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Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

PACE OF GRACE



2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 7:00 PM AI Anon – PH, MR, L	30	1
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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

October, 2016

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*From the
Missional Priest*



Getting to Know You

Dear Grace Church Family,

The title of this piece may be familiar as it is the title of one of the songs from the popular musical *The King and I* (aka *Anna and the King of Siam*). Anna sings the song early in her relationship with the King as the tutor of his children as she is seeking to better understand the family and the country of which she is to be a part. It is a reminder that we all need to grow our relationships with one another and to share, as is appropriate, our stories so we can grow together as the church family we are called to be within Newington, as the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, the Anglican Communion and, most importantly, as God's people sharing, as brothers and sisters, in working for God's mission in the world. One of the realities for many of us is that we do not have the close geographical connection with families that our parents and their siblings so often had. Many of the family connections are long distance ones not easy to maintain as easily as many of us would like. For example my only sibling lives in Hawaii and our only child and her family live outside of Boston. Increasingly we look for other "extended social networks" or surrogate families that can help to meet those needs that in former times were met by our biological familial relationships. For many, the church community becomes one, perhaps even the most important, of those surrogate families or social networks.

All of this is by way of an introduction to a request that we will all be receiving from the Wardens and Vestry to share emergency contact information that would assist the Wardens, the Priest and the Parish Administrator to reach out in a time of critical or urgent need. The information that you will be invited to share will be held in a secure setting under lock and key and with very limited access. Another aspect of this "getting to know you" theme is the gathering of "end of life" instructions. Most of us, I hope, have given the necessary medical and legal instructions. This includes, of course, an up to date will. If you wish to share copies of this information, we will keep it securely in your "getting to know you" file along with the emergency contact information. All too often when I sit down with family members at the time of a death and ask if there are any specific scripture passages, hymns or other details that should be a part of the planning for a funeral, they know of none and we are unable to find any instructions. If you

have not done so, I encourage all of us to complete one of the end of life planning instruction booklets available from the Parish Office.

Finally, please consider what else we, as your Parish Family, ought to know about you that might be helpful to include in your “getting to know you file” (e.g. information about pets and their care) in case you are incapacitated or not available should a pet emergency or need arise. We will also be trying to introduce some opportunities this year to consider other ways in which we might strengthen our connections as a parish family as we all face the challenges of being an aging and changing community.

Faithfully,

David+



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

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 22 (27) 20 th Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2016 <i>ART – PRAYER</i>	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 <i>or</i> <i>Psalm 137</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Proper 23 (28) 21 st Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2016 <i>ART – PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Proper 24 (29) 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2016 <i>ART – PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Proper 25 (30) 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016 <i>ART – PRAYER</i>	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	Sirach 35:12-17 <i>or</i> <i>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</i> Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i> <i>ART – PRAYER</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10



10/11	Faye Hughes
10/13	Kimberley Tallard
10/17	Jacqueline Fischer
10/21	Carrie Gaydos
10/24	Mark Shoemaker
10/25	Meghan Dow
10/29	Susan Raimondo
10/29	Marie Ritchie
10/30	Ruth Antonucci



Save the Date

- October 2nd:** Observing St. Francis Day - Blessing of the Animals
- October 8th:** Family Promise Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser
- October 11th:** Vestry Meeting
- October 23rd:** Liturgy Committee meets to plan from November to March.
- October 26th:** Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- October 29th:** Book Club Meeting
- October 30th:** Altar Guild Meeting
- November 4th:** Paint Night
- November 6th:** All Saints Day celebration
- November 11th:** Veteran's Day
- November 19th & 20th:** Episcopal Convention



Anniversaries in October

10/03	Gary and Elizabeth St. Amand
10/07	Charlie and Mary Albrycht
10/20	David and Diane Bagioni
10/22	Paul and Norine Barr
10/23	Craig and Gail Holland
10/29	Mitch and Lynn Page



PASTORAL CARE TEAM COMMITTEE OVERVIEW September 13, 2016

The P in our APOSTLE Ministry is for Pastoral Care. Our goal is to continue to build community here at Grace Church by working and praying together.

There are eight active members on this committee. We work to schedule annual events and put them on our Church calendar as early as possible. Some of these events we plan out and some are carried out by other committees/ groups. We are also in the process of planning a few special events for the next year or so.

Continual Ministries include the Prayer Chain, Card Ministry, Healing Ministry, Hospital visits by Father David, Ministry Fair and Stewardship to name a few.



Thanks So Much!

👉 to the Creative Energy Team for all of the hard work that went into the successful Fall Festival!

We meet 3 -4 times a year. Our meetings start and end with prayer and are about one hour in length.

We invite and welcome visitors to the Pastoral Care Committee meetings. We will not put you to work unless you express an interest in a special ministry that speaks to your heart.

*JoAnn Cromwell
Pastoral Care Team Leader*

Printer Cartridge Update

Until further notice, we are suspending our collection of used printer cartridges. Thank you to all who have donated to this ministry in the past. Please look for an announcement in the next few weeks of when we will be having a packing and shipping evening to box up what we have on hand. It is tedious work but it yields us a few extra dollars to add the operating budget. And the more hands we have the faster it goes. If we can get a team together to pack up what we collect on a quarterly basis we will resume this ministry after the first of the year.



Creative Energy Team

FALL FESTIVAL 2016

Another successful Fall Festival!!!

Wow, it's done!! Cleaned up and mostly put away.

We had a very successful Fall Festival this year. Even though we changed the date to a month earlier and we had a few less vendors...overall everyone was happy and busy. There was a lot of fellowship and comradeship. It was great to see, hear and experience this. We were very lucky with the weather. It turned out to be a gorgeous day for the many people who came to the Fall Festival. There was a steady flow of customers all day long. Our various tables did really well.

The Bake Sale was almost sold out. What is left will be saved for Sunday coffee hour. I would like to thank Barbara Johnson for her wonderful display and all her work for heading up committee. Thank you also to Norine Barr for being a backup partner with her. Thank you also to Barbara Johnson's granddaughter. We did miss you Jeanne Parker.

The Silent Auction was very busy this year. The baskets were beautifully wrapped and displayed for all to see. Thank you to Karen Halpert & Kathy Johnson for all their hard work. Thank you also to the many shoppers and to all the wrappers. It was a big help. All 32 baskets were sold and everyone seemed pleased with their luck at winning. Thank you to all the merchants who so generously offered goods and services. We sincerely appreciate it.

Our Grace's Cafe kept the same menu as last year. I think it was a great decision as we sold out of chili. There were lots of compliments to Chef Marty Dumont & Chef Mari Merwin on the chili being the best ever!! Thank you for all their hard work cooking beforehand. Thank you also to the kitchen staff on the day of the Fall Festival. Especially Brandon Johnson for filling in for Marty Dumont. All the food was awesome.

Our own Grace Filled Creations did really well this year too. Thank you to Lorraine Belyea and Nancy DiPrato for creating beautiful crafts & floral arrangements. Lorraine Belyea also made hand sewn quilted centerpieces for a table or a door. They looked beautiful. Also Barbara Johnson showed us some of her special sewing skills with her aprons and large bags. Her aprons sold out too. The tables all looked very festive this year. Our Prayer Bead table sold quite a few bracelets too.

We also had fresh popped popcorn this year. It tasted great! Thank you to the Shoemakers for making it happen. It was a nice addition.

And last but not least...the music! What a nice touch by our own Nancy Tatsapaugh and her friends for coming to play and sing. It was wonderful listening to them throughout the day. It gave a really nice feel to our Fall Festival. Casual but festive. Thank you so much to Edna & the Sawtelles! Hope you can come back next year.

Thank you to Melissa Haseley for working quietly behind the scenes and getting all of advertising done! And of course all your hard work before and the day of the Fall Festival. It was a big job and done superbly. Thank you to Mark Shoemaker, Paul Crosswaith and Brandon Johnson for making the day run smoothly.

Thank you to my husband for all his help & support. I'm sure many of us thank our spouses and children for this too. All your hard work behind the scenes is a huge help to make our day successful. Thank you also to Lynn Page, who is my Co-Chair, for our great idea exchanges and all your hard work.

I really truly appreciate each and every one who gave so much time to help make the day a huge success. There are so many big and little things done quietly to make the Fall Festival of 2016 a successful event to be proud of. Again thank you to my Creative Energy Team and all others who helped in any and all ways.

Valerie Dumont
Co-Chair of Creative Energy Team



To the members of Grace Church:

I had lunch with Father David, Melissa, JoAnn, and Mark on September 14 to conclude my 13 years at Grace Church. I told them, and I want to tell you, that I have enjoyed my time at Grace. It was a fulfilling time for me to do work I really found stimulating and meaningful.

After the meal, they presented me with the card signed by many of you and your generous gift – a gift card for Newington Bike Shop. As you may know, I ride my bike to raise funds to cure cancer through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The card will certainly be used as I continue to ride.

Thank you so much for your generosity. I also appreciate your encouraging words in the card and as we met at the church. I hope to see many of you at the fair.

Fondly,

Art Riihimaki

On August 28
Church book
club discuss “The
Daughter”
Traitor’s
Kathleen



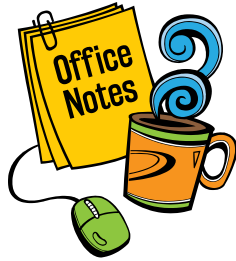
the Grace club met to Heretic’s and “The Wife”, both by Kent. The books are a page out of New England history as they are set against the Salem witch trials and the hardscrabble life of the early days of America and Colonial Massachusetts in particular. Barbara Block, who recommended the books, is a descendant of Martha Carrier, the principal character in the books. As it turns out, our office manager, Debbie Forrest, is also a descendant of Martha Carrier as well.

The discussion was interesting and wide ranging. There will be a set of the books in the church library soon.

October Book Club Selection

The October Book Club meeting will be on Saturday, October 29, from 2 - 4 pm in the library. The selection is “The Harbinger” by Jonathan Cahn. From the book jacket: “Before its end as a nation, there appeared in ancient Israel a series of specific omens and signs warning of destruction – these same Nine Harbingers are now manifesting in America with profound ramifications for America’s future and end-time prophecy. Hidden in an ancient biblical verse from the Book of Isaiah, the mysteries revealed in “The Harbinger” are so precise that they foretell recent American events down to the exact days.” The book is an incredible read and while it sounds like something out of Hollywood there is a very real life connection. A sign-up will be in the Narthex starting October 2.

Melissa



✍ Deadline for November *Pace of Grace* - **Friday, October 21st**. 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.

✍ Office hours are Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5, Thursday 11-5 and Friday 9-1. The office will be closed on Wednesdays.

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!

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

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 Fundraiser



Family Promise of Central Connecticut is in the home stretch of the almost 3 year journey of getting established in order to host homeless families in area houses of worship. It is extremely possible that we can open in December! We just need to raise approximately half the amount of the projected annual budget. This is very doable, and here's how:

- There are 18 confirmed host/support congregations in place.
- Each congregation signs up (at least) 20 walkers.
- Each walker raises \$200.00 in pledges. \$72,000 is raised!

So, on Saturday, October 8th at Walnut Hill Park in New Britain, Family Promise will host the "Walk Away Homelessness" event. The walk is a one-mile loop. It has the potential to raise significant funds if every committed host and support congregation participates. We would like to have 20 walkers for Grace. It doesn't matter how far you walk to raise the donation. Please let Mabel Maynard, 860-665-7160, mabs06469@hotmail.com or JoAnn Cromwell 860-667-0030, joann4avon@cox.net know if you are interested in walking and/or sponsoring. You can also read more about it at www.familypromiseofcentralct.org



Altar Guild Notes

Thank you to all the members of the Altar Guild for all the hard work and for helping each other the last few months, and for taking care of things while I was away on vacation.

We will have a mandatory meeting after church on October 30, 2016. We need to make some decisions and we need to go over some items related to the setup of the Altar for services. Please come with questions and plan to stay for one hour. Please let me know if you have any questions or cannot make the meeting.

Liz Welk



Episcopal Health Ministries.

I had the pleasure of attending the 20th anniversary of the Episcopal Health Ministries Conference in Carmel, Indiana on September 15 and 16. I met parish nurses, Chaplains, social workers and other Ministers and Bishops who attended this conference. St Christopher's Episcopal Church in Carmel is a beautiful Church! I have a fun project for everyone to participate in for the Lenten Season. I learned about what other Episcopal Churches are doing to support parishioners who are in spiritual need, have illnesses or are homebound and unable to attend services. The theme of the Conference was "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." I will be making a more detailed report to the Vestry in October. I learned a lot, did some soul searching and felt closer to GOD during and after this

conference. I also got to visit a Museum of 60 miniature doll houses and went to the zoo in Indianapolis. This was a lovely zoo with many different animals; the Dolphin show was very interesting as they also tied conservation issues in with the show.

Liz Welk

FUTURE EVENTS



Paint Night

**Friday, November 4, 2016 6:30 PM TO 10 PM
PAINTSIPFUNdraiser NIGHT to benefit Family Promise.**

The picture will be a representation of our home where we are safe and loved while others are homeless. The picture is of a whimsical house with a heart in it. The house can be painted in a variety of colors. There will be a Hot Chocolate bar of seasonal goodies and drinks. The actual picture will be coming soon.

Cost is \$40.00 payable to paintsipfun.com. Call soon to reserve your space.

If you have any questions please contact Valerie Dumont at 860-690-0727



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.

General Fund Update:

July and August both followed June as the second and third months this year where both our calculated operating balance and our actual checkbook balance showed a net decrease. The total 3-month losses are \$4,910 operating, and \$3,672 for the checkbook. Hopefully, these results only reflect the summer slow-down, and things will pick up in the fall. The good news is that we are still ahead for the year because although our operating income is about 6% below budget, our expenses are about 13% below budget so our overall net operating balance is \$1,163 and the checkbook still has a healthy balance of \$16,007. I look forward to the balance of 2016 finishing as a good year for Grace Church.

The Combined Finances for the months of July and August were as follows:

INCOME	Jul&Aug	Y.T.D.	EXPENSES	Jul&Aug	Y.T.D.
<u>Beginning Checkbook:</u>		<u>\$ 18,467</u>			<u>\$ 12,181</u>
Pledge Receipts:	\$14,059	\$ 66,152	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$10,801)	(\$ 41,362)
General Receipts:	\$ 375	\$ 2,674	General Expenses:	(\$ 2,851)	(\$ 14,003)
Use of Church Building:	\$ 500	\$ 3,672	General Utilities:	(\$ 1,431)	(\$ 10,353)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 417	\$ 3,040	Fund Raiser Expenses:	(\$ 156)	(\$ 1,097)
Fellowship:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Fellowship Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Church Fair:	\$ 175	\$ 185	Fair Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Special Events:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Special Event Expense:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 60)
Advance Returned	\$ 0	\$ 165	Event Cash Advance	(\$ 0)	(\$ 165)
Cap.Camp from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn):	(\$ 1,945)	(\$ 6,393)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
“B-to-B” & Special:	\$ 57	\$ 241	Capital Campaign Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 37	\$ 1,112	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 107	\$ 828	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 209)	(\$ 1,237)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 940	Diocese Pledge:	(\$ 2,426)	(\$ 9,704)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Outreach:	(\$ 273)	(\$ 1,716)
Holy Week, Good Fri	\$ 0	\$ 163	Holy Week Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 163)
UTO	\$ 0	\$ 163	UTO Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 162)
ECW Luncheon	\$ 0	\$ 200	ECW Lunch Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 200)
The Grace Fund	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,250	The Grace Fund	(\$ 170)	(\$ 170)
Family Promise	\$ 0	\$ 182	Family Promise	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Miscellaneous:	\$ 60	\$ 392	Miscellaneous Forward:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 1,500	\$ 10,500	Rectory Maintenance:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 148)
Special Donation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Audit Fee:	(\$ 550)	(\$ 1,100)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
<u>Total Received:</u>	<u>\$18,352</u>	<u>\$ 91,859</u>	<u>Total Paid Out:</u>	<u>(\$20,812)</u>	<u>(\$ 88,033)</u>
			<i>Ending Checkbook:</i>	\$16,007	\$ 16,007

Several property projects are still in the works as we continue to improve the overall function, condition, and upkeep of the building. Stay tuned for more info. Renovation updates continue with the Rectory Kitchen and are being covered by funds held in the Money Market account for that purpose.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer

Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update:

At the end of August, the overall Money Market account balance was \$55,731. 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