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

# ***PACE OF GRACE***



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# August 2016



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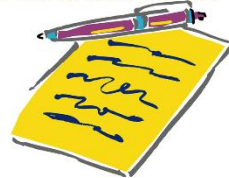


# *Pace of Grace*

*Summer, 2016*

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*From the  
Missional Priest*



## **Fare Well Art Riihimaki**

Dear Grace Church Family,

Ordinarily, summer is a quiet time at Grace Church and, indeed, throughout Newington and Connecticut as the pace of activity slows as the school year ends and the vacation season takes hold. This summer will be an exception as we prepare to say farewell to Art our faithful, creative and energetic (both on and off his bicycle) Office Manager who is retiring during the summer. The exact date is still in flux and Art tried to retire earlier this year and, for a variety of reasons, the moment got postponed but now it is really going to happen. It will be difficult, indeed impossible, to replace him but we will try to find a way to continue Art's ministry among us in new and creative as well as old and proven ways even as we say farewell to him.

Art's departure represents the latest in a series of changes that have been a part of our shared life in this baptismal community over the last several years. The pattern of our worship has evolved, Pastor Jane retired, Father Bob responded to another call, Martha went off to graduate school and we have worked hard to refocus our mission as God's people in this time and place. Through all of this, we have continued to be faithful to our vocation and to find new resources for ministry drawing on the abundance of gifts of the Spirit present in this congregation. As Art prepares to spend more quality time with his family and to his ministry in his own beloved congregation, we will need to address the reality of change at Grace Church and to prayerfully ask what God is asking of us as we move forward. It will be a challenge to walk into the office and not to see Art but we will be ready to embrace this new reality and at the same time to wish Art well in the next chapter of his life. We will also give thanks for his faithfulness in the administrative shepherding he has provided during his time as our Office Manager.

Because we are part of a larger community of faith, we never really part from the brothers and sisters who share the journey with us. rather we wish them fare well knowing that, in one way or another, our paths will cross again. In the meantime, you will be kept informed about our plans here at Grace to address this latest change and about how will say goodbye (God be with you) to Art and welcome to a new member of our ministry team.

So finally, I will close simply by saying for all of us thank you and Fare Well Art Riihimaki...go in Peace to find new ways in which you are called to love and serve the Lord.

Faithfully,

David+



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

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Proper 9 (14)</b> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2016	2 Kings 5:1-14  Psalm 30	Isaiah 66:10-14  Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
<b>Proper 10 (15)</b> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2016	Amos 7:7-17  Psalm 82	Deuteronomy 30:9-14  Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<b>Proper 11 (16)</b> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2016	Amos 8:1-12  Psalm 52	Genesis 18:1- 10a  Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15- 28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Proper 12 (17)</b> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2016	Hosea 1:2-10  Psalm 85	Genesis 18:20- 32  Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6- 15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
<b>Proper 13 (18)</b> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2016	Hosea 11:1-11  Psalm 107:1- 9, 43	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
<b>Proper 14 (19)</b> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2016	Isaiah 1:1, 10- 20  Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Genesis 15:1-6  Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
<b>Proper 15 (20)</b> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2016	Isaiah 5:1-7  Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Jeremiah 23:23- 29  Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29- 12:2	Luke 12:49-56
<b>Proper 16 (21)</b> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2016	Jeremiah 1:4- 10  Psalm 71:1-6	Isaiah 58:9b-14  Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18- 29	Luke 13:10-17
<b>Proper 17 (22)</b> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2016	Jeremiah 2:4- 13  Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Sirach 10:12-18 <b>or</b> Proverbs 25:6-7  Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14



## SUMMER Birthdays

### Birthdays in July

07/10	Nancy Beilman
07/11	Nancy DiPrato
07/15	Sandra Lund
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
08/07	Melinda Robidoux
08/08	Everett Weaver
08/09	Jacque Tallard
08/12	Charlie Albrycht
08/15	Norine Barr
08/15	Elizabeth St. Amand
08/19	Jamie Hale
08/19	Colleen Bielitz
08/25	Martin Dumont
08/29	Walt Block
08/29	Laura Lynch



## Anniversaries This Summer

### Anniversaries in July

07/12	Laura and William Lynch
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### 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



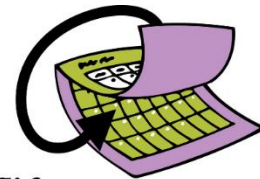
## BackPack Project

Once again we are collecting school supplies and back packs for the children at the Prudence Crandall Women's Shelter. Victims of domestic violence often bring their children to the shelter with them, and rarely have time to gather any belongings when they leave their homes. While living at the Shelter, children are enrolled in neighborhood schools so they can keep up with their studies.

### Suggested items:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pens
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Binders and filler paper
- Markers, highlighters
- Erasers
- Calculators
- Flash drives

If you would like to make a cash donation, please see Nancy Tatsapaugh. The drive will end with a presentation to Prudence Crandall Center at the end of August. Thank you!



## Save the Date

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>:** We will be observing two holidays that weekend. Friday, July 1st is Canada Day and July 4th on Monday with red, white and blue flowers and balloons, and Patriotic music. (The 700s in the Hymnal). Please wear red, white or blue.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Service will be in the garden or the church hall. A picnic will follow. The church will provide hot dogs and burgers, and we are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** Welcome back Sunday

**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 6<sup>th</sup>:** All Saints Day celebration



## Creative Energy Team July News

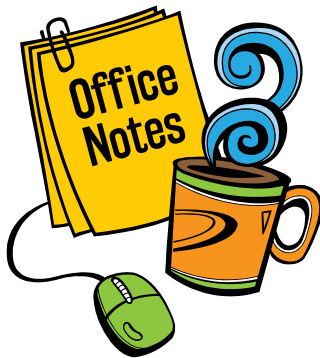
**Bertucci's Fundraiser:** THANK YOU to all who participated in DINING FOR DOLLARS on June 9th. We received a check in the amount of \$184.92 which is 15% of \$1232.80!! Thanks to everyone who dined at Bertucci's that day. What an enjoyable way to raise funds for Grace!

Laura Lynch



## Thanks So Much!

- 👉 Our Lay Worship Leaders, Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Greeters who assist during worship on Sundays.
- 👉 Elizabeth Welk for her continuing service as Lay Eucharistic Visitor.



📝 Deadline for September *Pace of Grace* – **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</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).

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

📝 As I indicated last month and as Father David noted above. I am planning to retire to a life of leisure (depending on what Barbara has planned for me). My departure date is uncertain right now, but it will be sometime this summer as soon as a replacement is found and trained. I have enjoyed my time here and the many friends I have made because I have been here. I will miss Grace Church and all of you. But I plan to stay in contact and you may see me around here from time to time.

*Art Riihimaki*



**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!

**July 11, Monday;** Lobster Roll & Hammonasset Park – Meet at Church 12.00 Noon – Following lunch of lobster rolls, or hot dogs or kielbasa roll the group have a short stroll on the beach and visit the new Meigs Point Nature Center.

**Sept 8, Thursday:** Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut, Windsor, Noon – Bag lunch in Parish Hall, Car pool to museum -Note day , Thursday (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.



**General Fund Update:** June is now the first month that both our calculated operating balance and our actual checkbook balance have shown a net decrease – in the amounts of (\$1400 & \$1,200). Even so, our operating balance is still \$2,000 ahead of the budget prediction, and the overall checkbook balance is a healthy \$18,467. This month, both the expenses and the income were below the predicted amounts, but the income was the lower figure. It looks like our traditional summer slowdown has started, so it is very important that we all keep up with our pledges – even if we are away. If you haven't yet filled in a pledge card for the year, please consider doing so.

The Finances for the full month of June are 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>\$19,678</b>	<b>\$ 12,181</b>			
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 8,124	\$ 52,093	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$ 4,956)	(\$ 30,561)
General Receipts:	\$ 878	\$ 2,760	General Expenses:	(\$ 1,794)	(\$ 11,612)
Use of Church Building:	\$ 60	\$ 3,172	General Utilities:	(\$ 1,260)	(\$ 8,922)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 262	\$ 2,623	Fund Raiser Expenses:	(\$ 120)	(\$ 941)
Fellowship:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Fellowship Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Church Fair:	\$ 0	\$ 10	Fair Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Special Events:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Special Event Expense:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 60)
Advance Returned	\$ 0	\$ 165	Event Cash Advance	(\$ 0)	(\$ 165)
Cap.Camp from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn):	(\$ 740)	(\$ 4,448)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
“B-to-B” & Special:	\$ 0	\$ 184	Capital Campaign Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 135	\$ 1,075	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 580	\$ 721	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 1,028)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 940	Diocese Pledge:	(\$ 1,213)	(\$ 7,278)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Outreach:	(\$ 780)	(\$ 1,443)
Holy Week, Good Fri	\$ 0	\$ 163	Holy Week Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 163)
UTO	\$ 0	\$ 162	UTO Forward	(\$ 162)	(\$ 162)
ECW Luncheon	\$ 0	\$ 200	ECW Lunch Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 200)
The Grace Fund	\$ 25	\$ 185	The Grace Fund	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Family Promise	\$ 0	\$ 182	Family Promise	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Miscellaneous:	\$ 300	\$ 332	Miscellaneous Forward:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 0	\$ 9,000	Rectory Maintenance:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 148)
Special Donation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Audit Fee:	(\$ 550)	(\$ 550)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$10,364</b>	<b>\$ 73,967</b>	<b>Total Paid Out:</b>	<b>(\$11,575)</b>	<b>(\$ 67,681)</b>
			<i>Ending Checkbook:</i>	<b>\$18,467</b>	<b>\$ 18,467</b>

A number of property projects will be reviewed over the summer, as we continue to improve the overall function, condition, and upkeep of the building. Stay tuned for more info. There is also some well needed renovation happening with the Rectory Kitchen which will be covered by funds held in the Money Market account for that purpose.

*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 \$55,717. Of this amount, the major elements are: \$23,868 as the posted Capital Campaign balance, and \$15,142 as the posted net Rectory balance (\$1,500 Security Deposit + \$13,642 Rectory Reserves).

*Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer*