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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; S=Sanctuary; PO=Pastor's Office; C=Chapel; MR=Meeting Room; CR=Choir Room; K=Kitchen

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	1 Labor Day	2 8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C 6:30 PM Fund-Raising Committee MR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	3 4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	4 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	5 6:30 PM Craft Workshop MR	6
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To renew, to serve, and
to accept all people, as
we grow together in
Christ.

Pace of Grace

September, 2014

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Welcome Back All You Apostles!

Dear Grace Church Family,

It hardly seems possible but the summer, for all practical purposes, is over. The unofficial end of the season will come as we celebrate Labor Day and as we watch our children return to their academic pursuits in school or college. Yes, the restful, at least I hope is that is what this summer has been for you, season is over and it is now time for us to turn our attention to the next steps in our journey of faith. It is time for us to remind ourselves that there is much work to be done as we continue to live in to God's call to us to be active members of the community of the way. Our transition work goes on apace and we look forward to having it bear fruit in the nearer future. In the meantime, there is much to do. As Saint Paul reminds the Christians in Rome, all of the gifts of the community, no matter how insignificant they may seem, are vital to carrying forward God's mission. Over these summer months, we have clarified our mission statement at Grace and are in the process of ratifying goals for the Parish to shape our work together in the months ahead.

In order to enlist the gifts of the many and not just the few, we will be holding a ministry fair and a Welcome Back Potluck on Sunday, September 21 following the 9:00 service which will be held in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting). The various ministry teams and other parish organizations will have information and sign up materials to encourage you to extend your apostolate in new or expanded directions. We need and invite your active participation so please don't be shy and hide your gifts under the proverbial basket.

In case you have forgotten, we are organizing our work together under the APOSTLE paradigm as a way of reminding all of us that we are the apostles upon whose shoulders rests the mission work of the church. As we were reminded in the Gospel reading a few weeks ago, Jesus asked the disciples to tell him who the people thought he was. They offered a number of answers but then he asked them the more important question, "who do YOU say that I am?" That is the question that we as contemporary apostles must also answer and then as the twentieth century theologian Paul Tillich suggests, we must confront the next and perhaps the more urgent question, "what are you going to do about it?"

As part of what you may choose to do about it, I hope that you will prayerfully consider renewing and, hopefully, expanding your ministry as an apostle. We need all of us to be actively engaged. In case it has slipped your mind over these summer months, our APOSTLE ministry teams are:

- † Administration (the nuts and bolts of keeping things moving forward and supporting the work of all of the teams)
- † Pastoral Care (looking after the wellbeing of all of the apostles in this place and in the broader community)
- † Outreach (seeking out and serving those beyond our own Grace Church Community who are in need of God's presence through us in their lives)
- † Stewardship (promoting the faithful use of the time, talents and treasure that God has entrusted to our care)
- † Teaching and learning (designing and carrying forward a full program of Christian formation for ALL the members of the parish family)
- † Liturgy (shaping and helping to design how we worship together when we gather to offer our prayers and praises)
- † Evangelism (helping to find ways for all of us to tell the stories of our own faith journeys so that we may bring others to know Christ as their Lord and Savior)

I look forward to welcoming everyone back as we begin another program year. I will see you at the Fair.

Faithfully,

David+



CALL FOR SINGERS OF ALL AGES AND EXPERIENCE!!

The Choir would love to have some new members this year! Whether you read music or just love to sing, we will teach you the notes and have fun in the process! There are no auditions and rehearsals are conveniently held on Sunday mornings from 8:15-8:50am before the service and then 10:30-11:30am (give or take on either side depending on service length) after the service. Even if you can only join us for special holidays, we would be very happy to have you sing with us!



From Martha

Here is an update from our organist/choir director:

With the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, I traveled to Italy this summer. We were exposed to the art, architecture, music, and culture of each city through guided tours, lectures, and concerts. Some highlights...

- Ravenna: We sang Palestrina's *Sicut Cervus* in the Basilica of San Vitale, as we did in almost every church and cathedral we visited. Singing Italian Renaissance music in the cathedrals for which it was composed was one of my favorite parts of the entire trip. The spaces were again being used for their original purpose, not just as a tourist space. Seeing Dante's burial site and hearing world-renowned scholar Peter Hawkins speak about him here was also quite an experience.
- Siena: This typical medieval city is home to a very large Cathedral that is architecturally famous for the black and white marble used throughout the building. We also learned about the medieval chants and songs associated with St. Catherine of Siena.
- Florence: The Baptistery of the Duomo was probably my favorite place to sing. We had a private tour of the building and were able to lay down the floor and stare at the gorgeous ceiling mosaics for quite a long time. We also participated in Vespers at one of the monasteries in the city. There are many beautiful cathedrals in Florence, but climbing up Brunelleschi's dome on the Duomo was

artistically fascinating and made that my favorite cathedral in the city.

- Orvieto: On the path of pilgrims travelling from Florence to Rome, Orvieto is home to a gorgeous Cathedral. This gothic-style Cathedral towers over the small city and houses 15th-century Dante-inspired frescoes.
- Rome: Of all Italian cities, Rome is probably the most culturally inspiring and historically fascinating. The layers of history are apparent in Rome in an overwhelming manner. We participated in a vespers service at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. We saw Tchaikovsky's ballet *Sleeping Beauty* in the Opera House. We descended through layers beneath the ground of churches such as the Basilica of San Clemente to see previous structures, all the way down to ancient Roman houses and then 1st century house churches. Seeing the catacombs was also quite an experience. It was also wonderful to hear Masses being sung in churches throughout the city.

Martha Brundage



- 09/06 Jeanne Bailey
- 09/14 Phyllis Backofen
- 09/16 Lynne Goodwin
- 09/18 George Johnson
- 09/18 Michael Gaydos
- 09/20 Beverley Manning
- 09/25 Robert Belyea
- 09/25 Donald Buckingham
- 09/27 Manny Aguiar
- 09/29 Bette Forcash



- 09/26 John and Dale Anne Whalen



Our annual Backpack and School Supplies Drive for the children at the Prudence Crandall Center continues into September. In just one month, we collected 25 backpacks filled with school supplies and lunch boxes. Since school begins before Labor Day, our gifts were given to Susan Bibisi, Development Director at Prudence Crandall on August 17. She took a few minutes at the end of our service to share some of her experiences about working with children whose mothers have been victims of domestic violence and how important and appreciated our donations are. Thank you very much to all who gave. If you have not made a donation but would like to support the Prudence Crandall Center, we are accepting packs and supplies through the middle of September. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Tatsapaugh at ntatsapaugh@snet.net.

Nancy Tatsapaugh



Save the Date

- September 21, 2014** – Welcome Back Pot Luck Lunch and Ministry Fair. See more information below
- October 5, 2014** – Blessing of the Animals and The Animal Embassy Educational Fair.
- October 25** - Church Fair. See more information below.



CWU in CT Fall Gathering

The Fall Gathering of Church Women United in CT. will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at First Congregational Church, UCC in Guilford, Ct.


The theme of this event is "Through God Our Hands Can Serve" and the speaker will be Elder Darryl Copeland, founder of Pinnacle Praise Ministry.


The cost is \$15 until October 1, 2014 and \$20 after October 1. There will be fellowship, worship and lunch. SERRV (products made by people in third world countries) will be for sale.


Contact JoAnn Cromwell at 860-667-0030 for more information, which will also be available in future Sunday bulletins.


JoAnn Cromwell




 Deadline for October *Pace of Grace* - **Tuesday, September 23rd**. Please, make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly.

 I am planning on being on vacation the second week in October. Please let me know if you can cover the office while I am gone.

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

 Please notify the office of your email addresses. We would like to send more information by email when possible. Just send a blank email to office@gracechurchnew.org.

 Office hours during the fall will normally be 10:00am – 2:00pm, Tuesday and Wednesday and 10:15am-11:15am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm on Thursday. The office will normally be closed on Mondays and Fridays.



Art Riihimaki



We have about 9 vendors and we are still looking for more to fill all of our spaces. Ladies of Grace, if you knit, crochet, sew or so some other craft, we would like donations for our Grace Church table. We will do more crafts for the fair on Fridays, September 5 and 26, at 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the meeting room and Saturday, September 20 from 10 to 12 noon after the community breakfast in one of the downstairs classrooms. Our next regular committee meeting will be Tuesday Sept 2 2014 at 6:30 in the meeting room. Please contact us if you have any questions: Lorraine Belyea, Valerie Dumont, Jeanne Parker, Jane Stewart, Lynn Page, Meagan Balducci, or Liz Welk. THANKS, THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE.



Thanks So Much!

-  The members of our Discernment Committee who have been faithfully meeting during the summer.
-  The members of our Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for worship every week



Welcome Table Breakfast

The Welcome Table Community Breakfast

continues to attract new visitors each month as well as a small group of regulars who have come to depend on it not only for a hot meal but also as a social outlet.

The breakfast is always held the third Saturday of the month from 8 am to 10:00 am. The remaining dates for 2014 are September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20.

Sign-ups are in Narthex at the beginning of each month. It is a satisfying way to serve the community as well being a great fellowship event for the parish. Please join us.

Melissa Haseley



There will be an important meeting of the Altar Guild, Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 at church. Please be there.

Barbara Block



Hi-Noon Group

**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. We will car pool. Admission fee for seniors is \$6.00.

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.

Note - This is a change of date from our usual First Monday.



Camp Washington is the residential camp and conference center owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. For almost thirty years, a benefit golf tournament has raised funds to help support summer camp programming and provide much needed financial assistance to children who otherwise might not be able to attend the camp.

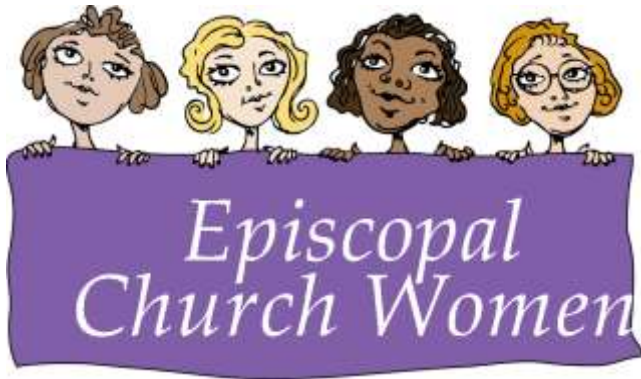
This year, the Bishops' Open for Camp Washington will be held on Thursday, October 9th at Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington, CT. The tournament begins at 9 AM. The format is four person best ball; you may register an entire foursome or as an individual. The entry fee is \$125 per golfer; if you register before September 1st it is \$100. The entry fee includes greens fees, 18 holes of golf, a cart, practice balls, use of the practice range, and an awards luncheon after golf. If you are not a golfer but wish to join us for lunch, the cost is \$25.

If you should have any questions or wish to register, you may contact the camp directly at 860-567-9623 or www.campwashington.org.



On September 21, 2014 we will share a pot luck brunch, and also learn more about our new APOSTLE ministries here at Grace. The APOSTLE Team Leaders will be on hand to explore the various ministries with you.

So, mark your calendars, decide what dish you would like to bring to share and browse around at what the APOSTLES (all of us) are doing here at Grace. See you there!



The National ECW board meeting was held in Province I on August 21 – 26 at St. Edmund's Retreat Center on Enders Island Ct, (near Mystic Ct.).

On Saturday, August 23rd the women of Province I were invited to meet with the board for fellowship and discussion. JoAnn Cromwell, Mabel Maynard and Liz Welk attended. The day began with Bishop Laura Ahrens of CT. celebrating Eucharist in the chapel; we sang hymns and it was so pleasant to have the organ playing in the background. What a joyful noise!

After lunch the President, Rev. Deacon Nancy R. Crawford, of the NECW talked to us about the Triennial meeting to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2015. She then introduced the representatives from the Provinces 1-9 of the NECW across the country, including Hawaii and Dominican Republic.

A great time was had by all!

Mabel Maynard



FINANCE REPORT

After a minor net negative for the month of July, August will certainly end up as a net positive to our General fund balance despite the anticipated summer slow-down. With one more Sunday of receipts to go as I write this, our balance is down less than \$100. All our bills are paid, and the estimated month-end payroll is included in the Salary figures shown below. There shouldn't be any more emergency August bills, and any income from the 30th (Augst's fifth Sunday) will only add to the checkbook balance to start off our fall activities with.

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

INCOME	<u>August</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	EXPENSES	<u>August</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
<i>Beginning Checkbook:</i>	\$ 4,407	\$ 3,898			
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 7,170	\$ 67,016	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$ 5,148)	(\$ 42,327)
General Receipts:	\$ 382	\$ 3,148	General Expenses:	(\$ 1,991)	(\$ 18,226)
Use of Church Building	\$ 1,162	\$ 8,302	General Utilities:	(\$ 764)	(\$ 11,546)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 65	\$ 1,038	Fund Raiser Expenses	(\$ 0)	(\$ 239)
Church Fair	\$ 95	\$ 330	Fair Expenses	(\$)	(\$)
			Grounds (Snow/Lawn)	(\$ 640)	(\$ 8,353)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
"B-to-B" & Special:	\$ 52	\$ 826	Capital Campaign Exp	(\$ 0)	(\$ 200)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 5	\$ 245	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 55	\$ 233	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 12)	(\$ 640)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 1,336	Diocese Pledge	(\$ 1,302)	(\$ 10,416)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 567	Outreach:	(\$ 100)	(\$ 2,306)
Miscellaneous	\$ 0	\$ 160	Miscellaneous Forward	(\$ 0)	(\$ 160)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 1,500	\$ 13,800	Rectory Rent to M.Mkt	(\$ 0)	(\$ 1,000)
			Audit Fee	(\$ 550)	(\$ 1,100)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Total Received:	<u>\$10,486</u>	<u>\$ 97,001</u>	Total Paid Out:	<u>(\$10,507)</u>	<u>(\$ 96,513)</u>
			<i>Ending Checkbook:</i>	\$ 4,386	\$ 4,386

Our CPA has almost finished our 2013 financial review, so we will have our "audit" back to the Diocese at the beginning of September. Our summer finances ended up staying fairly balanced and we have not yet had to use any of the \$4,500 budgeted from reserves to be available in support the General Fund. I look forward to the excitement of our renewed fall activities, and hopefully a successful year-end.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer

Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update:

At the end of August, the overall Money Market account balance should be **\$52,415**. Of this amount, the major elements are: \$25,322 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 (\$6,231) and are being installed. The new office copier has been received and paid for, (\$3,880), and the old Risograph duplicator lease has been terminated.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer