and one was retained for turkey soup for the ESL classes. A great time was had by all and we look forward to making this a yearly event.

### Miscellaneous:

We will be having a 'January Coat Event' for all our students in Amenia, Dover, Millbrook and Pleasant Valley. We have had coats donated to our GLO

ESL classes and they will be delivered in January.

We are also in collaboration with The Youth Mission Outreach (YMO) of Poughkeepsie (Rev. Mary Nell) and Catholic Charities (Mary Marshall) in a program called [www.SkipMeal.org](http://www.SkipMeal.org). The proceeds from this Program will be shared by YMO, Catholic Charities and GLO. What does SkipMeal do exactly? The goal of SkipMeal is to decrease the needs in the city of Poughkeepsie and its surrounding areas. The money donated from each and every person is used to directly address the needs of youth and their families. SkipMeal wants to feed the spirit and the body of all those in need. You may be surprised to know that food insecurity in Poughkeepsie and the surrounding areas is 12.3 percent higher than the national average. This means more than one in four households does not have regular access or funds to purchase nutritious food or, in most cases, food at all. Also, a recent census showed that 12 percent of children in Dutchess County live in poverty. This is clearly unacceptable and we will work to eradicate this in our area. We will be distributing the information on SkipMeal to the public in our area via radio interviews, and newspaper articles.

I will be attending the Mid-Hudson Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 19th at 6PM, in Marlboro and will keep you informed of all the progress in all aspects of Latino Outreach.

Respectfully,  
Evelyn Garzetta  
Latino Outreach Director

*Note - on all checks sent to the Church, please designate what your check is for (i.e. pledge, altar flowers, food pantry, lunch box, etc.) on the memo line so we can apply to the correct account. Thank you .*