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

PACE OF GRACE





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L 	2 9:30 am Tai Chi – PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR,	3 3:00 pm CET meet & work	4 2:00 pm Book Club Meeting - Library
5 Second Sunday after Christmas 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	6 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts – PH EPIPHANY	7 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 8:30 am Employment Group – MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	8 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	9 9:30 am Tai Chi – PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	10 TBD: CET cooking, baking & candy making	11
12 First Sunday after Epiphany 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	13 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	14 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	15 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L	16 9:30 am Tai Chi – PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	17	18 9:30 am Diocesan ECW meeting
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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*From the
Missional Priest*



Enriching Your Devotional Time

Our Christian faith is a resource for us in good times and in bad. A lifelong practice of setting aside time each day for devotional reading is the best way I know to keep ourselves inspired and in touch with God. There are many wonderful writers out there but I wanted to share with you two of my favorites, as well as an audio devotional that my husband David and I enjoy together most mornings.

The first writer I recommend to you is Father Richard Rohr, a Franciscan, who leads the Center for Contemplation and Action. After a career as a prison chaplain, Rohr has focused on writing and teaching for the past couple of decades. In my view, he is the most inspiring Christian teacher currently working. You can read his daily insights in an email delivered to you by subscribing on his website: <https://cac.org/>. Or you might like to try one of his books, including two of my favorites, *Falling Upward* and *Immortal Diamond*.

Another of my very favorite Christian teachers is Henri Nouwen, a former Yale Divinity School professor who is no longer alive. Like Rohr, all of Nouwen's writings are inspired and inspiring. *The Life of the Beloved* and *The Way of the Heart* are two of my favorites. *Bread for the Journey* offers short readings that are convenient for daily use.

Finally, *Pray as You Go* is an online audio guided prayer, based on Scripture, that is produced by the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, in the U.K. Each session lasts about fifteen minutes and includes beautiful music, a Scripture reading, guided questions and a time to pray.

Whatever format you choose, committing to a daily practice of prayer and reflection is a great New Year's Resolution. Getting in shape physically is a frequent new resolve. But getting in shape spiritually is important too. If you have other suggestions, let me know what works for you!

Happy New Year and Blessed Christmastide and Epiphany!!

Pastor Trish



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
Second Sunday after Christmas January 5, 2020	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 84	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 or Luke 2:41-52 or Matthew 2:1-12
The Epiphany January 6, 2020	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 12, 2020	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Confession of St. Peter January 18, 2020	Acts 4:8-13	Psalm 23	1 Peter 5:1-4	Matthew 16:13-19
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2020	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-12	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Conversion of St. Paul January 25, 2020	Acts 26:9-21	Psalm 67	Galatians 1:11-24	Matthew 10:16-22
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2020	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 5-13	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23



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



01/02 Robert and Lorraine Belyea



SENIORS ON THE GO

Hi-Noon All are invited as the group stays close and warm in the Parish Hall (or a classroom if easier to heat) for our Winter meetings. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea, juice and hot chocolate will be served.

January 6, Monday – Fun Time – Games will be available to play -

February 3, Monday – Movie Matinee – (Movie to be announced) - In addition to lunch bring a movie snack to share.

March will be our annual restaurant adventure. In the past few years we have visited Polish, Greek and Portuguese places – Do you have a suggestions for this year’s adventure? (Date will be announced – some restaurants are closed on our regular Monday meeting date.)

April and May we plan to visit a museum, historic site or other place of interest. Do you have a suggestion?

June – Annual picnic – Parish Hall and Patio



Save the Date

- January 1 New Year’s Day
- January 3 CET Meet & Work for Chocolate Festival
- January 4 Book Club Meeting
- January 6 Hi Noon
- January 10 CET – Cook, Bake & Make candy
- January 14 Vestry Meeting
- January 18 Diocesan ECW meeting
- January 26 Annual Meeting & Potluck Brunch

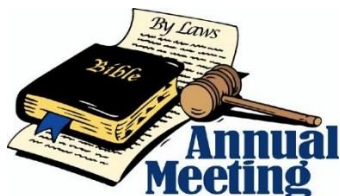


BAKE A CAKE – Every month

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 / 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.



Save the Date: February 8
The First Annual Chocolate Fest!!!
 See flyer at the end of the Pace!



The Grace Church Annual Potluck Brunch and meeting will be on January 26th, following our Sunday service. This year all vestry members are staying on for another year. We will also take care of any business brought before this group.

This is our opportunity to share favorite dishes with your 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



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, texts, emails, and prayers for the healing of my broken ankle. I much appreciate the support of my church family. I too continue to pray for each one of you. I hope that you have drawn closer to God during the Advent Season. I know that I have. I also hope that you have grown closer to family and friends as I have had the opportunity to do. Please give more of your attention to the love that Jesus has for all of us so that there will be joyous celebration in the town of Newington (or whatever town you are in) on Christmas Day!!!

Peace & Joy
CJ



Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank with Chunky soups, cake/frosting mixes, mustard, and potato mixes.

JoAnn Cromwell



The next gathering of the Grace Church Book Club is Saturday, January 4 at 2 pm in the church library. The book selection is *The Great Alone* by *Kristen Hannah*.

We usually meet the second Saturday of the month and that will continue to be the case. By determining our next few reads, it is hoped that one or more of the titles will peak someone's interest and that they will join us that month for the discussion. The books we have selected thus far are:

- January 4th – *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah
- February 15th – *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes
- March 14 – *Educated* by Tara Westover

Even if you don't join us for book club, if you like to read, the above titles are an excellent selection of best seller, recently published books. Please know we also meet in April, May and June. We also select one or two books to read over the summer to discuss at our September meeting.

We are an informal, fun-loving group that enjoys reading. Most of our discussion are not only about the book, but also usually touch on a variety of related topics as well. Please join us! Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



Boot Party

Thank you for your donations of socks, toiletries and scarves. 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



If you are in need of a new nametag, or you don't have one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will make one up for you. Thank you!



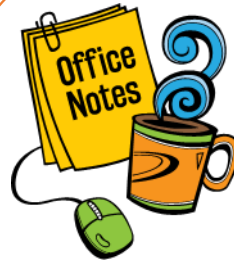
Morning Prayer

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.



QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2019

	TOTAL BUDGET	YR-TO-DATE BUDGET	YR-TO-DATE OPERATIONS
INCOME:			
Pledge Income	\$ 87,558	\$ 77,927	\$ 77,229
Total Income	\$125,908	\$ 112,009	\$ 111,098
EXPENSES:	(\$125,328)	(\$ 114,039)	(\$ 98,488)
NET CHANGE:	\$ 580	(\$ 2,030)	\$ 12,610



The deadline for the February Pace of Grace is Thursday, January 23rd. 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



Creative Energy Team January 2020

It's the start of a new year!! The time seems to have gone by so fast this past year. Your Creative Energy Team had a very busy and fruitful year. We have finished our fundraising for 2019. We did a lot this past fall and did very well in our earnings. We are looking forward to our 2020 fundraising projects.

****Our first big new fundraiser for 2020 will be a....**

Chocolate Festival on Saturday February 8th from 11 am to 3 pm.

It is mostly about everything chocolate and there will be assorted Valentine's gifts. Everything will be handcrafted and available for purchase. Succulents will also be for sale. Right now they are with me at home being nourished and growing!! I can bring them in for anyone if you wish to purchase one, two or maybe three before February 8, 2020. Just let me know.

We will be making chocolate candy, truffles, lollipops, cake pops and other delectable chocolate desserts. There will be jobs for everyone – sitting and standing jobs. We are hoping many of you will be willing to come and help us make chocolate candy and desserts! If you are unable to help, please consider baking something for the bake sale table. We also will need workers for the day of the event. Keep the date of February 8th open! Pray for excellent weather so many people can attend our Chocolate Festival!!

The available working dates will be:

Friday January 3rd at 3 pm – meeting and working

Friday, January 10th – Cooking, baking and candy making

Meet in the kitchen/parish hall. More dates will be added.

Even though this a new event and in February, we feel this will attract a wide variety of people—because almost everyone loves chocolate! There are also not too many fairs, festivals or events happening at this time of the year. People are eager to get out! Please pray for excellent weather so we have many people attend our Chocolate Festival!! Please note that the snow~ice~blizzard conditions reschedule date for the Chocolate Festival is...Sunday, February 9 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

“We also have scheduled for 2020....

Paint afternoon fellowship ~ Early Spring ~ date to be announced

Our Annual Community Tag Sale on Saturday, April 25th

ECW Luncheon ~ Thursday, May 7th

Clothing Collection ~ Late Spring ~ date to be announced

Puerto Vallarta Dining for Dollars ~ first week in June ~ date to be announced

If you have any questions or would like to join us to help, attend a meeting, or join our group....please speak to one of us, or call, text or email any one of us.

Valerie Dumont ~ 860-690-0727; Lynn Page~860-666-1835

Lorraine Belyea, Jane Stewart and Melissa Haseley.

May your new year bring you a year full of love, joy and peace that lasts into next year.
Happy New Year, Valerie Dumont

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

	January 5, 2020	January 12, 2020	January 19, 2020	January 26, 2020
	2 nd Christmas	1 st Epiphany	2 nd Epiphany	3 rd Epiphany
Deacon/LWL	JoAnn Cromwell	JoAnn Cromwell	JoAnn Cromwell	JoAnn Cromwell
LECTOR	Mabel Maynard	Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Elizabeth Welk	Shirley Adams	Lynn Page	Karen Halpert
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell
USHERS	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Bob MacCalmont
FELLOWSHIP	Elizabeth Welk			
NRRRC-10:30am	Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell	
HTFD REGIONAL CTR - 12n			JoAnn Cromwell	
Lay Eucharist Visitor			Elizabeth Welk	
ALTAR GUILD	Marie Ritchie Barbara Johnson Kathy Shoemaker	Marie Ritchie Barbara Johnson Kathy Shoemaker	Elissa Schumann Candy Casciano Jane Stewart	Elissa Schumann Candy Casciano Jane Stewart
COUNTERS	Beverley Manning Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell Lorraine Belyea	Walt Parker	Melissa Haseley Paul Crosswaith

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020



11:00am - 3:00pm

Cancellation for major snow~ice~blizzard conditions

DATE SUN FEBRUARY 9TH ~ 1:00pm



There will be handcrafted
chocolate candy ~ lollipops
cake pops ~ truffles
toffee ~ fudge ~ cupcakes
Hot Chocolate Bar
Assorted Baked goods
Valentines gifts

Grace's cafe will be open
with A dining area to
enjoy a delectable
chocolate dessert & our
hot chocolate bar.



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Handicap parking & entrance

Come enjoy some chocolate today!!

