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Grace Notes



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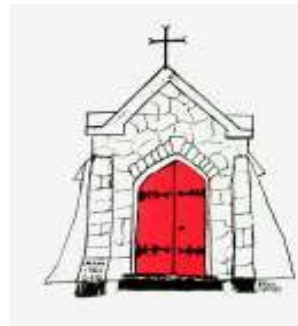
RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

It is still August as I write, but there is about to be a change in the weather. (Good, there's been too much rain this month!) September is on its way, with the first days of fall. And so, of course, the beginning of school for children and teachers, and the beginning of the program year for Grace Church.

The Vestry and various leaders and committees have worked behind the scenes over the summer preparing for the program year, which kicks off September 9, with a picnic following the 10 o'clock service. Thank you all.

Church programs—such as Sunday School, youth group, choir, small group meetings, and all of the Grace Outreach initiatives, including our new young adult fellowship program Grace Year—are an important part of what we do and who we are at Grace. But the core function of a church is to gather people together to worship God. And after all, as Evelyn Underhill the great scholar of mysticism once wrote, “the interesting thing about religion is God.” Service organizations, schools and affinity groups come in all sorts of flavors, many of them secular, but church does these things because of what is learned through worship, through prayer and attending to scripture, through faith put into practice. And the core



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practice is to understand and viscerally apprehend oneself to be in the presence of God

Brother Lawrence, a humble kitchen monk living in seventeenth century France, became famous through the publication of some of his letters and records of conversations he had on spiritual matters titled, *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Now, Lawrence was not a priest, and he had trouble concentrating on God in church, oddly enough. But he found himself able to imagine himself in the presence of God while washing the dishes, while walking in the woods, while talking to a friend or stranger. This had a profound effect on his soul. He found joy and peace. This radiated through his conversation and actions, which is why people found themselves drawn to him for guidance. He was a holy person, someone who conveyed the presence of God.

I think there are holy places too. Grace Church is one of them. And, unlike Brother Lawrence, I find corporate worship helpful in getting closer to God. After all, the divine liturgy is designed to bring one into an awareness of the presence of God and so to help in the inner transformation of soul through the Spirit that leads to peace and joy and love in action.

With this purpose in mind—to give us tools and opportunity to practice the presence of God—I will be preaching an extended series on worship, and particularly the deeper significance of the various parts of our Eucharistic liturgy, beginning on September 9. This will hopefully be helpful to those Grace year fellows unfamiliar with Episcopalian liturgy, but I hope it will also be of interest and use to all. We are all on journeys of spiritual growth and transformation. Might as well be intentional about it.

See on Sunday!
Matthew+



Put these on your calendar:

Grace Church Program Year Kick-off: September 9th

On Sunday September 9th, during the 10 o'clock service, there will be a **commissioning** of:

- Sunday School and Youth Group teachers
- Choir members
- Grace Year fellows
- Preschool teachers and EPIC leaders/volunteers

Following the service there will be a picnic and barbecue in the parking lot (weather permitting). The men's group will be barbecuing, along with potluck other dishes. Everyone is invited. There will be fun and games in the playground for kids

Registration forms and information available. Posters and other items from Community Day will be on display

If you would like to help out, contact the office, Fr Matt or members of the Vestry

Millbrook at Home

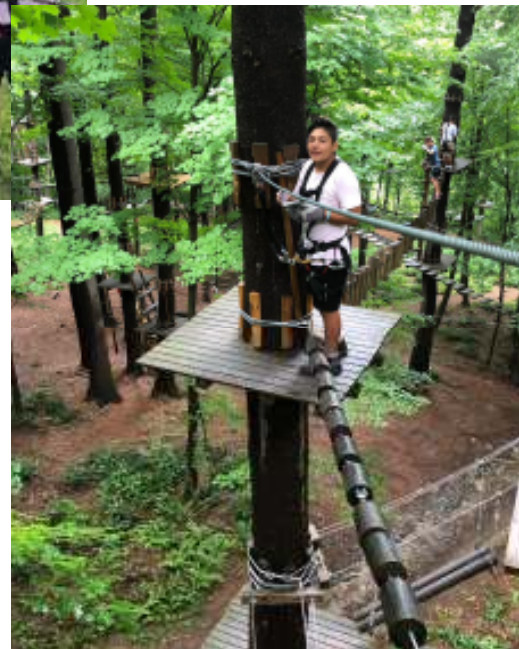
The First Friday of the month meeting on September 7th will be held at Maura's Kitchen at 12:00 pm

September 8th – Millbrook Community Day

Join the Grace Church table in front of Whalen Insurance. Please talk to Cathy Shanks for more information.

Catamount

Last Wednesday, August 22nd, the Grace Fellows joined members from Connect and EPIC on a trip to the Catamount Aerial Adventure Park in Egremont, Massachusetts. Father Matt drove the van with the kids and Fellows Jorge and Marcella, while Abby rode with Fellows Nastia, Maihan, and Sophia in a separate car. The group enjoyed time getting to know one another while climbing in the trees and eating a picnic lunch after some light showers cooled everyone off.



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

September 2018



Sunday Service Schedule:

8:00 Holy Eucharist
 8:45 - 9:00 Rector's Forum
 10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist

Weekday Services:

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>King</i>
2 <i>R. Kinsey</i>	3 <i>Kolessar</i>	4 <i>Kolts</i>	5 <i>Kramer</i>	6 6 pm ESL <i>Kryzak</i>	7 Noon Millbrook at Home 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Kuras</i>	8 Community Day <i>Lacey</i>
9 Program Year Kick-off <i>LaManna</i>	10 <i>Larobardier</i>	11 <i>Laursen</i>	12 <i>Lawson-Boice</i>	13 6 pm ESL <i>Lechleitner</i>	14 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Leiber</i>	15 <i>Leung</i>
16 Sunday School Begins <i>Lewin</i>	17 <i>Lindsay</i>	18 <i>Lindsley</i>	19 <i>Lucal</i>	20 6 pm ESL <i>Lynch</i>	21 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Maggiacomo</i>	22 5:30 pm MCP Sip and Paint <i>Mandy</i>
23 <i>Martin</i>	24 <i>McGilvray</i>	25 <i>McGregor</i>	26 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Mclver</i>	27 6 pm ESL <i>McNeil</i>	28 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>McNulty</i>	29 9:30 am Mid-Hudson Re- gional Council Meeting <i>McWilliams</i>
30 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Meigs</i>						

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

A BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKLY SUPPORT PROGRAM

For SEPARATED, DIVORCED, and WIDOWED Individuals

SUNDAYS from 1 pm – 3:30pm

(The first and last sessions will be a little longer)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH through December 9th

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3328 FRANKLIN AVENUE,
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Coping with Life Alone is the first in a series of several programs developed by the Beginning Experience International Ministry, Inc. for persons grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce, or permanent separation. This program is intended for those in the early stages of grieving this loss, but it can also be helpful for those who are further along in their grieving process.

This program offers strength and growth through a community of friendship, support, and prayer. The program's facilitators have themselves experienced a divorce or the death of a spouse.

For further information or to register, call Beth at 845-373-8202

Millbrook Community Preschool

Millbrook Community Preschool at Grace Church is officially a teen as we begin our thirteenth school year this September! Local designer, Paul Miyamoto, has designed our logo which graces the new signage on Franklin Avenue and by the preschool's walkway.

We are kicking off the school year with a couple of opportunities for you to support the school, which currently serves 18 families and counting. First, we will host a Sip and Paint in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 22, from 5:30-8:00. As much a social event as a fundraiser, this event sold out quickly when we held it two years ago. Tickets are \$50 each and can be reserved by emailing Deborah Coconis at deborahatgrace@gmail.com, or by calling the preschool at 677-5325 and leaving a message with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you wish to reserve. Seating is limited to 40 people.

Note that babysitting will be available on site during the sip and paint for an additional \$10

We also have colorful shopping bags available to purchase for \$5 a piece in the Parish Hall on Sundays during coffee hour throughout the school year. Your purchase will help support enrichment programs in the preschool.

Millbrook Community Preschool was the subject of a case study done by Community Playthings this past winter. Please visit the link on their website: <https://www.communityplaythings.com/inspiration/case-studies/millbrook> for a glimpse into a day in our little preschool!

Sincerely,
Deborah Coconis
Director

Sunday School News

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

Plans for the 2018 – 2019 Sunday School year are underway! On September 9th, there will be a Parish Kick Off Barbecue after the 10:00 service.

Preliminary plans are in the works to have the Grace Fellows (one at a time for five weeks) come to our Sunday School classes to talk about their religious customs. These individuals come from varied backgrounds: Afghanistan/Muslim, Christian Science, Roman Catholic, Unitarian Universalist and Russian. They are all very excited to be participating in the Grace Year Fellows Program and we are looking forward to learning from them.

Bible awareness and increased understanding of what happens during our church services will be another set of lessons using the “Alleluia, Amen!” booklet.

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- September 9th - Parish Wide Kick Off/BBQ
- September 16th - Sunday School Begins!
- October 7th – Blessing of the Animals
- December 7th – Parade of Lights
- December 8th – Craft Fair
- December 23rd – Christmas Pageant

Hoping to see everyone at the Parish Kick Off!

Betty Rae Nittiskie

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.

St. Nicholas Bazaar

December 8th, 2018, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

December is only three months away. Time to sign up and reserve your space for the St. Nicolas Bazaar.

Spaces are \$25.00 if paid by October 31st and \$35.00 after. A Space gets you a six-foot table.

This year we are trying something different besides using the Parish Hall. If you have your own tent (10 ft. x 10 ft) you will be able to set up outside in the driveway. A tent space will be \$35.00 if paid by October 31st and \$45.00 after.

Spaces for both are only guaranteed after payment is received and is non-refundable for any reason.

Let’s get your creative juices flowing and show all how creative you are!

We also have our cookie sale on the same day so get your baking skills out of the pantry. Last year we sold out so we need more bakers who could donate 6 dozen cookies (if possible).

Please contact Elizabeth Leiber at edegrof@lizleiber.com or Jean Hayes at shayes9401@aol.com. You can get an application form at gracemillbrook.org or from the office.

Jean Hayes and Elizabeth Leiber

Mid-Hudson Regional Council Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 29th, 2018

9:30am-3pm at St. James Hyde Park

After our business meeting, we will engage with the topic of CLIMATE CHANGE and our role in caring for God’s creation.



September 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>September 2</u>	<u>September 9</u>	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>					
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville	Jean Hayes
Reader	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Valerie La Robardier	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Valerie LaRobardier	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	Brenda de Martine	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	Susan Quigley	Paula Wilson	The Garzetta Family	Lori Whiteley	The Garzetta Family
Usher 2					
Reader	Susan Quigley	Paula Wilson	Juana Lopez	ML Ball	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte					
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Pam Freeman	Lynda Boissey	ML Ball	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2					
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	Sandy Podmaniczky	The Thompson Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Kasin Family	The Mustello Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	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 45:1-2, 7-10	Psalm 125	Psalm 19	Psalm 1	Psalm 124
Epistle	James 1:17-27	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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50



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	<u>October 7</u>	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Jean Hayes	Maurice Neville
Reader	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame
Chalice	Ida Leung	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour	Brenda de Martine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>	<i>To be Determined</i>			
Usher 1				
Usher 2				
Reader				
Acolyte				
Chalice 1				
Chalice 2				
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour				
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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