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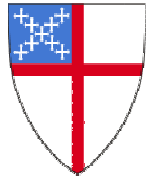
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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Why Are There No More Dragons?

Those who follow *The Game of Thrones* may have another answer, but according to the sage who wrote the ancient Chinese historical narrative, *Zuo Zhuan*, the reason that there are no more dragons is that the element of fire was mismanaged, and so the dragons died. As an article on the "Five Elements" explains, "each element is directed by its own [government] official, but if the official neglects his task or the persons on earth distort or mismanage the five elements which are the patterns of earth, animals that depend on the order of these patterns will hide and stop reproducing correctly. The species will disappear."¹

As the dragons then, so many species today. The element of fire—the temperature of the earth's atmosphere—is out of balance due to human (mis)doing. We have been fruitful and multiplied, but in so doing have elbowed many animals out of sufficient habitat for survival. Global markets result in unintended consequences and Adam Smith's invisible hand is not always as beneficent as the prophets of capitalism proclaim.

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Christian ethics demands we consider the consequences, especially to the poor and weak, the youngest and the eldest, before we embark on action. Proverbially, native Americans considered it prudent to consider how a decision will impact the future to seven generations.

That's something like 175 years from now, the year of our Lord 2191. Unimaginable. But this is pretty certain: Either humanity will have triggered an ecological or nuclear catastrophe and crashed the planet as we know it, or we will have figured out some important lessons.

Grace Church, although far from the oldest church in our area, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Yeah! We will have a series of speakers talking about our history and various photographs and artifacts displayed on church property. It is an occasion to celebrate—as well as think about the next 150 years. We are a very small part of the universal church—and the church is only a fraction of the whole people—and people only a fraction of the whole earth. But we have our part—our region, our element, our process—to manage or mismanage. To pass this wonderful legacy on to our children and their children, or to consign Grace to the dustbin of history. Everything changes; nothing stays the same. So must the church adapt or die.

I do not want the historians of the future to ask, why are there no more churches? I would rather they celebrate our 300th anniversary by noting that wise and bold leadership and faithful, committed people steered the church through the whitewaters of the twenty-first century, and emerged still strong, vital and committed to loving God and neighbor, and doing good.

See you on Sunday, Matthew+



¹ from an article on the Five Elements at <http://www.iep.utm.edu/wuxing/>. The five elements or processes of Chinese natural philosophy are wood, metal, earth, fire, and water.



We Hope You Enjoyed Your Summer!

Summer is a wonderful time to get away, simply relax, visit with family and friends or see new sights. At Grace Church we've had some time for relaxation, but the worship of God still goes on and the bills still come in. We respectfully ask that our parishioners remember to keep church pledges up to date as we settle into Fall.

Thanks so much for your support of Grace Church.

Back to School!

Sunday School begins on September 11th. Please and register for a great new year.

Announcing the 2016 Great Grace Whale of a Sale!

We are scheduling the annual sale of gently used items to be held in early November. 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 the sale chairperson 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. 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.

Volunteers are always needed for this large undertaking. Additionally we need a chairperson. Please contact the fundraising committee to volunteer. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser. We need your help for as few or as many hours as you can give. Thank you!

EPIC

Our youth activist group, EPIC, is starting its *second* program year (PY2) in September! We are very proud of this group of committed, diverse, inspiring high school students. If you'd like to meet them and see what we're talking about, consider stopping by a Friday night meeting. We are always in need of dinner volunteers to prepare a meal for us. If you feel called to youth ministry with EPIC, please contact Abby at abby@epicjustice.org, or come find her in the parish office.

Thank you!

Thanks From the Grace Golf Committee

The Grace Golf Committee would like to give a great big thank you to everyone who participated in the 10th Anniversary Golf & Dinner that was held in July. Whether you played golf, attended the dinner, gave a donation, or lent a helping hand you were very much appreciated. There were 76 golfers and 122 dinners served - a record number on both accounts.

Our net income was \$20,172.42. The silent auction produced \$6,680.00.

Thank you!

Doug and Robin Capers, Don Delaney, Pam Freeman, Betty Rae Nittiskie, and Jason Page



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

September 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
				6:15 pm ESL <i>Kolessar</i>	3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Kramer</i>	
4 <i>Kuras</i>	5 <i>Lacey</i>	6:15 pm ESL <i>LaManna</i>	7 <i>Larobardier</i>	8 6:15 pm ESL <i>Laursen</i>	9 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Lawson-Boice</i>	10 <i>Lechleitner</i>
11 Sunday School Resumes <i>Leung</i>	12 <i>Lewin</i>	13 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lindsay</i>	14 <i>Lindsley</i>	15 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lucal</i>	16 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Lynch</i>	17 <i>Maggiacomo</i>
18 <i>Mandy</i>	19 <i>Martin</i>	20 6:15 pm ESL <i>McGilvray</i>	21 <i>McGregor</i>	22 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mclver</i>	23 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>McNeil</i>	24 <i>McWilliams</i>
25 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Meigs</i>	26 <i>Meyer</i>	27 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mott</i>	28 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Mueser</i>	29 6:15 pm ESL <i>Muir</i>	30 <i>Muller</i>	

“New Consecration Sunday” – A Process for Giving and Celebratory Luncheon - Sunday, November 13th, 2016

As Fall begins, so do we begin our process of looking forward to a new year and the financial needs of Grace Church in 2017. In the next few weeks and months, you will learn how Grace Church and its ministries have impacted our congregation and how you can contribute to keeping Grace a strong and vital church.

The “New Consecration Sunday” 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 results of our annual Stewardship pledge drive provides the funds to cover the necessities and general costs of our church including support for buildings and maintenance, staffing and benefits, resources and materials, etc.

On Sunday, November 15th, 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, Le 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, Lynn Kasin, and Beth Willis

Update on Gracie’s Attic



As you know, Gracie’s Attic moved to the Millbrook Antiques Center as of April 1st, 2016. After a slow beginning, things are picking up; July was a very good month for our sales.

Therefore, happily, we need new donations to keep the shop well-stocked. We would particularly welcome furniture items, jewelry and linens. Please keep us in mind if you are of a mind to “tidy” or “declutter” your home. You may leave small items in the closet of the Parish Hall library and call or email Kathryn Calame (845-266-8520, calame.kathryn@gmail.com) about larger items, which may require pick-up.

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

Sunday School News

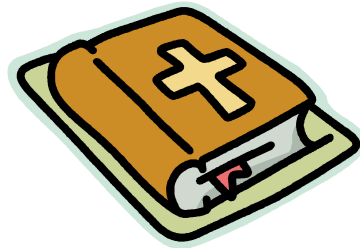
“Children are not the church’s future, they are its present.” Father Matt

On September 11th, we will have a welcome back Sunday to celebrate the beginning of this Sunday School Year. Cake will be served! Father Matt will also begin the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Grace Church as the cornerstone was laid during this week, 150 years ago.

On September 18, classes will resume. John and Lisa Lacey will have the older group, Jonathan Shanks, Youth Group and Betty Rae will have the younger children. We will leave church, as in the past, after Holy Communion and go to the Parish Hall for our classes.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Betty Rae Nittiskie



Notice

The 10 a.m. Wednesday Healing Service and Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 7th

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?

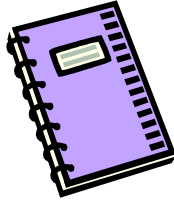
Would you be willing to host the first dinner?

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



September 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>September 4</u>	<u>September 11</u>	<u>September 18</u>	<u>September 25</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville	Jean Hayes
Reader	Joan McGilvray	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame
Chalice	Brenda de Martine	Joan McGilvray	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	The Calames	Betty Rae Nittiskie
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson	Lori Whiteley	The Rudy Family	The Garzetta Family
Usher 2	Tommy Martin, Catherine Page			
Reader	Gus Ball	Lori Whiteley	Lynda Boisse	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Gus & Sally Ball, S. Muller	Bella Lucal	Kevin Bryant	Graeme Styles
Chalice 1	ML Ball	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boisse
Chalice 2	John Lacey	Jane Meigs	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Kristin Martin	The Rudy Family	GLO Bilingual Service	The Mustello Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalms	Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalms 14	Psalms 79:1-9	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16
Epistle	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31



October 2016 Service Schedule

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	<u>October 2</u>	<u>October 9</u>	<u>October 16</u>	<u>October 23</u>	<u>October 30</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville	Jean Hayes	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Elliot Lindsley	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Nanci Kryzak	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Brenda de Martine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	The Mustello Family	The Ball Family	The Garzetta Family	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson
Usher 2	Cooper Kasin, Magdalena Lucal				
Reader	Jonathan Shanks	Mariel Mustello	Lorie Whiteley	Joe Garzetta	Marian Thompson
Acolyte	B. Lucal, O. Lucal, S. Lucal	Steven Bryant	Ben Lacey	Madeline Lacey	Sophie Lucal
Chalice 1	Lisa Lacey	Jane Meigs	ML Ball	Lisa Lacey	Lynda Boisse
Chalice 2	John Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	Barbara Rudy
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	The Kasin Family	The Thompson Family	GLO Bilingual Service	Sandy Podmaniczky	The Garzetta Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Lamentations 1:1-6	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalms	Lamentations 3:19-26	Psalms 66:1-11	Psalms 119:97-104	Psalms 65	Psalms 119:137-144
Epistle	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14	Luke 19:1-10