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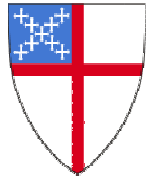
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Grace Notes



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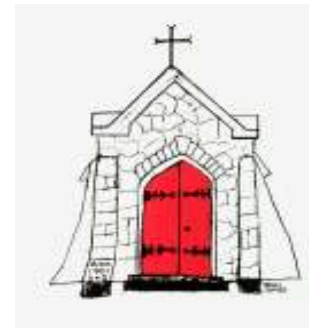
RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Three-Self, Three Graces, Three-Grow

In China, the “official” Christian denomination is the “Three-Self Church” (Self-governance, Self-support, Self-propagation). The person mainly responsible for articulating these principles was a 19th century Anglican missionary; the basic idea is to promote the indigenous adaptation of colonially planted churches. It has mostly worked out that way around the world in the Anglican Communion, though in China the church remains under the yoke of state control. But at least it is growing rapidly, along with the various “underground” churches.

The Church of England was founded on principles that include provincial autonomy, rather than control from Rome, the Bible in the language of the people, and worship adapted to local custom. You may observe the principles of democracy inherent in these ideas. And indeed the Episcopal Church, founded after the American Revolution (the first “three-self church”), took the next step and introduced election, rather than appointment, of bishops, and both clergy and lay delegates,



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not just bishops, as part of governing body of the church (General Convention). This democratic principle has ensured that the Episcopal Church responds to the changing culture of our country. For example, our own Jane Auchincloss was the first female delegate to General Convention, as we heard in the second of a series of talks on the history of Grace Church.

The past 150 years have seen three Grace Churches built: the first burned in a fire, the second was outgrown and the current church has itself been added to, renovated and adapted to changing customs of worship and use many times. What doesn't change is the mission of the church, to be a place of worship, prayer and Christian formation; to be a community of friends who love God and neighbor and work together to transform lives and participate in God's mission of reconciliation and new creation.

Now we have embarked on a "Three-Grow" strategic plan: 1) grow in attendance, membership and stewardship; 2) grow in spiritual vitality; and 3) grow in local and regional impact.

In each of these areas the Vestry has identified specific goals and objectives, and programs are targeted at achieving them.

To grow in attendance we have created a schedule of distinctive Sunday offerings in the hope that particular demographics will be encouraged to attend at least on those Sundays, and hopefully more. We have produced a new invitational brochure that spells these out; please take some from the back of the church or Parish Hall and give them to friends and acquaintances as an invitation. Once attending, we hope people will attend classes for new members and become involved in church activities. We encourage all members to pledge to the church as part of their own spiritual practice and as a sign of commitment to our mission. This will be the second year in which we use the diocesan-supported New Consecration Sunday model. Please make every effort to attend on November 13 for service and celebratory luncheon.

To grow in spiritual vitality we are planning to participate in another diocesan-supported program, RenewalWorks. This program uses an online survey and workshops to take stock of our prayer and practice, learn about how many churches are finding success in encouraging growth in this area, and coming up with a locally adapted plan for our church. If you would like and are able to participate in the workshop team, please contact me. There will be four meetings spread out through February, March and April, with kickoff gatherings together with other churches in the diocese in January and May. We hope everyone will fill out the survey.

To grow in regional impact we are extending the efforts already in place through our work with children and the Latino community. Grace Preschool and Grace Latino Outreach are growing and doing good work. We added a regional high school leadership development program last year, EPIC, under the direction of Abby Nathanson. It had an amazing first year and is growing in numbers and impact. Please come and visit some Friday evening and get to know the great kids involved; they are very welcoming and could use food! We are in the planning stages of an effort to add a young adult program—a real challenge in this area. Stay tuned. We are also involved in a revitalized Church Alliance, which is building on our history of providing low-income housing to seniors with an assessment of the needs of seniors in our local area and then tangible ways we can help, in partnership with civic and non-profit partners. Exciting stuff!

All in all, I think the Three-Grow strategy is a good one. But it will only work if it takes root among all the members. The Vestry, staff and I have come up with good ideas, but to make them real and sustainable requires significant involvement from all of members. There are many ways to help of course. Please ask questions, learn more, and pray on how God is calling you to participate. Let us all grow in Christ.





November 20th - Stained Glass Tour of the Church 12:00 noon

- David Greenwood, Rev. Elliott Lindsley, Farnham Collins, speakers
- Church

January 22nd - Needlework Guild/Altar Guild Presentation 12 noon

- Barbara Lindsley, Connie Kinsey, Robin Capers, Jean Hayes, speakers
- Church

February 19th - Rectors and Wardens 12 noon

- Rev. Elliott Lindsley, speaker
- Parish Hall

March 19th - Race and Grace 12 noon

- David Greenwood, speaker
- History of slavery in this area; there is a file on the Abraham Lincoln window;
- Present information on Charlie Johnson and Jonathan Daniels
- Parish Hall

April 23rd - Music and Grace 12 noon

- Peter Muir, speaker

- To highlight history of organ and music program
- Church and Choir Room

Mat 21st - Past and Prologue 12 noon

- Rev. Matt Calkins, speaker
- Parish Hall

June 11th - Episcopal Visitation and Benediction 10 a.m.

- Visit from Bishop and Confirmation
- Church and Parish Hall
- Refreshments

Do You Have Any Grace Archival Information?

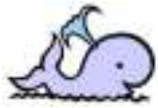
The 150th Years of Grace Celebration committee is looking for any archival info (pictures/photos, etc.) that we could borrow for various displays. If you have anything that you would be willing to lend us, please let Robin Capers know – 677-5405.

Altar Guild Flower Fund

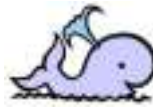
Please consider donating to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. The cost of flowers each week is \$35.00 and can be donated in memory of family and friends.

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 GREAT WHALE OF A SALE
NOVEMBER 4 – 6, 2016 9:00AM-4:00PM



CONTACT: EVELYNELIZABETHGARZETTA@GMAIL.COM PHONE: 917-7050-9600

DONATION REMINDERS:

We DO NOT ACCEPT:

Upholstered items; mattresses; stuffed animals; outdated electronics; computers and/or monitors; televisions; or soiled/stained or torn clothing, etc.

No donations of items larger than can fit in a car without prior approval including furniture (when items don't sell, Grace Church must pay to dispose of them).

ORGANIZING AND PRICING

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH	SET-UP AND SORTING ALL DAY
Monday October 31 st	9am - Noon & 3pm - 6pm
Tuesday November 1 st	Noon - 3pm & 6pm - 9pm
Wednesday November 2 nd	9am - Noon & 3pm - 6pm
Thursday November 3 rd	All day as needed.

WORKING THE GREAT GRACE SALE

Friday, November 4 th	8:45am – 12:30pm (6 volunteers needed)
	12:30pm - 4pm (4 volunteers needed)
	4:00pm-6:00pm (2 volunteers needed)
Saturday, November 5 th	8:45am – 12:30pm (6 volunteers needed)
	12:30pm - 4pm (4 volunteers needed)
Sunday, November 6 th	8:45am - 1pm (4 volunteers needed)
	Clean Up and Victory Lap!

BAKING

Let Jean Hayes (845-868-7950) know if you can donate a baked item.

RAIN OR SHINE - RENT A SPACE FOR \$35 AND HAVE YOUR OWN SALE!

You sell your items and keep your proceeds. Just donate \$35 to Grace for a 10 x 10 (approximate) space outside on Grace grounds all three days!

New Class

“Introduction to Centering Prayer and *The Wisdom Jesus*”

Offered Wednesday evening, November 9 and 16, 7 pm at the Parish Hall
 Led by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins

Where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? Job 28:12

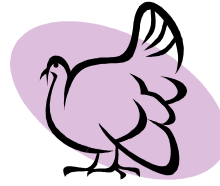
Join Fr Matt for a two-week class in centering prayer and a brief introduction to the wisdom tradition in Christianity, using *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault as a resource.

Centering prayer is an ancient/new way of contemplative prayer practice aimed at finding a still center where the Holy Spirit can be felt as warmth and light. We will consider how centering prayer can be combined with the classic monastic practice of meditating on short, meaningful passages of scripture (*lectio divina*) and eastern meditation and mindfulness practices such as yoga, zen sitting and tai chi.

In our second week, we will reflect on our experiences during the week and learn more about the Christian wisdom tradition. Copies of *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault will be available for purchase.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

November 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: Thursdays in Parish Hall / Fridays
 in Choir Room: 6 – 9 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Dee Tedesco</i>	2 <i>Diane Tedesco</i>	3 6 pm ESL <i>Thompson</i>	4 3-5 pm Food Pantry 9 am-4 pm Whale of a Sale 6 pm ESL <i>F. Thorne</i>	5 9 am-4 pm Whale of a Sale <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Thorne</i>
6 9 am-4 pm Whale of a Sale <i>O. Thorne</i>	7 <i>Treuille</i>	8 <i>Trevena</i>	9 <i>Tuccillo</i>	10 6 pm ESL <i>Vallarino</i>	11 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Van De Water</i>	12 <i>Van Tassell</i>
13 Consecration Sunday and Celebratory Luncheon <i>Verrilli</i>	14 <i>Vickery</i>	15 <i>Weaver</i>	16 <i>Weeden</i>	17 6 pm ESL <i>Welling</i>	18 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Whalen</i>	19 <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Whalen</i>
20 Noon Stained Glass Tour <i>Whiteley</i>	21 6 pm GLO Thanksgiving Dinner <i>Whitton</i>	22 <i>Wicker</i>	23 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Willis</i>	24 6 pm ESL <i>A. Wilson</i>	25 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. P. Wilson</i>	26 <i>Zukowski</i>
27 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Ainsley</i>	28 <i>Archambault</i>	29 <i>Armstrong</i>	30 <i>Augerson</i>			

Grace Latino Outreach (GLO)

GLO is looking for a bilingual (English/Spanish) guitarist for the Service on the third Sunday of each month. If you know of anyone please have them contact Evelyn Garzetta at evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com or 917-705-9600.

The ESL Millbrook class is changing class days!!! We will now hold classes on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Grace. The Thursday classes will be held in the Parish Hall and Friday classes in the Robing/Choir room.

ESL classes in Millbrook will begin in November. We are in need of bilingual volunteer instructors for basic level classes and non-bilingual for the advanced students. if you or someone you know wishes to volunteer, please contact Evelyn at the above email address or phone number.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

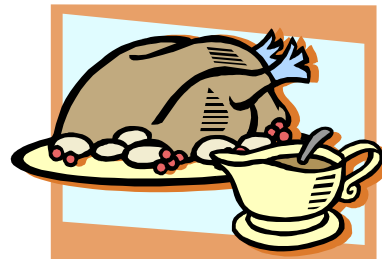
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Third Annual

GLO Thanksgiving Dinner

6:00PM – 9:00PM

Grace Parish Hall



Please be our guest and join our Thanksgiving table to celebrate the GLO Third Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Guest speaker to be announced!!

RSVP by November 14, 2016 evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com or call 917-705-9600

Food of Life Pantry

Please consider donating to the Food of Life Turkey fund for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas Church – memo “turkey.” Mail to:

St. Thomas Church
40 Leedsville Rd.
Amenia Union, NY 12501

Thank you for considering helping the Food of Life Pantry!
Robin Capers

Office Manager/Communications Coordinator Job Opening

Beloved Parish Secretary Maria Galli is retiring after 29 years of faithful service. Since nobody can replace her, we are reconfiguring the parish administration position. The new position of office manager/communications coordinator will handle administration, communication and worship preparation responsibilities. Financial administration will be handled by our Facilities and Financial Administrator David Swift. The new position will be part-time (20 hours per week) from Tuesday through Friday 9am to 2pm. Salary will be \$15 per hour or above, depending on experience. A full job description is available upon inquiry.

EPIC

Hey! The following message was written by EPIC members to present their work to the Grace community. When I asked them to write something for Grace Notes, they decided to demonstrate the process that we use in EPIC for analyzing our work. It's called "Problem - Solution - Impact," as you'll see below. As always, the EPIC members are a true blessing to work with. If you'd like to contact me, please call 845 420 4280.

*Thank you!
Abby Nathanson, Program Director for EPIC*

Dear Everyone,

We are EPIC members, Charlie Melchor and Kayla Agostini and we feel we have accomplished big achievements this past month. EPIC's open house, that took place on September 23rd, turned out to be a great day for EPIC and its members. During this process, many problems arose in terms of planning the big event. Problems such as, members not being able to attend for the day and mixed feelings about accepting members. We promptly solved this problem with communication on how to reach out to members, informing them of our schedule. The impact of this was that diverse members came about from inviting them and they all got along just fine.

Reminders:

Caregivers Support Group – Every Thursday from 1 to 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

Lunch Box – Last Sunday of each month. Let John Lacey know if you are willing to serve, email lacey_clan@msn.com.

Celebratory Luncheon - Sunday, November 13th, 2016

Join us for a Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, November 13, after the 10:30 a.m. Consecration Sunday service. Celebrate Grace Church, your fellow parishioners and the great missions and ministries of the church. Lunch will be provided by Chef John Letic from Le Express Restaurant in Wappingers Falls.

All are welcome! Reservation cards will be distributed at Sunday services or you can call the church office at 677-3064.

St Nicholas Bazaar Cookie and Craft Sale December 3rd, 10 am - 3 pm

This annual craft and cookie sale will feature a variety of cookies as well as crafts. If you would like to bake or would like to be a craft vendor, please contact Robin Capers at 677-5405, somerscapers@aol.com.



Vendor space may be purchased for \$20 before November 1 and \$30 after. A limited number of tables are available and provided on a first come first served basis. Vendor applications are available on the Grace website at <http://gracemillbrook.org/st-nicholas-bazaar-fine-craft-and-holiday-cookie-sale/>.

Women of Grace will have a booth at the St. Nicholas Bazaar this year. Anyone interested in donating crafts or jams, breads, jewelry, mittens/hats, etc. please contact Lynda Boissey at 677-5174.

Sunday School News

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

We have enrolled six new children to our programs for a grand total of 33 children in Sunday School, Youth Group and Confirmation Class. Kristin Martin has graciously offered to be a Sunday School sub for us!

In October, the children sang “All Things Bright and Beautiful” for the October Family Service. It is really neat to see the children play various roles in the service. We have been working on being thankful/giving thanks for family, friends and whatever pops into their minds! The children painted pumpkins one Sunday. John Lacey invited the younger kids to participate. The older children have been quite helpful in assisting with the younger kids in their classes and covering the Nursery program so that Deb Coconis can teach the pre-K/Kindergarten class. Thank you Madeline Lacey!

Our song for November is “This Little Light of Mine”.



**The kids
pumpkin
painting**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A NOTE FROM THE ALTAR GUILD: *Although our wish is to accommodate everyone’s memorial, Christmas bulletins are finalized and printed well in advance of the holiday. To make sure your memorial is printed in the Christmas bulletins, **the Parish Office needs to receive it no later than December 15th.***

We welcome donations in any amount for the many colorful poinsettias and wreaths in memory of your loved one or as a thanksgiving.

Please include payment with this form & make your check payable to:

“Grace Church - Christmas Flowers”

Please print clearly

Given by: _____

In loving memory of: _____

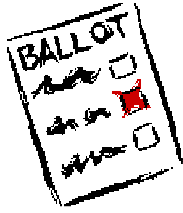
and/or

In thanksgiving for: _____

Check/cash enclosed for: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



November 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>November 6</u>	<u>November 13</u>	<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	No 7:30 Service	Maurice Neville	Jean Hayes
Reader	Elliot Lindsley	No 7:30 Service	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Nanci Kryzak	No 7:30 Service	Brenda deMartine	Valerie La Robardier
Coffee Hour	Brenda deMartine	No 7:30 Service	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Cathy Shanks
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Cathy Shanks, Jonathan Shanks	Lorie Whiteley, TBD	The Rudy Family	The Family Garzetta
Usher 2	Ben Conklin, Jack Canez			
Reader	Madeline Lacey	Paula Wilson	Ron Mustello	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	KC Bryant, M. Lacey, B. Lacey	Belle Lucal	Olivia Lucal	Sophie Lucal
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	ML Ball	Lisa Lacey	Ida Leung
Chalice 2	John Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Lynda Boissey	Jane Meigs
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Kristin Martin	Luncheon	GLO Bilingual Service	The Kasin Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalms	Psalms 145:1-5, 18-22	Canticle 9	Canticle 16	Psalms 122
Epistle	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43	Matthew 24:36-44



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	<u>December 4</u>	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 18</u>	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 25</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray		Maurice Neville (?)
Reader	Beth Willis	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame		Beth Willis (?)
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Nanci Kryzak	Joan McGilvray		Valerie La Robardier (?)
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	The Calames	Brenda deMartine		TBD
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>			<u>5:00 pm Family Service</u>		
Usher 1	The Ball Family	Susan Quigley	Lori Whiteley	The Rudy Family	Maurice Neville
Usher 2	T. Martin, M. Lucal	Paula Wilson	TBD		
Reader	Jonathan Shanks	Marian Thompson	Joe Garzetta	Ron Mustello	
Acolyte	B. Lacey, M. Lacey, S. Bryant	Gus and Sally Ball	Samantha Muller	B. Lucal, O. Luca, S. Lucal	
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	ML Ball	Lynda Boissey	Jane Meigs	Ida Leung
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey	Pam Freeman	Joan McGilvray	
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	The Martin Family	The Thompson Family	Grace Latino Outreach	N/A	N/A
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16		Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalms	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Psalms 146:4-9	Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18		Psalms 96
Epistle	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7		Titus 2:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25		Luke 2:1-14(15-20)