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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS
THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Bless This Sacred Place

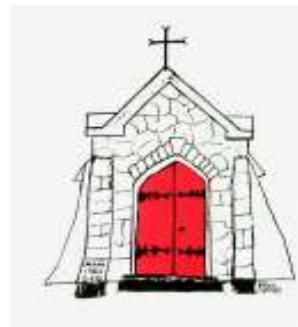
“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.”

— John Muir

Philip Britts, an English farmer, poet and agronomist, was a member of the Bruderhof pioneer colony in Paraguay, where he died at age 31, leaving a young family, and journals, poems and articles recently collected and published by Plough, the Bruderhof publishing arm, under the title *Water at the Roots*.

Here is a poem he wrote on Easter, 1948, title “Quicken the Seed.”

Quicken the seed
 In the dark, damp earth.
 Nourish our need,
 God of all birth.
 Thou art the seed
 That we bury now.
 Thou art our need,
 God of the plough.



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Bury the spark
 Of our own desire
 Deep in the dark,
 God of the fire.
 After the night
 When the fight is won,
 Thou art the light,
 God of the sun.

We read this poem at the **Blessing Our Sacred Places** in Innisfree Garden on April 29th. What a sacred place Innisfree is! But so, indeed, is your life, and so is the earth and all that is in it.

Consider earth a seed. Perhaps it is destined to be planted in the wider cosmos through human agency (so wrote Octavia Butler in her science fiction books, *Parable of the Seeds* and *Parable of the Talents*). Perhaps it will only blossom into fruit here. But if Jesus is right, unless a seed is sown in the ground, it remains alone, its potential unfulfilled. But if it is sown, then even though it “dies,”—no longer exists in the form it was—it gives new birth, even a hundred-fold (John 12:23-24). Who knows what wild futures coil within the DNA of earth. Let’s try to work with God, as originally intended, and preserve and nurture it as good stewards and seed sowers (Genesis 2:15).

Jesus also told a parable of the seeds in which seed was sown wildly on rocky, thorny as well as good soil (Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15). Of course, the wisest course is to sow in good soil; the yield is far greater and longer-lived. But perhaps the parable invites us to sow our lives with boldness as well as prudence. Some seed may fall indeed on rocky soil and hard paths and fail to yield much at all. Maybe a whole bunch fails completely. But it is in the wide casting of mercy that we find the touch of God. This seems to be the point of another quote we used at the service:

Sow everywhere the good seed given to you. Sow in good ground, sow in sand, sow among the stones, sow on the road, sow among the weeds. Perhaps some of these seeds will open up and grow and bring forth fruit, even if not at once.
Seraphim of Sarov (1759-1833) Russian monk

So, let’s all try a little wild sowing, a springtime exuberant jump into new life. Let’s practice Regeneration and Resurrection and all manner of Blessing. It seems to be God’s way.



Mark Your Calendars

The Spring Concert of The Millbrook Community Festival Chorus
May 6th at 7 pm
Lyall Memorial Church, Millbrook.

Once again this group of 30+ singers from our church and 6 surrounding churches will come together to beautifully blend their voices. This concert will feature music from American composers. Accompanied by professional musicians, the program includes among others, selections from Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and Randall Thompson.

A reception hosted by all the area churches will follow.

The program is open to all and is presented free of charge.

Grace Year!

Grace Year is recruiting applicants for its 2018-2019 cohort! If you haven't already seen the website for this exciting new ministry, please visit graceyear.org. Grace Year is a fellowship program for recent college graduates to serve the community, live in intentional community, and study spirituality, leadership, and justice.

Blessing our Sacred Places *at* Innisfree Garden



NY Diocesan Summer Youth Conference August 19-25, 2018.

Open to youth entering grades six through first year of college. For more information email us at NYYouthConference@yahoo.com or visit Facebook: www.facebook.com/NYSYC to find out more.

Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico This Summer

This summer a number of Grace Church high school student members, an equal number from our regional high school leadership program, EPIC, several students from St Paul's, Poughkeepsie, and a student or two from the new Harlem Valley Ministry (MESA in Dover Plains, St Andrew's Brewster and Trinity Church, Pawling) will join Fr. Matt, Abby Nathanson and John Lacey on a short-term mission trip to the island of Vieques in Puerto Rico. We will be leaving on June 30 and getting back on July 8. In between the kids will lead a Vacation Bible School for children of the parish of Todos Los Santos/ All Saints Episcopal Church, whose pastor, Padre Jose Diaz, is an old friend and former mission co-leader with Fr Matt (aka Padre Mateo).

We will be staying at a large house/hostel in the small town of Isabel Segundo. We will also tour the island and help with repair projects, and visit Yunque national park on the big island. We will worship with the local community and also at the cathedral in Old San Juan. Stay tuned for news how you can help with a book and supply drive. Talk to Fr. Matt for more information.



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

May 2018



Sunday Service Schedule:

8:00 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	2 5:30 pm Wassaic Project Spanish <i>McGilvray</i>	3 6 pm ESL <i>McGregor</i>	4 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>McIver</i>	5 10 am—1 pm St Thomas Comm. Garden Cleanup <i>McNeil</i>
6 7 pm Spring Concert at Lyll <i>McNulty</i>	7 <i>McWilliams</i>	8 <i>Meigs</i>	9 5:30 pm Wassaic Project Spanish <i>Mendoza</i>	10 6 pm ESL <i>Meyer</i>	11 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Mott</i>	12 9 am "Spruce Up" Day <i>Mueser</i>
13 Mother's Day Episcopal Charities Sunday <i>Muir</i>	14 <i>Muller</i>	15 <i>Mustello</i>	16 5:30 pm Wassaic Project Spanish <i>Muth</i>	17 6 pm ESL <i>Nathanson</i>	18 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Neville</i>	19 <i>Nittiskie</i>
20 <i>Noonan</i>	21 <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Page</i>	22 <i>K. Page</i>	23 5:30 pm Wassaic Project Spanish 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Palmeiro</i>	24 6 pm ESL <i>Pearson</i>	25 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Podmaniczky</i>	26 <i>Quartararo</i>
27 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Quigley</i>	28 <i>Quinn</i>	29 <i>Recknagel</i>	30 5:30 pm Wassaic Project Spanish <i>Reilly</i>	31 <i>Renfroe</i>		

Millbrook at Home

"Millbrook at Home" will be starting a 1st Friday lunches at Maura's Kitchen, [18 Alden Place, Millbrook](#), May 4th at 12-2 pm. Everyone is welcomed. Brian Jones has been Outreach Coordinator for the Dutchess County office for the Aging (OFA) since 2016. He helps seniors (along with their friends, family members and caregivers) learn more about how seniors can live happily and independently for as long as possible. Brian also aims to raise awareness of the information and services available through the OFA who can be reached at (845) 486-255. He's a lifelong Dutchess County resident.

St. Thomas's Community Garden – May 5th

[40 Leedsville Rd, Amenia, NY](#)

10 am to 1 pm

Volunteers needed: 10-20

[Sign Up!](#)

Help St. Thomas's Community Garden prepare for spring planting by helping out with raking, weeding, and other clean-up tasks. During the summer, the Community Garden is used to help provide fresh, nutritious vegetables to patrons of St. Thomas's Food Pantry, the only pantry in this area that allows weekly visits.

Volunteers must be age 13, if accompanied by a guardian, or age 16+ if not.

Interested in participating? To sign up go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQnwrMREZofHqPBBdEEo4mDs1aefkauTopLyPgV81VTsjAag/viewform>

Spring “Spruce Up” Day

Saturday, May 12th, is scheduled for a Spring “Spruce Up” Day at Grace Church. This is our chance to make the church grounds and buildings ready for the summer and welcoming to our members and visitors. We hope that on this day our garden beds will be replenished, plow damaged repaired, Parish Hall window sashes repaired, etc. Activities will begin at 9 am and continue all morning and possibly into early afternoon. A light lunch will be provided to all participants. Please come and help out. Also, if there is something you see that needs doing, please join us and help to get it done.

Episcopal Charities Sunday May 13th, 2018 (Mother’s Day)

There will be a special collection to support feeding programs in the Diocese of New York.

Food Pantry Donations

'We have added two bins for the donation of non-perishable foods for the Food of Life Food Pantry in Amenia and the Lunch Box in Poughkeepsie. Both bins are marked and are in the Parish Hall Nursery Room off of the large parlor.

Monetary donations will be collected on the third Sunday of the month or you can drop off a check to the Parish office.

The food donations will be picked up once per month. Please be sure to replace the lid on the bins. Thank you once again for your generosity.'





Join us on Monday, July 9th for the 12th Annual Grace Golf & Dinner Benefit Gala

For the past eleven years, we have been getting friends and neighbors together to honor people who have made important contributions to our Church and the greater community. We play golf, enjoy a dinner, and participate in a silent auction to benefit programs for our youth, seniors, and people who need a voice.

This year we will honor the **Millbrook Garden Club** as well as our own beloved priest associate, **Elliott Lindsley**.

It's a lot of fun, some hard work (for the event committee members), and raises money for a good cause including:

- **Grace Episcopal Church**
- **Millbrook Community Preschool**
- **EPIC (Engaging People in Change)**
- **Grace Latino Outreach**
- **Grace Church Food Program**
- **Church Alliance Housing and Millbrook @ Home**

[Please help support this good work by being a sponsor, donating an auction item, or enjoying golf and dinner.](#)

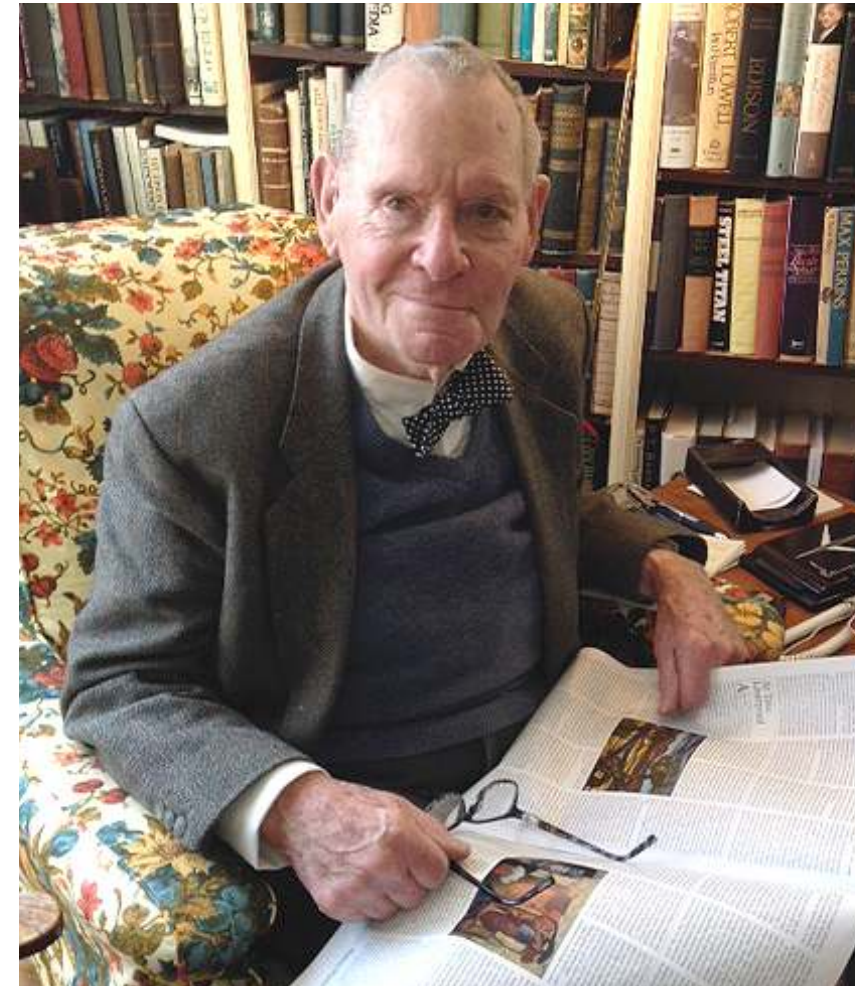
The event includes 18 holes of golf offered at two tee times, one at 7:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m.; both times include lunch, on-course refreshments, golf cart, prizes, and a golf shirt. Dinner is at 6 p.m. beginning with a cocktail hour, open bar, live music featuring Peter and Judith Muir, and a silent auction. You are invited to join us all or part of the festivities.

To register, become a sponsor, or donate an auction item call Cindy in the church office at 677-3064, pick up a form in the back of the church, or visit the website at www.gracemillbrook.org. If you would like to volunteer to help with

this important fundraiser (we have jobs big and small) please call Pam at 635-8504 or chat with anyone on our committee.

Best,

Jason Page, Betty Rae Nittiskie, Chris Dyson, Lynda Boissey, Marc Boissey, Maria Galli, Brenda deMartine, Pam Freeman, Doug Capers, ML Ball



Sunday School News

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

On Sunday, April 1st, we celebrated Easter. The children participated in a lively Easter Egg Hunt. Each child had to find six eggs which would spell out Easter when put together. The Easter Bunny was present and handed out small crosses to each child.

In our Sunday School classes, we learned (actually revisited) the Ten Commandments. The children did a good job remembering them and giving examples of what each one meant. Each child received a bookmark with the Ten Commandments written on it. We also discussed two other commandments: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” And “Love your neighbor as yourself.” We are going to do some work in finding these commandments in the Bible in one of our next classes.

The Sunday School Year is almost over, with many exciting events happening in the next few weeks: Blessing of the Fields, Flowering of the Cross, Holy Communion classes and celebration on Pentecost. Our final day of Sunday School for this year will be June 3rd. We will have a special celebration on this date with certificates of participation and congratulations to those moving on.... both in our Sunday School classes and on to college!

Betty Rae Nittiskie

Save the Date!

The 3rd annual EPIC summer party is Friday, June 15th at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Call Abby at 845.420.4280 to RSVP.

Learn Spanish with EPIC at the Wassaic Project

**7-Week Spring Semester –
Wednesdays, May 2, 2018 to June 13, 2018
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
The Mill at the Wassaic Project**

This class is co-taught by the program director, Abby, and by bilingual EPIC high school students. We read stories aloud, play games, look at verb conjugations, learn how to spell and read, all while working in a fun atmosphere that prioritizes inter-personal connections and the meaning of the culture in the language. All levels are welcome.

Register online at tinyurl.com/EPICspanish3. Suggested donation is 75 for community members, \$100 for those with institutional support. 100% of donations go to supporting EPIC. EPIC (Engaging People in Change) is a group of high school students from Pine Plains, Webutuck, Millbrook, and Dover who meet weekly to learn skills and change the world. First come first served, space is limited. Gracias!

Contact Abby at 845.420.4280 and abby@epicjustice.org.





May 2018 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 8:00 service or Evelyn Garzetta at 518-789-0793 (email evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Jean Hayes	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Elliot Lindsley	Joan McGilvray	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Chalice	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour	Brenda de Martine	The Calames	Jean Hayes and Hollie Sturges	Cathy Shanks
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Susan Quigley, Lori Whitley	The Ball Family	The Garzetta Family	The Rudy Family
Usher 2	Kasin Cooper, Sarah Leiber			
Reader	Marian Thompson	Nanci Kryzak	Juana Lopez	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Muller, Samantha Muller	Harry Leiber	Ben Lacey	Steven Bryant
Chalice 1	ML Ball	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boissey
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Pam Freeman	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Rudy Family	The Thompson Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Mustello Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalms	Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Psalm 29
Epistle	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17



June 2018 Service Schedule

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	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>	<u>June 24</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Maurice Neville	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Jean Hayes
Reader	Joan McGilvray	Elliot Lindsley	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis
Chalice	Beth Willis	Valerie La Robardier	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	Brenda de Martine	Jean Hayes, Hollie Sturges	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	Paula Wilson, Lori Whiteley	The Garzetta Family	The Ball Family
Usher 2				
Reader	Ida Leung	Lori Whiteley	Dawn Galente	Paula Wilson
Acolyte	KC Bryant	Emily Grasseler	Harry Leiber	Steven Bryant
Chalice 1	Jane Meigs	Lisa Lacey	Lynda Boissey	Pam Freeman
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Thompson Family	The Meigs Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Mustello Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Psalm 9:9-20
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel	Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-3	Mark 4:35-41