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

PACE OF GRACE



2015

July 2015

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28 5 Pentecost 8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	29 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	30 8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C 8:30 AM Employment Group 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	1 4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	2 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR, L	3 Independence Day (observed)	4 Independence Day
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



Pace of Grace

Summer, 2015

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Dear Grace Church Family,

I am writing this at the beginning of the summer season when all of the signs point to the reality that we are indeed in a different time of the year. The school and program years have come to an end. The pace of life seems to be slowing down (even if this is an illusion) or we like to think that it is and there is more conversation about plans for the summer and where our friends, or perhaps we, are going to go on vacation. If the weather cooperates, we will enjoy the balmy temperature and sunny days of summer. Many of the routines of life go on but there seems a different rhythm. Let me suggest that this is the ideal time to pause and take stock of where we are in our spiritual journey. It is the opportunity to "check in" spiritually and see what is going on in our lives. There are many ways that we might do this but one of the easiest is to have a prayerful and honest conversation with ourselves in response to the question, "is it well with your soul?"

I was reminded recently of the power of this question honestly asked and answered during the homegoing services for several of the Charleston Nine included the hymn that for many generations been a part of the tradition of the historically black churches. The text of that hymn (which you can find in our library in the volume *Lift Every Voice and Sing*) affirms the believers answer to that question when the text affirms repeatedly that, "all is well with my soul". It is easy to answer the question in a superficial way but it is far more helpful to answer honestly as we really feel. It is in answering the question as honestly as we can that we open ourselves to the infusion of God's grace and love for us. We do not need to wait until a crisis to consider our answer rather, it is something we can and should do regularly. How often we ask and honestly answer the question of our soul's health will have a lot to do with how our faith grows and matures. It takes time to do this but it is time well invested. It may be that for many of us the summer may be an ideal time to begin the regular practice of asking and answering the "soul's health" question.

My hope for all of us is that we will all enjoy the refreshment, renewal and re-creation that the summer offers and that in the midst of all of the season of growth that is the reality of the summer we will find that one of the things growing is our own spirituality and that we will be able to affirm that yeas, "it is well with my soul".

May God bless us all and shower the abundance of His grace on us as we prepare to continue the journey which we are on as we seek to be God's people on mission in Newington and Connecticut in these challenging and changing times.

Faithfully,

David+



Anniversaries
This *Summer*

Anniversaries in July

- 07/12 Laura and William Lynch
- 07/28 Marianne and David Doolittle

Anniversaries in August

- 08/01 Walt and Barbara Block
- 08/09 Mark and Kathleen Shoemaker
- 08/28 Karen and Frank Halpert
- 08/31 James and Melinda Robidoux



SUMMER
Birthdays

Birthdays in July

- 07/10 Nancy Beilman
- 07/11 Nancy DiPrato
- 07/14 Douglas Nagy
- 07/15 Sandra Lund
- 07/18 Shirley Crosswaith
- 07/19 Camden Tatsapaugh
- 07/19 David Haley
- 07/21 Melissa Kowalchik
- 07/24 Candace Casciano
- 07/24 Thomas Raimondo
- 07/24 Gary St. Amand
- 07/29 Kenneth Fischer
- 07/31 Nicholas Casciano

Birthdays in August

- 08/04 Valerie Dumont
- 08/05 James Ancona
- 08/07 Melinda Robidoux
- 08/08 Everett Weaver
- 08/09 Jacquie Tallard
- 08/12 Charlie Albrycht
- 08/15 Norine Barr
- 08/15 Elizabeth St. Amand
- 08/16 Hannah Gebhardt
- 08/18 Owen Holland
- 08/19 Jamie Hale
- 08/25 Martin Dumont
- 08/29 Walt Block
- 08/29 Laura Lynch



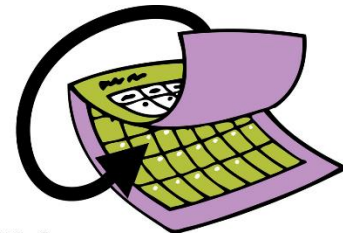
BackPack Project

Once again we are collecting school supplies and back packs for the children at the Prudence Crandall Women's Shelter. Victims of domestic violence often bring their children to the shelter with them, and rarely have time to gather any belongings when they leave their homes. While living at the Shelter, children are enrolled in neighborhood schools so they can keep up with their studies.

Suggested items:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pens
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Binders and filler paper
- Markers, highlighters
- Erasers
- Calculators
- Flash drives

If you would like to make a cash donation, please see Nancy Tatsapaugh. The drive will end with a presentation to Prudence Crandall Center at the end of August. Thank you!



*Save
the Date*

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| September 7 -17 | Sunday School Registration |
| September 13 | Recovery Eucharist |
| September 20 | Welcome Back Sunday |
| September 27 | Grace's Seniors Birthday and
Anniversary Brunch |
| October 4 | Celebration of Animals |
| October 24 | Fall Fair |
| November 4 | Follow up Transgender Workshop |
| December 4 | Sweet Comedy Club and Roast Beef
Dinner |

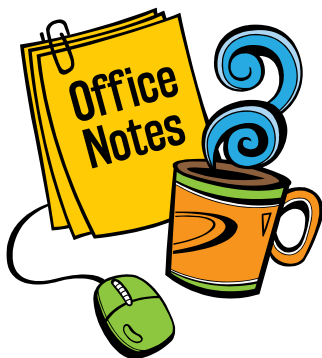
Both the Anglian Payer beads and the Bracelets can be custom ordered for color and size.

These make for a great way to find peace & serenity in your day. They also make a great gift for many different occasions. We will have them on display soon in the Narthex. To see them before we have them on display or to place a custom order please call Valerie Dumont (860-690-0727) or Lorraine Belyea(860-666-3959).



Thanks So Much!

- ☞ All those who have served at, and prepared food for, the Welcome Table Breakfast.
- ☞ Our Lay Worship Leaders, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Greeters who assist during worship on Sundays.
- ☞ Elizabeth Welk for her continuing service as Lay Eucharistic Visitor.



☞ Deadline for September *Pace of Grace* – **Tuesday, August 25th**. Please, make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to send the issue promptly.

☞ We normally prepare the bulletin on Wednesday. All items to be included in the calendar insert should be received by Wednesday morning.

☞ Please notify the office of your email addresses. We would like to send more information by email when possible. You can send a test email to: office@gracechurchnew.org.

☞ Office hours are normally Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am to 2pm. The office will usually be closed on Monday and Friday.

☞ I expect to be on vacation from July 24 through August 3. If anyone can help in the office during that time, please call me (860-666-3331).

Art Riihimaki



Dear Friends of Grace,

Thank you for your time and baked goods which you shared at our recent Blood Drive. All staff and donors enjoyed the result of your efforts.

I am especially grateful for all you did to make this event a success.

JoAnn Cromwell
Blood Drive Coordinator



Hi-Noon Group

HI-NOON Fall schedule

September 14, Monday 12:00 – Tour of **THE COMMONS** – Episcopal Church of Connecticut Diocese Headquarters located in Meriden. Meet at the Church at noon - bring a lunch (coffee, tea provided). Following lunch the group will car pool to the Diocese Headquarters.

October 12, Monday 12:00 – Annual visit to

Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford. – By

popular demand the Group will return to beautiful Gouveia Vineyards. Bring lunch and a snack to share at the vineyard. Wine and other beverages must be purchased there.

Meet at Church at Hi-Noon to car pool.

November 2, Monday – program to be announced

December 7, Monday - Annual Christmas Party in the Parish Hall.

General Fund Update:

Summer is here, and activity is starting to slow down. June actually turned out to just about break even when considering our normal operating income and expenses. However, two unique situations actually boosted our checkbook balance and leaves with a very good buffer for the slow summer months. Totally unexpected was a \$4,197.06 refund check from the Diocese because their self-insurance fund that all parishes pay into (already at very good rates) ended up overfunded, and they decided to distribute some of the excess. Partly offsetting that were \$1,018.81 delayed expense payments from our March Transgender workshop. An accumulated batch of expenses from the Fundraiser committee is easily covered by our balances and gets us in really good shape to have goods for our Prayer bead sales and our Fall Holiday Fair.

The Finances for the full month of June are as follows:

INCOME			EXPENSES		
	June	Y.T.D.		June	Y.T.D.
<u>Beginning Checkbook:</u>	<u>\$ 9,353</u>	<u>\$ 9,972</u>			
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 7,457	\$ 52,809	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$ 4,893)	(\$ 31,298)
General Receipts:	\$ 4,627	\$ 6,806	General Expenses:	(\$ 1,432)	(\$ 12,076)
Use of Church Building:	\$ 390	\$ 5,470	General Utilities:	(\$ 1,274)	(\$ 11,250)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 86	\$ 847	Fund Raiser Expenses:	(\$ 60)	(\$ 345)
Prayer Bead Project:	\$ 113	\$ 273	Prayer Bead Expenses:	(\$ 1,036)	(\$ 1,208)
Church Fair:	\$ 35	\$ 201	Fair Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Fellowship:	\$ 0	\$ 376	Fellowship Expenses:	(\$ 21)	(\$ 21)
Special Events:	\$ 437	\$ 756	Special Event Expense:	(\$ 1,019)	(\$ 1,325)
Cap.Camp from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn):	(\$ 0)	(\$ 5,985)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
“B-to-B” & Special:	\$ 32	\$ 456	Capital Campaign Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 0	\$ 150	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 0	\$ 175	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 1,011	Diocese Pledge:	(\$ 1,321)	(\$ 7,926)
H.Week, Good Friday:	\$ 0	\$ 194	Church in Jerusalem	(\$ 0)	(\$ 200)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Outreach:	(\$ 772)	(\$ 1,592)
The Grace Fund	\$ 32	\$ 164	The Grace Fund	(\$ 0)	(\$ 500)
UTO Donations:	\$ 0	\$ 221	UTO Forwarded:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 221)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,500	Rectory Rent to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Special Donation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Audit Fee:	(\$ 550)	(\$ 550)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 1,200)
<u>Total Received:</u>	<u>\$14,709</u>	<u>\$ 77,409</u>	<u>Total Paid Out:</u>	<u>(\$12,378)</u>	<u>(\$ 75,697)</u>
			<u>Ending Checkbook:</u>	<u>\$ 11,684</u>	<u>\$ 11,684</u>

We are very grateful to everyone for keeping up with their pledges. The numbers show that our white envelope receipts are in fact slightly ahead of what our budget predicted for the end of June. Remember that some of our budget figures were guestimates, and if you haven't yet turned in a pledge card, it would really help confirm how we can plan for the rest of the year. Also, please try to keep up with your support over the summer. If you are going to be away, consider dropping of you pledges in the office or sending them in the mail.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer

Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update:

At the end of June, the overall Money Market account balance should be **\$51,403**. Of this amount, the major elements are: \$24,747 as the posted Capital Campaign balance, and \$15,142 as the posted net Rectory balance (\$1,500 Security Deposit + \$13,642 Rectory Reserves).

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer