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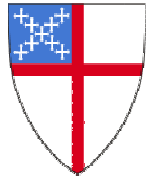
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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

A colleague and I were talking as we walked up scenic Route 9 from Wappingers Falls to Poughkeepsie as part of the Rural and Migrant Ministry's March for Justice for Farmworkers (May 26). Some of those in our group had already walked 11 days from Long Island to get here. We would reach Highland in the afternoon. They had seven more days then to reach Albany for a rally at the state capital. It was a dedicated and admirable group of people, led by the redoubtable Richard Witt, a longtime friend of Grace.

I asked my friend, who is a priest and nun, a contemplative soul, if she could keep her spirit centered and prayerful even on this busy highway—dangerous without sidewalk and shoulders, on a hot day when she had already walked several days and was feeling very uncomfortable. She said she looked at each passing car, and tried to smile or wave and offer a prayer thought: God loves you, be well. And when she found herself forced to think of her discomfort, she would remember what it must be like to work in a field under the hot sun, with no choice but to labor on.



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We talked some more about prayer. I noted that on occasion I meet with people going through very difficult life circumstances and they asked for prayer. Often they want my prayers to change their circumstances, and of course we pray for healing or reconciliation. But I also suggest they pray for hope and faith; for a strong back, as well as a lighter burden; for patience and humor and forgiveness.

My friend agreed, and said she didn't know how people get through life without faith and hope. And this is just what the church and other communities of faith offer people.

So here we are. The church has a wonderful resource of teaching and practice—the Way of Jesus—which will improve anybody's capacity of enjoying life's blessings and enduring its crosses. But we live in an age in which self-realization and individual freedom and choice are dominant values, and trust in and participation in institutions, including organized religious institutions such as our church, has sharply declined.

It is as if a person has a restaurant full of delicious and healthy food and yet people, tired and hungry and sad under the hot sun, chose to walk by. Does the restaurant look closed or forbidding? Doesn't the sign say all are welcome? Aren't those inside going out to invite the weary sojourner in?

Are you getting fed? Is your spirit strong and your prayer life centered and calm? Do you find that attending church services helps? Or are we somehow not getting through with the life-giving Word?

Something to think about as we enter the summer—and go through the season of Pentecost—also known as Ordinary Time. Interesting notion, ordinary time. I think the root of the idea is not that this season is somehow unexceptional and rather dull, but that it is ordered to the secular world and the pre-

sent age, rather than based on the events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection: Advent through Easter. But this present age is far from ordinary. And the secular world seems more lost, chaotic and conflicted than in recent memory. Let's try together to make Grace Church a genuine oasis of grace—a place in which the weary can rest and the joyful celebrate, where we walk together for justice and peace, and where the Holy Spirit is palpably present.

See you on Sunday,
Matthew+



Fundraiser "Kicking for Camp" Submitted by Graeme Styles

On Sunday, June 12th from 12pm - 4pm, I will be holding a fundraiser at the bandshell green across from Grace Church to raise money to send a child to the Rural Migrant Ministry camp. The RMM website is <http://ruralmigrantministry.org/>.

The RMM camp costs \$800 per child for one week of overnight camp. The RMM day camps are \$400 for two weeks. I hope to raise \$800. I sold toys I no longer use outside of the Grace Preschool sale and raised \$100 a few weeks ago toward my goal.

I have set up a four-hour kickball game and bake sale fundraiser for "Kicking for Camp". Everyone is welcome. I am asking that each player contribute \$5.00 to the fundraiser. I am blessed with the opportunity to attend a summer camp each year and I want to return the favor.

Also anyone wishing to help, bake for the bake sale or contribute in anyway, please email my mom janellestyles@gmail.com. Thank you. Graeme

EPIC News

First cohort holds its 25th meeting, visits Vassar College

Engaging People in Change (EPIC), is nearing the end of its first year. On Friday, May 13th, we met for the 25th time as a group in the Parish Hall at Grace Church in Millbrook, not to mention our many other trips and events. On April 30th, we had a visit to Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, organized by our Vassar student intern Sophia Burns. We went on an official admissions tour of the college and on a tour of the Frances Lehman Loeb art museum on campus. After that, we were introduced to a more personal side of campus when we met up with a group of Vassar students to eat lunch in the dining hall, visit a dormitory, and discuss their experiences on campus.

The Vassar students were members of the Transitions program, which supports first-generation and/or low income college students as they transition into life at

Vassar. The Vassar students and the EPIC members talked about experiencing racism in predominantly white spaces, finding financial aid in college, and pushing yourself to beat other people's expectations.

"It was great learning about the EPIC program and seeing how inspiring the students are. I hope that they will continue to raise awareness about social justice wherever they go," wrote one Vassar student after the visit. "Some students shared contact information, and our most recent EPIC meeting was interrupted by a phone call from a Vassar student checking in to see how we were doing. The EPIC members appreciated getting the inside look into the college experience: "The college tour in the beginning was kind of boring because basically they were trying to sell us Vassar as in trying to persuade us to go here. It wasn't until we explored on our own that we met really cool people and the real deal about college," said Joelle.

EPIC is many things—youth activism, rural advocacy, empowerment, raising awareness—and it is a college readiness program. Our young people advocate for themselves as a crucial first step in creating a better world.



EPIC members sit outside of a dorm at Vassar.

From left to right: Juan, Joelle, Marissa, and Elizabeth.

You are invited to our
~ End-of-Year Celebration! ~

Friday, June 3rd

6:00 pm

Parish Hall at Grace Church, 3328 Franklin Ave, Millbrook

Dinner will be served.

Meet the EPIC members. They're inspiring.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

June 2016



Sunday Service Schedule:

7:30 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: Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6:15 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				6:15 pm ESL	3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm EPIC Celebration	
				<i>O. Thorne</i>	<i>Treuille</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		6:15 pm ESL		6:15 pm ESL	3-5 pm Food Pantry	
<i>Vallarino</i>	<i>Van De Water</i>	<i>Van Tassell</i>	<i>Verrilli</i>	<i>Vickery</i>	<i>Weaver</i>	<i>Weeden</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12 pm - 3 RMM Fundraiser at the Bandshell		6:15 pm ESL		6:15 pm ESL	3-5 pm Food Pantry	
<i>Welling</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Whalen</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Whalen</i>	<i>Whiteley</i>	<i>Whitton</i>	<i>Wicker</i>	<i>Willis</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		6:15 pm ESL	6:30 pm Women of Grace	6:15 pm ESL	3-5 pm Food Pantry	
<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. P. Wilson</i>	<i>Zukowski</i>	<i>Ainsley</i>	<i>Archambault</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Augerson</i>
26	27	28	29	30		
11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box		6:15 pm ESL		6:15 pm ESL		
<i>Ball</i>	<i>Banning</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Bedell</i>	<i>Bellin</i>		

Mid Year Letter

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

As June 2016 unfolds, we have a good understanding of our financial needs for the remainder of the year. Pledge dollars are used to cover the costs of the general operating budget including staffing and benefits, the general upkeep of the church facilities and grounds, and those costs that allow us to meet the spiritual needs of parishioners through worship, discipleship and fellowship. Our operating budget also helps support the many ways in which we reach out to the broader community to transform lives and participate in God's mission of reconciliation and new creation.

If you are new to the Grace Church community or now have a better understanding of the pledge process, please consider a mid-year pledge now. If this past Fall you were unsure if your household budget could sustain a pledge, but are in a stronger financial position now, please consider pledging for the rest of the year.

The act of pledging, and the exercise of faith it requires, is far more important than the amount pledged. We invite you, in addition to all the time and talent you contribute, to help us attain the financial resources needed by pledging to the best of your ability in 2016.

Your continued commitment to Grace Church and our ministries is greatly appreciated.

Linda Hogan
Stewardship Chair

Father Matt



GRACE CHURCH MILLBROOK

10th Anniversary Golf and Dinner Benefit

Monday, July 11

GOLF AND DINNER BENEFIT
*at the
Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club*
103 Rt. 343, Millbrook, NY

All are welcome to join us for the 10th Anniversary Golf and Dinner Benefit to support Grace Church Millbrook community outreach programs.

Golf & Lunch

- Scramble format for 18 holes of great golfing.
- Morning and afternoon flight times at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- Prizes, contests, raffle items, and Douglas Kinsey Cup Award.
- Lunch provided by Panera Bread.

Benefit Dinner & Auction

- Cocktail hour from 6 - 7 p.m. with live music, followed by dinner and auction from 7 - 9 p.m.
- Honoree Bishop Douglas Fisher of Western, Mass.
- Guest speaker Joshua Ginsberg, President Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

To register or for more information download the registration/ sponsorship form at www.gracemillbrook.org or call Maria Galli at (845) 677-3064.

Sunday School News

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

We have had a busy month in May. We continued to learn about the season of Easter with the final lessons about Pentecost. We had a successful plant sale on Mother’s Day. Thank you so much to Kristin and Tommy Martin for their help in selling the plants and especially growing the seedlings! We are hoping to make this an annual tradition. The song for May was **It’s Me Oh Lord**. Be sure to check the video out at the Grace Church Facebook site in case you missed it! On or last Sunday of Sunday School (for this season), our song was **If You Believe and I Believe**. A Sunday School picnic is in the works and we are looking forward to that! Have a wonderful summer everyone.....we will be back in full force in September!

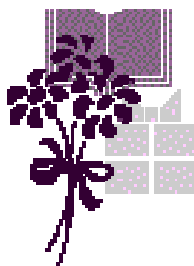
Betty Rae Nittiskie

Altar Guild Flower Fund

Please consider donating to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. The cost of flowers each week is \$35.00 and can be donated in memory of family and friends.

Contact Susan Quigley with date requests and mail checks to Grace Church (in memo - Altar Guild)

Thank you for considering this gift to Grace.
The Altar Guild



Grace Table Fellowship

Grace Table Fellowship was initiated a number of years ago to foster fellowship in our parish. Small groups of people meet in each other’s homes on a monthly basis to share a meal. The host or hostess usually provides the main course, and the other participants provide the other courses. Many people have found this a wonderful way to get to know people whom they might otherwise not have met. It is particularly effective in providing a means of meeting people who worship at the other service, and it is a wonderful way to strengthen our community ties.

We hope to have this running by September, so we are asking those who are interested to submit the following form as soon as possible so that we can set up the groups, and you can take it from there.

Name(s):

Email Address:

Phone number:

Meeting day: FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

Are you willing to host a dinner in your home?

Would you be willing to host the first dinner?

Are you interested in a group which would include children?

Would you be interested in a group which would start in late spring/early summer rather than waiting until the fall?

Please mail or email this form to: Paula Wilson: PMW911@AOL.COM or 99 Hoofprint Road, Millbrook, NY 12545, or call her at 845-677-8485.

If you have a question, and you can’t reach Paula, you can contact Beth Willis: bethwillis@optonline.net or at 845-373-8202



June 2016 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 Evelyn Garzetta at 518-789-0793 (email evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville
Reader	Barney Calame	Valerie LaRobardier	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Nanci Kryzak	Brenda deMartine
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	Betty Rae Nittiskie
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	S. Schumacher, L. Whiteley	The Garzetta Family	The Rudy Family	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson
Usher 2	M. Canez, M. Lucal			
Reader	Madeline Lacey	Pam Freeman	Joe Garzetta	Lori Whiteley
Acolyte	M. Lacey, S. Lucal, S. Bryant	Sally Ball, Gus Ball	Ben Lacey	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	ML Ball	John Lacey	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2	Barbra Rudy	Sharon Schumacher	Lisa Lacey	Ida Leung
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Martin Family	The Meigs Family	The Kasin Family	The Rudy Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalms	Psalms 146	Psalms 5:1-8	Psalms 42 and 43	Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20
Epistle	Galatians 1:11-24	Galatians 2:15-21	Galatians 3:23-29	Galatians 5:1,13-25
Gospel	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 7:36-8:3	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62



July 2016 Service Schedule

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	<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>	<u>July 31</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Joan McGilvray	Valerie LaRobardier	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis	Barney Calame
Chalice	Valerie LaRobardier	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Nanci Kryzak	Brenda deMartine
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Brenda deMartine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>	<i>To Be Determined</i>				
Usher 1					
Usher 2					
Reader					
Acolyte					
Chalice 1					
Chalice 2					
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour					
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10	Hosea 11:1-11
Psalms	Psalm 30	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Epistle	Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21