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


PACE OF GRACE



October 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	2 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	3 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	4	5
6 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Potluck Brunch	7 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	8 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group - MMR 6:00 pm Vestry Mtg - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	9 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	10 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	11	12
13 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist  BLESSING of the Animals	14 12 pm - Hi Noon  Columbus Day	15 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 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 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	18	19 Hall Rental - all day Scrapbooking 2 pm Book Club Meeting - L
20 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Liturgical Committee Meeting 11:00 am CET Pumpkin Painting on Canvas	21 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	22 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	23 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	24 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	25	26 Diocese Annual Convention
27 20 th Sunday after Pentecost Diocese Annual Convention Holiday Food Ingathering 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Morning Prayer	28 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	29 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	30 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	31 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L 		

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



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Dear Parishioners of Grace Church,

We are elated that as of October 1st The Reverend Patricia 'Trish' Cunningham is our MPIC (Missional Priest in Charge).

Grace Church Parish greets her in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is a great honor and a privilege to have Trish as our leader, both spiritually and administratively. Those of us who met her in August when she was the Supply Priest one Sunday saw her as a person of compassion and intellect.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

We can all agree that our Lord is at work to fulfill His agenda and purpose for Grace church.

Join us in welcoming Trish as she starts her ministry at Grace with a Brunch served following the October 6 Eucharist Service.

Our various 'Supply Clergy' have served us well during this period of transition. We thank them for the inspirational and thoughtful messages each has brought to our parish over the past 16 months. Over this period your Wardens and Vestry have been responsible for managing the activities of Grace Church. These responsibilities will now be gladly shared with Trish.

We thank you, Trish, for answering the call to serve Grace Church Parish.

Many other events and ministries are happening in October. You can read about them in other areas of this newsletter.

Faithfully, Your Wardens, JoAnn & Walt



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
17 th Pentecost October 6, 2019	Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
18 th Pentecost October 13, 2019	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-11	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
St. Luke October 18, 2018	Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14	Psalm 147	2 Timothy 4:5-13	Luke 4:14-21
19 th Pentecost October 20, 2019	Jeremiah 31:27-34	119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
St. James of Jerusalem October 23, 2019	Acts 15:12-22a	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Matthew 13:54-58
20 th Pentecost October 27, 2019	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Sts. Simon and Jude October 29, 2019	Deuteronomy 32:1-4	Psalm 119:89-96	Ephesians 2:13-22	John 15:17-27



10/24 Mark Shoemaker
 10/29 Susan Raimondo
 10/29 Marie Ritchie



SENIORS ON THE GO HI-NOON - The group meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and/or short excursions. Activities planned through Winter 2020 are listed below. All are welcome!



10/03 Gary and Elizabeth St. Amand
 10/22 Paul and Norine Barr
 10/29 Mitch and Lynn Page

October 14, Monday - Gouveia Vineyards, Wallingford
November 4, Monday - Barker Character Comic and Cartoon Museum, Cheshire
December 2, Holiday party
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January 6, Monday - Fun and Games in Parish Hall
February 3, Monday - Movie Matinee
March - Restaurant adventure - Location and Date to be determined



Save the Date

10/08 Vestry Meeting
 10/13 Blessing of the Animals in Memorial Garden
 10/13 United Thank Offering
 10/14 Hi Noon
 10/14 Columbus Day
 10/19 Book Club Meeting
 10/20 Liturgical Committee Meeting
 10/20 Painting Pumpkins on Canvas
 10/26 Diocese Annual Convention
 10/27 Diocese Annual Convention
 10/27 Holiday Food Ingathering
 10/31 Halloween



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. 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.



Holy Eucharist and a Pot Luck Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 approximately 10:30 am in celebration of Rev. Patricia Cunningham (Pastor Trish) coming to Grace Church as our Missional Priest in Charge (MPIC).

Members of Grace are asked to bring and share a family size portion of their favorite pot luck brunch item and the appropriate serving utensil. Please label your serving dish and utensil with your name.

Look forward to seeing everyone on that day.

JoAnn and Walt



Book Club: The next Grace Church Book Club will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 2 to 4pm in the church library.

Our book selection is Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier. Many of us read it in our early twenties and we thought it would be fun to go back and read it again with more life perspective. It's also a book that has never gone out of print.

Late next week a list of books we will be making selections from for future reads will be available. The titles have been suggested by different people in the book club either because they read the book and enjoyed it or they haven't and would like to.

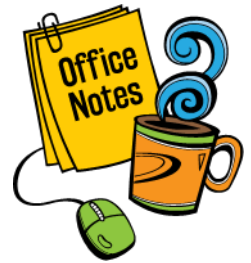
Melissa Haseley



Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank with ketchup, paper towels, low-sodium soups, tissues, pancake mix, and 100% juice boxes. Parish members are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Another need of the food bank is reusable shopping bags. With Thanksgiving and the holidays coming up, the need is great. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

JoAnn Cromwell



The deadline for the November Pace of Grace is Tuesday, October 22. 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



Do you like playing with money??? The counters do that every Sunday and occasionally other days.

COUNTERS NEEDED

Join us! You will have extensive training and never be left to count alone. On average, we each count about once a month. Many hands make light work. Come join us.

We are a very flexible group who trade weeks when our schedules require we do so. Most of us have been involved in this Ministry for over 15 years. Very dedicated people.

If your heart has been saying “you can do this” but you are not sure, give it a try by counting for a few weeks before making a final decision.

We do enjoy doing this each week.

Thank you for considering this Ministry,

JoAnn Cromwell
Counting Coordinator



Sunday School Volunteers

Please consider becoming a Sunday School Volunteer!

All that is necessary is one or two Sundays a month on a flexible schedule. The time is short, around 30 minutes, and activities are provided that include a short narrative and a craft or activity sheet that is adaptable to any age. So much fun, and you don't have to be an "experienced teacher!"

Please let JoAnn or Debbie Forrest know of your interest.



Please remember to wear your nametag! If you are in need of one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will make one up for you. Thank you!



BLESSING of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, a lover of all creatures, a “Blessing of the Animals” will be held in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 9:00 am. If we have inclement weather, the service will be in the Sanctuary. All are invited to bring your pets, stuffed animals, or a pictures of your pets and join us for a blessing. Come and be part of this event to thank God for all the joy your furry & not so furry friends give you every day. All creatures great and small, the Lord God made them all!

Also, we need a third pop up tent. Please let JoAnn know if you have one we can borrow. Thank you.



Morning Prayer

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.



Freeman, Lindsay Hardin.
The Spy at Jacob's Ladder and Other Bible Stories
From The Inside Out.

In the Kingdom of God, every single thing has a story to tell and a song to sing—donkeys, sewing needles, secret caves and water jugs! As told by an Episcopal priest, originally written for her own children. A Forward Movement book.

Beverley Manning

Gifts have been the primary source for our church library, which has two sections—the adult library upstairs and the children's library in the church hall.

Here is a recent gift:



QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: AUGUST 31, 2019

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE ACTUAL</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 87,558	\$ 55,162	\$ 56,695
Total Income	\$125,908	\$ 77,161	\$ 80,480
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$125,328)	(\$ 83,836)	(\$ 71,109)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	\$ 580	(\$ 6,676)	\$ 9,371



Creative Energy Team
October 2019

SUCCULENT PLANT PARTY

Thank you to those who came out for our Succulent Plant Party. We learned a lot about succulents, planted our own container and learned about at home care. We then planted some more to sell at The Episcopal Convention at the end of Oct. If you wish to purchase an already planted succulent container they are \$30. Please see one of the members of the CET. Any one of us will be able to help you.

PAINTING PUMPKINS ON CANVAS

This is a fellowship event. It is not a fundraiser.

*On Sunday October 20th at 11am.

*The cost is \$20.00.

*Class size is 30 people.

*Family and friends are welcome.

*This is on a first come, first signup and pay basis.

*To reserve your spot - you must pre-register on the signup sheet in the Narthex with your name and telephone number. Pre-pay with cash or by check -To Grace Episcopal Church. You can give your payment to Valerie Dumont or Lynn Page or leave in our CET mailbox in the church office.

Our instructor is Amanda Rago. She was raised in Newington. Amanda has taught at both of our middle schools and high school. She lives in Portland with her husband and two children.

So come on down to the Parish Hall on October 20th, grab a coffee after church services and bring your own brunch item to eat before we paint.

Painting will begin at 11am.

ANNUAL EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

This year it is at the Convention center in Hartford. We will have a booth to sell our religious jewelry, prayer beads, assorted religious items and our Succulent plants in containers. If you are interested in helping at our booth please speak, call, text or email Valerie Dumont. 860-690-0727.

Saturday October 26th 7am - 5pm

Sunday October 27th 9am - 2pm

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 8th, 2020

More details to follow.

If you have any questions or wish to be part of the Creative Energy Team please see one of our members - Lynn Page, Lorraine Belyea, Jane Stewart, Melissa Haseley and Valerie Dumont Val Dumont

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
	17th Pentecost	18th Pentecost	19th Pentecost	20th Pentecost
Deacon/LWL	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz
LECTOR	Paul Crosswaith	Walt Parker	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Lynn Page	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Mabel Maynard
USHERS	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Brandon & Kathy Johnson
FELLOWSHIP	Potluck Brunch			
NRRRC-10:30am		Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell
HTFD REGIONAL CTR - 12n				JoAnn Cromwell
Lay Eucharist Visitor			Elizabeth Welk	
ALTAR GUILD	Elissa Schumann Kathy Shoemaker Pat Rogorzenski	Elissa Schumann Kathy Shoemaker Pat Rogorzenski	Nancy DiPrato Marie Ritchie Elizabeth Welk	Nancy DiPrato Marie Ritchie Elizabeth Welk
COUNTERS	Beverley Manning Nancy DiPrato	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell Lorraine Belyea	Melissa Haseley Nancy DiPrato

PAINTING ON CANVAS AT GRACE

COME ENJOY SOME FELLOWSHIP TIME WHILE PAINTING "PUMPKINS ON CANVAS"



**LEARN SOMETHING NEW!! TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU!!
INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!**



SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH AT 11 AM

COST IS \$20.00 PER PERSON

CLASS SIZE IS 30 PEOPLE

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT PRE- REGISTER BY SIGNING UP
& PRE- PAY BY CASH OR CHECK TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

GIVE YOUR PAYMENT TO VALERIE DUMONT, LYNN PAGE

OR LEAVE IN THE CET MAILBOX IN OFFICE

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH AT 6 PM



Our instructor is Amanda Rago. She was born and raised in Newington. Amanda is an Art Teacher who has taught at both of our middle and high schools. Amanda lives in Portland with her husband and 2 children.

