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# *PACE OF GRACE*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 7:00 PM AI Anon – PH, MR, L	2	3
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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*

## *September, 2016*

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

*From the  
Missional Priest*



**WELCOME BACK!**

Dear Grace Church Family,

Where did the summer go? It seems as though the school year ended just a few days ago and now the streets are filled with the big yellow buses, knots of kids on the street corners and constant reminders of a growing variety of "back to school" and "first day" activities. We all had so many plans for the summer and yet it all seems to have passed us by. Now we settle down into the familiar routines of the rhythm of the academic year that shapes us in so many ways, even if we don't have children or other family members tied to the academic process. In the church, we often seem to talk about the program year that runs roughly from Labor Day until Memorial Day. We are still in the "long green" of the season of Pentecost trying to stay in touch with and respond to the theme of the Sunday readings that invite us to consider how we may be more faithful disciples in the challenging and changing times in which we live.

In all of this let me say to each of you, Welcome back and welcome to the many activities that fill our fall calendar here at Grace Church. I hope that you are rested up as there is much to do (as it seems there always is at this time of the year). You have only to look at the thickness of the Sunday bulletin to know this. On the subject of the Bulletin, please read it with care (even if it is during the homily) and consider taking it home with you. You might also consider sharing the Bulletin with others whose lives touch yours during the week. It is a low key form of outreach and evangelism that invites others to come and see what God is up to in this place.

Also, please don't forget that the Vestry and the various APOSTLE Ministry Teams all need your help to make the plans that we have dreamed the reality that we hope they will become. If you are unsure of how to connect with the energy that always catches us up in the fall, please speak with a Vestry member, CJ or me.

Finally, please take a moment either by coming into the office either in person or by phone and introduce yourself and welcome the newest member of the Grace Church staff, Debbie Forrest, our Office Manager. Debbie will introduce herself elsewhere in this issue of *The Pace* and I encourage you to get to know her as she assumes the mantle of her new responsibilities.

Well, that's enough for now. There is much to do and God has plans for us as the missional Episcopal community here in Newington. So I hope that you are rested up from our collective "summer vacation" and ready to go.

WELCOME BACK!

Faithfully,

David+



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

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Proper 18 (23)</b> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2016	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1- 6, 13-18	Deuteronomy 30:15-20  Psalm 1	Philemon 1:1- 1:21	Luke 14:25-33
<b>Proper 19 (24)</b> Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2016	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22- 28 Psalm 14	Exodus 32:7- 14  Psalm 51:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12- 17	Luke 15:1-10
<b>Holy Cross</b> September 14, 2016	Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-5 <i>or</i> <i>Psalm 78:1- 2, 34-38</i>		1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 3:13-17
<b>Proper 20 (25)</b> Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2016	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9	Amos 8:4-7  Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
<b>Proper 21 (26)</b> Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2016	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6- 15 Psalm 91:1- 6, 14-16	Amos 6:1a, 4-7  Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6- 19	Luke 16:19-31



**Birthdays in September**

- 09/06 Jeanne Bailey
- 09/14 Phyllis Backofen
- 09/18 George Johnson
- 09/18 Michael Gaydos
- 09/20 Beverley Manning
- 09/20 Fr. David Parachini
- 09/25 Robert Belyea
- 09/25 Donald Buckingham
- 09/29 Bette Forcash



**Anniversaries in September**

- 09/16 Laura and Colleen Bielitz
- 09/24 David and Melissa Kowalchik



**BackPack Project**

Thank you very much to all who supported our annual School Supplies Drive to benefit the Prudence Crandall Center. Executive Director Barbara Damon was at the church on August 21 to accept our gifts and tell us about the Center and the work they do with both women and children. The children at the Center will now be able to start school with some basic supplies and uniforms knowing that we care about their welfare.

*Nancy*



*Save the Date*

- September 18<sup>th</sup>:** Welcome back Sunday
- September 24<sup>th</sup>** Fall Festival

- October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Observing St. Francis Day - Blessing of the Animals
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Liturgy Committee meets to plan from November to March.
- November 4<sup>th</sup>** Paint Night
- November 6<sup>th</sup>:** All Saints Day celebration



**Creative Energy Team  
September News**

**FALL FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2016  
9AM - 3PM**

YIKES... ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS TIL THE FAIR!!

THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND MANY LOOSE ENDS TO TIE UP FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL.

PLEASE COME AND BE A PART OF THIS FANTASTIC EVENT!

Have you thought about how you can help before the Fall Festival, during the Fall Festival and the clean up after? So the saying goes...We need all hands on deck!! Think about what you can do to help. There will be a sign up sheet for a variety of jobs. Please step up to help support one of our biggest fundraisers. Any way you can... will be greatly appreciated. For the Fall Festival 2016 to be a success we need help from everyone. There are little jobs and big jobs. There is a job for everyone! See or call Valerie Dumont for the sign-up sheets. 860-690-0727

**UPCOMING DATES**

Saturday, September 10, 2016 AT 11AM, Downstairs Meeting Room

There will be an overall meeting at 11 am. All committee heads and members of the Creative Energy Team please plan on attending.

After the general meeting, we will meet in the Parish Hall. There will be cooking in the kitchen and silent auction gift basket wrapping, Parish Hall sprucing up and grounds to take care of. Any and all members are welcome to come and help!!!

Friday September 23, 2016 AT 10AM

Set up Day: We will be setting up the tables, Grace's Café, kitchen and eating area, outside, back lawn, front lawn, various signs around town, our own Grace-filled Creations Booth. Any and all persons available are encouraged to come help!

VENDORS: We are in need of vendors. We would like to have a few people make some phone calls to the vendors we had last year. A few more vendors, crafters or artisans would be great. If you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor or have a suggestion for your favorite vendor, please let Lorraine Belyea know.

CRAFTS or HANDCRAFTED ITEMS: If you are busy making anything that is handcrafted for our Grace Filled Creations table, please bring what you have to the meeting on Sat Sept 10th at 11am or after at the work session at 1pm. We need time to price items. Any items crafted after this please bring by Fri Sept 23rd to be displayed properly and priced. We will be there all day setting up. If you have any nice paper bags with handles you can share with us please bring to church before the Fall Festival and give to Lorraine Belyea, Nancy DiPrato, Lynn Page or Valerie Dumont.

BAKED GOODS AND SWEET TREATS: The Baked Goods and Sweet Treats committee heads, Jeanne Parker and Barbara Johnson, plan on making phone calls but if you don't receive one please call one of them to see what you can bake. Anything that can be packaged in smaller amounts such as cookies, brownies, small loaves, or a sweet treat in a sealed packaged bag would be great.

MUSIC: We will have music and songs playing throughout the day by two local bands - The Sawtelles and Edna. Come hear them play and sing. It will be by one of our own parishioners too. I can't wait to hear them!

SILENT AUCTION: Please listen for messages during our one minute ministries for various items that we need to round out our silent auction gift baskets. Let Karen Halpert or Kathy Johnson know what items you plan on donating and for which basket.

GRACE'S CAFÉ: Marty & Val Dumont plan on shopping on Friday, Sept 9th in the afternoon. If you are available to help bring food in from the vehicle we should be there by approx. 5pm. Any help would be appreciated.

GROUNDS and PARISH HALL: There is lots of outside work to be done. Of course the crazy weeds need to be pulled. Any little bit will help...even 10 minutes here and there. Before or after services. Especially in the memorial garden and around the patio and side door or the butterfly garden. Some windows need to be cleaned up. Books on the bookcase need to be organized. Just some little sprucing up would be great! If you have any extra time and would like to help please speak to Melissa Haseley.

ITEMS NEEDED: What we need most now is everyone's help. Any way shape or form would be most appreciated.

Help with purchasing or asking for donations for Silent Auction gifts. Please see Karen Halpert or Kathy Johnson

Help with wrapping silent auction gifts on Saturday Sept 10th at approx. 1pm.

Help with typing Silent Auction gifts on a laptop or iPad.

Help with leaflets that will be typed and printed of vendors at the fair. Our Greeters will be handing these out the day of the fair as people come in both of our entrances.

Help with Hanging Fall Festival Flyers around town.

People to help paint two large lawn signs for our Fall Festival. Please speak to Val Dumont if you want to help. Call me at 860-690-0727.

Help Marty Dumont hang the one large lawn sign in the center of town on the Saturday before the Fall Festival (Sept. 17)

Help with some outside work to make our church look great!

We need help with purchasing last minute food items for Grace's Cafe for the day of the Fall Festival.

We need our many talented bakers to start thinking of what to bake for our Bake sale. We are looking for smaller packaged items.

Did you sign up yet??? There is sign up to work for the Fall Festival? You can choose your day, time or area to help. There are a variety of jobs in all different areas that you can do. Many are sit down jobs too. Ask yourself "What can I do to help?"

We will need help setting up on Thursday and Friday before the Fall Festival. We will need help the day of the Fall Festival and of course clean up after 3pm.

We need coupons and or gift certificates for Joann's, Michaels & AC Moore.

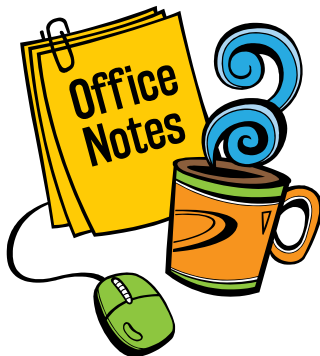
*Valerie Dumont*





## Thanks So Much!

- ☞ to Paul Crosswaith and Mark Shoemaker with an occasional assist from Brandon Johnson for their continued efforts to keep the church clean and picked up on a weekly basis.
- ☞ to the Creative Energy Team for all of their energy, enthusiasm and focus on fundraising ideas – their efforts are appreciated in helping us to supplement our income stream. And we've had some great laughs, fun and fellowship as a by-product.



*✍* Hello from your new office manager. My name is Debbie Forrest and I started here on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A little about me....I live with my husband Dave and son Zachary in Wethersfield. Zac is a senior at Wethersfield High School and Dave is recently retired. I also have two stepdaughters and a new grandson. I am an active member of St. Andrew the Apostle Episcopal Church in Rocky Hill. In fact, I am on my fifth one year term as clerk of the vestry! I am happy to be here, and am looking forward to meeting everyone.

*✍* Deadline for October *Pace of Grace* - **Friday, September 23rd**. 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.

*✍* New 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!

**Sept 8, Thursday: Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut**, Windsor, Noon – Bag lunch in Parish Hall, Car pool to museum -Note day, This is a Thursday as the museum is not open on Monday.

**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 Walk**

**October 8, 2016**

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mabs06469@hotmail.com) or JoAnn Cromwell 860-667-0030, [joann4avon@cox.net](mailto:joann4avon@cox.net) know if you are interested in walking and/or sponsoring. You can also read more about it at [www.familypromiseofcentralct.org](http://www.familypromiseofcentralct.org)

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **PAINT NIGHT**

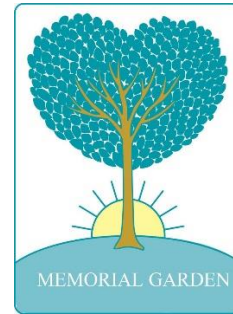
Friday, November 4, 2016 AT 7pm

Come for an evening of fun and relaxation. It will be held in our Parish Hall. This fundraiser will benefit FAMILY PROMISE. We will be painting a designated picture taught by a teacher. There will be food, drink and lots of laughter. Details to be provided soon.

#### **EPISCOPAL CONVENTION**

Saturday and Sunday November 19 and 20,  
2016

Convention Center in Hartford,  
Our own "Grace Filled Creations" will have a table at the Convention. If you wish to come help at our booth on either or both days please contact Valerie Dumont at 860-690-0727. We would like at least 3 people to work at the table at all times.



The Memorial Garden Committee is in need of someone to hand wash and rinse the benches on the garden patio as well as the altar and the benches in the Memorial Garden itself.

The granite furniture can be washed with Dawn dish soap and a soft scrubby to take off the bird droppings and the built up grime. The rinsing can be done with the garden hose.

Ideally we would like to get this done as soon as possible, but would be very happy if it got done before our Welcome Back Sunday and the other fall activities: the Fall Festival and the Celebration of Animals. Please let Paul and/or Melissa know if you'd like to do this so the hose can be connected and we can tell you where the key is.

This would be a refreshing activity for a nice fall day and the garden is a lovely place to be with all the critters: lots of birds, butterflies, bunny rabbits and assorted other creatures great and small. Come spend an hour or so to help us get this done and make the garden even more inviting than it already is.

Thank you!

*Melissa Haseley*