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


PACE OF GRACE



2016



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	2 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	3 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L 7:15 PM – Mei-Tsen Chen piano recital at Seabury	4 6:30 Paint Night PH	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set clocks back one hour
6 25 Pentecost All Saint’s Day 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7 12:00 PM Hi-Noon Group 6:00 PM Boy Scouts – PH Dining for Dollars at Bertucci’s for Family Promise	8 ELECTION DAY 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Vestry - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	9 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	10 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	11 Veteran’s Day	12 9:00 AM Safe Church Training
13 26 Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Thanksgiving Food InGathering	14 6:00 PM Boy 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 11:00 AM Ministering Effectively to the Dying, at Our Savior’s 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	18	19 Episcopal Convention
20 Last Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Morning Prayer Episcopal Convention Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Temple Sinai 7 pm	21	22 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Thanksgiving Potluck	23 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	24 	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	28 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	29 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	30 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	1	2	3

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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November, 2016

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Dear Grace Church Family,

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart."

What is it about November, the fall and Thanksgiving that seems to inspire thoughts of gratitude for all that God has given to us? We all start to think in terms of being more grateful for the abundance of our lives and to cultivate our attitude of gratitude. One of the guiding principles of stewardship is that an attitude of gratitude should be a year-round process.

We all hope to be grateful, content and good stewards of our lives and our resources. To me it is so ironic that Thanksgiving typically signals the start of the most materialistic time of the year. The values of stewardship, sacrifice, generosity and thanksgiving can certainly get lost in the season.

A glance through our bulletin on any given Sunday will inspire anyone to give back in a variety of ways and as much as they are able, to nurture gratefulness, to express gratitude to God and to reflect on how you can make your life more meaningful for you and yours. And this time of the year it is especially grounding to be aware of opportunities to minister to those in need and to see God in all people.

And you've heard it before: It is better to give than to receive. One of the greatest rewards in helping others is the uplifting feeling you get while helping others. So why just limit gratitude to Thanksgiving? Think of ways to keep the good thoughts flowing through the remainder of the year and into the upcoming year.

Blessings to you and yours,

Melissa Haseley



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

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 1, 2016 <i>(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or <i>Psalm 98</i>	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 **	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 20, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 **	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Thanksgiving Day, USA November 24, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44



11/3	JoAnn Cromwell
11/8	William McCusker
11/10	Shirley Adams
11/14	Lorraine Belyea
11/14	Susan Holland
11/16	Mabel Maynard
11/19	Samuel Kowalchik
11/24	Marisa Casciano



Goodbye and best wishes to Dan Carcaud as he starts a new adventure in his life. Thank you for all you did for Grace Church. We will miss you!



Mei-Tsen Chen's piano recital will be held on Thursday, November 3 at 7:15 at Seabury, 200 Seabury Drive in Bloomfield.



Save the Date

- November 3rd: Mei-Tsen Chen piano recital
- November 4th: Paint Night
- November 6th: All Saints Day celebration
- November 7th: Hi Noon
- November 7th: Dining for dollars at Bertucci's in Newington, for Family Promise
- November 8th: ELECTION DAY
- November 8th: Vestry Meeting
- November 11th: Veteran's Day
- November 12th: Safe Church Training - Manchester
- November 13th: Thanksgiving Food InGathering
- November 17th: Ministering Effectively to the Dying (held at Our Savior's at 11 am.)
- November 19th & 20th: Episcopal Convention
- November 20th: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Temple Sinai, Time TBD
- November 24th: Thanksgiving
- December 10th: Roast Beef Potluck dinner
- December 29th: Annual Blood Drive



Daylight Savings Time **Fall Back** ends on November 6. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 5.



EPISCOPAL CONVENTION
Saturday and Sunday November 19 and 20, 2016
We will have a booth at the convention for Grace Filled Creations. If you wish to help work on that weekend or do any beforehand creations, please contact Valerie Dumont at 860-690-0727.



LDS Temple Tour

JoAnn Cromwell and I attended the LDS tour on Oct 17th, and it was an interesting experience. The site on Farmington Ave isn't for regular church services, it more of an educational center. It is huge building with lovely grounds.

Their church services are held at what they call "Meeting Houses" and one is located here in Newington at Pane and Church Streets.

Our volunteer tour guides were from several locations in their region, one was from Foxboro, MA

Mabel Maynard



On Saturday, October 30 the Grace Church Book Club gathered to discuss *The Harbinger* by Jonathon Cahn. There were seven members present including CJ, who acted as the facilitator of

the group. The discussion was interesting, far-reaching and lively, enhanced by CJ's research and Biblical knowledge of the passage the book refers to.

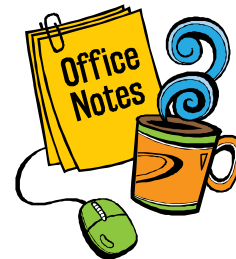
We are thinking of starting a study group to get more into the mindset of what we discussed. CJ also came up with the idea of visiting Ground Zero and some of the different points of interest referred to in the book. This would be an opportunity open to all.


At the very least we are looking to start some type of occasional Bible study. Depending on what the Lenten program is and what Father David has planned we may start it at that time.


In the meantime we did set the next book club date: Saturday, January 21, 2017 with a snow date of Saturday, January 28. Both times would be at 2 pm in the church library.


The book selections, since we have several months to read, are: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson and *Rainy Day Sisters* by Kate Hewitt. A sign-up will be in the Narthex in late December. Should you have any questions, please see Nancy Bielman or Melissa Haseley. Happy Reading!

Melissa



 Deadline for November *Pace of Grace* – Wednesday, November 23th. 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 the calendar insert should be received by Wednesday evening.

 The office will be closed for Veteran's Day on November 11. Thanksgiving week office hours will be Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5 and Wednesday 9-1.

Debbie Forrest



HI-NOON - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except summer) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and short excursions. All are welcome!

Nov 7, Monday: Tour to be announced

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

Jan 9, 2017, Monday: Fun and games in Parish Hall, Bring bag lunch and snacks to share.

Feb 6, 2017, Monday: Movie Matinee, Bring bag lunch and movie snacks to share. Movie to be announced.

Family Promise

In the next week or so, there will be an envelope in the Narthex for each one of you who completed a Family Promise survey earlier this year.

As it has been stated, it looks as though the Day Center in New Britain will be ready in the beginning of February. Presently there is no host church rotation schedule set-up yet as the affiliate continues to secure commitments from area houses of worship.

The wardens, along with Father David and the vestry, feel it's important to get a recommitment from each of you and the parish as a whole as we move closer to a roll-out date. We recognize that circumstances and priorities may make it more of a challenge for some to participate at the level you had initially hoped to. And of course there were some hold-outs among you as you evaluated whether or not this was really going to fly and you weren't prepared to make a commitment so early in the process. Well, now you have an opportunity to become involved as there will be much to do to get ready and for each rotation week we are on the schedule. Between our participation and the support of Our Savior, our support parish, we had all of the major tasks covered for each rotation week. That level of commitment so early in the process was very gratifying and a big relief. We want to make sure it is still the case as we inch forward.

The envelope will contain a copy of your initial survey and some sort of recommitment form. It may be a whole new survey or it may be some sort of form that needs to be completed and signed. As of this writing we haven't quite worked out those details.

My commitment to Family Promise hasn't wavered from when we were first asked to participate. My natural inclination as a human being has always been to help a brother or sister in need and my compassion index, as I call it, kicks in at the least little sign of distress. There are many Biblical teachings that implore us to be mindful of the suffering of others and what better way to show our gratitude for all that God has given us than to make a recommitment to the mission of Family Promise and to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Melissa Haseley, Senior Warden

Family Promise Fundraisers



Family Promise of Central CT

On Saturday, October 8th "Walk Away Homelessness" was held at Walnut Hill Park, New Britain. Walk started at 10 AM. There were 230 walkers and many volunteers helping with registration, stamping hands and handing out T-shirts. \$54,000.00 was raised.

There was also an anonymous match of up to \$1,000 for CORE group challenge, collection exceeded the match.

We anticipate this becoming an annual event.

There is now \$76,000.00 in the FPCC account.. Huge success! We now have enough monies on hand (half annual budget) to begin the process of looking for a day center director; from there we will look for a social worker and van driver. These are the only paid positions in the affiliate. According to the national affiliate we have moved from CORE group status to Board of Director run. We have a board of directors in place and looking at a smooth transition. Update on day center at 40 Cornelius Way, New Britain: new siding, windows, porch, roof (previously done), will need to paint rooms (will need volunteers) and also basement windows and doors need repair. One of our CORE member lives across the street and says it looks beautiful. We won't make December but expect to be ready to open for occupancy by February (need to have director in place 6 weeks prior to opening). We are also looking for two more host churches to make goal of thirteen hosts, and a used 14 passenger van for transportation of homeless families between host church, day center and children to schools. Host churches need to be within 30 miles of New Britain. At present count we have total of 18 churches involved. Check out the "Heartbeat" newsletter posted on our bulletin board from September, I will be posting as I receive them.

Mabel Maynard

Dining for Dollars at Bertucci's to benefit Family Promise – November 7, 2016. 15% of your purchase goes to support Family Promise.

be painted in a variety of colors. There will be a Hot Chocolate bar of seasonal goodies and drinks. Cost is \$40.00 payable to paintsipfun.com. Call to reserve your space. If you have any questions please contact Valerie Dumont at 860-690-0727.

BERTUCCI'S
BRICK OVEN PIZZERIA

Dining For Dollars!

Family Promise of Central CT

Invites you to dine out for a meal or take it home from

carry out on

November 7th, 2016

From 11am to 10pm

Present this flyer when you dine or take out and 15% of your check will go to this outstanding organization right here in central CT

We look forward to seeing you there and THANK YOU for supporting

Family Promise of Central CT

Only at Bertucci's of Newington

2929 Berlin Turnpike

860-666-1949



Safe Church
Training

The vestry at their May meeting implemented a schedule for people needing to go through Safe Church Training. Basically everyone including staff, vestry members, LEM's and Sunday school instructors needs to take either a half day or full day training. The correct date for completion is June 30, 2017. This gives everyone more than ample time to complete their requirement.

With the introduction of the hybrid option consisting of an online training component PLUS a shortened live follow up training on either a weekday evening or Saturday morning, the requirement to complete the training has never been easier.

The current schedule and the registration is online on the Episcopal Church of CT website. The next local full day training is being held on November 12 at St. Mary's in Manchester. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office for assistance.

Based on the records that are currently in the church office the following people need to take a full day training session: Mei-Tsen Chen, Val Dumont, Debbie Forrest, Barbara Johnson, Laura Lynch and Lynn Page. Half day training needs to be completed by Shirley Adams, Walt Block, JoAnn Cromwell, Karen Halpert, Kathy Johnson and Liz Welk.

If you feel there is a discrepancy in the records, a copy of your completion certificate is required for a waiver to be granted. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to take a Safe Church training regardless if they need to or not. Should you have any questions, please direct them to either Father David or Melissa. Thank you.



Paint Night

Friday, November 4, 2016 6:30 PM TO 10 PM
PAINTSIPFUNdraiser NIGHT to benefit Family Promise.
The picture represents our home where we are safe and loved while others are homeless. The house can

Lay Ministry Schedule for November
9 am Holy Eucharist

	November 6 25 Pentecost	November 13 26 Pentecost	November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 27 1 Advent
LECTOR	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert	Mitch Page	Nancy Tatsapaugh
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Liz Welk	Mitch Page
PRAYERS	Beverley Manning	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell
USHERS	Marty Dumont Chelsea Belyea	Bob MacCalmont Charley Albrycht	Brandon and Kathy Johnson	Nancy Beilman Marianne Doolittle
FELLOWSHIP				Nancy Tatsapaugh
NRRRC-10:15am	Dan Carcaud	Beverley Manning		Beverley Manning
BELAIR-11am	Dan Carcaud	Joann Cromwell		JoAnn Cromwell
HTFD REGIONAL	Dan Carcaud	Joann Cromwell		JoAnn Cromwell
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Johnson Candy Casciano Liz Welk	Barbara Johnson Candy Casciano Liz Welk	Elissa Schumann Nancy DiPrato Liz Welk	Elissa Schumann Nancy DiPrato Liz Welk
COUNTERS	Beverley Manning Nancy DiPrato	Walt Parker Lorraine Belyea	Beverley Manning Bette Forcash	JoAnn Cromwell Paul Crosswaith



FINANCE REPORT

General Fund Update:

September activities brought us back to a slight net increase for both our operating balance and our General Fund checkbook balances. The current overall profit from our Fall Fair (roughly \$1,800) was certainly a factor. Thanks to everyone for all your support. As always, all our bills are paid, and we still have the healthy balance of \$16,512 in the checkbook.

The Finances for the month of September were follows:

INCOME	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	EXPENSES	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
<u>Beginning Checkbook:</u>	<u>\$16,007</u>	<u>\$ 12,181</u>			
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 6,905	\$ 73,057	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$ 5,285)	(\$ 46,647)
General Receipts:	\$ 444	\$ 3,119	General Expenses:	(\$ 2,082)	(\$ 16,085)
Use of Church Building:	\$ 60	\$ 3,732	General Utilities:	(\$ 1,320)	(\$ 11,673)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 78	\$ 3,118	Fund Raiser Expenses:	(\$ 100)	(\$ 1,197)
Fellowship:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Fellowship Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Church Fair:	\$ 1,943	\$ 2,128	Fair Expenses:	(\$ 561)	(\$ 561)
Special Events:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Special Event Expense:	(\$ 600)	(\$ 660)
Advance Returned	\$ 235	\$ 400	Event Cash Advance	(\$ 235)	(\$ 400)
Cap.Camp from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn):	(\$ 370)	(\$ 6,763)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
"B-to-B" & Special:	\$ 10	\$ 251	Capital Campaign Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 5	\$ 1,117	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 78	\$ 906	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 22)	(\$ 1,259)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 940	Diocese Pledge:	(\$ 1,213)	(\$ 10,917)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Outreach:	(\$ 105)	(\$ 1,821)
Holy Week, Good Fri	\$ 0	\$ 163	Holy Week Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 163)
UTO	\$ 0	\$ 163	UTO Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 163)
ECW Luncheon	\$ 0	\$ 200	ECW Lunch Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 200)
The Grace Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,250	The Grace Fund	(\$ 0)	(\$ 170)
Family Promise	\$ 0	\$ 182	Family Promise	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Miscellaneous:	\$ 0	\$ 392	Miscellaneous Forward:	(\$ 360)	(\$ 360)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 3,000	\$ 13,500	Rectory Maintenance:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 148)
Special Donation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Audit Fee:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 1,100)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	Reserves to M.Mkt:	<u>(\$ 0)</u>	<u>(\$ 0)</u>
Total Received:	<u>\$12,758</u>	<u>\$104,618</u>	Total Paid Out:	<u>(\$12,253)</u>	<u>(\$100,287)</u>
			Ending Checkbook:	\$16,512	\$ 16,512

We will have to watch carefully as we move into the fall and winter and the associated increased expenses. Please stay involved as best as you can as we enjoy several planned activities coming up. Also watch for various Property and Maintenance projects where we could use help to continue improving the overall upkeep of the building.

Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update:

At the end of September, the overall Money Market account balance was \$53,083. Of this amount, the major elements are: \$23,868 as the posted Capital Campaign balance, and \$12,487 as the posted net Rectory balance (\$1,500 Security Deposit + \$10,987 Rectory Reserves). Note that this balance recently covered an expense of \$2,655 to complete a badly needed upgrade to the kitchen counters.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer