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

# ***PACE OF GRACE***



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Twenty-first Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Celebration of the Animals	30	31 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM 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 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3	4 
5 Twenty-Second Pentecost All Saints Day 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	6 12:00 PM – Hi Noon 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	7 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM 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 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal MMR 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR,	10	11  <b>VETERANS DAY</b> 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting - Library
12 Twenty-third Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2:00 PM Mei-Tsen Chen Student Piano Recital	13 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	14 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	15 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	16 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal MMR 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	17 Episcopal Convention in Greenwich	18 Episcopal Convention in Greenwich
19 Twenty-fourth Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	20 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	21 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	22 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting - MMR	23 	24	25
26 Twenty-fifth Pentecost 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	28 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	29 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	30 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal MMR 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3	4

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



# *Pace of Grace*

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*From the  
Missional Priest*



### **Thank You for Your Service**

Dear Grace Church Family,

"Thank you for your service" is an increasingly familiar part of our common communications lexicon these days. It is most frequently applied to our recognition of those who have served in the Armed Forces of our country. This is a recognition that the "greatest generation" is rapidly making their exit from the scene and it also recognizes that another generation of Vietnam era veterans did not, for the most part, receive the thanks of a grateful nation for their service and sacrifice. We are now embroiled in the longest lasting conflict in our nation's history and we need to be grateful for the service of those who have volunteered to serve through multiple deployments in distant lands. All of these realities make the observance of Veterans Day later this month ever more urgent and appropriate.

Beyond the application of "thank you for your service" to our veterans and active duty or reserve military, there seems to me to be a broader use of this sentiment beginning to appear in our usage. It is now being applied to first responders, fire and law enforcement personnel. This is a logical and appropriate next step in usage but it occurs to me that there is another and broader application as well. What about thanking those, especially volunteers, who serve in so many different capacities and in so many varied settings? When do you suppose was the last time the person driving the sanitation truck was thanked for his/her service? Never mind the beleaguered DMV clerk, grocery store bagger, daycare provider and the myriad of others whose lives touch ours in so many, but so often unnoticed, ways.

Bringing the thought even closer, how often do we thank those who do so much, often unseen, around

Grace Church? November is the month of Thanksgiving. I challenge all of us to do a better job of thanking all who contribute to our shared ministries. Especially those whose faithfulness often goes unnoticed. On behalf of the entire Grace Church family, and for myself, let me offer a heartfelt and sincere “thank you for your service”

Faithfully,

David+



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

	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
All Saints Day November 5, 2017	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27) November 12, 2017	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14- 25	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) November 19, 2017	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
Reign of Christ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29) November 26, 2017	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46



11/03 JoAnn Cromwell  
 11/10 Shirley Adams  
 11/14 Lorraine Belyea  
 11/16 Mabel Maynard  
 11/19 Samuel Kowalchik  
 11/24 Marisa Casciano



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

**November 6, Monday** - Farm Museum at Kellogg-Eddy Historical House, Newington. Following bag lunch in Parish Hall, car pool to nearby museum.

**December 4, Monday** - Christmas Party – Lunch provided, Donation for meal

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**January 8, Monday** - Fun and games in Parish Hall, Bring bag lunch and snacks to share.

**February 5, Monday** - Movie Matinee, Bring bag lunch and movie snacks to share. Movie to be announced.

**March** - Restaurant Adventure (Place & Date TBD)

**April** – Prudence Crandall Center Tour, New Britain - Following bag lunch in Parish Hall, car pool to Center. (Date TBD)

**May** – Quinnipiac Valley Alpaca Farm will bring an alpaca to our meeting. (Date TBD)

**June 4, Monday** – Picnic in Parish Hall. Meal provided – volunteers for salads/desserts. Donation for meal. July (dated TBD) Lobster Roll Dockside in Clinton & Hammonasset Park.



*Save the Date*

November 4<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>: Hi Noon  
 November 7<sup>th</sup>: Election Day  
 November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran’s Day  
 November 11<sup>th</sup>: Book Club Meeting  
 November 12<sup>th</sup>: Mei-Tsen Chen  
                                   Student Recital  
 November 14<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting  
 November 17/18 Episcopal Convention  
                                   in Greenwich  
 November 19<sup>th</sup>: Interfaith Thanksgiving  
                                   Service/Reception  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Thanksgiving Day



**Daylight Savings Time** ends on November 5. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 4.



Thank you to all who participated in the Thanksgiving In-Gathering to provide food for the Food Bank clients. You have helped to make Thanksgiving a real time for giving thanks and for sharing and caring about our Newington community.

Shirley Adams



Creative Energy Team  
November 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a success! It was a lot of hard work, but we pulled together to make it a great day!

**A SEASON OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER** - Our Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long with a Silent Auction will be on Saturday December 2nd from 6 – 9 pm. Look for further details. Mei-Tsen and Melissa Haseley will be coordinating the musical piece. If you would like to be a part of the musical part, please speak to Melissa Haseley. If you would like to help with the Silent Auction, please speak to Lynn Page & Valerie Dumont.

**CURIO CABINET** - All items are for sale in the Curio Cabinet or the glass cubes. There are many religious themed items plus our Blessed Prayer Beads. We do have other colors of prayer beads and crosses available for sale. There are also a wide variety of themed charms to go on a necklace or bracelet. We do not have everything out that is available to sell. If you don't see something you would want just ask. We may have it packed away or we could make it for you. Items are always available on Sunday morning before or after services. Or if you call one of us we can make arrangements for to meet you to purchase the item/s.

Please do not put anything in the Art Room or the Family Promise Room. Thank you.

If you have any questions, comments, would like to help or for just about anything else, please feel free to call or text one of us.

Valerie Dumont - 860-690-0727

Lynn Page - 860-841-2539

Lorraine Belyea - 860-666-3959 Or 860-549-2069

Thank you, Valerie Dumont - Co Chair of Creative Energy Team

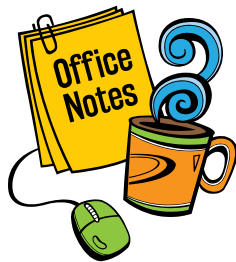
Valerie Dumont



The next Book Club meeting will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> (please note date change from November 4<sup>th</sup>). We will be reading *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware.

Kathy Shoemaker will be our facilitator. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



**Deadline for December Pace of Grace – Wednesday, November 23rd.** 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.

Normal Office hours are Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5 and Thursday 11-5.

Thanksgiving week office hours will be Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5 and Wednesday 11-3.

Debbie Forrest

**Lay Ministry Schedule  
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
	22 Pentecost/All Saints	23 Pentecost	24 Pentecost	Last Pentecost
<b>LECTOR</b>	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert	Nancy Tatsapaugh
<b>MINISTER OF COMMUNION</b>	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk
<b>PRAYERS</b>	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
<b>USHERS</b>	Marty Dumont Chelsea Belyea	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht	Brandon & Kathy Johnson	Nancy Beilman Marianne Doolittle
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Walt Parker			
<b>NRRRC-10:30am</b>		Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell
<b>HTFD REGIONAL</b>				JoAnn Cromwell
<b>CTR-12n</b>				
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Pat Rogorzenski Elissa Schumann Candy Casciano	Pat Rogorzenski Elissa Schumann Candy Casciano	Elizabeth Welk Jeanne Parker Barbara Johnson	Elizabeth Welk Jeanne Parker Barbara Johnson
<b>COUNTERS</b>	JoAnn Cromwell Nancy DiPrato	Melissa Haseley Lorraine Belyea	Beverley Manning Bette Forcash	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith



