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Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

# *PACE OF GRACE*



# *2017*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Third Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	29 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	30 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group – MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	31 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	1 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	2 6:30 PM Creative Energy Team Craft Night	3 9:00 AM Zumba - PH
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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*

## *June, 2017*

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

*From the  
Missional Priest*



Dear Grace Church Family,

As I write this short piece for The Pace, we are on the cusp of Pentecost. On this first Sunday in June, we will celebrate the festival often called the birthday of the church. We will bring to an end the Easter season and we will launch into what is the longest season of the church year which stretches out to the first Sunday in Advent. It is no accident that this season of "ordinary time" is as long as it is. It needs to be because its theme is the discovery of what it means to be the church and how we are to discover and use the multitude of the Spirit's gifts bestowed on us at Pentecost and given in a way that allows all of us, regardless of who we are and in whatever language is ours, to embrace and respond to the work of the Spirit in carrying out God's mission of reconciliation and love. We often feel complexly unprepared and ill-equipped to participate in this work but, in reality, we have all the resources we need in the gifts of the Spirit which are uniquely ours. But part of the problem is that many of us don't recognize the variety of the gifts that we have received. We can name some of our gifts, generally the ones that are most familiar to us but this is often an exercise we are reluctant to talk about or even to acknowledge for fear of being thought to "blow our own horn." Beyond the obvious gifts, we each possess gifts that, for a variety of reasons, we have not yet unwrapped. What I am suggesting is that we use this season of "ordinary time" to look for these hidden or unacknowledged gifts and consider how we might bring these to the fore for the work of the church.

How might we do this? It is not all that complicated but it does involve being open and responsive to God's call to each of us. We all share in the work of responding to vocation (call) but we need help sometimes to act when God calls our name. You could think about seeking out a "gifts partner" who is someone who knows you well and whom you trust to be open and honest with you. Ask your partner to help you list the gifts you have and also to share the gifts which they see in you that you may not be aware of or ready to acknowledge. The next step would be to discuss how you might offer these gifts for the work of the church. You might then reverse roles so that both of you have an opportunity to unwrap the "hidden gifts." If you need help in exploring your unwrapped gifts, feel free to speak with CJ or with me. I can only imagine what we may all discover as we uncover the fullness of the Spirit's gifts in our own lives and in the life of this community of faith.

Faithfully,

David+



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday in June

	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Day of Pentecost June 4, 2017	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
Trinity Sunday First Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2017	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Canticle 2	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Proper 6 (11) Second Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2017	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)	Psalm 116:1, 10-17	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Proper 7 (12) Third Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2017	Genesis 21:8-21	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:34-39



- 06/09 Kathleen Shoemaker
- 6/10 Michelle Dumont
- 6/10 Christopher Page
- 6/14 Charlotte Buckingham
- 6/16 Mari Merwin
- 6/20 Karen Halpert
- 6/20 Ann Pasek
- 6/21 Barbara Block
- 6/24 Marianne Doolittle
- 6/29 Ann Lockery



- 06/06 Martin and Valerie Dumont
- 06/13 Paul and Jeanne Bailey
- 06/29 Walt and Jeanne Parker



*Save  
the Date*

- June 2nd: Crafting for Fall Festival
- June 5th: Special Property Committee Mtg
- June 4-11 Host Family Promise
- June 13th: Vestry
- June 15th: Music Therapy with Mei-Tsen Chen
- June 17th: Book Club Meeting
- June 27th: Creative Energy Team Meeting
- June 28th: Pastoral Care Meeting



**HI-NOON** - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and short excursions. All are welcome!

**June 5, Monday** - Annual Picnic, Parish Hall & Patio – Meal provided – volunteers for salads/ desserts, Donation for meal.

**July 18, Tuesday** Lobster Roll & Hammonasset Park – Meet at Church 12.00 Noon – Following lunch of lobster rolls, hot dogs or kielbasa roll the group will have a short stroll on the beach and visit the new Meigs Point Nature Center

**September 7, Thursday** Stanley Whitman House – Farmington, Following bag lunch in Parish Hall, car pool to historic house

**October 16, Monday** Gouveia Vineyards, Wallingford – Meet at Church at Noon – Bring lunch & appetizers to share / eat at winery. All beverages – wine, soda, water – must be purchased at the winery.

**November** - Planning in progress

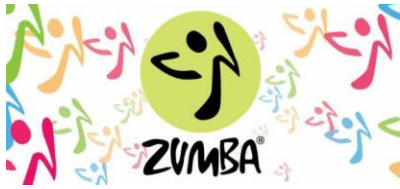
**December 4, Monday** Christmas Party – Lunch provided, Donation for meal

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**January 8, Monday** Fun and games in Parish Hall, Bring bag lunch and snacks to share.

**February 5, Monday** Movie Matinee, Bring bag lunch and movie snacks to share. Movie to be announced.

**March TBD** Restaurant Adventure



ZUMBA GOLD with Wendy – for the young-at-heart. You will find ZUMBA GOLD to be a great combination of dance, aerobics and...FUN! If you haven't tried it yet, you MUST join the PARTY and see how much fun working out can be!

If you have not worked out in a while, or you are concerned that you will not be able to keep up or learn the steps – DON'T WORRY! I will show you how to do the moves and, together, we will get you on the road to fitness and fun!

Zumba Gold is designed specifically for those students who want to join The ZUMBA dance party, but need to go a bit slower, without all the jumping around! The class is one hour and includes a warm-up, routines designed to raise the heart rate, some balance work and a cool-down/stretch.

The current schedule:  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
Saturdays from 9:00am - 10:00am  
(There will be no class on Saturday, June 17 or June 24)

Always FREE for Grace Church members!

Non-members: \$5.00 per class drop in rate. Special pricing punch card is available for non-members who wish to purchase 5 or 10 classes.



**Music Therapy:** Mei-Tsen Chen has been invited to perform on the piano for part of NAMI Farmington Valley Music Therapy Program on June 15, 2017. This will take place at the Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road, Avon, CT. Please call 860-673-9712 to register to be in the audience. Program starts at 6 pm, Mei will be playing at 7 pm.



Creative Energy Team  
June 2017

We had a very busy spring. There were five fundraisers!!! It sure was busy. They all did very well, especially our spring Tag Sale.

Our first fundraiser was selling pansies. The pansies were beautiful this year. They sold out. We raised \$55.50. We also sold two different styles of floral bouquets for Easter. They were also a sellout. This raised us \$206.15.

Thank you to Jeanne & Walt Parker for organizing these two fundraisers this year.

Next was our yearly Tag Sale. It was a very busy day starting early in the morning. We had 15 outside vendors buy spaces for \$15.00 each, which helps our overall total. New for this year we sold coffee, doughnuts, hotdogs and cold drinks. We had a small grill donated to Grace Church. Thank you to Marty Dumont for getting it working. Thank you to our Cook... our Deacon CJ Puskarz for helping run this part of the day with help from Chelsea & Elizabeth. There are so many people to thank for all their help...whether it was months & weeks before the Tag Sale, the week before or the day of. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work. The workers in alphabetical order are. Shirley Adams, Lorraine Belyea, Tom Camacho, Paul Crosswaith, Nancy DiPrato, Marty Dumont, Michelle Dumont, Karen Halpert, Melissa & Neil Haseley Kathy & Brandon Johnson, Laura Lynch, Mari Merwin, Lynn Page, Kathy & Mark Shoemaker, Nancy & Steve Tatsapaugh. Thank you to Lynn Page for coordinating the Tag Sale this year. Thank you to Melissa Haseley for all her advertising efforts. We have made a few changes for next year to make it even easier!! We raised \$998.66 this year.

In the same week we attended the ECW Luncheon at the Aqua Turf and sold our prayer beads & religious jewelry. We had a great time, sold lots of jewelry, enjoyed a delicious lunch and heard a great speaker. We will be going again next year. Thank you to Lorraine Belyea, Nancy DiPrato, Pat Rogorzinski, Elissa Schuman and Karen Halpert for all their help this year. It was really appreciated. Our sales were \$324 this year.

Last week on May 22nd we had our "Pizza for a Purpose" at California Pizza Kitchen. It was a delicious lunch and/or dinner. I saw many parishioners enjoying a nice rainy day lunch. I also know some people had dinner that evening and some had takeout. It was a nice change. The food was great. The service was excellent too. Thank you to Laura Lynch for setting this up. We will wait patiently for the total raised.

All of our spring fundraisers raised \$1556.20. We are waiting for the Pizza for a Purpose total from California Pizza Kitchen.

We have two major fundraisers coming up this fall. Our 5th Fall Festival is Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9am - 3pm. We have our invitations out to the vendors, Music by EdNa will be playing. Our cooks will be making hot chili that day. We are busy making more crafts to sell. Come be a part of this fun event. It is great fellowship with lots of laughs!!!

Also for the first time this year we are featuring a Holiday Musical - Silent Auction event on Saturday December 2, 2017 from 6-9pm. Mei Tsen will be coordinating the holiday music selection with some guest artists and a sing along. There will be a variety of offerings and baskets for the Silent Auction along with delicious desserts, wine, cool beverages and hot coffee. An evening for all to enjoy!!!

As we get ready for the Fall Festival we are looking for someone to work along with us to help facilitate the Silent Auction. I hope one or two will be able to find time to share with us in this fundraiser. Please remember there are jobs large and small for all abilities. Any and all the help will make the next two events spectacular!!

The Creative Energy Team is donating, from their proceeds, two teak benches for our outside front entrance. Please sit and enjoy some quiet time outside looking at our beautiful gardens or have your coffee and a conversation services. Also donated will be a white wicker table and four chairs for our back patio so we can enjoy the gardens in the back. Thank you to Marty Dumont for delivering the white wicker set and for picking up, putting together and delivering the teak benches. It is really appreciated!!

The next craft date is Friday, June 2nd at 6:30pm in the Music Meeting Room.

The next Creative Energy Team meeting is Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30pm in the Music Meeting Room. We will be taste-testing various muffins at the craft date and our monthly meeting.

If you have any questions, ideas or would like to help please contact Valerie at 860-690-0727 or Lynn at 860-666-1835.

I hope to see you all this summer enjoying time outside or inside helping with our fall fundraisers.

Valerie Dumont



The Grace Church Book Club gathered on Saturday, May 21 to discuss the last book of Jane Smiley's *100 Year Trilogy: Golden Age*. The group was slightly smaller than in the past as it seems that some members were glad to be

done with the Langdon's, the Iowa farm family and their descendants chronicled in the series. As Nancy Beilman, the discussion facilitator, put it, "the book club members were happy to finish up the series and keeping track of the many, many characters. It was fun discussing how the various character's lives were ended."

The next book club will be Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 4 pm in the church library. The book selection is *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Olive Kitteridge*. The June book is a powerful story, immersed in the nuances of human relationships and mother/ daughter bonds in particular. Kathy Shoemaker will be the facilitator.

For September we will be reading *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly, a fascinating piece of space history that most people don't even know about. It is a wonderful, inspirational story. While these women endured many hardships working in the Jim Crow south, they made significant contributions to aeronautics, astronautics and America's victory over the Soviet Union in the Space Race. It should be required reading by all.

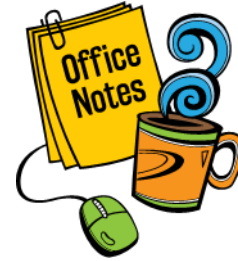
Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



### Summer Garden Watering

There are watering tasks that you can sign up for as we have asked for the last few summers. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The schedule is a week at a time from June 5 to September 23. The watering includes the pots and urns in the Memorial Garden, the bee and butterfly garden in the front, the side garden by the kitchen door and the hanging plant in the front. The hoses will be set up and the "key" to turn on the spigots will be in an accessible place. And of course the weeding can be done at any time, so our summer mantra is "if you see a weed, pull a weed". And if everyone did that, the weeds would be kept at bay and our gardens would look well maintained.



The deadline for the July/August Pace of Grace is Friday, July 21st. 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.

Summer Office Hours: Please note the office will be closed on Friday in the summer. Office hours will be Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5 and Thursday 11-5.

*Debbie Forrest*



We have switched florists to Weber's in New Britain as they will deliver to us for free and they are open on Saturday in the summer. The minimum donation for flowers for the Altar is \$30 set by the florist. Please remember specify on your flower form if you want specific flowers in the arrangement.

There are many dates on the calendar still open. We do not have flowers during Advent or Lent. During the summer and fall months if you have flowers in your garden and want to bring them to put on the Altar please let the Altar Guild know this so we can have the proper vase to hold them in as we have some donated vases. Thank you

*Elizabeth Welk, Directress*







**Training:** Anyone who will be volunteering for Family Promise and plans to interact with the families is required to partake in a 2-hour training session. The next training session is scheduled for Sunday, June 11 from 12 - 2 pm at Mill Pond Church, 2175 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, 06111. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Cromwell or Mabel Maynard. Also let them know if you be attending the training session so we may let know how many from Grace will be in attendance.

**Volunteers Needed:** At present there aren't any families to host until possibly Wednesday this week (through June 4<sup>th</sup>) that will be hosted at the Day Center in New Britain (40 Cornelius Way). Several churches have each taken a day to cover from 5 pm until 7:30 am. JoAnn and I took Saturday, June 3rd for Grace Church. We need your help to cover a meal for the evening, continental breakfast in morning, bag lunch fixings and snack for the family. We also need two activity volunteers from 5:30 - 8:30 pm, and two overnight angels. If you have already gone through the training let either JoAnn Cromwell or Mabel Maynard know how you would like to help. Thank you in advance for your ministry to this family.

FPCC first graduate from the program was a family of a mother and 2 daughters who moved into their own apartment Thursday. Congratulations to them.

Be sure to attend a training session so that YOU can volunteer at Family Promise of Central CT! (See above.) Our scheduled weeks are June 4 - 11 and August 6 - 13.

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** FPCC's official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm on the steps of the Day Center, 40 Cornelius Way, New Britain. There will be remarks by Mayor Erin Stewart and others. Light refreshments will be provided. Please join us!

Please be sure to follow FPCC's Face book page, for updates on our affiliate progress. There's always something happening at Family Promise of Central Connecticut.

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**Lay Ministry Schedule  
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

	<b>June 4, 2017</b>	<b>June 11, 2017</b>	<b>June 18, 2017</b>	<b>June 25, 2107</b>
	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>1 Pentecost</b>	<b>2 Pentecost</b>	<b>3 Pentecost</b>
<b>LECTOR</b>	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard
<b>MINISTER OF COMMUNION</b>	Lynn Page	Kathy Johnson	Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Karen Halpert	Karen Halpert	Liz Welk	Karen Halpert
<b>PRAYERS</b>	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie
<b>USHERS</b>	Nancy Beilman	Mark & Kathy	Nancy DiPrato	Jane Stewart
	Marianne Doolittle	Shoemaker	Lorraine Belyea	Paul Crosswaith
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Walt & Jeanne Parker			
<b>NRRRC-10:30am</b>		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
<b>HTFD REGIONAL</b>		JoAnn Cromwell		
<b>CTR-12n</b>				
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Elissa Schumann	Elissa Schumann	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato
	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Pat Rogorzenski	Pat Rogorzenski
	Candy Casciano	Candy Casciano	Elizabeth Welk	Elizabeth Welk
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Melissa Haseley	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning	JoAnn Cromwell
	Nancy DiPrato	Lorraine Belyea	Paul Crosswaith	Bette Forcash