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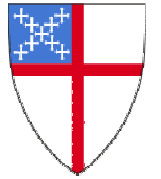
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# Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Welcome back

I hope you had a good summer. Travel, family, rest, recreation; a few things done around the house; work, though on a slower schedule; reading (no judgment on kind); worship and spiritual practice.

That sort of describes my summer. Travel was the highlight, two youth group trips, one to St Christopher's Mission in Butte, Utah, on the northern edge of the Navajo reservation, another to Alabama as part of the Jonathan Daniels Youth Civil Rights Pilgrimage. See Lisa's report below.

But we managed to get a week with my mother and brothers and our families in Nag's Head, and Mary attended her niece's marriage in Indianapolis (I was in Alabama at the time). Our parish program schedule was in vacation mode so I got some downtime and worked on the "to do" list at our house. On the spiritual front, I visited New Skete Monastery in upstate NY—and reread *Becoming a Blessed Church* by Graham Standish.

This is a book I have recommended to all of the vestry

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members (remember school summer reading lists?). The subtitle is “Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power.” Sounds good to me; let’s do it! But what is a “blessed church”? It is a church “uniquely grounded in a relationship with God that allows blessings to flow through it” (pg 11). Note it is not a church in which God is an abstract concept, faith a matter of purely rational inquiry, and activities built around institutional needs (budgets, staff, existing programs), or the particular interests or anxieties of the leaders, clergy and lay. Instead, mission focus is discerned through an intentional process of repeatedly asking, What is God calling us to do?

We will be asking that question as part of our strategic planning process this fall. We will also be trying a new stewardship program that basically asks the same question of each of us in relation to our church giving. Linda Hogan will keep us informed as we move into fall.

What are we giving for? Let me raise up our younger members. We have wonderful preschool; last year I started a weekly chapel with them. This year we are looking into how to reach more of the people who need affordable quality childcare. How can we be a resource? We are converting one of the parish house rooms to a nursery for Sunday morning child care to encourage parents with very young children to attend more regularly. We will continue our practice of having Sunday School toward the end of the service, and adding more services with children and youth participation, including some liturgical dramas (not just a Christmas pageant).

For our older children, those in middle school with continue to meet regularly with John Lacey but I will also teach a class a month in preparation for confirmation. For both middle and high school students, we will continue our practice of serving at the Lunchbox on the last Sunday of the month, but also build a regional youth group that meets that day for fun and fellowship. We will continue our recent practice of hitting the road in the summer on a short-term mission trip.

Grace is a regional church, as well as being an anchor institution of the village. We have developed and will continue to build a dynamic Grace Latino

Outreach program under the leadership of Evelyn Garzetta. We are starting a regional youth leadership development program called EPIC: Engaging people in Change, under the leadership of Abby Nathanson. You will be hearing more about this program as we launch this fall, thanks to generous funding from Episcopal Charities and the Dyson Foundation.

Finally, just this word, once again: **Welcome**. Come and see, come and sit, come and worship, come and share a meal around a table. Come to the table of our Lord for Holy Communion and stay for a picnic after the service on September 13. Taste and see that the Lord is good. It really is about the joy of God, the blessings of God, flowing to each of us and through us to the world.

In Christ’s name, Amen.

Matt+



### Save The Dates

- Please put your thinking caps on for future fund raising ideas. Our first meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 service.
- Fall Cleanup Day - Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Save the date for the always entertaining and productive annual Fall Cleanup Day, Saturday, October 17. We will begin around 9 a.m. (earlier for the truly energetic). Tasks will include leaf cleanup, preparing gardens for winter, and perhaps, some painting and organizing. Have items you would like to see get done? Bring the idea, some energy and additional volunteers, if possible. If you have any tools or equipment that you think might be useful, please bring them along. A delicious but simple lunch will be provided after work is completed.

## Fall Adult Education Schedule

Sunday morning – Rector’s Forum: 8:45 to 9:45

New member classes:

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Newcomer brunch at the Rectory
October 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>	New member class
October 18 <sup>th</sup> at 10 am service	Celebration of new members

Spiritual exercise class – Inner peace through friendship with Jesus:

October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Week one
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Week two
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Week three
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Week four

Advent discussion group – Christmas memories, Advent hopes:

November 29<sup>th</sup>  
December 6<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Mornings:

Service of Healing Prayer and Holy Communion: 10 am  
Bible Study, with Fr. Calkins 10:45 to 11:45

Wednesday evenings at the Rectory:

Occasional book discussion group or speakers to be announced

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 to 9:

English as a Second Language, Evelyn Garzetta and others

## Health Care Ministry

Grace Church health care ministry, after taking the summer off, will again be available during coffee hours of both services once a month to discuss any health care issues you might have, or areas you feel you need support.

If you have ideas as to how you can help this ministry grow, please feel free to let either Karen Whitton, or myself know.

After our speakers series in the spring, several have said they would appreciate discussing filling out the “5 Wishes Booklet”. So if you are one of these, please let us know as we will gladly meet with you individually to assist.

## Grace Church Youth Group Summer Trips

This summer, the Youth Group went on two summer trips. In July, they traveled to Bluff, Utah to visit St. Christopher’s Mission, on the Navajo Reservation.

August found them trekking to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall, the Martin Luther King Jr. Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, and several other historically significant “Civil Rights” locations in Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery, AL. They even participated in a memorial march for Jonathan Daniels, held in Hayneville, AL.

For more information, please read the outstanding article from the Millbrook Independent at <http://themillbrookindependent.com/news/grace-church-youth-group-visits-navajo-reservation-and-makes-civil-rights-pilgrimage>.

The following pages have additional pictures from these trips.

### July Trip



Kids at camp participating in a relay race



Some children from the Navajoland Sport Camp

### August Trip



Grace pilgrimage group at marker where martyr Jonathan Daniels was killed.



Children in Atlanta from NY Episcopal Diocese group - Millbrook is a part of this group

# Calendar and Prayer Cycle



# September 2015

### 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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		6:15 pm ESL <i>Blodgett</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>E. Blue</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>C. Blue</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Blymyer</i>	
6 <i>M. Boisse</i>	7 <i>Bova</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Briggs</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Brinkerhoff</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Bruno</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Burgess</i>	12 <i>Byron</i>
11 am Baptisms, BBQ, Sunday School Sign-up Noon RMM film, Saugerties <i>Cadette</i>	14 <i>Calame</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Calkins</i>	7 pm Men of Grace <i>Camillo</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Canez</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Capers</i>	19 <i>Carolei</i>
20 Sunday School Begins 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Cody</i>	21 <i>C. Collins</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. F. Collins</i>	6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Conklin</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>De la Rock</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>DeFrank</i>	26 <i>Delaney</i>
27 11 am Fundraising Meeting 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>deMartine</i>	28 <i>Dichiara</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. C. Dyson</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. Dyson</i>			

## Announcing the 2015 Great Grace Rummage Sale !

We are scheduling the annual rummage sale to be held November 6-8, 2015. We need your help. Please start gathering new and gently used items, antiques, quality consignment worthy clothes, shoes, boots, jewelry, kitchen items, art, holiday decor, small appliances and small pieces of furniture. If you have a large piece of furniture, you MUST contact Janelle to see if we are able to accept it before dropping it off at Grace.

We CANNOT accept upholstered items, mattresses, stuffed animals, outdated electronics, VCR tapes, computer monitors or televisions etc.

Please plan to drop off items ONLY during prearranged times (to be announced as the date gets closer) to eliminate double work for the volunteers. Email or call for those times or to arrange an appointment ([jstyles1@aol.com](mailto:jstyles1@aol.com)). Dates will be in late October.

Again this year, we will offer space outside on the grounds of Grace for people to sell their own items. Space is limited for this yard sale at our Grace sale. Cost is a \$35 donation to Grace for Friday, Saturday and Sunday rain or shine. Come one day or all three. Contact Janelle for details.

Volunteers are always needed for this large undertaking. Please contact Janelle Styles by email, [jstyles1@aol.com](mailto:jstyles1@aol.com), or the Parish Office 677-3064 to volunteer for organizing, pricing, helping during the sale, general clean-up, etc. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser. We need your help for as few or as many hours as you can give. Thank you!

### Beginning September 13...



For those infants and toddlers up to age 3, we will be providing child/nursery care during the 10 a.m. service. We are happy to be able to offer this to our families under the direction of one of our Pre-School teachers, Deborah Coconis.

## Women of Grace

Women of Grace meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month for a pot luck supper. This month we will meet on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 for supper and fellowship. Please join us and bring your favorite dish. If you can't bring a dish this month come join us anyway as there is always lots of good food.

### *Dreamers Among Us*

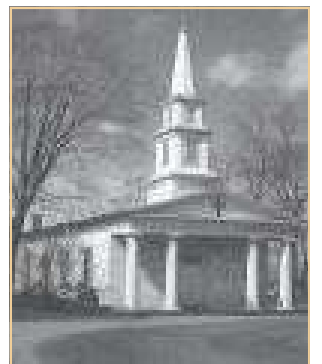
## RMM Youth Arts Group Documentary Film Trinity Episcopal Church, Saugerties NY

The Youth Arts Group (YAG) of the Rural and Migrant Ministry produced, wrote, directed, and acted in a short documentary film about the lives of Hudson Valley youth who immigrated to New York with their parents. This film puts a human face on the "Dream Act" legislation.

The film premieres at Noon on September 13<sup>th</sup> at

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Rt. 9W  
Barclay Heights  
Saugerties, NY 12477

It is free and open to the public. A question and answer session with the YAG members follows the screening.



**Winner: Best Short Documentary at the Hudson Valley International Film Festival.**

## “New Consecration Sunday” - A New Process for Giving and Celebratory Luncheon - Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

This fall, you'll notice something new as the Stewardship Committee and other church leaders initiate a different process of giving called “New Consecration Sunday.” This process approaches financing the ministries of Grace Church by teaching stewardship from a spiritual perspective rather than a fundraising perspective. It encourages us to look inward to answer the question, “What is God calling me to do?,” as we consider our financial commitment to Grace Church.

The Stewardship Committee attended a diocesan conference earlier this year, and we were pleased to learn about this new way of looking at why and how people support the church. The Rev. Tyler Jones, Pastor at St. Paul's Church, Poughkeepsie, as well as our own Fr. Matt, will help guide us through the process and encourage us to think about giving in a different way. You'll learn more about the process as we kick-off our campaign and throughout the Fall.

On Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the results of this process. Please mark that date on your calendars now! Two important events will happen that day: Sunday morning worship services and a Celebration Luncheon immediately following the 10 a.m. service. An exciting and delicious “Harvest of the Season Buffet” will be provided by Chef John Lekic, L'Express Bistro, and a supporter of “farm to table” dining. Come join all your fellow parishioners at the table and celebrate our financial and spiritual commitment to Grace Church.

Stewardship Committee:

Linda Hogan, Fr. Matt Calkins, Jean Hayes, and Beth Willis



Kids from Millbrook School donating fresh veggies this summer to the pantry

## Men of Grace

To present Men of Grace and all those who are yet to join; To Launch the 2015/16 year we will hold a "get acquainted and schedule" kick off at the Parish House at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2015.

All men of all ages are welcomed to participate. The highlights of the 2014/15 year included several dinners, much fun and challenging discussion and a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch.

We averaged 10-12 participants at our monthly meetings. Please attend this scheduled session to express your hopes, meet new members and share ideas for personal and group growth in Christ's name. Dessert and coffee will be served. Any questions please contact Lynn Kasin at [lkasin@fishkillhealth.com](mailto:lkasin@fishkillhealth.com). See you soon!

Lynn Kasin

## Sunday School News

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

We are getting ready for another year of Sunday School which begins with a parish BBQ and Wiffle Ball game on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 service. Registration forms for Sunday School will be available at this time. You may get them from Betty Rae Nittiskie or pick some up in the back of the church. Not only will we be celebrating the beginning of a new Sunday School year, but also the baptism of two children (new students to be, perhaps!)

The leaders of the Sunday School will be John and Lisa Lacey (5 – 8), Jonathan Shanks (Youth Group), Becky Scribner (Youth Group) and Betty Rae Nittiskie (PreK/K – 4). We could use another teacher; if you are interested in helping out with this excellent [program, please see Betty Rae. We will continue to use the curriculum, [Living the Good News](#).

Father Matt will be leading the confirmation class again this year which will include grades 6 – 8. The classes will be held on the second Sunday of every month starting in October, with the exception of the month of May. Stay tuned for more info.

### Dates to Remember:

- September 13 Baptisms, BBQ, Wiffle Ball and Sunday School Sign Up
- September 20 Sunday School Begins!!!!
- October 4 Blessing of the Animals
- October 18 Celebration of Anniversary of Church; children will be participating in the service
- November 1 All Saints Day

- December 6 St Nicholas Day and celebration of Feast Day of the Virgin Guadalupe
- December 20 Christmas Pageant

### Nursery Care:

Nursery Care will be provided during the 10:00 service in the Parish Hall for any interested families. Deb Coconis, from Grace Preschool will be the lead person for this program. We would love to have a volunteer to assist Deb with this program!

Betty Rae Nittiskie

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## Millbrook Community Preschool at Grace Church

### Explore. Create. Connect. Grow.

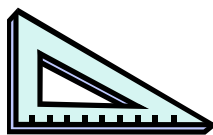
Enrollment is open for the 2015-2016 school year for the preschool at Grace Church, with places still available in the 3 year old and 4 year old programs. Play based learning opportunities abound for little ones with explorations of music and movement, language, science, art, and culture. The village setting opens a world of opportunities for our youngest learners. The program, now in its 10th year, runs Monday-Thursday from 9:00-12:00, with 3 and 4 day scheduling options available.

Scholarship opportunities, made possible by the Dyson Foundation, still available.

For more information and to schedule a tour, please contact the Director, Maureen Sarma on (845) 594-3974 or [maureenatgrace@gmail.com](mailto:maureenatgrace@gmail.com).

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## September 2015 Service Schedule (Revised)

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	<u>September 6</u>	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Jean Hayes	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Kathryn Calame	Barney Calame	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitten	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Gomez Family	Ball Family	Rudy Family	Mustello Family
Usher 2				
Reader	ML Ball	Joe Garzetta	Jim Kolessar	Johnathan Shanks
Acolyte	KC Bryant	Steve Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Mariel Mustello
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Jane Meigs	Lisa Lacey	ML Ball
Chalice 2	Pam Freeman	Barbara Rudy	Sharon Schumacher	John Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Mustello Family	Garzetta Family	Kasin Family	Susan Quigley
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm	Psalm 125	Psalm 19	Psalm 1	Psalm 124
Epistle	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50



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	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Barney Calame	Kyle Van DeWater	Maurice Neville	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Kathryn Calame	Valerie La Robardier	Barney Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Joan McGilvray
Coffee Hour	Brenda deMartine	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	Kolessar-Wright Family	Susan Quigley	Lorie Whitely
Usher 2			Paula Wilson	Sharon Schumacher
Reader	Johnathan Shanks	Paula Wilson	Dawn Galente	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Matthew Kolessar Wright	Mariel Mustello	KC Bryant	Madeline Lacey
Chalice 1	ML Ball	Lynda Boissey	Jim Kolessar	Lisa Lacey
Chalice 2	Pam Freeman	John Lacey	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Mustello Family	The Rudy Family	The Thompson Family	The Garzetta Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalms	Psalms 26	Psalms 22:1-15	Psalms 104:1-9, 25, 37b	Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22)
Epistle	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52