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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR THE REV. AJUNG SOJWAL

Dear Sisters and Brothers at Grace,

Very soon, hopefully, we will get the good news that a new rector has been called to Grace Church. You have been waiting patiently for this bit of good news with the anticipation of change in some way or the other for the church community. Change is good for the most part, it is indicative of life itself. As we mature in our Christian walk, we hope our vision will be broadened, and our desires perfected to hunger for things that are righteous and glorifying of our loving God. "Be born again," said Jesus to Nicodemus, and I know this term of "born again" has gotten a very bad reputation lately, brought on mostly by people who have used it as an excuse to pass judgment on others who do not meet "their" standard of spirituality. "Born again" is another word for the process of regeneration that happens deep inside us, changing us into the holy people of God, as we allow Jesus to take charge of our lives. The changes and growth we hope to see in the community of Grace Church is an endeavor undertaken neither in our own strength nor the strength of one person who happens to come as the new rector. The new birth that

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we hope for is not a work of man. We cannot make the new birth happen, God alone makes it happen to us when we in faith surrender ourselves to Him.

There is always an element of uncertainty and maybe even fear at the prospect of a change; fear that our beloved way of worship will be changed, fear that our circle will be broken, fear of relinquishing past loyalties, fear of becoming redundant, and many other fears that we cannot even name. This is the nature of waiting for the oncoming new, which we are all excited about but don't quite know what to expect. The best thing that we can do, as the Spirit of God in fact calls us to every day, is to be open to the changes that are definitely coming. Be assured that God is always for us, and in the words of the prophet Jeremiah, "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." Contrary to popular belief and usage, this promise from God was given to the people of Israel through the prophet. It was not meant to be received as an individual promise from God to Jeremiah. I am very confident that the community of Grace Church will rise up to the occasion of a new vision, a new way of being the Body of Christ, and a new way of being hospitable to growth in whatever way God calls you to be in the coming years. I want you to always remember that there is no such thing as a self-discovering Christian; the will and purpose of God for you has to be discerned and discovered in community. And toward this end, I urge you to work toward building a deeper sense of community at Grace, each taking the privilege and responsibility to discover your gifts, which can be used for the greater glory of God.

Your Sister in Christ,
Ajung Sojwal



Church Financial Needs 2013

As we begin our 2014 Pledge Season please prayerfully consider your 2013 pledge activity. Are you on target? Do you want or need to make a change in your pledge amount? Thank you for your commitment to Grace Church's many ministries.

Women of Grace:

Due to the Holidays, Women of Grace will be changing from usual meeting routines in November and December.

In November, we will meet on the third Wednesday (11/20) at 6:30 pm for our monthly pot luck dinner and will not be meeting for evening prayer.

In December, we will meet on the first Wednesday (12/4) at 6 pm to bake Christmas cookies and will order pizza for all to share.

MCP at Grace News

Our talented children from the Pre-School have a display of their fall artwork inside the new Millbrook Pharmacy. Thank you to Debra Conconis for working with the children on this project and to the Millbrook Pharmacy for their gracious support of our Pre-School!

Grace Rummage Sale

It's almost here! Don't forget the Grace Church Rummage Sale coming November 1st through 3rd. Great treasures are already appearing at the Parish Hall but we could use more. Consider donating that forgotten lightly used or hardly worn item that someone else would just LOVE to have. What about that hardly used appliance that still works but hasn't been used in years?



Volunteers are needed! Sign up on the list found in the church narthex...even if you have already spoken to Robin or Brenda. We need your help to make this vital fundraiser a success.

And, don't forget to come find what may be your perfectly new treasure. Maybe it will be that beautiful coat, just the right tool, or something your grandchild absolutely needs. The sale runs from 9 am until 3 pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 11 am until 1 pm on Sunday. Sunday also includes the popular "Bag Sale" when you can fill a bag to the brim with sale items.

Sunday School

When I was a child, my parents made me go to Sunday School. Hearing the stories of the Bible was great as a young child. Learning memory verses for stickers seemed okay. But after 8 years of this, Sunday School was not my favorite thing to do on Sunday. In fact, it was getting harder for my parents to get me there.

As a child, one begins to know who God is. The stories are full of wonder,

mystery, and miracles. As an adult, these stories become more. When all that you have known disappears and this voyage of loneliness seems endless, one recalls the story of Noah and remembers God does bring new beginnings. When you think everything you do must be perfect, one remembers the story of King David. How in humility God loves him even greater. Of course, there is the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Why are these necessary? Then one realizes that in life boundaries are for our safety and we do have the right to say "No".

Christ has said "Let the little children come unto me for such is the Kingdom of Heaven". He was saying this to all of us, God's children. The gates of heaven have a sign that reads "Only Children Allow". Sunday School at Grace is necessary. Become active and support Grace's program - as a teacher, volunteer, participant.

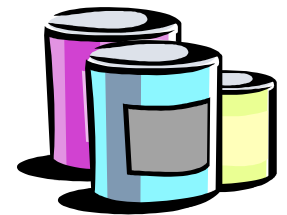
Elizabeth Phillips

The Food of Life Food Pantry

If you would like to donate \$ 10.00 for a Thanksgiving Turkey for the Food of Life Pantry, please send your check to St Thomas Church, 40 Leedsville Rd. Amenia, N.Y. 12501, or give to Maria. Make sure it has "turkey" in the memo space.

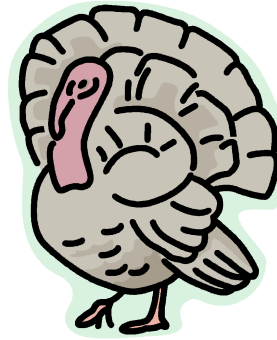
Thank you Grace Parishioners,

Robin Capers



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

November 2013



Sunday Service Schedule:

7:30 Holy Eucharist

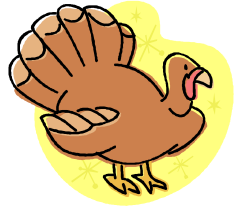
10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist

- Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

Weekday Services:

Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9 am-3 pm Rummage Sale 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>C. Collins</i>	2 9 am-3 pm Rummage Sale <i>Mr. & Mrs. F. Collins</i>
3 11 am-1 pm Rummage Sale <i>Conklin</i>	4 <i>P. Cortese</i>	5 6:15 pm ESL <i>De la Rock</i>	6 <i>DeFrank</i>	7 6:15 pm ESL <i>Delaney</i>	8 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>deMartine</i>	9 <i>Dichiara</i>
10 <i>Dietrich</i>	11 <i>Dixon</i>	12 6:15 pm ESL <i>Doyle</i>	13 <i>Mr. & Mrs. C. Dyson</i>	14 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Dyson</i>	15 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Evangelista</i>	16 <i>Fedigan</i>
17 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Fellows</i>	18 <i>Fettes</i>	19 6:15 pm ESL <i>Fish, Jr.</i>	20 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Rev. & Mrs. D. Fisher</i>	21 6:15 pm ESL <i>Franklin</i>	22 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Freeman</i>	23 9 am Lunch Box Prep <i>Furman</i>
24 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Gallagher</i>	25 <i>Gardner</i>	26 6:15 pm ESL <i>Garzetta</i>	27 <i>Gerbi</i>	28 6:15 pm ESL <i>Glaser</i>	29 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Gomez</i>	30 <i>C. Graham</i>



November 2013 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 Scheduler, Joan McGilvray at 635-3021 or email BMCGILVRAY4@GMAIL.COM. Thank You!

	<u>November 3</u>	<u>November 10</u>	<u>November 17</u>	<u>November 24</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Jean Hayes	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Rob Dyson	Joan McGilvray	Kathryn Calame	Barney Calame
Chalice	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier	Kurt Barnes	Joan McGilvray
Coffee Hour	Jean Hayes and Hollie Sturges	The Calames	Cathy Shanks	Betty Rae Nittiskie
<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	Ball Family	Rudy Family
Usher 2				
Reader	Bill Augerson	Paula Wilson	Dorothy Knapp	Don Delaney
Acolyte	Jonathon Kolessar-Wright	Steven Bryant	Mathew Kolessar-Wright	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boissey	Jim Kolessar
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Sharon Schumacher	Jim Kolessar	Sharon Schumacher
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Thompson Family	Augerson Family	Meigs Family	Mustello Family
<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Isaiah 1:10-18	Job 19:23-27a	Malachi 4:1-2a	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms	32:1-8	17:1-9	98	Psalms 46
Epistle	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43



December 2013 Service Schedule

7:30 am Service

	<u>December 1</u>	<u>December 8</u>
Usher	Jean Hayes	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier
Chalice	Brenda de Martine	Joan McGilvray
Coffee Hour	The Nevilles	Dawn Carolei

10:00 am Service

Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family
Usher 2		
Reader	Bill Augerson	Paula Wilson
Acolyte	Madeline Lacey	KC Bryant
Chalice 1	Sharon Schumacher	ML Ball
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Jim Kolessar
Server 1		
Server 2		
Coffee Hour	Susan Quigley	Rudy Family

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms	122	72:1-7, 18-19
Epistle	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-13
Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44	Matthew 3:1-12

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December 15

Virginia Neville
Joan McGilvray
Kurt Barnes
Brenda de Martine

December 22

Betty Rae Nittiskie
Barney Calame
Valerie La Robardier
Karen Whitten

December 29

Bruce McGilvray
Kathryn Calame
Joan McGilvray
Rob Dyson

Paula Wilson

Susan Quigley

Marion Thompson

Jonathon Kolessar-Wright

Jim Kolessar

Pam Freeman

Sandy Podmaniczky

Augerson Family

Don Delaney

Mariel Mustello

Jane Meigs

Sharon Schumacher

Meigs Family

Scribner Family

Ann Westney

Matthew Kolessar-Wright

Paula Wilson

Barbara Rudy

Mustello Family

Isaiah 35:1-10

146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Isaiah 7:10-16

80:1-7, 16-18

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

147:13-21

Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Latino Outreach

Episcopal Charities

Kathryn Calame has worked endlessly on the Episcopal Charities Grant for 2014 throughout September. We are as always, extremely indebted to Kathryn for all her dedication and hard work that she gave to this grant application. Once again thank you so much Kathryn!

I attended the Episcopal Charities Sustainability Workshop at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. The workshop agenda was 'Building Our Volunteer Communities'. I have made the 'Volunteer Presentation' to the Grace Stewardship Committee.

ESL

The Millbrook ESL classes have resumed at Grace. We have had a low enrollment and we are working on attracting more pupils to the class. Once the time change (EDT 11/03/13) is in effect, we usually get more students since sundown is earlier. The BOCES ESL class in Dover has closed due to no enrollment of students. We are working on a program to get potential Dover students to attend the Millbrook classes. The ESL at La Mesa is doing very well with five students.

Latino Outreach at Grace at the suggestion and along with Dennis Freeman are collaborating to begin an ESL class at St. Paul's in Pleasant Valley, which is very exciting. I met with Debby Glynn Warden of St. Paul's Church to finalize the plans for the class. I will be presenting to their vestry in October for final approval on their new mission. I will be making the fliers and setting up for this new mission for St. Paul's. We are grateful that Dennis Freeman has volunteered to be the teacher at their Tuesday evening class.

The Grace Latino Outreach Program and the 'Kinship Program' (Catholic Charities Program) are planning a 'Thanksgiving Dinner' for the 'Kinship Program' and ESL class participants, teachers and volunteers on the last Mon-

day of November. We are inviting the participants and their families from Amenia, Dover, Millbrook and Millerton.

Immigration

We have had three additional people who are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program apply for the interest free loans that we offer.

Respectfully,
Evelyn Garzetta

Grace Annual Christmas Cookie Sale



Each year during the Christmas season, with the generous support of our parishioners, Grace Church has an annual Christmas Cookie and Crafts Sale. This year our sale will be held on Saturday, December 7th, and will mark our 10th annual Cookie Sale event! We'd like to thank all those who have helped to make this event so successful by contributing over the years!

As this has become very popular within the Millbrook community, we will once again be calling on our "Grace Christmas angels" to donate 4 dozen of your favorite baked cookie recipe for our sale. These can be delivered to the Parish Hall on Friday, December 6th, or by 9 am on the 7th. Additionally, we are also firming up plans to make our Holiday Jams-Tea Breads-Crafts Sale available on that day. Please contact Debbi Cody (677-2267) or call the Parish Office (677-3064) if you are able to contribute an item for our sale or cookies for this festive event, or if you can give of your time to help at the sale. Many thanks!

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The 2014 pledge season continues to be an important time for our Church and its many ministries. Thank you to those who have already pledged their financial support for 2014. If you have not done so yet, now is the time to support Grace Church with your "Time, Talent and Treasure."

Please prayerfully consider continuing your pledge at its current level or increasing your level of giving for 2014. If you have not formally pledged in the past, consider filling out a form for the coming year. Perhaps you will consider e-pledging through the diocese or your own bank, making your annual donation effortless. Pledge forms and e-pledge forms can be found at the back of the Church.

Your dollars provide a strong foundation for general church needs such as heat, electricity, staff, maintenance and supplies as well as other operational expenses. Only then can we support our ministries that reach out to the wider community. We see evidence of those ministries each and every week at Grace Church - the Altar Guild, Music and Choir program, Women of Grace, Hospitality, Youth Program and others. Other ministries such as Latino Outreach, St. Thomas food pantry, Dutchess Outreach's Lunch Box and Millbrook Pre-School are available to help others in our wider community.

We encourage your continued and regular financial support as well as your contributions of time and talent. If you have any questions regarding this pledge season, or would like to talk to someone about pledging, feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship Committee or the Parish Office.

We appreciate your support and consideration.

William Augerson, Jean Hayes, Linda Hogan, and Beth Willis

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2014 STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH IN PARISH,
DIOCESE, NATION AND WORLD.

I/WE PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE IN 2014:

\$ _____ WEEKLY

\$ _____ MONTHLY

\$ _____ QUARTERLY

\$ _____ ANNUALLY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (E-MAIL) _____

YES, I WISH TO CONTINUE WITH MY E-PLEDGE.

I AM A NEW E-PLDGER. PLEASE SEE MY FORM ATTACHED.

I/WE ATTEND THE FOLLOWING SERVICE: ___ 7:30 A.M. ___ 10 A.M.

ENVELOPES WANTED: YES _____ NO _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

~ **THANK YOU** ~



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