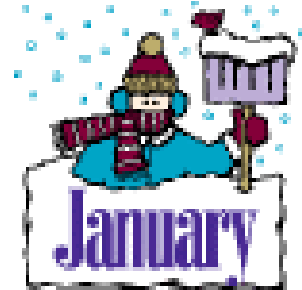


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2017



JANUARY 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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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

January, 2017

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Dear Grace Church Family,

Well here we are again at the close of another year and the start of a new year – a blank slate for many people. With the end of the year it is customary to review, reflect and assess what was accomplished during the year before new resolutions are established (and in many cases broken before the end of January).

2016 was certainly an unusual year with much of the population focused on the campaign and election and not much else and coming away with feelings of frustration, anger, shock, surprise, division of family and friends and a sense of anything goes and seemingly a lot of breaking of the norms we are familiar with. How many of us have spent time since the election tip-toeing around the results for fear of upsetting the applecart? The lingering effect is that many feel bereft and wonder what it all means and where are we going.

Folks have lost sight of the fact that America is a great country and continues to be a great country. We need to resurrect our attitude of gratitude and be thankful to be living here. We also need to remind ourselves of the happiness in our lives and where it comes from. Our happiness is not derived from politics – we are all still here and within this community we love each other and we care for each other. Grace Church has many positive things going on – we are an amazing community of faith blessed by God.

Just like America, we are not perfect and face many challenges ahead. As you reflect on the year gone by and as you organize your priorities for the coming year, pause for a moment and consider where Grace fits in. I hope you'll decide that Grace is an important part of your life and worthy of your time, talent and treasure.

As I write this, I am also reflecting on what's next and where am I going. With the Annual Meeting at the end of January, I will no longer be your senior warden. For the most part, it has been a labor of love and filled with opportunities for personal growth and making a difference. While I will miss the feeling of the unique connectedness

one feels in a leadership position, I will continue to be involved in our life together in some way. And I thank each and every one of you for your continued support, encouragement and love along the way; I couldn't have done it without you.

Peace and Blessings,

Melissa Haseley



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

| Epiphany Year A | First reading | Psalm | Second reading | Gospel |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| First Sunday after Christmas Day January 1, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Isaiah 63:7-9 | Psalm 148 | Hebrews 2:10-18 | Matthew 2:13-23 |
| Holy Name of Jesus January 1, 2017 (<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>) <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Numbers 6:22-27 | Psalm 8 | Galatians 4:4-7 or <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i> | Luke 2:15-21 |
| New Year's Day January 1, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 | Psalm 8 | Revelation 21:1-6a | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2017 <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Isaiah 42:1-9 | Psalm 29 | Acts 10:34-43 | Matthew 3:13-17 |
| Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Isaiah 49:1-7 | Psalm 40:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42 |
| Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Isaiah 9:1-4 | Psalm 27:1, 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | Matthew 4:12-23 |
| Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i> | Micah 6:1-8 | Psalm 15 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Matthew 5:1-12 |



- 01/01 Liz Welk
- 01/13 Debbie Forrest
- 01/17 John Balducci
- 01/19 Paul Crosswaith
- 01/29 Emily Hack



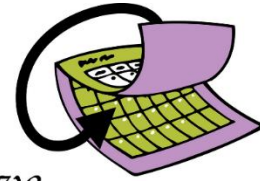
01/02 Robert and Lorraine Belyea



The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 10:30am.

On that Sunday our service at 9:00 a.m. will be followed by a brief coffee hour. The Annual Meeting will start at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The purposes of the meeting are to elect Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, and Vestry members, to accept reports, to present the budget adopted by the Vestry, and to execute any other business that is necessary to come before it.



Save the Date

- January 4th:** Church Women United Archive Organization Meeting
- January 9th:** Hi Noon
- January 10th:** Vestry Meeting
- January 21st:** Book Club Meeting (snow date January 28th)
- January 22nd:** Creative Energy Team Meeting
- January 22nd:** Liturgical Team Meeting
- January 29th:** Annual Meeting



Weather Closing

Cancellation of services due to weather will be posted on NBC Connecticut (channel 30) and WFSB (channel 3) and on their websites



Creative Energy Team January 2017

Planning meeting for 2017 will be on Sunday, January 22, 2017 after church in the upstairs meeting room. Bring your coffee & snack.

This is a planning meeting for the year. We will be setting the date for the Fall Festival. Your thoughts are welcome. Other fundraisers will be added then too.

Any new ideas will be considered
All are welcome.

Valerie Dumont



The next meeting for the Altar Guild will be Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, right after the 9 am service. Snow date will be Sunday Feb. 11, 2017. We will be planning for Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter. I would like all members to attend the meeting.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean and decorate for Christmas. We will be taking the decorations down after the service on January 8, 2017 and we will need help from all the members of the Altar Guild that day. A Happy New Year to everyone.

Elizabeth Welk



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!

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.

Mar 6, Monday: Lunch at Polish Restaurant - Meet at Church at 12:00 - Car pooling

April 3, Monday: Connecticut Old State House - Following 12:00 bag lunch in Parrish Hall car pool to visit historic 1796 Historic State House in Hartford

May 1, Monday: To be announced

June 5, Monday: Annual Picnic, Parish Hall & Patio - Meal provided - volunteers for salads / desserts, Donation for meal.

Summer: Lobster Roll & Hammonasset Park - Meet at Church 12.00 Noon - Following lunch at **Lobster Landing**, Clinton, (lobster rolls, or hot dogs or kielbasa roll) the group will have a short stroll on the beach and visit the new Meigs Point Nature Center.



Angel Tree

Thank you all for your generous "angel" gifts for our Newington neighbors. Your gifts helped make Christmas brighter for many boys and girls and men and women. You are truly angels! Now it is time to turn your thoughts to winter--cold and snow. Please bring in hats, gloves, mittens, stocking caps, or scarves to not only warm our Newington neighbors' heads and hands, but also their hearts. We will collect the items through January 15.

Have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Shirley Adams and Barb Johnson

The next book club date will be Saturday, January 21, 2017 with a snow date of Saturday, January 28. Both times would be at 2 pm in the church library.



The book selections are: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson and *Rainy Day Sisters* by Kate Hewitt. A

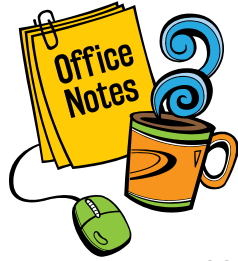
sign-up will be in the Narthex in late December. Should you have any questions, please see Nancy Bielman or Melissa Haseley. Happy Reading!


Melissa Haseley


Liturgical Committee


The Liturgical Committee will meet on Jan. 22 after church to plan the schedule for Lent and Easter. The schedule will cover to Pentecost.

Beverley Manning



 The deadline for February *Pace of Grace* is **Thursday, January 26th**. 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.

 The office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

 The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** will be on Sunday, January 29th, following the 9:00 am service. Please send all annual reports to the office as soon as possible and no later than **Friday, January 6th**, to assure that they will be included in the meeting booklet.

Debbie Forrest



Chili crew request

FoodShare has had a very limited supply of the protein beans we use in our chili, ex. red, black or white beans.

We use about fifty cans of various beans a month. Please help by donating a can or two of these beans to continue this 30+ year ministry that is so appreciated by South Park Inn and the Friendship Service Center.

We also have dry beans to be cooked and frozen. See JoAnn or Mabel if you would like to take dry beans to cook, freeze and put in the large freezer in the kitchen.

Thank you for your help. Your chili crew.



Family Promise of Central Connecticut

After three plus years of support from a dedicated group of volunteers known as the CORE Group, which consisted of people from several area churches, we finally reached our goal: at least half of our proposed annual budget so we could move forward. This was accomplished with the addition of a “Walk Away Homelessness” event held in Walnut Hill Park in New Britain in October 2016. This will become an annual event. Along with the monies raised, we also reached the milestone of becoming a Board of Directors lead affiliate.

We have secured our Day Center at 40 Cornelius Way in New Britain which is undergoing renovations and should be ready for us to open in February 2017. The Board of Directors is interviewing Candidates for the Director position, who will then hire a case manager and a van driver.

We continue to seek a donated or inexpensive 14 passenger van to transport our families’ from the host churches and then the children to their schools. All of this transportation is within a 30 minute ride from the center.

We have a “GoFundMe” set up (gofundme.com/bedsforFamilyPromiseofCentral-CT) to raise money for our 16 cots for 14 people and 2 volunteers to sleep over.

Mabel Maynard, JoAnn Cromwell, co-coordinators



Training is either full or half day sessions. This year an on-line course has been added coupled with a half-day session. A certificate is given to the participant after completion, who then makes a copy for the church office.

Persons required to complete this are office personnel, priest, deacons, Sunday school teachers, volunteers for assisting with children or homebound and overnight supervisors at Family Promise when our church is hosting the families This includes those from our support church, Our Savior's Lutheran.

Mabel Maynard



Lessons from a Snowman

- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous!

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

| | January 1, 2017 | January 8, 2017 | January 15, 2017 | January 22, 2017 | January 29, 2017 |
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| | 1 Christmas | 1 Epiphany | 2 Epiphany | 3 Epiphany | 4 Epiphany |
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| LECTOR | Nancy Tatsapaugh | Karen Halpert | JoAnn Cromwell | Shirley Adams | Paul Crosswaith |
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| MINISTER OF COMMUNION | Karen Halpert | Paul Crosswaith | Kathy Johnson | Mabel Maynard | JoAnn Cromwell |
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| CRUCIFER | Karen Halpert | Jane Stewart | Liz Welk | Karen Halpert | Karen Halpert |
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| PRAYERS | JoAnn Cromwell | Paul Crosswaith | Marie Ritchie | JoAnn Cromwell | Walt Parker |
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| USHERS | Brandon & Kathy Johnson | Nancy Beilman Marianne Doolittle | Mark & Kathy Shoemaker | Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea | Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith |
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| FELLOWSHIP | JoAnn Cromwell Mabel Maynard | | | | |
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| NRRRC-10:30am | | Beverley Manning | | JoAnn Cromwell | |
| HTFD REG CTR | | | | JoAnn Cromwell | |
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| ALTAR GUILD | Nancy DiPrato | Nancy DiPrato | Liz Welk | Liz Welk | Kathy Shoemaker |
| | Marie Ritchie | Marie Ritchie | Pat Rogorzenski | Pat Rogorzenski | Barbara Johnson |
| | Elissa Schumann | Elissa Schumann | Candy Casciano | Candy Casciano | Marie Ritchie |
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| COUNTERS | Melissa Haseley | Melissa Haseley | Beverley Manning | JoAnn Cromwell | Melissa Haseley |
| | Nancy DiPrato | Lorraine Belyea | Paul Crosswaith | Bette Forcash | Nancy DiPrato |