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Grace Notes

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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

**A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR
 THE REV. MASUD IBN SYEDULLAH**

Dear Friends and Members of Grace,

On behalf of my wife (Janice) and me, I extend heartfelt thanks to each of you who are making our arrival to Grace Church such a grace-filled experience. It is a joy to be here among you as your Interim Pastor, and I look forward to our time together as we celebrate the risen life of Christ among us, share his life with others in the surrounding community, and prepare for the calling of the next Rector of Grace Church.

As many of you know, last November I led a workshop for the vestry and other lay leaders of Grace Church to further equip the parish to engage its mission as it moves forward. The workshop, titled “*You Are the Body*”, was based on the Biblical theme of the Church being the Body of Christ in the world today, with Christ as its head, and all of us being members of his Body – hands, feet, heart – extensions of himself, offering to each other and to the world the presence and goodness of God. We discussed ways that Grace Church has been, and is functioning as the Body of Christ



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among its members, in the surrounding community and Diocese, and beyond. We also began to envision ways that God may be calling Grace Church to engage its mission as it moves forward into the coming months and years. I consider it a great privilege to be back among you – now as Interim Pastor – to continue to work with you as we engage ways to strengthen the parish, and to further discern how the Lord wants to use Grace Church to be his presence and to share his goodness in the community.

Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Forty Days of Lent. For your convenience, Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes is scheduled to be offered twice: at 10:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten season is a period when the Church invites its members to take a fresh look at what it means to be a member of Christ's Body. Through our worship together, personal prayer, study of scripture, and other acts of devotion and service, we can discover new depths of spiritual strength and a clearer sense of how the Lord wants to use us as members of his Body to be his presence and to share his goodness to those around us.

I invite you (even urge you) to make a special effort in this upcoming season of Lent to come together with me as members of Christ's Body at Grace Church to engage in the Sunday services, and other special opportunities for worship, study, and fellowship that will be offered during this Holy Season. Be on the lookout for notices to inform you of the dates and times of the special Lenten programs.

Again, it is a joy to be among you. May the peace and blessings of the Lord surround and support each of us, as we seek to be his presence, and to share his goodness.

Yours in the work of Christ and his Church,
Father Masud†



Search Committee Update

If you were at the Annual Meeting, you know that I began my committee update by introducing myself as the only committee head who did not complete their job. I want to thank everyone for your continuing support us as we continue on this longer-than-expected journey.

By the time you receive Grace Notes, we should be at a point where the job is posted again with the diocese. In addition, we will have a Rector Search link on the Grace Church website which will display our Parish Profile, as well as our OTM form (Office of Transition Ministry). This form is required by the diocese, and is filled with "everything you ever wanted to know" about Grace Church. It is something all potential candidates see. They fill out a similar form, which gets sent to us if they apply for the position. It helps us get a feel for who the candidates are, and complements the resumes they send. Hopefully, the Search Committee will spend March and April reviewing resumes, and deciding who we would like to visit and interview. We encourage everyone in the parish to "talk us up". If you know anyone who you think would be a good candidate, please encourage them to apply.

We will keep you updated about our progress through Grace Notes, our Sunday bulletins and announcements at Church. Please be aware that we can only update you in general terms. Many times candidates have not informed their parishes that they are looking for a change, so any specific information on who has applied is strictly confidential. Even if you referred someone to us, we won't be able to comment on that person. But we'll be happy to keep you informed of where we are in the process. Contact me, or members of the Search Committee (Kathryn Calame, Denis Freeman, Larry Graham, John Hall, Jane Meigs, Katherine Mustello and Janelle Styles), if you have any questions.

Barbara Rudy
Search Committee Chair

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

March 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>Sweeny</i>
2 <i>Swift</i>	3 <i>Dee Tedesco</i>	4 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6:15 pm ESL <i>Diane Tedesco</i>	5 Ash Wednesday Services at 10 am, 7 pm <i>Thompson</i>	6 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Thorne</i>	7 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>O. Thorne</i>	8 <i>F. Thorne</i>
9 <i>Treuille</i>	10 <i>Trevena</i>	11 6:15 pm ESL <i>Tripp</i>	12 <i>Tuccillo</i>	13 6:15 pm ESL <i>Tyldsley</i>	14 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Vallarino</i>	15 <i>Van Alen</i>
16 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Van Tassell</i>	17 <i>Velletri</i>	18 6:15 pm ESL <i>Verrilli</i>	19 <i>Vickery</i>	20 6:15 pm ESL <i>Vogel</i>	21 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Wainwright</i>	22 <i>Walborn</i>
23 <i>Weaver</i>	24 <i>Weeden</i>	25 6:15 pm ESL <i>Welling</i>	26 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Wesp</i>	27 6:15 pm ESL <i>Westney</i>	28 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Mr. & Mrs. W. Wetmore</i>	29 <i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Whalen</i>
30 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Whalen</i>	31 <i>Whiteley</i>					



March 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>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	Dorothy	Alex Freeman	Paula Wilson	ML Ball
Acolyte	Matthew Kolessar-Wright	KC Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Jonathon Kolessar Wright	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Lynda Boisey	ML Ball	Jim Kolessar	ML Ball
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
Psalm	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



April 2014 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 Pam Freeman at 635-8504 for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13 - Palm Sunday</u>	<u>April 20 - Easter</u>	<u>April 20 - Easter</u>	<u>April 27</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Jean Hayes	Maurice Neville		Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame		Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine	Kurt Barnes		Valelerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	The Nevilles	Dawn Carolie	Karen Whitton		Brenda de Martine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	To be announced	To be announced	Susan Quigley
Usher 2					Lorie Whitely
Reader	Lorie Whitely	Dorothy Knapp	To be announced	To be announced	Paula Wilson
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Mariel Mustello	To be announced	To be announced	Madeline Lacey
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher	To be announced	To be announced	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2	Pam Freeman	Lynda Boissey	To be announced	To be announced	Sharon Schumacher
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	Susan Quigley	Becky Scribner	No coffee hour	No coffee hour	Meigs Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 2:14a,22-32
Psalm	130	31:9-16	118:1-2, 14-24	118:1-2, 14-24	16
Epistle	Romans 8:6-11	Philippians 2:5-11	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 10:34-43	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel	John 11:1-45	Matthew 27:11-54	Matthew 28:1-10	Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31

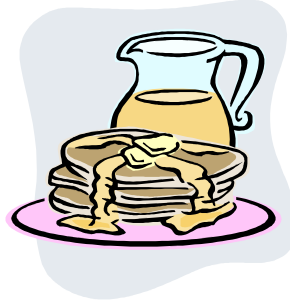
9 am Service

10:30 am Service

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.

Thank You

Dear Sisters and Brothers at Grace,

Thank you very much for your very generous gift to the Nagaland Project. This project is very close to my heart and it means a lot to me that you have so graciously responded to my request to donate toward this endeavor. Your contribution will go toward laying the foundation for the building to house the handloom project, which started last Monday, the 10th of February. Please continue to pray that God will provide the needed resources to complete the building and most of all, that the looms will be a source of income and empowerment for the women in and around the village. There is hope and plan to house a pre-school for the children of the women who will avail themselves of the services and training in the project. As the project progresses, I will give you updates on it.

I praise God every day for the wonderful experience of being in your midst for the fourteen months that I was there with you. You are very much in my prayers as you wait upon the Lord to direct you to the person He has in mind to be your next shepherd.

Your Sister in Christ,
Ajung Sojwal

1. Young girl looking at us curiously on our 1st mission trip
2. Few piglets ready to be distributed to self-help groups in the village
3. Bamboo craft training for the young men of the village
4. Women (and some men) in the village welcoming us on our 1st mission trip

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Women of Grace:

Women of Grace will not be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in March or April for Evening Prayer because of Lent. We will still meet for our pot luck dinner on the 4th Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm.