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Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

PACE OF GRACE

*June
2016*



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Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; S=Sanctuary; PO=Pastor's Office; C=Chapel; MR=Meeting Room; K=Kitchen; MMR = Music Meeting Room

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	30 5:30 PM Boy Scouts	31 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30am Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	1 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	2 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3	4
5 3 Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Church School 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Creative Energy Team MMR	6 12:00 PM Hi-Noon Group 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	7 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30am Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	8 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	9 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	10	11 2:00 PM Book Club - L
12 3 Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	13 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	14 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30am Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Vestry - Meeting Room 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
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To renew, to serve, and to accept all people, as we grow together in Christ.

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Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Days in the month:

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 5 (10) Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5, 2016	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) Psalm 146	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Proper 6 (11) Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 12, 2016	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 Psalm 32	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
Proper 7 (12) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 19, 2016	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Proper 8 (13) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2016	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 06/01 Judy Merritt
- 06/09 Kathleen Shoemaker
- 06/10 Michelle Dumont
- 06/10 Christopher Page
- 06/14 Charlotte Buckingham
- 06/16 Mari Merwin
- 06/20 Karen Halpert
- 06/20 Ann Pasek
- 06/21 Barbara Block
- 06/23 Jordi Balducci
- 06/24 Marianne Doolittle
- 06/29 Ann Lockery
- 06/29 Dorothea Morrison



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 06/06 Martin and Valerie Dumont
- 06/13 Paul and Jeanne Bailey
- 06/15 William and Clare McCusker
- 06/29 Walter and Jeanne Parker

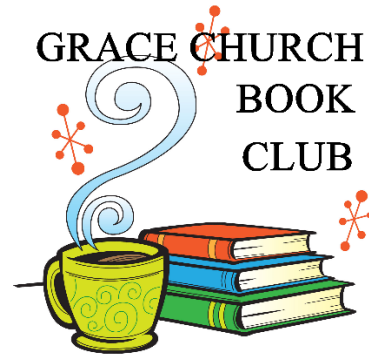
Thank You: A very special thank you to all of Grace Church for the heart-warming and comforting condolences expressed by our parish in the loss of our loved one John. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

With much gratefulness and love,
Pat and the Rogorzenski Family



Yale University School of Medicine is conducting a study of a drug that may delay the progression of Alzheimer's. They are looking for participants who are 50-85 years old and have been diagnosed with the disease. Information is in the narthex.

GRACE CHURCH BOOK CLUB



The Grace Church Book Club met on April 16. At that meeting we selected our June and September dates and books.

The June date is the 11th and the book is the *Lake House* by Kate Morton.

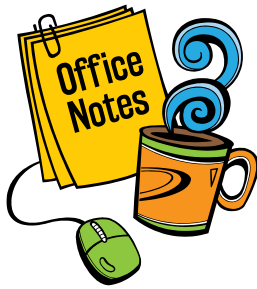
Nancy Bielman will be the facilitator and she is using the reader's guide questions from the reader's guide on the internet.


The September 10th selection is a 2 book series to be read in this order: *The Traitor's Wife: A Novel* and *The Heretic's Daughter*. The books are about Martha Carrier, one of the 19 men and women hanged in the Salem in 1692.


The author is Kathleen Kent, a 10th generation descendant of Martha Carrier and we selected them for September so we'd all have the summer to read them.


The June sign-up is in the Narthex The September sign-up will be in the Narthex starting August 1.


Should you have any questions, please contact either Nancy or Melissa.



 Deadline for Summer *Pace of Grace* is **Tuesday, June 21st**. This issue will cover both July and August. 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 Tuesday evening.

 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.

 My last day of work at Grace Church will be on June 30th. I have enjoyed my tenure here and I am leaving with mixed emotions. But Barbara and I want more flexibility to travel and visit grandchildren, etc. I want to thank you all for the support you have given me and for the forgiveness I have experienced when I have messed up.

Art Riihimaki



ARE YOU A FLIP FLOPPER???

Become a flip flopper by donating a new pair of flip flops to the Friendship Center in New Britain.

The Friendship Center of New Britain provides friendship and direct services to the poor, homeless and needy of central Connecticut. They operate their own housing for people who need shelter. Among their many other services they also provide food in their community kitchen, emergency shelter, a transitional living center, community out-reach, homelessness prevention and permanent supportive housing.

The flip flops will be given to new clients to use as their shower shoes.

Please put your new flip flops in the basket next to the bulletin board where the flip flop flowers are. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to Lorraine Belyea and Valerie Dumont for making the flip flop flowers that are displayed on the bulletin board.



2016:

June 6, Monday: PICNIC, Parish Hall – Meal provided – volunteers for salads / desserts, Donation for meal.

July 11, Monday: Lobster Roll & Hammonasset Park – Meet at Church 12.00 Noon – Following lunch of lobster rolls, or hot dogs or kielbasa roll the group have a short stroll on the beach and visit the new Meigs Point Nature Center.

Sept 8, Thursday: Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut, Windsor, Noon – Bag lunch in Parish Hall, Car pool to museum - Note day , Thursday (museum is not open on Monday).

Oct 10, Monday: Gouveia Vineyards, Wallingford – Meet at Church Noon – Bring lunch & appetizers to share / eat at winery. All beverages – wine, soda, water – must be purchased at the winery.

Nov 7, Monday: Tour to be announced

Dec 5, Monday: Christmas Party – Lunch provided, Donation for meal

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Jan 9, Monday: Fun and games in Parish Hall, Bring bag lunch and snacks to share.

Feb 6, Monday: Movie Matinee, Bring bag lunch and movie snacks to share. Movie to be announced.



Creative Energy Team June 2016

The next meeting is Sunday June 5th in the music meeting room after church services. Grab a coffee and a snack and come join the meeting. We will be discussing the Fall Festival.

Fall Festival 2016

The Creative Energy Team has been busy planning our Fall Festival for 2016. We do have a chairperson this year and we are happy to welcome her to our team. Welcome aboard Kathy Shoemaker!!

The Fall Festival is Saturday September 24, 2016 from 9am-3pm. What's new for this year is we plan on having it be an outdoor -indoor event using our side yard, back yard, patio and Parish Hall. It will be held Rain or shine. All spaces are on a first come

first serve basis at \$35.00 a space. You can set up your space as you like with your own table. Outside spaces can bring their own canopy or tent. All outside spaces will be 10'x10'. Inside spaces will be 10' x 6'. We will be sending our Artisans, Crafters and Venders an invitation soon. If there is anyone you wish to add to the list please see Kathy Shoemaker or Melissa Haseley.

We will have our own Grace Filled Creations booth along with a table for Prayer beads and religious jewelry. There will be an Auction table, Bake Sale table, food from Grace's Cafe, a musician, and a popcorn machine.

Please consider how you can help for this year's Fall Festival. Step up and ask or we will be asking you! There are a wide variety of jobs available to do. It is a lot of hard work but great fellowship, some good laughs and of course fun. You can speak to Kathy Shoemaker, Val Dumont, Lynn Page, Lorraine Belyea or Melissa Haseley about how you can help.

Items we will be looking for already are metal altoid mint boxes, a variety of baskets to use for the Auction, clean plastic bags from the stores to be used as stuffing. Please leave all items in the Music Meeting room on the desk. If anyone knits, crochets, sews or does any crafts and would like to donate your artisan crafts we will gladly accept for our own booth. We also will be setting up some crafting dates for anyone who wishes can attend.

Dining For Dollars

Dining for Dollars is Thursday June 9, 2016 at Bertucci's of Newington. It is all day from 11am - 10pm. It can be eat in or take out. It is always a great relaxing time.

A coupon must be presented when you pay. We get a very generous 15% back from the total of your meal donated to our church. The coupons are in the Narthex in a basket. Or use the coupon here in your Pace of Grace (last page). Please share your coupon with family and friends. Hope to see you there.



Thanks So Much!

- ☺ The members of our Altar Guild for their faithful service.
- ☺ Our chancel choir, soloists, and instrumentalists for their musical leadership in worship this past year.
- ☺ Brandon Johnson for painting the staircase walls

and the back hallway.

- ☺ Brandon, Mark, and Paul for working each week to keep the church property clean



Summer Garden Watering

There are watering tasks that you can sign up for as we have asked for the last few summers. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The schedule is a week at a time from June 6 to September 25. The watering includes the pots and urns in the Memorial Garden, the bee and butterfly garden in the front, the side garden by the kitchen door and the hanging plant in the front. The hoses will be set up and the "key" to turn on the spigots will be in an accessible place. And of course the weeding can be done at any time, so our summer mantra is "if you see a weed, pull a weed". And if everyone did that, the weeds would be kept at bay and our gardens would look well maintained.



At the May core meeting at South Church, New Britain it was announced that we have reached our 10th host church. We now have 10 hosts and 8 supporting churches. We can now sign our lease with Irwin Homes in New Britain so that renovations can begin. It will probably be beginning of 2017 before we are able to open our doors.

We will be having a fundraising walk in Walnut Hill Park tentatively set for Saturday, October 8th. More to come.

All are welcome should anyone wish to attend the core meetings. Please note dates:

Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 pm

Church of Christ Congregational,

1075 Main St., Newington

Thursday, July 21st at 6:30 pm

South Church, Cooper Hall,

90 Main St., New Britain

Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30 pm

Church of Christ Congregational,

1075 Main St., Newington

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Health and Wellness Educational Series: The Newington Department of Human Services is offering

programs on various subjects. On Thursday, June 2nd, the program is “Executive Functioning across the Life Span.” On Thursday, June 16th, the program will be on “Safe Dating for Teens.” The programs will run from 6 – 8 PM each night and are open to the general public. They are free but donations are requested. Information is in the narthex.



General Fund Update: May gave us yet another positive net gain in both our calculated operating balance and our actual checkbook balance. At this point, our operating balance is almost \$4,000 ahead of the budget prediction, and the overall checkbook balance has increased by about \$7,500. As I have said before, our expenses continue to be less than anticipated, and our income is holding slightly above expectations. Thanks to everyone for your support. We do need to realize that the summer months are fast approaching where we usually start to fall behind, but we should be in good shape to make it to the fall without pulling in from our reserves.

The Finances for the month of May were as follows:

<u>Beginning Checkbook: \$17,912</u>		<u>\$ 12,181</u>	
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 9,736	\$ 43,969	Salaries & Benefits: (\$ 5,626) (\$ 25,605)
General Receipts:	\$ 198	\$ 1,881	General Expenses: (\$ 1,505) (\$ 9,818)
Use of Church Building:	\$ 412	\$ 3,112	General Utilities: (\$ 1,212) (\$ 7,662)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 1,122	\$ 2,361	Fund Raiser Expenses: (\$ 386) (\$ 821)
Fellowship:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Fellowship Expenses: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Church Fair:	\$ 0	\$ 10	Fair Expenses: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Special Events:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Special Event Expense: (\$ 60) (\$ 60)
Advance Returned	\$ 165	\$ 165	Event Cash Advance (\$ 0) (\$ 165)
Cap.Camp from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn): (\$ 1,215) (\$ 3,708)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
“B-to-B” & Special:	\$ 30	\$ 184	Capital Campaign Exp: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 925	\$ 940	Memorials to M.Mkt: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 2	\$ 141	Mem. Garden Exp: (\$ 1,022) (\$ 1,028)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 940	Diocese Pledge: (\$ 1,213) (\$ 6,065)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Outreach: (\$ 105) (\$ 663)
Holy Week, Good Fri	\$ 0	\$ 163	Holy Week Forward (\$ 0) (\$ 163)
UTO	\$ 163	\$ 163	UTO Forward (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
ECW Luncheon	\$ 0	\$ 200	ECW Lunch Forward (\$ 20) (\$ 200)
The Grace Fund	\$ 25	\$ 160	The Grace Fund (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Family Promise	\$ 0	\$ 182	Family Promise (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Miscellaneous:	\$ 0	\$ 32	Miscellaneous Forward: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 1,500	\$ 9,000	Rectory Maintenance: (\$ 148) (\$ 148)
Special Donation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Audit Fee: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt: (\$ 0) (\$ 0)
Total Received:	\$14,278	\$ 63,603	Total Paid Out: (\$12,512) (\$ 56,106)
			Ending Checkbook: \$19,678 \$ 19,678

Please remember that our budget does depend heavily on the pledge envelope income. We recently received one more pledge card toward our 2016/2016 Stewardship program for a total of 28 cards. This is less than 3/4 of the number of pledge envelopes being used. The \$74,960 pledge is also only about 74% of the number anticipated in the 2016 budget. If you haven't had a chance yet to turn in a pledge card, please consider doing so soon, so we have a better idea of how the rest of the year might turn out. There are more cards in the

Narthex if you need one. In any case, thanks to everyone for being involved however you can be in the overall life here at Grace Church.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer

Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update: At the end of May, the overall Money Market account balance should be \$55,710. Of this amount, the major elements are: \$23,868 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

