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

PACE OF GRACE



September *2017*



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Thirteenth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 Labor Day	5 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group – MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	6 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	7 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 12:00 PM Hi Noon 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	8	9 9:30 PM Creative Energy Team Meeting – MMR
10 Fourteenth Pentecost Welcome Back Sunday! 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	11 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	12 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Vestry - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	13 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	14 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR,	15	16
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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*From the
Missional Priest*



Welcome Back – Where Do We Go From Here?

Dear Friends at Grace Church,

I hope that you all have had a restful and enjoyable summer. *Welcome Back Sunday* (September 10) marks the beginning of our program year and the familiar, as well as some new, activities that come with it. Please consider your gift of time and talent as we embark on this next part of our journey together. Beyond the familiar pattern there is one particular opportunity that will present itself later this fall. On December 3, the First Sunday in Advent, our Bishop Diocesan, Ian Douglas, will join us as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the consecration of our building. This celebration will offer us the chance to consider where we have been, where we are, and where we are going as God's people on a mission in changing and challenging times and further, to the role in the life of this baptismal community that the building has played, and may continue to play, in our life together. Bishop Ian will lead a congregation-wide discussion following the 9:00 service on that Sunday to help explore the issues of what may lie ahead, opportunities for mission, challenges that lie ahead and the role our property (buildings and grounds together with other assets) may play in discovering and exploring that which lies ahead for Grace Newington. In the paraphrase of the motto of Berkeley Divinity School, this is an opportunity to venture *into the regions which lie beyond*.

In preparation for our conversation of December 3, there will be the opportunity and indeed the expectation of completing some "homework" during October and November. There will be more information and directions in ***The Pace of Grace***. In the meantime, if you have questions, please speak with Vestry members, CJ or me.

It is a joy to see you as we begin this new year!

David*



Bible Readings *for the Month*

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

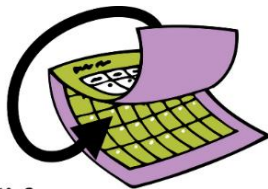
	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17) September 3, 2017	Exodus 3:1-15 or Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 101:1-6, 23-36, 45c or 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Labor Day September 4, 2017	Ecclesiasticus 38- 27:32	Psalm 107:1-9 or 90:1-2, 16-17	Corinthians 3:10-14	Matthew 6:19-24
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) September 10, 2017	Exodus 12:1-14 or Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 149 or 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Holy Cross Day September 14, 2017	Isaiah 45:21-25	Psalm 98 or 98:1-4	Philippians 2:5-11 or Galatians 6:14-18	John 12:31-36A
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) September 17, 2017	Exodus 14:19-31 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Psalm 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
St. Matthew September 21, 2017	Proverbs 3:1-6	Psalm 119:33-40	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Matthew 9:9-13
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) September 24, 2017	Exodus 16:2-15 or Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
St. Michael and All Angels September 29, 2017	Genesis 28:10-17	Psalm 103 or 103:19-22	Revelations 12:7-12	John 1:47-51



- 9/2 CJ Puskarz
- 9/6 Jeanne Bailey
- 9/14 Phyllis Backofen
- 9/18 George Johnson
- 9/20 Beverley Manning
- 9/20 Fr. David Parachini
- 9/25 Robert Belyea
- 9/25 Donald Buckingham
- 9/29 Bette Forcash



- 9/16 Laura and Colleen Bielitz



*Save
the Date*

- September 7th: Hi Noon
- September 9th: Creative Energy Team Meeting
- September 10th: Welcome Back Sunday
- September 12th: Vestry Meeting
- September 23rd: Book Club Meeting
- September 24th: Liturgical Committee Meeting
- September 25th: Property Committee 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!

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



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the annual School Supplies Drive for the Prudence Crandall Center. The children and their mothers and the staff appreciate our help and look forward to a successful school year.

Nancy Tatsapaugh



Creative Energy Team
September 2017

THE FALL FESTIVAL 2017 IS FAST APPROACHING!!!
There are 8 weeks or 56 days left!!
Oh my...there is a lot to do!!

This year's date is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
from 9am - 3pm.

GRACE'S CAFE will be open from 8am-2pm. We will be having our delicious Grace's Cafe Fall Chili made by Mari Merwin and Marty Dumont, along with hotdogs, pizza and an assortment of beverages. Desserts can be bought at the Sweet Treats table.

GRACE FILLED CREATIONS - Lorraine Belyea & Nancy DiPrato will be taking care of this table. They, along with a few others, are creating many items for our table. The ladies and men have been busy cutting, creating, painting, knitting, and crocheting. We make high quality handcrafted items. Are you available to help with a craft? Are you doing something to create something to donate? Many people took home some yarn earlier this year...are you finishing up your creations? We will be announcing some more upcoming crafting dates. Look for your email blast for crafting dates.

SWEET TREATS & BAKE SALE TABLE - Barbara Johnson, Jeanne Parker and Norine Barr will be running this table. Start looking over your recipes. Decide what to bake so we know what to plan for when we ask you to bake!

The Baked Goods and Sweet Treats committee heads, Barbara Johnson and Jeanne Parker, plan on making phone calls but if you don't receive one please call one of them to see what you can bake. Anything that can be packaged in smaller amounts such as cookies, brownies, small loaves, or a sweet treat in a sealed packaged bag would be great.

MUSIC - Will be provided by our own Nancy Tatsapaugh with her group EdNa.

ARTISANS, CRAFTERS & VENDORS - We still have available space for Artisans, Crafters and Vendors. If

you know of someone interested, please speak to Lorraine Belyea.

HOW YOU CAN HELP? - There are many other jobs for the Fall Festival 2017. If you had a job last year that you liked or something you would like to try this year, please let us know ahead of time. You can let Valerie Dumont, Lynn Page, Lorraine Belyea or Melissa Haseley know. We will do our best to accommodate you.

We, of course, will need help all day on Friday for set up, the day of and for cleanup.

We also will start getting our Grace Filled Creations items ready to set up and price. There are other jobs and days we will be working and your help is always welcome. The other jobs where your help would be greatly appreciated are:
Painting the new date on the large and small lawn signs.
Help with making the chili with our own recipe. We usually make it on a Saturday, two weeks ahead of time, and then freeze it.
Help taping of the floor on Thurs & Fri before the Fall Festival.
Help with last minute crafts that need to be finished. Someone can take the list of jobs and help fill it out with people you ask.
Call people to bake.
Shop for Grace's Cafe food
Last minute food shopping for Saturday
Hanging Fall Festival Flyers around town.
Putting up larger lawn signs and banners around town.
What we need most is help from everyone. Any way shape or form...
There are many other ways you can help. Just ask "What can I do to help?"
Speak to Valerie Dumont on when these jobs will be worked on. Or call me 860-690-0727

OUR GROUNDS, PARISH HALL - There is lots of outside work to be done. Of course the crazy weeds need to be pulled. Any little bit will help...even 10 mins here and there. Before or after services. Especially in the memorial garden and around the patio and side door or the butterfly garden. Some windows need to be cleaned up. Books on the bookcase need to be organized. Just some little sprucing up would be great! If you have any extra time and would like to help please speak to Melissa Haseley for what to do.

The next meeting for the Fall Festival will be Saturday September 9th at 9:30am. We will meet in the upstairs meeting room. All Creative Energy Team

members are encouraged to be there.

A SEASON OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER - Our Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long with a Silent Auction will be on Saturday December 2nd from 6 – 9 pm. Look for further details. Mei-Tsen and Melissa Haseley will be coordinating the musical piece. If you would like to be a part of the musical part, please speak to Melissa Haseley. If you would like to help with the Silent Auction, please speak to Lynn Page & Valerie Dumont.

CURIO CABINET - All items are for sale in the Curio Cabinet or the glass cubes. There are many religious themed items plus our Blessed Prayer Beads. We do have other colors of prayer beads and crosses available for sale. There are also a wide variety of themed charms to go on a necklace or bracelet. We do not have everything out that is available to sell. If you don't see something you would want just ask. We may have it packed away or we could make it for you. Items are always available on Sunday morning before or after services. Or if you call one of us we can make arrangements for to meet you to purchase the item/s.

***** Please find a way to "GIVE BACK" to our church for our biggest FUNdraiser.*****

We have something for everyone to do. There are sit down jobs, standing jobs and anything in between. Just ask "What can I do to help?"

If you have any questions, comments, would like to help or for just about anything else, please feel free to call or text one of us.

Valerie Dumont - 860-690-0727

Lynn Page - 860-841-2539

Lorraine Belyea - 860-666-3959 Or 860-549-2069

Thank you, Valerie Dumont – Co-Chair of Creative Energy Team

Valerie Dumont

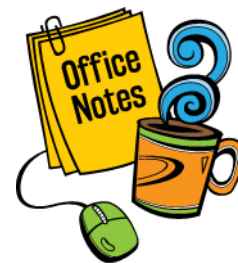


The next Book Club meeting will be on September 23rd. We will be reading *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly, a fascinating piece of space history that most people don't even know about. It is a

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. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



The deadline for the October Pace of Grace is Tuesday, October 24th. 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.

Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5; Thursday 11-5; and Friday 9-1

Debbie Forrest

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

	September 3, 2017	September 10, 2017	September 17, 2017	September 24, 2017
	13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost
LECTOR	Nancy Tatsapaugh	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Lynn Page	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Shirley Adams
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Liz Welk	Karen Halpert	Liz Welk
PRAYERS	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell
USHERS	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Marty Dumont Chelsea Belyea	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am	Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell	
HTFD REGIONAL			JoAnn Cromwell	
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Elizabeth Welk Nancy DiPrato Marie Ritchie	Pat Rogorzenski Candy Casciano Jeanne Parker	Pat Rogorzenski Candy Casciano Jeanne Parker	Kathy Shoemaker Barbara Johnson Marie Ritchie
COUNTERS	JoAnn Cromwell Bette Forcash	Beverley Manning Nancy DiPrato	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell Lorraine Belyea