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Holy Eucharist – 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at
9 am
Morning Prayer – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9 am

PACE OF GRACE



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9 6 th Pentecost 9 am – Morning Prayer	10	11 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH	12 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group - PH	13 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	14	15 HOLD for Richard Buika – Men’s Group Meeting
16 7 th Pentecost 9 am – Holy Eucharist	17	18 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	19 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group - PH	20 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	21	22
23 8 th Pentecost 9 am – Morning Prayer	24	25 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	26 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group - PH	27 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	28	29
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AUGUST

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Summer 2023

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Dear Grace Community of Faith,

Good morning! Can you believe we are jumping into the month of July? I can't believe it either. I hope everyone's summer is going well. I know many of you are traveling and spending quality time with family and friends.

I was very grateful to have so many of you show up to our town hall gathering. We discussed many various avenues our parish community could travel into or what we could look like in the future. The one constant word I kept hearing was that of hope!

Hope is the things that God has planned for us that we can't see at the present moment in time. We trust and know that God provides.

I know that some of us might feel that changes such as moving worshiping locations will happen overnight. Yet the vestry and I are here to reassure you that this is far from the case. I don't think we will be wandering in the desert, so to speak, like Moses and the Israelites. We will keep everyone an active part of our slow and steady steps forward. We need your wisdom, prayers and input as we walk this journey.

I am recalling the stories of the history of our community. When our first beautiful church caught fire, it was a heartbreaking tragedy for our forefathers and mothers of our parish. They found and built the worship space we have today. God will never leave us. We are at home right where we are now at 124 Maple Hill Ave.

Please contact me or our vestry members with any questions that come up for you.

The Peace of the Lord,

Rev. Val



St. Mark's, New Britain

About 5 years ago, due to their dwindling parish numbers, St. Mark's began discussions about whether to close their doors or merge with another church. This was not an easy process as they had a rectory and church and had to consider what to do with them.

They did eventually sell the rectory and after much time the church also.

In the meantime, they started holding their worship services at 90 Main Street, where they continue to worship.

They continued praying for guidance, and after much discussion made the difficult decision to merge with another Episcopal Church. They spent some time worshipping and visiting five local churches, and decided they would move forward in the parish merger process with St. James in Farmington.

They are now going through the formalities of asking permission of our Bishops to merge with St. James. Our Bishops will present their request to the Diocesan Standing Committee.

Meetings will continue with both churches on many fronts. While the vestry is working on behalf of the parish, the final decision will be by parish vote. They hope to do this by June 2024 so they can be formally recognized at the 2024 CT Annual Convention.

We at Grace are starting on a similar journey as we look into selling the rectory as our first step. We will continue holding parish meetings, the next one being on September 17, 2023, to update everyone on what is happening. Your vestry encourages you to share concerns and opinions as we move forward.

Of course, no major decisions will ever be made except by parish vote.

Faithfully,

Your Wardens

JoAnn and Walt

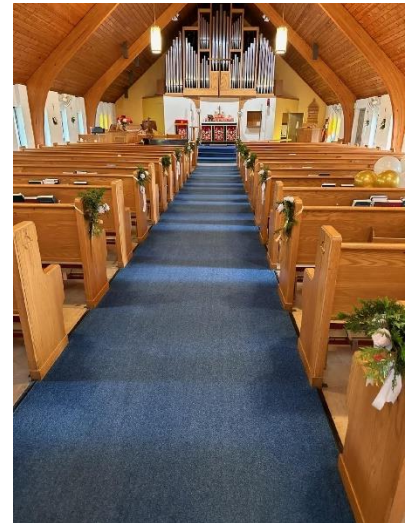
Knanaya Congregation Update

On Sunday, June 18th the Knanaya Congregation celebrated the formal naming of their church. Their Bishop from New York arrived and their parishioners accompanied him up the drive in a parade of sorts. The entryway to the church was gayly decorated and the Narthex looked lovely with several bouquets of flowers. The Sanctuary also was decorated with flowers and garlands.

When the welcoming service was over, they had their regular church service. After they made the introductions of the clergy and other guests, the church was officially named and recognized as St. John's Knanaya Church.

They celebrated this important day in their church life with a festive meal downstairs in the Parish Hall. It was a lovely day of celebration.

Melissa and Mark took some pictures if anyone wants to see them. There is also a brief video and Rev. Val has a copy of that as well. There will be some additional pictures posted on the bulletin board in the week or so.





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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
5 th Pentecost July 2	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
6 th Pentecost July 9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45:11-18 Or Canticle: The Song of My Beloved	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
7 th Pentecost July 16	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105- 112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
St. Mary Magdalene July 22	Judith 9:1, 11-14	Psalm 42 1-7	2 Corinthians 5:14-18	John 20:11-18
St. James the Apostle July 25	Jeremiah 45:1-5	Psalm 7:1-10	Acts 11:27-12:3	Matthew 20:20-28
8 th Pentecost July 23	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
9 th Pentecost July 30	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31- 33, 44-42
The Transfiguration August 6	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
11 th Pentecost August 13	Genesis 37:1-4, 12- 28	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
St. Mary the Virgin August 15	Isaiah 61:10-11	Psalm 34	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 1:46-55
12 th Pentecost August 20	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
St. Bartholomew August 24	Deuteronomy 18:15- 18	Psalm 91	1 Corinthians 4:9-15	Luke 22:24-30
13 th Pentecost August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20



7/10 Nancy Beilman
 7/11 Nancy DiPrato
 7/18 Shirley Crosswaith
 7/24 Candace Casciano
 7/24 Gary St. Amand
 7/31 Nicholas Casciano



8/4 Valerie Dumont
 8/15 Norine Barr
 8/15 Elizabeth St. Amand
 8/25 Martin Dumont
 8/29 Laura Lynch



7/14 Laura and William Lynch



08/09 Mark and Kathy Shoemaker
 08/28 Karen and Frank Halpert



July 2 Holy Eucharist
 July 9 Morning Prayer
 July 16 Holy Eucharist
 July 23 Morning Prayer
 July 30 Holy Eucharist

 August 6 Holy Eucharist
 Liturgical Committee Meeting

 August 13 Morning Prayer
 August 20 Holy Eucharist
 August 27 Morning Prayer



The deadline for the September issue is Tuesday, August 22, 2023. 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.

Meetings will resume in September.



Our next book club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20.

Summer Reads:

Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

The Horsewoman by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

September 20 - Our Summer Reads

October 18 - Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

November 15 - The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

December 13 - Holiday Luncheon no book to read – the luncheon will be at Kathy’s house and catered by the Italian Gourmet

The book discussions start at 12 noon unless otherwise noted, bag lunch and wrap up by 2:00.

Happy Reading!
Melissa Haseley

IN THE HOSPITAL



If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the office 860-666-3331. It is advisable to mention the name of the particular hospital.

If someone from Grace is in The Hospital of Central Connecticut (New Britain), it is advisable for that person to mention to the hospital upon admittance that the person is a parishioner from Grace Episcopal Church, with an emphasis on "Episcopal". This way, the pastoral services chaplaincy staff at the hospital can be aware, and may alert the parish.

Should Grace's clergy be unavailable at the time of hospitalization, ask for the pastoral services' hospital chaplains. Hospital chaplains have good reputations.

JoAnn Cromwell



Coffee Hour – Easy to do!

Anyone can easily set up coffee hour. Providing snacks would be nice, but not required. The coffee

pot is in the Narthex and all supplies are in the file cabinet in the Narthex Closet (except creamers / Mini-Moos which are in pastor’s office refrigerator). Instructions are posted in the Closet. It’s easy: 10-minute set-up, 5-minute clean-up.

Walt Parker

June 4th Meeting Update

The June 4th committee tasked with talking with Stewardship Reality had the initial consultation on June 19th with one of the principals. Richard Buika, Melissa Haseley, Walt Parker and Mark Shoemaker participated in the call. The overall objective of what they do for their clients is to make a church property income producing.

There are many ways that this can be accomplished. It is a matter of finding the highest and best use of the property that fits with the overall goals of the client as well as the limitations on the property based on town ordinances, planning and zoning and wetlands. As you see there are many considerations and this is not an overnight process.

The initial conversation dealt with longer term solutions. We outlined our immediate short term needs that need to be addressed. There were no immediate solutions offered but they are going to do some additional research and a follow-up call is set for July 18th and we hope to have more information to share with you and also be able to formulate a plan for our future.

Please stay tuned for further updates!



Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank by donating toothpaste and brushes, ketchup, paper towels and 100% Juice boxes. Parish members are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor and homeless. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

JoAnn Cromwell



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



QUICK UPDATE: MAY 31, 2023

	<u>MAY</u> <u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTAL 2023</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 5215	\$ 25,047	\$ 26,637	\$ 61,946
<u>INCOME:</u>	\$ 8,215	\$ 41,963	\$ 41,149	\$ 99,061
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$ 9,850)	(\$ 51,785)	(\$ 59,312)	(\$ 133,596)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	(\$ 1,635)	(\$ 9,822)	(\$ 18,163)	(\$ 34,535)
<u>FROM SAVINGS:</u>	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		
<u>ADJUSTED NET:</u>	\$ 365	(\$ 7,822)		
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 6,376		<i>End 2022 Checkbook:</i> \$ 14,570	



What I Did on My Summer Vacation

When you were in school did you ever have to write an essay or do a little talk on what you did on your summer vacation? We did almost every September starting around 4th grade through about 8th grade. And as I think back on it, most of my topics centered around our National Parks because that's what we did almost every summer was to take a road trip to a national park. My parents both felt it was important to see America first and for them that was our national parks. So as a kid I was fortunate enough to see most all of our parks west of the Mississippi. And as an adult I have been to most of them again and have added many others to my list.

Like Rev. Val has wonderful memories of her summers at the beach with her family, I have the same feelings and memories about my family visiting the National Parks. And the love of road trips to this day. Except that now I get to sit in the front seat, either as the driver or the navigator, and don't have to do a middle seat duty with no windows!!! Ah the joys of being an adult. Most of our friends think we are crazy to drive to Myrtle Beach and Wisconsin routinely because of the distance. But we look at it as opportunities to explore new places and that is how Indiana Dunes National Park and Congaree National Park have been added to my list. One of the first national parks we visited was Yellowstone National Park. I don't think it was a coincidence that Yellowstone also happens to be the first national park established. That park was established in 1872 and efforts to expand the national park system grew from there. John Muir, the Scottish naturalist, is considered the father of our national park system and spearheaded the effort from there.

Our national parks are a beautiful public resource offering breathtaking scenery, magnificent topography, natural beauty, opportunities for recreation, education and unique flora and fauna. They also protect and preserve our natural resources for biodiversity and geological history. And they are a wonderful vacation destination.

If you are more of an armchair traveler, here is a Word Search, courtesy of the internet, that takes us to many of the parks in the country - give yourself bonus points if you can name the states that they are in. Enjoy! And safe travels no matter where you go this summer.

Melissa Haseley



Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
	5 th Pentecost	6 th Pentecost	7 th Pentecost	8 th Pentecost	9 th Pentecost
	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
CLERGY	Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller
LWL		JoAnn Cromwell		Karen Halpert	
CHALICIST	Richard Buika		JoAnn Cromwell		Kathy Johnson
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert	Walt Parker	Marie Ritchie
PRAYERS	Walt Parker	JoAnn Cromwell	Marie Ritchie	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Shoemaker Nancy DiPrato	Kathy Shoemaker Nancy DiPrato	Jane Stewart Candy Casciano	Jane Stewart Candy Casciano	Pat Rogorzenski Barbara Johnson
COUNTERS			JoAnn Cromwell Lorraine Belyea		Walt Parker Nancy DiPrato

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
	The Transfiguration	9 th Pentecost	10 th Pentecost	11 th Pentecost
	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer
CLERGY	Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller	
LWL		Walt Parker		Elizabeth Welk
CHALICIST	Karen Halpert		Mabel Maynard	
LECTOR	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning
PRAYERS	Walt Parker	Karen Halpert	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Rogorzenski	Elizabeth Welk	Elizabeth Welk	Candy Casciano
	Barbara Johnson	Lorraine Belyea	Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart
COUNTERS		Melissa Haseley		JoAnn Cromwell
		Marie Ritchie		Nancy DiPrato