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

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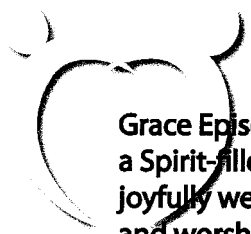
# July 2014

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



Grace Episcopal Church Newington,  
a Spirit-filled community,  
joyfully welcomes all to gather  
and worship in God's grace to  
experience and share God's  
transforming love.

# Pace of Grace

Summer, 2014

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## FROM THE RECTOR

The Lazy, Crazy, Hazy Days of Summer

Dear Grace Church Family,

The line above from a song that was popular when I was in High School (dates me doesn't it) is for many of us a fond memory of earlier and, perhaps, simpler times. Today, it seems, summer is not the time of rest and refreshment that it once was. The level of activity doesn't really slow down much and, increasingly, the idea of an extended family vacation, which used to be the hallmark of the summer season, has slipped away from many of us. Our children (and grandchildren) are just as busy as they are during the School Year and with the economic pressures that many families are feeling it is harder and harder to figure out how or to afford to spend significant time away. That's really unfortunate as we are all reminded these days of the need that we have to find "quiet time" or time that we can spend with family and friends for re-creation.

This is a theological issue as well for as we read throughout the New Testament, Jesus understood the need for balance in his life and in the lives of the disciples sharing in his ministry. It is for this reason that we read regularly in the Gospel narrative that Jesus would withdraw by himself or with a few close friends for prayer and renewal. The times of refreshment were particularly important following the major teaching missions which Jesus undertook or at times in his ministry when he knew momentous events or significant change was at hand. We need to pay attention to the Lord's example because it is equally important for us to understand our need for renewal.

In the last few weeks, several members of our Parish family have asked me for places they could go for some spiritual time away. Some have wanted to do it solo, some with spouses/partners and some with their entire family. There are lots of good resources around that can provide this kind of spiritual refreshment for a day, a weekend or a week. If you are interested please speak with me or with CJ and we will be glad to share our thoughts with you. Taking time for ourselves and our own spiritual renewal is an important part of being God's people on mission. We can't respond to the opportunities that God offers us to work for the building up of the Kingdom if we are spiritually exhausted. This kind of opportunity provides the chance for renewal and refreshment and is just as important as other opportunities for re-creation that have been, or are, a part of our other summer traditions.

Spiritual renewal at Grace Church is particularly important this summer as we are on the cusp of many important components of the calling process for our new Priest and we will want to be filled with energy and possibilities as he/she begins to minister with and among us in this Parish. So, in short, my hope and prayer for all of us is that we will use this summer season for our renewal and recommitment to the work of being God's people in this place and at this time.

Have a joyous, wonder filled and refreshing season of renewal and recommitment!

Faithfully,

David+



**Anniversaries in July**

07/12 Laura and William Lynch  
07/28 Marianne and David Doolittle

**Anniversaries in August**

08/01 Walt and Barbara Block  
08/09 Mark and Kathleen Shoemaker  
08/28 Karen and Frank Halpert  
08/31 James and Melinda Robidoux



**Birthdays in July**

07/10 Nancy Beilman  
07/11 Nancy DiPrato  
07/14 Douglas Nagy  
07/15 Sandra Lund  
07/18 Ellen Casioppo  
07/18 Shirley Crosswaith  
07/19 Camden Tatsapaugh  
07/19 David Haley  
07/21 Melissa Kowalchik  
07/24 Candace Casciano  
07/24 Thomas Raimondo  
07/24 Gary St. Amand  
07/29 Kenneth Fischer  
07/31 Nicholas Casciano

**Birthdays in August**

08/04 Valerie Dumont  
08/05 James Ancona  
08/07 Melinda Robidoux  
08/08 Everett Weaver  
08/09 Jacquie Tallard  
08/12 Charlie Albrycht  
08/15 Norine Barr  
08/15 Elizabeth St. Amand  
08/16 Hannah Gebhardt  
08/18 Owen Holland

08/19 Jamie Hale  
08/25 Martin Dumont  
08/29 Walt Block  
08/29 Laura Lynch



*Save the Date*

**Save the Date:** October 25 - Church Fair.



**Thanks So Much!**

1. The members of our Transition Ministry Team for their faithful service.
2. All those who have served at, and prepared food for, the Welcome Table Breakfast.
3. Our Lay Worship Leaders, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Greeters who assist during worship on Sundays.
4. Elizabeth Welk for her continuing service as Lay Eucharistic Visitor.



**Food Bank**

Each week we will ask you to bring one item for The John E. Stage Food Bank, our on-going ministry to the hungry in Newington. This week please bring jam, jelly, fruit spreads, or preserves.


Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors





## Morning Prayer


Morning Prayer is held on Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the Chapel. Jo Ann Cromwell and Beverley Manning meet regularly and would love to have anyone who is interested join them.




 Deadline for September *Pace of Grace* – **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please, make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to send the issue promptly.

 We normally prepare the bulletin on Wednesday. All items to be included in the calendar insert should be received by Wednesday morning.

 Please notify the office of your email addresses. We would like to send more information by email when possible. You can send a test email to: [office@gracechurchnew.org](mailto:office@gracechurchnew.org).

 Summer office hours are normally Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am to 2pm. The office will usually be closed on Monday and Friday.

 I expect to be on vacation from September 4 through September 12. If anyone can help in the office during that time, please call me (860-666-3331).

*Art Riihimaki*



In preparation for the October 25 Church Fair, the Grace Church Crafters have a series of Craft Nights planned to make items for the fair. The dates are all Fridays and unless stated otherwise will be held in the Music Meeting room upstairs. The starting time is 7:00 pm.

The committee asks that you not wear your good clothes, or if you do bring an apron or a smock to wear over them. Some of the activities may include

painting. And as the warmer weather approaches, there are several larger scale projects that will be done outside.

The June dates are: June 13 and June 27. At the end of June, the committee will see where they are and what else needs to be done and will schedule and publish additional dates at that time.

If you have any questions, please talk to Lorraine Belyea or Val Dumont.



## Hi-Noon Group

**July / August** – Have a fun summer – activities continue in September.

**September 9, TUESDAY – Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Stage and Screen at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford.** Meet at the Church at 12:00, bring a bag lunch to eat prior to departing for the exhibit. Car Pooling.

This exhibition features stage costumes from *The Philadelphia Story* and *Coco*; screen costumes from films like *Adam's Rib* and *Stage Door*; an ensemble of her signature tailored beige trousers and linen jackets; as well as vintage posters, playbills, photos, and other Hepburn-related artifacts.



Our Community Welcome Table Breakfasts continue. The next dates are July 19 and August 16. To make it easy to remember: The dates are always the *third* Saturday of the month. The time is from 8 am to 10 am.

The breakfasts have turned into a nice fellowship event for the church so if you haven't joined us please do. Our primary focus of course, is to provide a hot meal to those who need one. And we've had a nice mix of community folks joining us.

**'As you did it to one of the least of these ...'**

In his book *God's Politics*, theologian Jim Wallis, who frequently speaks on matters of faith and society, tells of an old Pentecostal mentor of his named Mary Glover. He says he learned more about Jesus' relationship with the poor from her than he did in seminary.

For instance, Jim recounts, every time they were about to open the doors to a neighborhood food line in Washington, D.C., Mary prayed, "Lord, we know that you'll be comin' through this line today, so, Lord, help us treat you well."



We congratulate Michelle Dumont and Camden Tatsapaugh, graduating from Newington High School, Justin Fossum, graduating from Simsbury High School, and Jonathon Howard Page, graduate of Johnson State College in Johnson, Vermont.



## Pastoral Care at Grace Episcopal Church

As we strive to become more intentional and demonstrative in our care and concern for each other, it is of the greatest importance that you contact the church if you are ill or in the hospital. "In case of illness, the Minister of the Congregation is to be notified." *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) p. 453. Current privacy laws do not allow the hospital to contact the clergy or to release names of patients. The only way that the church will know of your hospitalization is if you or a friend or family member call, the parish office to alert us. The same holds true for an illness where a pastoral visit would be welcome.

When we are aware of a hospitalization or illness, our pastoral care ministry reaches out through prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, rides and Eucharist taken to the home or hospital. Eucharist is taken either by the clergy or by a trained and licensed Lay Eucharist Visitor (LEVs). Our LEVs are able to take communion directly from the service to members of our parish family at retirement homes, hospitals or at home when

they cannot come to church. If you are interested in becoming a LEV please talk with Father David.

With Marie Ritchie as our new Prayer Chain coordinator, we have updated the list of those we pray for daily as well as for those who are included in the Prayers of the People. Prayer requests may be made by contacting Marie directly or by contacting the church office at 860-666-3331. The prayer box on the shelf in the Narthex may also be used as Marie will be checking it on a regular basis.

Did you know we have a card ministry as well? Marie has been very faithful over the years in sending out birthday cards to those who have birthdays listed in the weekly bulletin. Cards have been donated, handmade and store bought. Recently, JoAnn Cromwell has joined this ministry and has expanded it to include those parishioners who are in need, such as our shut-ins who can't come to church, our elderly who have a harder time coming on a regular basis and to those who are ill or recovering from surgery. We also have sent cards to those who have recently given birth, graduated from college or to those who are going through tough times and just need a word of encouragement. This is a loving ministry that is very heart-felt, thoughtful and meaningful. It is touching to know that someone remembers and cares and that they are praying daily for your well-being.

On the Sundays we have fresh flowers on the Altar, our Altar Guild prepares a bouquet or two for delivery to parishioners at home or in the hospital recovering from an illness or surgery. When there is nobody on that list, the flowers are delivered on a rotating schedule to our shut-ins.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Pastoral Care, please contact JoAnn Cromwell, Pastoral Care Team Leader. This ministry is part of the new A.P.O.S.T.L.E. structure for ministries within the church. *Melissa Haseley*

Your Pastoral Care Team is hard at work to define and fine tune the many, many ministries and programs that we are involved in at Grace Church that fall under that heading, some of which you will read about in Melissa's article above.

We invite you to pray and listen, as God may be guiding you to become involved in a particular ministry.

We will post a list soon in the narthex, with dates, of all ministries, programs, and events that are coming up in the next several months, and there are a lot. It is an exciting time to be at Grace Church. WATCH! WATCH! WATCH!

Pastoral Care Team



JoAnn Cromwell, Team Leader  
 Melissa Haseley  
 Kathy Johnson  
 Fr. David Parachini  
 Liz Welk



Weather permitting, we will be worshipping outside on two Sundays, July 20 and August 17.

# FINANCE REPORT

June should have hopefully given us yet another net positive net positive operating balance. With one more Sunday to go as I write this, our balance is headed in that direction. The balances below show all the June expenses including estimated end month payroll, but do not include income from the fifth Sunday (6/29). There shouldn't be any more emergency June bills, and any income from the 29<sup>th</sup> will only add to the checkbook balance as buffer to continue into the summer with.

After the first four weeks of June, our finances should end up as follows:

INCOME	<u>June</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	EXPENSES	<u>June</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
<i>Beginning Checkbook:</i>	<b>\$ 5,285</b>	\$ 3,898			
Pledge Receipts:	<b>\$ 8,527</b>	\$ 51,960	Salaries & Benefits:	<b>(\$ 5,373)</b>	(\$ 32,158)
General Receipts:	<b>\$ 164</b>	\$ 2,998	General Expenses:	<b>(\$ 2,617)</b>	(\$ 13,723)
Use of Church Building	<b>\$ 1,130</b>	\$ 6,120	General Utilities:	<b>(\$ 1,392)</b>	(\$ 10,036)
Fund Raisers, General:	<b>\$ 83</b>	\$ 891	Fund Raiser Expenses	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 239)
Church Fair	<b>\$ 165</b>	\$ 200	Fair Expenses	<b>(\$ )</b>	(\$ )
Capital Campaign:	<b>\$ 0</b>	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn)	<b>(\$ 740)</b>	(\$ 6,973)
"B-to-B" & Special:	<b>\$ 75</b>	\$ 668	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	<b>\$ 10</b>	\$ 235	Capital Campaign Exp	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	<b>\$ 28</b>	\$ 148	Memorials to M.Mkt:	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 0)
Seasonal Offerings:	<b>\$ 0</b>	\$ 1,035	Mem. Garden Exp:	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 0)
Outreach:	<b>\$ 0</b>	\$ 567	Diocese Pledge	<b>(\$ 1,302)</b>	(\$ 7,812)
Miscellaneous	<b>\$ 0</b>	\$ 160	Outreach:	<b>(\$ 100)</b>	(\$ 2,106)
Rectory Rent:	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	\$ 10,800	Miscellaneous Forward	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 160)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	<b>\$ 0</b>	\$ 0	Rectory Rent to M.Mkt	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 1,000)
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b><u>\$11,682</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 75,752</u></b>	Reserves to M.Mkt:	<b>(\$ 0)</b>	(\$ 0)
			<b>Total Paid Out:</b>	<b><u>(\$11,524)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$ 74,207)</u></b>
			<i>Ending Checkbook:</i>	<b>\$ 5,443</b>	\$ 5,443

Our CPA has the data now for our 2013 financial review, so we will have our "audit" back to the Diocese before the end of the summer. Hopefully, our finances continue at a similar rate to support our expenses. We will make provision to make the \$4,500 budgeted from reserves available to the General Fund in July if needed, and will review August as we go. Please try to remember Grace if you are away for summer activities. As an aside, second quarter statements will be available in early July so you can verify your giving to date and compare against what you had planned to give by mid year.

*Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer*

### Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update:

At the end of June, the overall Money Market account balance should be \$56,282. Of this amount, the major

elements are: \$29,202 as the posted Capital Campaign balance, and \$15,142 as the posted net Rectory balance (\$1,500 Security Deposit + \$13,642 Rectory Reserves). The new computers have been paid for and are being installed. The next expense from the Capital funds will be to replace the office Canon copier and Risograph duplicator with a new high capacity business copier which should happen in July or early August.

*Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer*