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9 am  
Morning Prayer – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9 am

# *PACE OF GRACE*




# *OCTOBER 2022*

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# OCTOBER

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                   | Friday                            | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|   |  |   |  |                            |                                   | 1        |
| 2 17 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>9 am – Holy Eucharist<br>11:30 am – Blessing of the Animals | 3<br>12:00 pm Hi-Noon – Gouevia Vineyard visit<br>6:00 pm Scouts-PH  | 4<br>7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR                    | 5<br>6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L                               | 6<br>7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH  | 7                                 | 8        |
| 9 18 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>9 am – Morning Prayer                                       | 10<br>6:00 pm Scouts-PH  | 11<br>6:00 pm Vestry<br>7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR | 12<br>6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L                              | 13<br>7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH | 14<br>10 am Robert Belyea Funeral | 15       |
| 16 19 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>9 am – Holy Eucharist<br>Visit by St. Mark's               | 17<br>6:00 pm Scouts-PH  | 18<br>7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR                   | 19<br>Noon – Book Club Mtg. – L<br>6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L | 20<br>7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH | 21                                | 22       |
| 23 20 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>9 am – Morning Prayer                                      | 24<br>6:00 pm Scouts-PH  | 25<br>7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR                   | 26<br>6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L                              | 27<br>7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH | 28                                | 29       |
| 30 21 <sup>st</sup> Pentecost<br>9 am – Morning Prayer                                      | 31<br>6:00 pm Scouts - PH<br> |   |  |                            |                                   |          |

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



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Dear Grace Community of Faith,

Good day to everyone. I hope your start to fall is going well. We can see the blessings of God all around us with the pumpkin patches on the side of the roads here in Connecticut. We also have had a few days of breezy weather in the mornings and some sunny, cool afternoons.

We have pulled together our liturgical schedule as Advent awaits our arrival at the end of November. Our community has provided wonderful homilies on the Sundays that we have Morning Prayer.

We had a surprise visit from our very own Bishop-Elect The Rev. Jeffery Mello! His ordination is on Saturday October 15th. There are still some available tickets on our ECCT website if you would like to attend in person. If you are unable to be in person please be in prayer celebration on Bishop Jeff's ordination day!

We continue to be in prayer for the Belyea family. Their beloved Bob, husband, father, grandfather, friend to us all, passed on last week. Funeral arrangement will be made when the family is ready.

Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for your new beginnings and unwavering provision. I trust that your peace will watch over me as I step into a new beginning. This year, I will rely on the riches of your love and grace to provide for my physical, emotional and spiritual needs. In Jesus' name,

Amen

Peace and Joy,

Rev. Val



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

|  | First reading                      | Psalm             | Second Reading               | Gospel           |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>October 2  | Lamentations 1:1-6                 | 137               | 2 Timothy 1:1-14             | Luke 17:5-10     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>October 9  | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7                 | Psalm 66:1-11     | 2 Timothy 2:8-15             | Luke 17:11-19    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>October 16 | Jeremiah 31:27-34                  | Psalm 119:97-104  | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5           | Luke 18:1-8      |
| St. Luke<br>October 18                   | Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14 | Psalm 147         | 2 Timothy 4:5-13             | Luke 4:14-21     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost<br>October 23 | Joel 2:23-32                       | Psalm 65          | 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18       | Luke 18:9-14     |
| St. James of Jerusalem<br>October 24     | Acts 15:12-22a                     | Psalm 1           | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11        | Matthew 13:54-58 |
| Sts. Simon and Jude<br>October 28        | Deuteronomy 32:1-4                 | Psalm 119:89-96   | Ephesians 2:13-22            | John 15:17-27    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Pentecost<br>October 30 | Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4              | Psalm 119:137-144 | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 | Luke 19:1-10     |



# Deacon's Bench

Greetings,

Tis the month of tricks or treats! I hope this article is a treat to read and not so tricky. It is the time when our green season hopefully takes on the vibrant colors of fall. However with global warming and climate issues...who knows? We can still go out for walks to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. We can feel a little safer about fairs and outdoor activities. And yes, we can rake leaves and acorns (if you have oak trees like I do). The joys of living in New England! I like the changing seasons. I would like to go visit other places but I would come back to this area. Although bears vs alligators? I have only really had to deal with some nasty squirrels, chipmunks and a large nest of bees. Speaking of animals, we will be having the blessing of animals at our church so bring your pets or pictures of them. We, as Christians, have the St. Francis of Assisi prayer in our Book of Common Prayer (#62). I ask that in your generous giving to those in need to please consider our animals in need. There are many shelters who provide the necessary care until forever homes can be found that need financial support or volunteers.

This month, on October 15, we will consecrate our Bishop-Elect Jeffrey Mello. There is still time to sign up to attend in person or you can watch the live stream. Those of us who were in church on September 25 had the great pleasure of meeting our Bishop-Elect as he came to the service at our parish. He was a classmate of the Rev. Dr Valerie Miller at EDS. I am very excited to see how God will be present in our church in CT through Bishop-Elect Jeff's gifts and talents. We have been blessed with the gifts and talents of Bishop Ian and Bishop Suffragan Laura.

We also celebrate Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day) on the October 10 although different places do call it by different names. I think it is still Columbus Day in Newington. I say we remember those who were here first. We have not always considered the ways of others before our own. We must hear and follow the words of Jesus. "We must love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds as well as love our neighbors as ourselves."

Please still keep bringing in your bags of clothes that will be brought to Saver's in November. Make sure, if you feel safe enough, to get your Halloween candy as probably more will be out trick or treating. Please continue to bring in your food or grocery gift cards for our Newington food bank contributions. Food insecurity is still a concern for many people. Let me know if you have any other ideas or concerns that we could help with in our community. We must continue as best we can to support one another in our pews, town, state and world-wide. Praying is always a good way to start.

Stay safe-stay well-stay connected- vax to the max  
Cj

PS.... October 1st is national homemade cookie day---Yummy!  
PPS... October 16th is global cat day





10/9 Rev. Val Miller  
 10/24 Mark Shoemaker  
 10/29 Susan Raimondo  
 10/29 Marie Ritchie



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



October 2 Holy Eucharist  
 Blessing of the  
 Animals  
 October 9 Morning Prayer  
 October 16 Holy Eucharist  
 October 23 Morning Prayer  
 October 30 Holy Eucharist



The deadline for the November issue is Thursday, October 21. 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.



SENIORS ON THE GO

**Hi-Noon** – All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the meetings of Hi-Noon. The group’s activities vary and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events.

**Monday, September 12** – While sharing conversation over lunch we planned activities for the fall and winter.

**Monday, October 3** - Gouveia Vineyard, Wallingford – Our annual visit to this picturesque winery. We will have our lunch inside overlooking the vineyard surrounded by rolling hills painted by colorful fall leaves, hopefully at their peak. Meet at Church at Noon - Bring lunch & appetizers to share/eat at winery. All beverages: wine, soda, water must be purchased at winery.

**November** The activity suggested for November has not been finalized. It will be announced in the November Pace of Grace and Sunday bulletins.

**December 5, Monday** – Annual Holiday Party – A Pasta Lunch and Holiday Sing-a-long will highlight this party in the Parish Hall. If able please bring a salad or dessert to share. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served. Thank you Nancy for again providing the homemade pasta main dish.

**2023**

**January 9, Monday** – Fun and Games in Parish Hall -



**Blessing of the Animals:** Please join us on October 2nd at 11:30 am for our Blessing of the Animals to celebrate the ministry of St.

Francis of Assisi. Any animal is welcome.



Our September book club meeting was held on Wednesday, September 28 at noon. We discussed *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles and 28

Summers by Elin Hilderbrand.

The book club schedule is as follows:

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|-------------|---|
| October 19  | The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinson                        |
| November 16 | Book TBD  |
| December 7  | Holiday Luncheon from the Italian Gourmet<br>No book discussion |

All are welcome to participate in our book club. You can come for all of the discussions or you can come for just one. We are always looking for book titles that others have enjoyed and would recommend. If you have a title you would like to recommend, please leave a message with the office. We look forward to seeing you on October 19!

Happy Reading!  
Melissa Haseley

## BISHOP TRANSITION PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you and praise you for guiding the people of ECCT in the discernment of our next bishop diocesan culminating in the election of Jeffrey Mello as the XVI Bishop Diocesan. We pray for Bishop-elect Jeff and his family, as they journey in transition to Bishop-Elect Jeff's new call.

We pray for Bishop Laura, for her continued grace and steadfastness, as she transitions to partner with Bishop-elect Jeff in leading ECCT.

We pray in gratitude for our Bishop Ian, his leadership, guidance, and service, and for his spouse Kristin, asking blessings for their next journey.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. *Amen.*



**Newington Food Bank:** We continue to support the food bank by donating donating thyme, quinoa, vinegar, unsweetened applesauce, granola bars, and instant coffee. You are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

*JoAnn Cromwell*



Grace Episcopal Church - Newington is again hosting another fall clothing drive this year. As you are aware, the efforts of this program help us with our outreach programs in Newington and beyond.

We started our advertising campaign in early August and will continue through the end of October; we have collected about 65 bags so far. We are collecting all types of clean clothing and soft goods including shoes, sneakers, boots, sandals, handbags, wallets, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, sweaters, vests, jackets, coats, all bed and bath linens including towels, bath mats, sheets, fabric tablecloths, window coverings and any other soft items. We will not accept any hangars, books or hard items.

All items need to be placed in garbage bags and placed in the blue bins outside our front doors. If you happen to be at the Church and there are bags of clothes outside by the bins or in the bins, please bring them into the Narthex. We will take them back to the Nursery from there. Thank you and remember many hands make light work.

If you know of someone who has multiple bags of items for the collection and they are unable to bring the items to church, please call or have them call Lynn Page at 860-841-2539 and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

We will be collecting through October 31. Sorting and organizing will take place after that, and the truck will be here on November 7. We hope to get an outside service organization looking for community service hours help us load the truck. All help will be welcome however, and we hope you will consider coming to help us out.

Lynn Page  
Clothing Drive Coordinator





**QUICK UPDATE: AUGUST 31, 2022**

|                           | <b><u>AUGUST<br/>OPERATIONS</u></b> | <b><u>Year to Date<br/>OPERATIONS</u></b> | <b><u>Year to Date<br/>BUDGET</u></b> | <b><u>TOTAL 2022<br/>BUDGET</u></b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pledge Income             | \$ 4,929                            | \$ 40,338                                 | \$ 41,225                             | \$ 63,468                           |
| <b><u>INCOME:</u></b>     | <b>\$ 5,635</b>                     | <b>\$ 61,423</b>                          | <b>\$ 65,126</b>                      | <b>\$ 101,028</b>                   |
| <b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>   | <b>(\$ 8,964)</b>                   | <b>(\$ 83,076)</b>                        | <b>(\$ 89,538)</b>                    | <b>(\$ 130,248)</b>                 |
| <b><u>NET CHANGE:</u></b> | <b>(\$ 3,329)</b>                   | <b>(\$ 21,653)</b>                        | <b>(\$ 24,412)</b>                    | <b>(\$ 29,220)</b>                  |
| Checkbook Balance:        | \$ 10,740                           |   | <i>End 2021 Checkbook:</i> \$ 32,797  |                                     |



We are still collecting ink and toner cartridges. Please drop off in the box on the shelf in the narthex.

Lay Ministry Schedule  
9:00 AM

|                    | October 2                  | October 9                  | October 16                 | October 23                 | October 30                 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                    | 17 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost | 18 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost | 19 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost | 20 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost | 21 <sup>st</sup> Pentecost |
|                    | Holy Eucharist             | Morning Prayer             | Holy Eucharist             | Morning Prayer             | Holy Eucharist             |
|                    |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>Clergy</b>      | Rev. Valerie Miller        |                            | Rev. Valerie Miller        |                            | Rev. Valerie Miller        |
|                    |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>Deacon/LWL</b>  | Rev. CJ Puskarz            | Rev. CJ Puskarz            | Rev. CJ Puskarz            | Rev. CJ Puskarz            | Rev. CJ Puskarz            |
|                    |                            | Elizabeth Welk             |                            |                            |                            |
|                    |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>LECTOR</b>      | Beverley Manning           | Mabel Maynard              | Karen Halpert              | JoAnn Cromwell             | Walt Parker                |
|                    |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>PRAYERS</b>     | Karen Halpert              | Marie Ritchie              | JoAnn Cromwell             | Walt Parker                | Beverley Manning           |
|                    |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b> | Elizabeth Welk             | Elizabeth Welk             | Elizabeth Welk             | Elizabeth Welk             | Pat Rogorzenski            |
|                    | Kathy Shoemaker            | Kathy Shoemaker            | Candy Casciano             | Candy Casciano             | Nancy DiPrato              |
|                    |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>COUNTERS</b>    |                            |                            | Walt Parker                |                            | JoAnn Cromwell             |
|                    |                            |                            | Melissa Haseley            |                            | Nancy DiPrato              |