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Holy Eucharist - Sunday at 9am  
Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

# ***PACE OF GRACE***



# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH, MR 	2 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	3 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR,	4	5
6 The Epiphany 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Church School	7 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	8 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 8:30 am Employment Group – MMR 6:00 pm Vestry Mtg - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	9 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	10 8:30 am Chili Prep - K 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	11	12 2:00 pm Book Club Meeting - Library
13 First Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Morning Prayer	14 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	15 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 8:30 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	16 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L	17 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	18	19
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



# *Pace of Grace*

*January 2019*

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Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT

Dear Friends in Christ,

“With the New Year comes new strength and new thoughts.” (Eleanor Roosevelt)

“Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”  
(Helen Keller)

As we move into the New Year reflect on the above quotes by two of America’s most respected women and consider how they apply to your personal lives as well as the life of Grace Church.

You have challenges in your personal life and the Church faces different challenges. Probably the biggest challenge facing Grace and other churches, not only in Connecticut but the USA and worldwide, is the shift in the attitude of the relevance of the traditional ‘church experience’ by many. With a positive attitude and an open mind the difficulties, both spiritual and budgetary, can be overcome and changes accepted.

Do you have thoughts on the path Grace should take? Express your concerns in a positive way (not by complaining and mumbling in the background). Discuss your concern with the Wardens or any member of the Vestry. Better yet nominate yourself for one of the Vestry openings and become instrumental in directing the path Grace should take. At the Annual Meeting following the service on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, vestry member elections will take place as well as reflections on the events of the past (various committee and financial reports) and discussion of our hopes and plans for the future (including the 2019 budget and priest search). Your comments are an essential part of this discussion.

As we make our New Year’s resolutions consider the words of Abraham Lincoln: “Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”

Your Wardens wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

JoAnn Cromwell & Walt Parker



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in January

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Holy Name of Jesus January 1	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
The Epiphany January 6, 2019	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord January 13, 2019	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21- 22
Confession of St. Peter January 18, 2019	Acts 4:8-13	Psalm 23	1 Peter 5:1-4	Matthew 16:13-19
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 20, 2019	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Conversion of St. Paul January 25, 2019	Acts 26:9-21	Psalm 67	Galatians 1:11-24	Matthew 10:16-22
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 27, 2019	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:1-31a	Luke 4:14-21



01/01 Liz Welk  
 01/13 Debbie Forrest  
 01/19 Paul Crosswaith



01/02 Robert and Lorraine Belyea



**SENIORS ON THE GO** HI-NOON - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and/or short excursions. Once again the group had an enjoyable October outing to Gouveia vineyards in Wallingford. While a light rain muted the view of the vineyards and hills that were just starting to show fall foliage, the spirits were high inside the winery.

**January 7, 2019** – Fun and Games in Parish Hall  
**February 4\*** – Movie Matinee in Parish Hall  
**March 4\*** – Epicurean Adventure – Restaurant to be announced,  
**April 1 and May 6** – Activity to be announced,  
**June 3** – Picnic–Parish Hall and Patio



## Save the Date

January 1 New Year's Day  
 January 7 Hi Noon  
 January 8 Vestry Meeting  
 January 12 Book Club Meeting  
 January 13 Visit from Erin Flynn, our North Central Region Missionary  
 January 27 Annual Meeting



**BAKE A CAKE** – Every month Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated the **FIRST** Sunday of the month with a cake served at Fellowship Time after the service. Please consider baking or buying a cake to be served. Notify Debbie in the Church Office by email or phone the month you will bring a cake: [office@gracechurchnew.org](mailto:office@gracechurchnew.org) / 860-666-3331. A cake baked in a standard 9 X 13 pan using one cake mix package or homemade ingredients is a good size.



## Annual Meeting

The Grace Church Annual Potluck Brunch and meeting will be on January 27th, following our Sunday service. This is the time we thank outgoing Vestry Members and welcome in the new Members. We will also take care of any business brought before this group.

This is our opportunity to share our favorite dishes with our friends at Grace. We always have a great selection of wonderful foods.



## Weather Closing

Cancellation of services due to weather will be posted on NBC Connecticut (channel 30) and WFSB (channel 3) and on their websites



## Food Collection

**Newington Food Bank:** We continue to support the food bank with kleenex, pancake mix, cold cereal (whole grain), 100% juice boxes, cake & frosting mixes.

*JoAnn Cromwell*



## Morning Prayer

Karen Halpert will lead us in Morning Prayer on Sunday, January 13th. Erin Flynn, our North Central Region Missionary, will be our homilist. After Service get your refreshments and join Erin in the Library for

conversation about what is happening in the North Central Region.



Mei-Tsen Chen will be away visiting family in January. Peter Peluso will be our guest organist on the 20th. Maybe he will bring his accordion again!



## Vestry News

The vestry celebrates birthdays each month during the break time for each member who has one. In December we celebrated the birth of Jesus. We put the birthday crown on him and sang Happy Birthday. (There is something to the Bible verse make a joyful noise unto the Lord)

**Reminder** - Vestry will meet on January 8 at 6 pm. We will complete our "Journey through Acts" and say farewell to members who have completed their term.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church school will be held on:  
January 6 and January 20



## Morning Prayer

Please join us for a peaceful, centering time of prayer and worship. Early week Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. All are welcome. Beverley Manning and JoAnn Cromwell rotate leading the service.





For the next few months the Grace Church Book Club will morph into more of an Adult Forum format. The intent is to draw more people into the discussion of affirming racial healing and the role of the church in that process. This is a subject the church is devoting a lot of discussion to.

It was a topic of an afternoon workshop at the recent Episcopal Diocese of CT convention. And it is also where the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving came from. The Grace Church Book Club had decided to read the book for its September gathering. Those who read the book agreed the book warrants more time so a meaningful conversation can take place and some of the broader issues can be addressed.

The next meeting will be held on January 12 to discuss Sections 4-6, Chapters 17-33.

The last discussion will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2019 and will include Sections 7-9, Chapters 34-46.

We are excited to have CJ facilitate our discussions. She attended the convention and will have insight into the important points coming out of the workshop discussions and possible next steps.

Here are the four questions delegates of the conversation voted on to discuss in their workshop:

How do we meaningfully engage ECCT in the existing work of serving God's mission among the poor and the marginalized?

How can ECCT raise awareness of the sin of racism in our Church and promote racial healing toward true racial reconciliation?

In these changing times and the consequent needs of our worshipping communities, what are our expectations of priesthood leadership currently defined in ECCT as missional, provisional, conditional or part time?

How would the practice of Open Communion change the life of the church?

All thought provoking questions for sure. And not questions to be answered in one afternoon or three afternoons. The history of racism in the Episcopal Church is not unlike the history of racism in this

country. The subject deserves our full attention and best practices to heal the divide that continues today.

*“A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read” - Mark Twain*

Melissa Haseley



Can you help the Chili Crew by purchasing some crushed or diced tomatoes? They have been unavailable through FoodShare.



**Mark your calendars** - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is on March 5th from 5 - 7 PM. We are starting to gather ingredients, i.e.; pancake mix that needs only water, syrup (any kind), bacon, sausages and applesauce. Any special topping you like to put on your pancakes at home would be an added treat for everyone, if you bring some to share. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets for set up/clean up/ cooking and serving as we get closer to Shrove Tuesday. Also a signup sheet if you are coming to the supper, for planning purposes.



**QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE ACTUAL</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 88,880	\$ 79,103	\$ 76,340
Total Income	\$126,695	\$112,655	\$102,235
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$140,576)	(\$127,865)	(\$114,977)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	(\$ 13,881)	(\$ 15,210)	(\$ 12,741)

**\*\*\*Boot Party\*\*\***

Thank you for your donations of socks, gloves, and travel size products. The churches in the North Central Region managed with God's help to provide 500 hundred packages to be given out to all the homeless and disadvantaged that came to have their feet checked out before being given a new pair of boots.

*Peace & Joy  
Deacon CJ*

**Supply Clergy**



**Supply Clergy Schedule:**

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

Rev. Julia Mudge  
Morning Prayer  
Rev. Jim Speer  
Open



The deadline for the February Pace of Grace is Thursday, January 24th. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.

Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5: and Thursday 11-5.

*Debbie Forrest*



With supply clergy celebrating our services, it's important that everyone wear their name tags. If you are in need of one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will make one up for you. Thank you!





Creative Energy Team  
January 2019

We will be having a meeting this month to set our schedule for the year. Be on the lookout for more new FUNdraising ideas and happenings for the year ahead. If you would like to be part of this integral team at Grace, please join us at the first meeting – date and time to be announced. Below are a few wishes and thoughts for everyone for the new year:

We welcome the New Year of 2019...  
We look forward to wishing you...  
A year of wonderful happiness  
A year of good health  
A year of great success  
A year of incredibly good luck  
A year of continuous fun  
A year of serenity with yourself  
A year of peace through the world  
Happy New Year 2019!

Happy New Year! May the New Year bring to you warmth of love, and a light to guide your path towards a positive destination.

New Year's most glorious light is sweet hope!  
–Mehmet Murat Ildan

This New Year I wish that God showers you with His choicest Blessings, Fate never takes you for a bumpy ride, Cupid strikes you with his sweetest arrow, Lady Luck bestows upon you health and wealth, your Guardian Angel keeps your mind alert and bright.

Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.  
– Michael Josephson

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep is this – to rise above the little things.  
– John Burroughs

Wishing you beautiful moments, treasured memories, and all the blessings a heart can know. Happy New Year!

New is the year, new are the hopes, new is the resolution, new are the spirits, and new are my warm wishes just for you. Have a promising and fulfilling New Year!

Happy New Year!

*Valerie Dumont - Co Chair of Creative Energy Team*

Lay Ministry Schedule  
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

	January 6, 2019	January 13, 2019	January 20, 2019	January 27, 2019
	<b>The Epiphany</b>	<b>1 Epiphany</b>	<b>2 Epiphany</b>	<b>3 Epiphany</b>
<b>Supply Clergy</b>	Rev. Julia Mudge	Morning Prayer	Rev. Jim Speer	Open
<b>LECTOR</b>	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith
<b>MINISTER OF COMMUNION</b>	Paul Crosswaith		Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert
<b>PRAYERS</b>	Mabel Maynard	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert	Marie Ritchie
<b>USHERS</b>	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Elizabeth Welk	Melissa & Nancy	Open	Annual Meeting
<b>NRRRC-10:30am</b>	Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell	
<b>HTFD REGIONAL CTR - 12n</b>			JoAnn Cromwell	
<b>Lay Eucharist Visitor</b>			Elizabeth Welk	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Marie Ritchie Jane Stewart Elissa Schumann	Pat Rogorzenski Nancy DiPrato Candy Casciano	Pat Rogorzenski Nancy DiPrato Candy Casciano	Elizabeth Welk Jane Stewart Marie Ritchie
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith	Beverley Manning Lorraine Belyea	Walt Parker Bette Forcash	JoAnn Cromwell Nancy DiPrato

