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# Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

### New Year Resolution

Every new year (and every new day) presents an opportunity for grace and faith, working together, working through us individually and collectively, to advance the mission of God.

What is the mission of God, you ask?

Well, far be it from short-sighted mortals and fallible institutions to speak for God. But God has spoken to us, so we believe. At least that is how I understand the gifts of life, consciousness, nature, scripture, sages and the Son and Spirit—they are forms of revelation, whispers of God into our spiritual ear.

And I think at least one or two God's messages are pretty clear. One is that *this universe has a purpose and point*. It began and it will end, and a new creation take its place (this is the basic plot of the Bible). When and exactly how remain unknown. Hence one other matter must be clear: *we are to be mindful and caring along the way*. For if this whole creation is going somewhere—and we are part of it—then we also have a part to play in it. We are not conscious beings for nothing.



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And this work—the mission of God if you will—can be understood clearly through the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus showed us the Way. It is *the way and the work of reconciliation*. Somehow, we are separated from God and each other. No need to go into detail. It is a fallen world and we see the fallout on every side. There is needless suffering and cruelty, stupid waste and loss of potential. We can be so much better; the world can be so much better. It does not need to be a zero-sum game, a polarized sorting into winners and losers—though principalities and thrones insist this must be so. We can learn to cooperate, to pool talent and resources, to create and share. We see this also every day. It is what creates community and friendship and family.

Individual and social forces of self-interest and corruption and historical patterns of injustice and oppression are massive obstacles to the mission of reconciliation and new creation. If it were easy it would be done, for many have given their lives to the mission of God. We will certainly not accomplish the kingdom in our lifetimes. We may even see it slip further away. We may be heading toward a very hard and dark time. But all the more reason to have faith, to hold on to the light we have, to give the work all we have to give no matter the short-term result.

For there is one final message that seems clear to me in the gospel of God in Christ: the Resurrection is the sign of the ultimate power and victory of God. So never lose hope. Always rejoice. It is a new year, and although we cannot know what tomorrow holds, we know who holds tomorrow.

See you on Sunday, Matthew+



**Annual Meeting**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**11:30 am**  
**Parish Hall**

Mark Your Calendars for our Annual Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is an important meeting during which we will say thank you to outgoing vestry members, vote on new vestry members, take a look back at the past year and look at the coming year as well as the budget.

The meeting begins at 11:30 am, with a potluck lunch to follow.

**Pictures from Abby Nathanson's trip to Guatemala—  
visiting villages where some of her students in EPIC  
are from**



# Calendar and Prayer Cycle

# January 2018



### Sunday Service Schedule:

8:00 Holy Eucharist  
 8:45 - 9:00 Rector's Forum  
 10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist  
 - Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

### Weekday Services:

Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am  
 Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:45 am  
 Caregivers Support : Thursdays at 1 pm  
 ESL: Thursdays in Parish Hall / Fridays in  
 Choir Room: 6 – 9 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Happy New Year</b>  <i>Quartararo</i>	2 <i>Quigley</i>	3 <i>Quinn</i>	4 6 pm ESL <i>Recknagel</i>	5 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Reilly</i>	6 <i>Renfroe</i>
7 <i>Roach</i>	8 <i>Rudy</i>	9 <i>Schumacher</i>	10 <i>Scribner</i>	11 6 pm ESL <i>Seaman</i>	12 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Sedlak</i>	13 <i>C. Shanks</i>
14 <i>J. Shanks</i>	15 <i>Stuebner</i>	16 <i>Sturges</i>	17 <i>Styles</i>	18 6 pm ESL <i>Sutherland</i>	19 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Sweeny</i>	20 <i>Swift</i>
21 <i>Taylor</i>	22 <i>Dee Tedesco</i>	23 <i>Diane Tedesco</i>	24 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Thompson</i>	25 6 pm ESL <i>F. Thorne</i>	26 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. Thorne</i>	27 <i>O. Thorne</i>
28 11:30 am - Annual Meeting 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Treuille</i>	29 <i>Vallarino</i>	30 <i>Van De Water</i>	31 <i>Van Tassell</i>			

## Continue “The Path” at Grace

Last year we started reading The Path: A Journey Through the Bible (from Forward Movement. <https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2418/the-path.aspx>) as a parish, and our Sunday School is working with a family version. Our discussion groups are meeting after each service on Sundays. There are copies in the back of the church for \$15.00, please leave in the brown drop off box in the foyer of the church. We have formed a facebook group, **The Path at Grace** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/379563449127632/about/>) where you can find the schedule of reading and discussion groups. We will be posting comments and links there and on our website (<http://www.gracemillbrook.org/>)

Here is the schedule of reading and discussion:

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Pages</b>	<b>Week</b>
Ch 1	God Saw That It Was Good	1-18	9/10-9/17
Ch 2	The Sign of the Covenant	19-28	9/18-9/24
Ch 3	The Ancestor of a Multitude	29-38	9/19-10/1
Ch 4	Joseph Had a Dream	39-52	10/2-10/8
Ch 5	I AM WHO I AM	53-66	10/9-10/15
Ch 6	The Waters Were Divided	67-80	10/16-10/22
Ch 7	The Wall Fell Down Flat	81-94	10/23-10/29
Ch 8	The Lord Raised Up Judges	95-106	10/30-11/5
Ch 9	Speak, For Your Servant Is Listening	107-118	11/6-11/12
Ch 10	Determined to Have a King	119-132	11/13-11/19

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Pages</b>	<b>Week</b>
Ch 11	A Man After God's Own Heart	133-146	11/20-1/7
Ch 12	The Wisdom of God Was in Him	147-158	1/8-1/14
Ch 13	Here I Am; Send Me	159-176	1/15-1/21
Ch 14	Daniel, Servant of the Living God	175-190	1/16-1/28
Ch 15	Go Up and Rebuild	191-204	1/28-2/4
Ch 16	Good News of Great Joy	205-216	2/5-2/11
Ch 17	Follow Me	217-230	2/12-2/18
Ch 18	Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom	231-246	2/19-2/25
Ch 19	Crucify Him!	247-262	2/26-3/4
Ch 20	We Have Seen the Lord	263-272	3/5-4/15
Ch 21	Filled with the Holy Spirit	273-288	4/16-4/22
Ch 22	Grace May Abound	289-302	4/23-4/29
Ch 23	Be Doers of the Word	303-318	4/30-5/13
Ch 24	The Alpha and the Omega	319-334	5/14-5/20
Epilogue			5/21-5/27

## Sunday School News

### “Children are not the church’s future, they are its present.” Father Matt

In December, the Sunday School children and Youth Group members put on a very successful Christmas Pageant. Many thanks to Dawn Galente for taking the lead role in directing the pageant again this year. The pageant was co-directed by Dawn, Jonathan Shanks and Bella Lucal. Heather Holohan Guarnieri provided guidance in our singing of the Christmas carols. The pageant was held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed after the pageant in the Parish Hall.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the children participated in the Millbrook Parade of Lights. We had quite a group of energetic kids throwing out candy and glo sticks to the huge crowd. Father Matt and Zoe also rode on the float with us. It was a great evening. Many thanks to Ron and Katherine Mustello for providing the beautifully decorated float... to John and Lisa Lacey and Lynn and Margaret Kasin for providing, candy, glo sticks, lighted necklaces, Santa hats and supervision!

At the end of November, we started to make boxwood tree pots which were sold at the St Nicholas Bazaar on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The children painted the pots and a few weeks later we put the boxwood sprigs into the oasis to make a beautiful holiday decoration. Thank you to everyone who purchased one.... we sold them all!

Sunday School classes will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Betty Rae Nittiskie





# January 2018 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 8:00 service or Evelyn Garzetta at 518-789-0793 (email [evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com](mailto:evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com)) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>	<u>January 28</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Beth Willis	Valerie La Robardier	Kathryn Calame	Elliot Lindsley
Chalice	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	Brenda de Martine	Betty Rae Nittiskie	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	The Wilson Family	The Garzetta Family	Susan Quigley, Lori Whiteley
Usher 2	Sarah Leiber, Catherine Page			
Reader	Jonathan Shanks	Lynda Boisse	Juana Lopez	Nanci Kryzak
Acolyte	KC Bryant, Madeline Lacey	Isabelle Lucal	Harry Leiber	Emily Grasseler
Chalice 1	Lisa Lacey	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boisse
Chalice 2	John Lacey	Pam Freeman	Barbara Rudy	Lisa Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Grace Latino Outreach	Sandy Podmanicz	The Garzetta Family	The Meigs Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms	Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalms 62:6-14	Psalms 111
Epistle	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28



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	<u>February 4</u>	<u>February 11</u>	<u>February 18</u>	<u>February 25</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Katherine Calame	Elliot Lindsley	Beth Willis	Valerie La Robardier
Chalice	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	The Calames	Brenda de Martine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Ball Family	The Rudy Family	The Garzetta Family	The Mustello Family
Usher 2	Ben Conklin, Magdalena Lucal			
Reader	Susan Quigley	Paula Wilson	Tona Toledo Florentino	Ron Mustello
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Muller, Steve Bryant	Isabella Lucal	Ben Lacey	Olivia Lucal
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	ML Ball	Lisa Lacey	Pam Freeman
Chalice 2	Lisa Lacey	Nanci Kryzak	John Lacey	Barbara Rudy
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Thompson Family	The Kasin Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Rudy Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalms	Psalms 147:1-12, 21c	Psalms 50:1-6	Psalms 25:1-9	Psalms 22:22-30
Epistle	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38