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

# *PACE OF GRACE*



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# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saint's Day 9:00 Holy Eucharist	2	3 	4	5 7:00 pm Al Anon - PH	6	7 8:30 - 1 pm Community Food Drive
8 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Morning Prayer	9	10 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH 6:00 pm Vestry by Zoom	11 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - PH 	12 7:00 pm Al Anon - PH  Last day for Clothing Drive donations	13	14
15 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	16	17 2:00 pm Book Club Meeting 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	18 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - PH	19 7:00 pm Al Anon - PH	20	21
22 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King 9:00 am Morning Prayer	23	24 2:00 pm Clothing Drive pack-up 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	25 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - PH	26 7:00 pm Al Anon - PH 	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	30					

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



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## *November 2020*

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

Dear Parishioners of Grace Church,

The first Sunday this month, November 1, is All Saint's Day. At the Eucharist service, conducted by The Reverend Dr. Valerie Miller, the Bread will be served to the parishioners. Recent Eucharist Services have been 'Spiritual Services' with the Bread and Wine at the table, but not served. To ensure safety, the Bread will be in paper cups, placed on a tray. Each person will go up separately and take a cup of Bread. The taking of the Wine will be spiritual. It will be on the Altar, but not consumed.

Three Outreach projects will be initiated this month. Details of these projects are in separate articles.

**The Clothing Drive** was successful and continues. The amount of clothing (and other items listed in the Creative Energy message) collected exceeded what Savers would accept at one time. Savers has given Grace Church another date for drop off in November. Donations will be accepted through November 12.

**The Holiday Food Drive** continues through Saturday, November 7. On the morning of that date drive-up collections will be accepted in the parking lot.

**The Angel Tree** will be set up Sunday, November 22. Gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 6.

Eucharist and Morning Prayer services are now held in the sanctuary. With social distancing, masks worn (available if you forgot one), hand sanitizer, humming not singing, waving not hugging at Peace and no coffee hour, hopefully the service atmosphere is safe during this health crisis.

This is the time of year that we commit financially to the future of Grace Church. For those of you unable to attend Commitment Sunday, pledge cards will be mailed. We thank those of you who have been able to keep up with your 2020 pledge commitment. In these unusual times, both health wise and financial, it is understandable that some may be unable to contribute as planned. For those not attending services during the health crisis, please, if able, mail your contributions to Grace Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT 06111.

If you have questions or comments about anything related to Grace Church, do not hesitate to contact the wardens or any vestry member. You may do so in person after Sunday services, or by calling (leave a message or obtain contact information of wardens or vestry) or mailing the office with your

comments. The Vestry meets virtually by Zoom the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00. You may observe by Zoom or listen by phone. Contact Mark Shoemaker if interested.

For those of you able to attend, we look forward to seeing you in Church. For those staying safe at home, our prayers are with you.

Faithfully, Your Wardens, JoAnn & Walt





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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 1, 2020	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
All Soul's Day (All Faithful Departed) November 2, 2019	Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 130	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 1 Corinthians 15:50-58	John 5:24-27
23 <sup>rd</sup> Pentecost November 8, 2020	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14- 25	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
24 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost November 15, 2020	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King November 22, 2020	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Thanksgiving Day November 26, 2020	Deuteronomy 26:1- 11	Psalm 100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
St. Andrew November 30, 2020	Deuteronomy 30:11- 14	19	Romans 10:8b-18	Matthew 4:18-22





How is the TP supply going? I still have wipes, hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, and tp. We must remain very cautious. We “must keep safe and carry on.”

I want to give a shout out to all our veterans as we will be honoring all who have served on 11/11/2020. Our country is in the midst of some inner turmoil plus all the issues with covid 19. However, I believe that we have the faith to persevere in these times to get to the “promised land” even if we are not sure what that ‘land’ is going to be. If it were not for all the sacrifices made by those who served, and those still serving, in the military we would not be the country we are with all the possibilities we have.

We are also going to celebrate one of our most wonderful days--Thanksgiving. I am not quite sure how my family will be gathering this year. But I do know that giving thanks can be done whether we are all in the same room or on the same zoom/facetime call. We can still help our neighbors by contributing to food banks, running errands, and just keeping in touch via whatever media we have. Of course, there is always Prayer for this day and every day. We can do this no matter where we are. (I would prefer to be with others but if not, that is ok for right now) I still have lots of people, places, and things to be thankful for this year. Please do not forget to leave a place for Jesus at your table. If you feel that you would like some conversation or anything else, please contact the church so that we can help.

Let's talk normal for a change. There are still many things that we can continue to do in these very new normal times. We have our faith. We have our families and friends. We still belong to God. We can pray and have conversations. We can go for rides and still have food from restaurants. We can watch the changing of the seasons. We can rake leaves (thank you Jesus that I can still do that). We can watch shows on TV or computers or phones. We can cook, sew, read books and do laundry. There is still lots of trash to take out. We can pledge to our church. The building still exists with expenses and projects to do in our community. We are active Christians in whatever ways possible. The basics are around us. We have only changed how we must partake in some of them. We are caring people. This has not changed. We are a loving and giving community. This is still very normal to us. Jesus is our Lord and Savior. We can still enjoy opera or not.

How about if you send me at least 3 things you are thankful for this Thanksgiving? Let's focus on something positive. I will share the list without names so that we can unite in prayer over what is good in our lives. I will start with just one of my thank yous, which is for the parish and community of Grace. You have all contributed in ways that continue to support Grace by using some of the gifts and talents that God has given each one of you. “Keep on carrying on!”

Stay safe-stay well-stay connected  
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- 11/03 JoAnn Cromwell
- 11/10 Shirley Adams
- 11/13 Jessica Flynn
- 11/14 Lorraine Belyea
- 11/16 Mabel Maynard
- 11/24 Marisa Casciano



- November 1 Holy Eucharist
- November 8 Morning Prayer
- November 15 Holy Eucharist
- November 22 Morning Prayer
- November 29 Holy Eucharist



*Save the Date*

- 11/07 Community Food Drive
- 11/10 Vestry Meeting (Zoom)
- 11/17 Book Club Meeting
- 11/24 Clothing Drive Pack-Up
- 11/22 Angel Tree



**Book Club:**  
The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Tuesday, November 17. We will be reading *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

And in December we will be meeting on Tuesday, December 8. We will read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

With these selections we worked from the notes and lists of previously suggested titles. Under separate cover a bit later this evening, I will be sending you a list CJ gave to us. It is from her granddaughter's honors English class I think she said. CJ, please clarify if I misstated where it came from. And our December selection comes from this list. And very few of us have read it!

Stay well and enjoy our lovely fall weather.

Happy Reading,

*Melissa Haseley*



issue.

The deadline for the December issue is Tuesday, November 17. 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



**ELECTION DAY**

**VOTING INFORMATION**

Don't forget to vote!  
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.







**Holiday Food Drive:** Grace Church will again be holding a drive-through, contactless food drive to benefit the Newington Food Pantry holiday food drive. The drive will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 8:30 am to 1 pm in the church driveway and parking lot.

Help us give our neighbors in need a holiday meal by donating traditional non-perishable foods and ingredients to make holiday meals. While any and all non-perishable foods will be gratefully accepted, think traditional holiday meals: boxed mashed potatoes and other potato mixes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, green beans, corn, French's fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, pie crust mix, pumpkin pie filling, fruit pie filling, quick bread mixes, vanilla pudding mix, cornmeal, sweetened condensed milk, mole sauce, mixed nuts, olives. Grocery store gift cards and cash will also be accepted. Please contact Melissa Haseley if you have any questions.

*Melissa Haseley*  
*Food Drive Coordinator*



## Weather Closing

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



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**QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	<b><u>SEPTEMBER OPERATIONS</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date OPERATIONS</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL 2020 BUDGET</u></b>
Pledge Income	\$ 5,263	\$ 56,483	\$ 55,513	\$ 79,304
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>	\$ 5,456	\$ 79,074	\$ 83,106	\$ 118,534
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	(\$ 6,151)	(\$ 73,126)	(\$ 106,327)	(\$ 140,342)
<b><u>NET CHANGE:</u></b>	(\$ 695)	\$ 5,947	(\$ 23,221)	(\$ 21,808)
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 28,215		<i>End 2019 Checkbook:</i>	\$ 22,206





Creative Energy Team  
November 2020

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

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We will be collecting clothing & the items listed below through Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Please put all of your items in plastic garbage bags. Bring them to the front entrance at Grace Episcopal Church - Newington and leave in the plastic bins at the front-main entrance.

\*For church members please put your bags in the nursery. It is on the first floor, last room on the left.

This is what we are collecting - all kinds of clothing for men, women & children, coats, shoes, boots, sneakers, sandals, belts, pocketbooks, wallets, linens - bedding items such as sheets, blankets, comforters & quilts, fabric table clothes, fabric napkins & curtains, bathroom items such as towels, bathroom rugs & fabric shower curtains, area rugs, decorative pillows, kitchen towels, beach towels.

For questions contact the office at 860-666-3331. Someone will get back to you if you leave a message. Thank you for your donations; they help support our church & the work we do within our community.

**Face Masks**

Lorraine Belyea and Valerie Dumont have face masks available if anyone needs one or wants to purchase one. They are made with really good quality quilting material, come with a sewn in bendable nose piece and a removable filter. The face masks can be hand or machine washed. The filter must be hand washed. Call Lorraine at 860-666-3959 or Valerie at 860-690-0727. Thank you.

Val Dumont

Lay Ministry Schedule  
9:00 AM

	<b>November 1</b>	<b>November 8</b>	<b>November 15</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>November 29</b>
	All Saint's Day Holy Eucharist	23 <sup>rd</sup> Pentecost Morning Prayer	24 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost Holy Eucharist	Last Pentecost Morning Prayer	1 <sup>st</sup> Advent Holy Eucharist
<b>Supply Clergy</b>	Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller
<b>Deacon/LWL</b>	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz/Walt Parker	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz	
<b>LECTOR 1</b>	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	JoAnn Cromwell
<b>LECTOR 2</b>	Walt Parker	Karen Halpert	Walt Parker	Karen Halpert	Walt Parker
<b>PRAYERS</b>	Karen Halpert	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Beverley manning
<b>USHERS</b>	Nancy DiPrato	Jane Stewart	Brandon & Kathy	Mark & Kathy	Nancy DiPrato
	Lorraine Belyea		Johnson	Shoemaker	Lorraine Belyea
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Marie Ritchie	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato	Pat Rogorzenski	Pat Rogorzenski
	Elissa Schumann	Jane Stewart	Jane Stewart	Elissa Schumann	Elissa Schumann
	Barbara Johnson	Candy Casciano	Candy Casciano	Marie Ritchie	Marie Ritchie
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning	Melissa Haseley	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
	Nancy DiPrato	JoAnn Cromwell	Nancy DiPrato	Lorraine Belyea	Lorraine Belyea