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





PACE OF GRACE



2018



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	2	3 
4 All Saint's Day All Saint's Day Celebration 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	5 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	6 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 8:30 am Employment Group - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR 	7 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	8 8:30 am Chili Prep - K 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	9	10 2:00 pm Book Club Meeting - L
11 Twenty-fifth Pentecost 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 2:00 pm Student Piano Recital 7:00 pm Armistice Day Memorial Service	12 	13 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 8:30 pm Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	14 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	15 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	16	17
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



Pace of Grace

November, 2018

"The Pace of Grace" is a monthly publication of
Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT

Dear Friends at Grace,

A few good women and men are needed to join the vestry to replace retiring members. The requirements and responsibilities of membership are simple: Be a communicant of Grace in good standing, have an interest in the future of the church, be available for monthly meetings on the second Tuesday (no regular meetings in the summer) and attend a one day Saturday workshop in February. That's it, no additional time required. While most members of the Vestry as well as many of the Grace Church family are involved in additional committees and activities, being a vestry member does not require more of a time and work commitment than the meetings listed above.

Any Grace parishioner may nominate themselves. If you are interested in being part of the governing body of Grace, contact Senior Warden JoAnn Cromwell, Junior Warden Walt Parker, the Nominating Committee (to be announced) or leave a message with Debbie at the Church Office. Talk to any current members with your questions or concerns about the Vestry: JoAnn Cromwell, Valerie Dumont, Karen Halpert, Laura Lynch, Mabel Maynard, Walt Parker, Lyn Page, and Mark Shoemaker. Elections for Vestry will take place at the Annual Meeting, January 27, 2019

Blessings to you all!

Faithfully,

Your Wardens – JoAnn & Walt



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 1, 2018	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
All Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) November 2, 2018	Wisdom 3:19	130	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	John 5:24-27
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26) November 4, 2018	Ruth 1:1-18	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27) November 11, 2018	Ruth 3:1-5; 4-13- 17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) November 18, 2018	1 Samuel 1:4-20	Canticle: The Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1- 10)	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8
Thanksgiving Day November 22, 2018	Joel 2:21-27	126	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King (Proper 29) November 25, 2018	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-19	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
St. Andrew November 30, 2018	Deuteronomy 30:11-14	19	Romans 10:8b-18	Matthew 4:18-22



- 11/03 JoAnn Cromwell
- 11/10 Shirley Adams
- 11/13 Jessica Flynn
- 11/14 Lorraine Belyea
- 11/16 Mabel Maynard
- 11/19 Samuel Kowalchik
- 11/24 Marisa Casciano



SENIORS ON THE GO HI-NOON - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and/or short excursions. Once again the group had an enjoyable October outing to Gouveia vineyards in Wallingford. While a light rain muted the view of the vineyards and hills that were just starting to show fall foliage, the spirits were high inside the winery.

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford will be the next destination on **Monday, November 5**. Following "bring your own lunch" in the Parish Hall at Noon, the group will carpool to the Stowe Center. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided.

Monday, December 3 – Annual Christmas Party.

Lunch will be provided with holiday merriment following. Noon in the Parish Hall.

January 7, 2019 – Fun and Games in Parish Hall

February 4* – Movie Matinee in Parish Hall

March 4* – Epicurean Adventure – Restaurant to be announced,

April 1 and May 6 – Activity to be announced,

June 3 – Picnic–Parish Hall and Patio



Save the Date

- November 3 Turn Clocks Back
- November 4 All Saint's Day
- November 4 Church School
- November 5 Hi Noon
- November 6 Election Day
- November 10 Book Club Meeting
- November 11 Armistice Day Celebration
- November 12 Veteran's Day
- November 13 Vestry Meeting
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- November 25 Church School
- November 25 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



BAKE A CAKE – Every month Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated the **FIRST** Sunday of the month with a cake served at Fellowship Time after the service. A special thank you to Mabel who provided gluten-free cakes in August and September and Marie who backed a pineapple upside down cake for October. Please consider baking or buying a cake to be served. Notify Debbie in the Church Office by email or phone the month you will bring a cake: office@gracechurchnew.org / 860-666-3331. A cake baked in a standard 9 X 13 pan using one cake mix package or homemade ingredients is a good size.



ELECTION DAY

Don't forget to vote!
Election Day is
Tuesday, November 6.



Since we are following the book club schedule there will be no December meeting. We will resume in January to discuss Sections 4-6, Chapters 17-33. The January date is Saturday, January 12, 2019.

The last discussion will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2019 and will include Sections 7-.9, Chapters 34-46.

We are excited to have CJ facilitate our discussions. She attended the convention and will have insight into the important points coming out of the workshop discussions and possible next steps.

Here are the four questions delegates of the conversation voted on to discuss in their workshop:

How do we meaningfully engage ECCT in the existing work of serving God's mission among the poor and the marginalized?

How can ECCT raise awareness of the sin of racism in our Church and promote racial healing toward true racial reconciliation?

In these changing times and the consequent needs of our worshipping communities, what are our expectations of priesthood leadership currently defined in ECCT as missional, provisional, conditional or part time?

How would the practice of Open Communion change the life of the church?

All thought provoking questions for sure. And not questions to be answered in one afternoon or three afternoons. The history of racism in the Episcopal Church is not unlike the history of racism in this country. The subject deserves our full attention and best practices to heal the divide that continues today.

"A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read" - Mark Twain

Melissa Haseley

Thanksgiving Food Needs - Frozen turkey breast, canned or refrigerated hams, stuffing, pineapple, canned/ boxed potatoes, pickles, nuts, pie crusts mix/fillings, other holiday specialties and grocery store gift cards.

Please let Beverley Manning or JoAnn Cromwell know if you have turkey or ham to go into the refrigerator or freezer to prevent spoilage.

Thanksgiving Day Collect

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Found on page 246 of the Book of Common prayer

JoAnn Cromwell

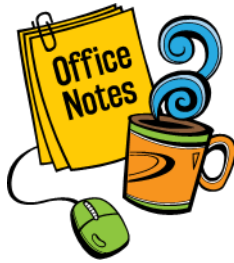


For the next few months the Grace Church Book Club will morph into more of an Adult Forum format. The intent is to draw more people into the discussion of affirming racial healing and the role of the church in that process. This is a subject the church is devoting a lot of discussion to.

It was a topic of an afternoon workshop at the recent Episcopal Diocese of CT convention. And it is also where the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving came from. The Grace Church Book Club had decided to read the book for its September gathering. Those who read the book agreed the book warrants more time so a meaningful conversation can take place and some of the broader issues can be addressed.

To that end the next 3 months of the standard book club will divide the book into sections. The first date is Saturday, November 10 and we will discuss Sections 1-3, Chapters 1-16.

The deadline for the December Pace of Grace is Thursday, December 27th. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.



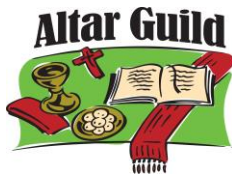
Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5: and Thursday 11-5.

Debbie Forrest



With supply clergy celebrating our services, it's important that everyone wear their name tags. If you are in need of one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will

make one up for you. Thank you!



The Altar Guild will be decorating the Altar for Thanksgiving the week of Nov. 19.

The week of Dec. 17 we will clean the church. After the 9 am service on Dec 23 we will be decorating the church for Christmas.

The decorations will be taken down after the 9 am service on Jan 6th.

There are no Altar flowers during Advent

Thank you to Elissa Schumann for cleaning the Fair Linen that goes on the Altar and thank you to Lorraine for the continued washing and Ironing the Altar Linens.

Liz Welk

Liturgical Events

- November 4** Holiday Food Ingathering for Newington Human Services at 9:00 am service All Saint's Day observance
- November 11** 100th Anniversary Observance of the Armistice ending World War I at 7:00 pm service
- November 18** Commitment Sunday Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm
- November 25** Start of Angel Tree Ingathering

Beverley Manning



Beginning October 15 through Veterans Day on November 11, Duksa funeral homes (Newington Memorial, Burritt Hill and Fissette-Batzner) will be collecting new or gently used sweaters and gloves to donate to veterans in VA

hospitals and Veteran Homes across the state. A box will be in the narthex for your donations. Thank you.

Supply Clergy



Supply Clergy Schedule:

November 4 Rev. Julie Mudge
November 11 Morning Prayer – CJ
November 18 Rev. Jose Martinez
November 25 Rev. Jose Martinez



Please join us for a peaceful, centering time of prayer and worship. Early week Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. All are welcome. Beverley Manning and JoAnn Cromwell rotate leading the service



Veteran's Day Memorial Service

We, at Grace, Newington, will host an Armistice Day Celebration on November 11,

2018 at 7 PM. We invite all Veteran's, their families and friends to attend this service to remember those that are gone and celebrate those that with us today.

Richard Buika & JoAnn Cromwell

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

We are invited to celebrate the good that people of faith can do together at an annual Interfaith Worship Service, which will be held on Sunday, November 18th at 7:00 pm at Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington. This service, sponsored by the Newington Interfaith Clergy Association, will be led by various members of the Clergy Association. Please bring non-perishable food items to go to the Food Pantry. All proceeds from the offering will be donated. The Newington Interfaith Association is comprised of clergy from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths.

JoAnn Cromwell



QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE ACTUAL</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 88,880	\$ 62,216	\$ 62,961
Total Income	\$126,695	\$ 86,351	\$ 80,819
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$140,576)	(\$106,836)	(\$ 94,882)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	(\$ 13,881)	(\$ 20,485)	(\$ 14,063)



**Creative Energy Team
November 2018**

Fall Festival 2018 was a total success this year!!

We were busy all day with many more people attending this year. There were 65 vendors registered and Linda Hettrick of Quinnipiac Valley Alpacas brought her two Alpacas. They were a true hit for the outside vendors and all our shoppers.

We had a complete sell out of the Bake Sale & Sweet Treats table. Grace's Cafe increased the amount of food for its 20 plus additional vendors and our anticipation of more people. It also was a sell out!! Grace Filled Creations did really well this year too. They were busy all day. The CET was very happy with the overall sales this year! This year we approximately doubled our revenue from previous years. It is such a blessing!

Look for some Christmas hand crafted items to purchase soon. They will be displayed in the Curio Cabinet & Cubes. Also more Christmas items for sale will be displayed at the Silent Auction and Holiday Sing-A-Long.

I would like to thank my entire team--Lynn Page Co-Chair, Lorraine Belyea-Mentor, Melissa Haseley - Publicity, Jane Stewart, Mari Merwin & Laura Lynch. Thank you all for the outstanding hard, busy work you did this year. Thank you to each one of you for all the individual and group effort, work & support you gave. I truly appreciate it all. With a special thank you to Lorraine Belyea for starting the online process back in June with me. Thank you to Melissa Haseley for all her behind the scenes advertising and decorating. Also thank you to Mark Shoemaker for all his hard work cleaning & preparing our church for company, for preparing all the vendor spaces inside and outside, and for putting our church back together. Thank you to my family for the year long support you provided whether it was online support or helping with things at home when I was busy with Fall Festival planning. Thank you to everyone who baked or helped in any way the day of the Fall Festival. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you. Thank you again!!

Look for pictures of the Fall Festival to be displayed on our church website.

**Silent Auction
&
Holiday Sing-A-Long
A Season of Love and Laughter
Saturday, December 1, 2018
5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Starting at 5 pm there will be a few appetizers and Wine by the Glass for sale. As you sip on your wine and nibble on appetizers browse and bid on the many baskets we have put together this year. There's something for everyone.

At 6 pm we will go into the Sanctuary for the Holiday Sing-A-Long of Christmas carols accompanied by Mei-Tsen Chen's music.

At 7 pm we will be serving coffee and tea along with numerous finger desserts for you to enjoy while putting in your final bids on the Silent Auction Baskets. At 7:45 the baskets will be auctioned off.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Silent Auction and Holiday Sing-A-Long. It is a fun way to start-the Christmas season. A season of Love and Laughter


One last Thing

Grace Church has resurrected their Facebook page. If you are on Facebook visit, like and join Grace Episcopal Church of Newington. It will feature all our special events, happenings in area churches, for our North Central Region and for the State. It is a work in progress.

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

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

	November 4, 2018	November 11, 2018	November 18, 2018	November 25, 2018
	All Saint's Day	25 Pentecost	26 Pentecost	27 Pentecost
Supply Clergy	Rev. Julie Mudge	Morning Prayer	Rev. Jose Martinez	Rev. Jose Martinez
LECTOR	Paul Crosswaith	Walt Parker	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Elizabeth Welk	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard
CRUCIFER	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart
PRAYERS	Walt Parker	JoAnn Cromwell	Mabel Maynard	Beverley Manning
USHERS	Nancy Beilman	Mark & Kathy	Jane Stewart	Nancy DiPrato
	Marianne Doolittle	Shoemaker	Paul Crosswaith	Lorraine Belyea
FELLOWSHIP	Cake - CJ Puskarz			
NRRRC-10:30am		Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell
HTFD REGIONAL				JoAnn Cromwell
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Jane Stewart	Jane Stewart	Elizabeth Welk	Elizabeth Welk
	Candy Casciano	Candy Casciano	Pat Rogorzenski	Pat Rogorzenski
	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato
COUNTERS	JoAnn Cromwell	Melissa Haseley	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning
	Lorraine Belyea	Nancy DiPrato	Paul Crosswaith	Bette Forcash

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Armistice Day Celebration

November 11, 2018

7 pm

All veterans, their families & friends are invited to
attend

Color Guard

Performance by the Men of the Newington
High School Chamber Choir

Non-denominational service hosted by:

Grace Episcopal Church
124 Maple Hill Avenue
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The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

New Britain Area Interfaith Conference

Cordially invites you to attend an

Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service



*"Come Give
Thanks
Together"*

November 20, 2018

7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
147 West Main Street, New Britain

2018 BOOT PARTY



DATE: Saturday December 8, 2018

TIME: 9am-1pm

LOCATION: Christ Church Cathedral
House

45 Church Street Hartford Ct

ECCT North Central Region is hosting this year's Boot Party in collaboration with Footwear With Care, The Hartford Police Department, Fleet Feet of West Hartford, CT Podiatric Association and several other organizations throughout the Greater Hartford Community.

We expect to serve 400 guests, both male and female. Attendees will receive a snack & coffee, new winter boots, socks, a lunch, a foot exam by medical staff and they will receive a foot massage.

With your help, the North Central Region of ECCT hopes to provide each guest with a New Pair of Waterproof Winter Gloves, a bar of soap, deodorant, and hand lotion. While we appreciate your generosity, please do not provide razors, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, or other items not requested.

Please see our packing list which identifies specific sizes, amounts, and brands for each item; as well as care package drop off sites; and dates packages are needed.

In addition, ECCT is seeking volunteers to serve at the Boot Party from 8:30 am through 1pm. Perhaps you can volunteer some time to clean a guest's feet and provide a gentle touch foot massage while listening to the stories the guests need to tell. If Gentle touch massage and a listening heart are not one of your gifts, we need volunteers to act as hosts, distribute lunches and serve as Boot Runners. We need volunteers for part or all of the day. Free parking will be available in the MAT garage on the day of the Boot Party.

For more information or to volunteer please contact The Rev Bonnie Matthews, Deacon, at bmatthews228@comcast.net

Boot Party Glove and Personal Care Packages

All Care packs should be contained in 1 gallon zip lock bags

Collection dead line December 1, 2018

(more info to come on collection pick up)

Men's Care Package

Men's Lge Resistant Gloves

4oz Bar Dove Soap

3oz Degree Men's Deodorant

3oz Hand Lotion

Women's Care Package

Women's Lge Water Resistant Gloves

4oz Bar Dove Soap

3oz Dove Women's Deodorant

3oz Hand Lotion

Please contact CJ with any questions. Donations should be dropped off at the church no later than Sunday, December 1st.