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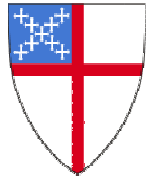
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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

What does blessing of creation have to do with creating a strategic plan? At least this: both are part of the life of Grace Church.

On May 1st, we will be part of an interfaith service called *Blessing our Sacred Places*. This is our second annual Rogation Days event. Last spring we went about to six of our area farms and blessed the fields. This year we will process about the lake at Innisfree Garden and bless soil and seed, water and tree. Professor Brigitte Kahl from Union Seminary will provide a short commentary on these aspects of God's creation.

We will also have a prayer from the Native American tradition by Donna Coane, a reading from Hebrew scriptures, read in Hebrew and English with a short commentary by Rabbi Daniel Victor of Congregation Beth El. We will have a reading from the Quran, read in Arabic and English, read by Dr Umar Ahmed and Imam Hafiz Badar Usmani of the Mid-Hudson Islamic Center. It reads (in English):



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Do you not see how God compares a good word to a good tree? Its root is firm and its branches are in the sky; it yields its fruit in every season by God's leave. God speaks in parables to mankind so that they may take heed. But an evil word is like an evil tree torn out of the earth and shorn of all its roots.
Sura 14:24-25

I am reminded of our scriptural tradition, where Jesus says that a good tree produces good fruit; and a bad tree bad fruit (Matthew 7:17); meaning out of one's heart comes blessing, or curse.

I am also reminded of Jesus' teaching that he is the true vine, and we, his disciples, are the branches (John 15). If we want to remain vital and fruitful we must stay connected to the vine. The vine grower prunes sometimes, but that is to give the greater growth.

I have recently returned from the diocesan priests' conference, and this text of John was the basis of a sermon we heard at the closing Eucharist. Let it stand for all of the work of tending the vineyard that we are called to do, as congregation and as part of a diocese, all of which is only vital if it remain connected to the true vine, Jesus Christ. It is an appropriate text to reflect on during a strategic planning conference. What needs to be pruned so that greater growth may come in the end? What are essential branches and what unnecessary offshoots?

The Vestry and I, just as the diocese and the bishops, are hard at work in this task of discernment. There will be a full report in the next few months. Keep the church in your prayers: More than ever that we need to abide and grow in Christ so that we may be a blessing to the world.



Don't forget us!

Even though Gracie's Attic has moved to the Millbrook Antiques Center (second floor), we hope you won't forget to visit us. Chances are you can find a great Mother's Day gift.... and maybe something you want as well. Remember all the proceeds go to the church.



Richard's 25th Anniversary

Please join us to celebrate at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Monday, May 2nd, 6 – 10 pm. Tickets are \$175; available online at <http://ruralmigrantministry.org>

Masjid Al Noor

As part of Grace Church's renewed involvement with Dutchess Interfaith Council, and to promote better understanding between religious groups, Grace Church and the Masjid Al Noor in mosque in Wappingers Falls are planning a tour the mosque.

Our parishioners participated in a similar event in after "9/11", and it was well received by all parishioners who attended.

This event is still being planned. More details will follow.

Sunday School Plant Sale - Sunday, May 8th

Seedlings will be on sale in between church services on Sunday, May 8th for Mother's Day, and will include flowers as well as spring vegetable starts. % of all sales will go directly to benefit Grace's many ongoing initiatives.



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



GOLF AND DINNER BENEFIT

*at the private
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

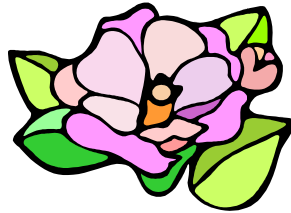
- Scramble format for 18 holes of great golfing
- Morning and afternoon flight times at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- Lunch provided by Panera Bread
- Prizes, contests, raffle items, and Douglas Kinsey Cup Award

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

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

May 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
10:30 am Interfaith Celebration at Innisfree ¹ <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Page</i>	6 - 10 pm Wit for Witt at Grandview Poughkeepsie ² <i>K. Page</i>	6:15 pm ESL ³ <i>Palmeiro</i>	⁴ <i>Podmaniczky</i>	6:15 pm ESL ⁵ <i>Power</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry ⁶ <i>Quigley</i>	⁷ <i>Quinn</i>
8:30 - 10 am Plant Sale ⁸ <i>Recknagel</i>	⁹ <i>Reilly</i>	6:15 pm ESL ¹⁰ <i>Renfro</i>	¹¹ <i>Roach</i>	6:15 pm ESL ¹² <i>Rudy</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry ¹³ <i>Schultz</i>	¹⁴ <i>Schumacher</i>
¹⁵ <i>Scribner</i>	¹⁶ <i>Seaman</i>	6:15 pm ESL ¹⁷ <i>C. Shanks</i>	¹⁸ <i>J. Shanks</i>	6:15 pm ESL ¹⁹ <i>Short</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry ²⁰ <i>Stuebner</i>	²¹ <i>Sturges</i>
²² <i>Styles</i>	²³ <i>Sutherland</i>	6:15 pm ESL ²⁴ <i>Sweeny</i>	6:30 pm Women of Grace ²⁵ <i>Swift</i>	Farmworker March 26 Wappingers-Highland 6:15 pm ESL <i>Taylor</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry ²⁷ <i>Dee Tedesco</i>	Farmworker March ²⁸ Kingston-Saugerties <i>Diane Tedesco</i>
11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box ²⁹ <i>Thompson</i>	³⁰ <i>F. Thorne</i>	6:15 pm ESL ³¹ <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Thorne</i>				

Grace Episcopal Church, Millbrook, NY Latino Outreach (GLO) - May 2016



Immigration:

On March 20th GLO hosted the second Upstate Network for Immigration Rights (UNIR) 'Drivers Licenses Forum' in collaboration with 'Worker Justice Center of New York'. Emma Kreyche from Worker Justice Center offered a power point presentation to a total of 30 Latino participants. She gave the attendees a history of the NYS driver's licenses and how the community needs to move forward on this effort of undocumented immigrants being able to attain a driver license.

The most important outcome of this meeting was that we have now formed a 'Northeast Dutchess Latino Community Driver's License Committee'. This committee will work on the composition of strategies and phases it will take to increase the membership of the committee. They will amass stories regarding their daily hardships accounts in their inability to safely and legally drive. Hopefully, we will be able to ensure that their voices are heard loud and clear when we are able to present to representatives in Albany. The committee will design a plan on how to present to other organizations which can bolster the proposals and goals. This committee is aware of the dedication and hard work it will take and that it will not happen overnight. They are committed to the time and ceaseless efforts it will take to achieve this goal.

The next GLO sponsored 'Latino Community Committee Driver Licenses Re-union' meeting will be held on May 22, 2016 at Grace Episcopal Church Millbrook at 5:00PM.

ESL:

GLO continues to sponsor and support the Amenia, Dover, Millbrook, Pawling, Pine Plains and Pleasant Valley ESL classes. We have made contact with volunteer instructors who are interested in teaching at the Pawling site ESL class. We are as well in need of two other volunteer instructors for the Amenia and Millbrook ESL sites. If you know of anyone interested in either site listed above please have them contact me.

Grants:

Grace has applied for a grant through the 'Episcopal Diocese 2016 Hispanic Grant' to fund two new ministry development projects: One is a needs assessment study of the religious needs of the Latino community living and working in NE Dutchess County. Part of the grant will be directed towards hourly wages to Abby Nathanson (EPIC) for her time administering the surveys phase of the grant. This survey will take place in the Spring/Summer of 2016. These surveys will be conducted through GLO sponsored ESL classes, EPIC Hispanic families and the Latino Community. Two is the development of an evening bilingual and/or Spanish-language service to serve unmet religious needs in the area north of Millbrook, possibly to be located in Regeneration, Pine Plains. The funding from the grant will as well will allow the purchase of bilingual prayer books and pay wages for a musician and clergy person from September to December.

I will keep you informed of all the progress in all aspects of Grace Latino Outreach.

Respectfully,

Evelyn Garzetta (Grace Latino Outreach Director)

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EPIC

EPIC (Engaging People in Change), the new youth activist program at Grace Church, is nearing the end of its first and wildly successful year! We have 12 students from 4 districts forming a group that's held Friday-night meetings in the Parish Hall 23 times. Our *PARTY* will be Friday, June 3rd at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall; we'll eat dinner and share our accomplishments. Everyone from Grace is encouraged to attend this gathering and see what our first cohort of young change-makers has been up to. Please RSVP by May 27th to abby@epicjustice.org.

Sunday School News

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

The children have been learning about the season of Easter. It is a season of the Church year that helps us celebrate Jesus, who died, is alive now and always. Some of the children have been working on learning the special Easter greeting which is said every week between now and Pentecost (Greeting: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Response: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!) They have also learned about the risen Jesus appearing to the apostles, including Doubting Thomas who will not believe without seeing and touching Jesus. They enjoyed the story about Peter and the disciples trying to catch fish one night and then realizing that once they did catch fish, it was through the help of Jesus whose presence is with us always. Once again, under Peter Muir’s guidance, the children sang an old spiritual: Glory, Glory. We also have been learning about the Holy Eucharist and the names of the various items used during the Eucharist. Some of the children have been learning about the colors of the seasons and who changes the altar linens. They are look forward to a lesson from the Altar Guild. We are looking forward to a plant sale in May...details to follow.

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

Farmworker March

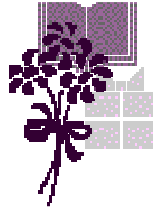
Farmworkers in New York State are excluded from basic protections such as the right to collective organizing, overtime pay, and a day of rest. Too many still face indignities, such as a lack of bathrooms and clean drinking water in the fields. Now is the time to demand justice. Join the Rural and Migrant Ministry for their *two week march* as they walk from Long Island to Albany.

Members of Grace Church and EPIC will participate in the Farmworker March on Thursday, May 26th for the Wappingers-Highland leg, and again on Saturday, May 28th for the Kingston-Saugerties leg. If you want to carpool or join our sign-making party, contact Abby at abby@epicjustice.org.

Learn more about the Farmworker March and register to walk here: <http://ruralmigrantministry.org/farmworker-march>

Blessing Our Sacred Places: An Interfaith Celebration

Join us at 10:30am on Sunday, May 1st, for Blessing Our Sacred Places (a continuation of last year's Blessing of the Fields) at Innisfree Garden. This interfaith celebration of God's creation will include music, readings, and a blessing of fields and seeds. People are welcome to bring packets of seeds to be blessed, picnic at the tables overlooking the garden, and purchase lunch from the Farmers & Chefs Hudson Valley Food Truck. Admission is free and donations are accepted in support of the Rural and Migrant Ministry's annual summer camp. Professor Brigitte Kahl from the Union Theological Seminary, will be a featured speaker and make an appearance on April 30 at 1:30pm at the Merritt Bookstore. Participating clergy include members of Jewish, Islamic, First Nation, and Episcopal faith/spiritual traditions. The event is part of the Food/Farm/Faith (F/F/F) Initiative, and co-sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Innisfree Garden.



May 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>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray	Barney Calame
Chalice	Nanci Kryzak	Joan McGilvray	Valerie LaRobardier	Brenda deMartine	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	Karen Whitton	The Calames	Brenda deMartine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1		The Freeman Family	The Mustello Family	The Ball Family	The Rudy Family
Usher 2					
Reader		Alex Freeman	Marian Thompson	Lori Whiteley	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte		Graeme Styles, Kevin Bryant	Mariel Mustello	Gus Ball	Sally Ball
Chalice 1		Lynda Boissey	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs	Sharon Schumacher
Chalice 2		John Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Ida Leung	Lynda Boissey
Coffee Hour	Lunch served at Innisfree Garden 362 Tyrell Rd. Millbrook NY 12545	The Garzetta Family	Sandy Podmaniczky	The Mustello Family	The Thompson Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39
Psalms	Psalms 67	Psalms 97	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	Psalms 8	Psalms 96
Epistle	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 1:1-12
Gospel	John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17, (25-27)	John 16:12-15	Luke 7:1-10



June 2016 Service Schedule

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	<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville
Reader	Barney Calame	Valerie LaRobardier	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	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