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

PACE OF GRACE



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 SUN GRADUATION PLANT BALL FLIP FLOPS
JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 2nd Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Liturgical Committee Meeting	4 12:00 PM – Hi Noon 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	5 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Special Vestry Meeting - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	6 5:00 PM Safe Church Laity Recertification - PH 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	7 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR,	8	9 2:00 PM – Book Club Meeting - L
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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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Connecting the dots

Commencement speeches and greeting cards are full of advice for graduates, yet good intentions and careful plans can't guarantee a perfect life — whatever that might mean.

"You can't connect the dots looking forward," said Steve Jobs. "You can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life ..."

As Christians, we can do more than that: We can trust in God. Yes, he may speak to us through a "gut" feeling, and our eternal "destiny" is assured. And we know that life, not death, will win out. But recent grads — and all of us — need not just sit and wait to see how the dots of our lives will someday connect. God has shown us through Scripture, the church and, above all, Jesus that the dots connect this way: from God's heart, to Jesus' sacrifice for us, to our entry into relationship with God, to our heart and finally to our own loving outreach to others.

Whatever shape your education, work and family take through the years, "commence" with this: God has drawn your life to connect with him and your neighbors. If you follow those Spirit-etched lines, you'll be fine.

- Heidi Mann



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Second Sunday after Pentecost June 3	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-36
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 10	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
St. Barnabas June 11	Isaiah 42:5-12	Psalm 112	Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3	Matthew 10:7-16
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 17	1 Samuel 15:35- 16:13	Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11- 13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 24	1 Samuel 17:32-49	Psalm 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 25	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85	Acts 13:14b-26	Luke 1:57-80
Sts. Peter and Paul June 29	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Psalm 87	2 Timothy 4:1-8	John 21:15-19



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/09 Kathleen Shoemaker
- 6/10 Michelle Dumont
- 6/10 Christopher Page
- 6/14 Charlotte Buckingham
- 6/16 Mari Merwin
- 6/20 Karen Halpert
- 6/20 Ann Pasek
- 6/21 Barbara Block
- 6/24 Marianne Doolittle
- 6/29 Ann Lockery



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June 4, Monday - Picnic in Parish Hall. Meal provided - volunteers for salads/desserts. Donation for meal.

July 23, Monday - Shore Excursion - Lobster Rolls (or other choices) at Lobster Landing in Clinton eating at dockside - Hammonasset Beach - short stroll - Meet at church at noon to carpool.

September 10, Monday - Farm Museum at Kellogg Eddy House - Following bring your own lunch in Parish Hall carpool to museum.

October 15, Monday - Gouveia Vineyards, Wallingford - Meet at Church at Noon - Bring lunch & appetizers to share / eat at winery. All beverages: wine, soda, water must be purchased at winery

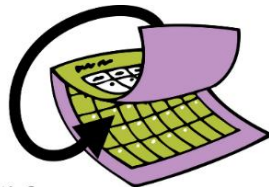
November 5, Monday - Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford

December 3, Monday - Christmas Party



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/06 Martin & Valerie Dumont
- 6/13 Paul & Jeanne Bailey
- 6/29 Walter & Jeanne Parker



Save the Date

- June 3rd: Liturgical Committee Meeting
- June 4th: Hi Noon
- June 5th: Special Vestry Meeting
- June 6th: Safe Church Training
- June 10th: Parish Meeting - "What's Next?"
- June 12th: Vestry Meeting
- June 25; Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

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January 7, Monday - Fun and Games in Parish Hall

February 4, Monday - Movie Matinee in Parish Hall

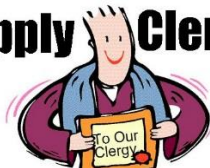
March 4, Monday - Epicurean Adventure - Restaurant to be announced

April 1, Monday - Activity to be announced

May 6, Monday - Activity to be announced

June 3, Monday - Picnic

Supply Clergy



Supply Clergy Schedule:

June 3 - Rev. Jose Martinez

June 10 - Rev. David Pople

June 17 - Rev. David Pople

June 24 - Rev. Jose Martinez



The Vestry of Grace Church met with Rev. Tim Hodapp, Canon for Mission Collaboration and Rev. Lee Ann Tolzman, Canon for Mission Leadership on May 17th at the Commons to discuss the future of Grace Church.

We went through a few exercises which we will review at a Special Vestry meeting on June 5th.

We will meet as a parish on Sunday, June 10th at 10:45 AM, right after coffee hour, to share what we have learned and begin the process of "What's Next". There is no search committee, we will be working on this together as a parish.

Bring your hearts and imaginations to this conversation as a whole parish as we continue on our journey forward.

Faithfully, your wardens

JoAnn and Walt



Lay Recertification Training for lay persons will be held here at Grace on the evening of June 6th:

Lay recertification training is designed for lay ministers who attended a comprehensive basic safe church training (either a full day or the hybrid option). Certification is for three years; recertification training is done every three years thereafter. This training is two and a half-hours long and offers new and updated information. The focus is on the protection of children and youth and prevention of elder abuse.

Registration must be done online on the Episcopal Church of CT website, www.episcopalct.org.

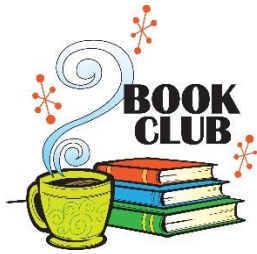
Please note: You will receive a confirmation email after you have successfully registered. If you have difficulty registering, do not receive a confirmation email, or have any questions about the training contact Deb Kenney at dkenney@episcopalct.org. Registration ended on May 30. Check-in is at 6:00 PM with a light supper served at that time. Training begins promptly at 6:30 PM.



We regret to inform you of the death of Faye Hughes. She passed away on March 2nd in Mystic. There was no obituary and services were private.

She is survived by her sister. If you would like to send a card to her sister, the address is below.

Ann M. Rogers
7 Winthrop Drive
Groton, CT 06340



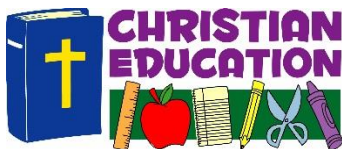
Book Club: Our book club gathered on May 12. There were only three of us but we made the most of it!

Our next meeting is in June before we adjourn for July and August. For our June 9 meeting we decided to read "Under the Same Blue Sky" by Pamela Schoenewaldt. The title was mentioned at one of our other gatherings.

In June we will select a book to read over the summer. Please come with a list of recommendations.

Our church library is well stocked with a varied offering of titles. It was suggested that we each select a book from our library, read it over the summer and then in September we each will give a 10 or 15 minute "book report" to the group. Please consider this as an alternative to our standard format. We will make our decision at the June meeting.

Melissa Haseley



EfM (Education for Ministry) is a challenging and rewarding program for lay people which combines a detailed examination of the Old and New Testaments, church history, theology, ethics, moral choices and interfaith encounters. It takes place in a small group setting of minimum of six to maximum twelve group members. Course materials are structured by the University of the South School of Theology. Weekly meetings focus on readings, personal faith, and reflections on our own experiences and how God has been known to his people through history and in our own lives.

The EfM group at St James Church, West Hartford meets Monday evenings. If you are interested in joining the program, please contact our church office - office@gracechurchnew.org or 860-666-3331.



Newington Food Bank: The Newington Food Bank needs thyme, quinoa, vinegar, unsweetened applesauce and granola bars. Thank you!



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.



CREATIVE ENERGY TEAM — EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

This is the fundraiser list for 2018. More information will follow for each individual event.

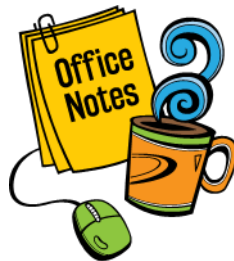
DINING FOR DOLLARS – This will be held in September at Bertucci's. Watch for the date!




FALL FESTIVAL 2018 – Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 9 am - 3 pm

Please mark this on your calendars!! **It is our largest fundraiser!** We would love to have everyone help; there will be something for everyone to do – leading up to and the day of!! This festival is a tremendous amount of work - before, during and after. This is a church-wide event. We try not to ask for much help except for this. Please volunteer or we will be asking you!! This year we will be looking for greeters and counters.

**HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG and SILENT AUCTION – Saturday, December 1, 2018
5 pm - 8 pm**

A holiday fundraiser with lots of Christmas spirit. The silent auction preview starts at 5:00 with appetizers and wine; music at 6:00, Silent Auction and desserts at 7:00. Bidding ends at 7:30; winning bids will be announced at 7:45. Event ends at 8:00. This year there will be more Christmas music and singing of carols.



-  Deadline for July/August *Pace of Grace* – **Thursday, June 28th**. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly.
-  We normally prepare the bulletin on Thursday. All items to be included in should be received by Wednesday evening.
-  Normal Office hours are Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5 and Thursday 11-5.

**Lay Ministry Schedule
June 2018
9 am Holy Eucharist**

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
	2 Pentecost	3 Pentecost	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell	Liz Welk
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Walt Parker	JoAnn Cromwell	Mabel Maynard	Beverley Manning
USHERS	Nancy Beilman Marianne Doolittle	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith
FELLOWSHIP	JoAnn and Walt	Melissa and Nancy		
NRRRC-10:30am		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL		JoAnn Cromwell		
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Marie Ritchie Jeanne Parker Candy Casciano	Marie Ritchie Jeanne Parker Candy Casciano	Nancy DiPrato Elizabeth Welk Barbara Johnson	Nancy DiPrato Elizabeth Welk Barbara Johnson
COUNTERS	Melissa Haseley Nancy DiPrato	Beverley Manning Lorraine Belyea	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell Bette Forcash

