



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 2018

and ALL SHALL BE WELL
All Shall Be Well
and ALL MANNER OF THING SHALL BE WELL



By now you should all be aware that my time at Grace is coming to an end ... but I haven't left yet! I'll be here until July 15 and that's a ways away. We still have stuff to do and, as I mentioned in a recent sermon, I like to get things done. I expect the coming weeks will be busy.

But as I also cautioned in the same sermon, we have to be careful not to try to take over from God. Yes, there's lots to do around here. There always is. But we need not be anxious about the work ahead of us because God is working with us. Or rather, we're working with God. (It's important to remember who's the boss.) That's what I mean when I say that we have to be careful not to try to take over from God: God's in charge. If we remember that and begin our work attempting first to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit, our work is far more likely to go smoothly. And then we can let go of the anxiety that comes with believing that the outcome of our work depends solely on our energy and abilities. God's the boss.

And God is definitely at work here at Grace. The search committee is very busy and, very appropriately, keeping their work confidential. Unfortunately, their necessary silence can be frustrating and even anxiety provoking. But I can assure you that they are indeed hard at work and that a couple of the committee members have confided that they are finding the work to be profoundly spiritual, which is a very good thing indeed. It means that the committee is listening to the Holy Spirit. And with the guidance of the Spirit the search committee will undoubtedly be led to the right priest for Grace.

Of course, I can't tell you when that'll happen. God's timing is often different from ours, sometimes maddeningly so. But God is never cruel. With the search committee hard at work following the prompting of the Holy Spirit, I can assure you that all will be well. Perhaps even surprisingly so. (God does have a sense of humor.)

I'm reminded now of Julian of Norwich, a 14th century saint. She

was an anchoress—a woman who sets herself apart from the world for God and lives isolated in a cell—and spent her life in prayer. During an illness that many believed would be fatal, Julian received 15 “showings” —or revelations—which she recorded when she recovered her health. In one of these Jesus himself addressed an issue that had long bothered Julian: why God had allowed sin into the world. Jesus said simply that it was necessary that there should be sin, but that “all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

The question that plagued Julian, why there is evil in the world, has never been answered satisfactorily. But God's reassurance comforted her and has comforted a great many since she recorded her visions. All shall be well; all manner of things shall be well. Let us all try to remember this in the coming weeks as we bustle about getting things done. Remember that God's the boss. Remember to try to follow the Spirit. And remember that all shall be well.



INTERIM PRIEST'S MESSAGE

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PRIEST ASSOCIATE'S MESSAGE

by The Rev. Canon
Michel Belt



Another month, and another issue of *The Messenger*. I've just returned from Connecticut, and the annual Clergy Conference of the Church in Connecticut or ECCT ("our" proper name for the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut). Over the past many months, I've often deferred attending ECCT-events, as I knew Fr. Max would be looking for his next job—sooner rather than later—and keeping up those diocesan connections might ease his search. So, it has been the better part of two years since I've attended anything associated with ECCT.

Last Sunday, after the 10 am service, I rushed home, packed and took off for Connecticut. My former parish, St. James in New London, hired their new Rector last summer. Since he hasn't been in place for even a year yet, I was staying with a friend who has no relationship with that parish, and maintaining my distance—from the place, as well as the people.

In many ways, it is difficult to do this. These people were my parish family for over 13 years, and I know them and love them. It is also difficult, as the place was "my" place of worship, as well as work for that same time period, and I know the "nooks and crannies" where the sun strikes the stained glass in special ways, where the dark wood of the pews and walls shines with a special luminance, places that feel especially holy in the Choir, and even places where the dust motes

"dance" in a unique way. It is hard to drive past a place, knowing that you can not go in! So, I went out of my way to come into town, and leave town, by various ways that would not take me past the church or the rectory.

At the Conference, I would meet the new Rector for the first time. I have to admit my curiosity was peaked. What would he look like? What would we have to say to each other? What might he want to know—about the place, about the worship, about the people? What, if anything, might I feel compelled to tell him? It was a place and a people who had occupied my life, 24/7, for over 13 years. I ate, lived, worked, worshipped, even slept St. James, for all that time, but now I was still living in a "forced" separation.

While I found myself sitting for those two full days (from noon Monday to noon Wednesday) with former colleagues and friends, I often found myself staring across the room at St. James' new Rector. Colleagues asked me (and I assume him) whether we had met, so, we had searched each other out. During our time together, we had had some brief conversations. And now, with the space I hope I created for him to be himself, he is working with, melding and

molding the parish into "something" new. He is, in some way, making it his own. He is adding his imprint to those clergy who have served the congregation in that town since 1725.

I know from my own experience there, that some will be open to the journey he is asking them to join him on. Some will fantasize that nothing should change, that Fr. Michel—or any of the other clergy that preceded me—were doing it right, and they should hold on to those ways. Others will, I know, be happy that change has come, and they hope to be the ones to help initiate even more, and do it more rapidly.

As with most Clergy Conferences, we had a keynote speaker, who challenged us to think in new ways of what it means to be a church. Then we were challenged to think not only of the implications of those new ways and how they personally affected us, but also how they might personally affect our parishioners. And we had time, in the midst of study, worship and prayer, to reflect on "our history" and that of our congregation. Spending time in southeastern Connecticut, that reflection centered not on Grace, but on St. James. Knowing the parishioners—both the old timers (who were there when I arrived) and those who had come during my time—it seemed easy to speculate on who might be happy to experience

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DIOCEAN NEWS

Our next Bishop

All are welcome to attend the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Carlye Hughes as the XI Bishop of Newark. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside at the service on Saturday, September 22

The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was chosen XI Bishop of the Diocese of Newark during a special convention on May 19, 2018 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown.

The first woman and first African-American to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Newark, Hughes, 59, is currently rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, TX, the Diocese of Fort Worth, and was one of three nominees.

In order to be elected, a candidate needed to receive a simple majority of votes from both the clergy and the lay delegates, voting separately as orders in the same balloting round. Hughes was elected on the first ballot, receiving 62 of 116 clergy votes and 141 of 241 lay votes.

Addressing the assembly via live video from Fort Worth,

Hughes said, "I am absolutely overjoyed and delighted that you have elected me to be the next bishop of Newark. It is with a humble and thankful heart that I accept those election results and welcome the gift of being your bishop."

After thanking the Search, Transition and Standing committees for their work, she said, "I am really aware that moments like this do not come in a vacuum. It takes a village to discern a call to the episcopacy, and it is the generous and fruitful ministries of Bishop Beckwith, the Rev. Lisa Hunt, the Rev. Canon Scott Slater, the congregations and people of the Diocese of Newark, and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas who have opened the door for us to be in ministry together, and for that I

am deeply grateful." Watch video of Bishop-elect Hughes' remarks.

Hughes was ordained a priest in 2005 after graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary, and has served as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in the continuing Diocese of Fort Worth since 2012. No stranger to the northeast, her first call was to St. James' Church on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Before ordination, she worked as a corporate trainer. She is married to David Smedley, a 20-year student aid administrator. They enjoy baseball and Broadway musicals. Their cocker spaniel, Abbey, a beloved "church dog," can be found most Thursdays on the Trinity campus.

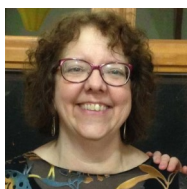
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some change, and who were probably still unhappy with the changes wrought during my tenure (there is a reason Episcopalians have often been called the "frozen chosen"), let alone want to endure any more under their new priest.

But my time as their Rector had come (in 2002), and was now gone (in 2015, with my retirement). As one of my favorite parishioners told me, my very first Sunday there, "I was here when you got here, and I'll be here when you're gone." Her comment was clearly meant to put me in my place; but, it was also incredibly prescient, not only for her, but for the majority of the parish-family. You see, clergy come and go. While many of us acknowledge that "church" is more than the building, it is those who seek its flourishing, and who want to share the "good news" of the power of Jesus Christ, in our worship space, in the community, and the world, that matter in the life of the Church.

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Rector Search
Committee Update as of June 2, 2018
Our Search Committee has worked very hard reviewing many applications. Our window of accepting applications ended in mid-May, and we are entering Phase II of the review process with our Skype interviews. After those interviews we will do hometown visits to the candidates' churches with whom we would like to continue discussions so that we can get a feel for their preaching and presence. Overall the search is proceeding as planned, and our work is progressing well.



MUSIC AT GRACE

by Anne Matlack

Musical Sundays in Spring

In May we once again had children participate in New Jersey Elementary and Junior High All-State Honor Choir. In my position as President-Elect for New Jersey American Choral Director's Association, I was privileged to welcome the audience of 1,200 on behalf of the two sponsoring organizations, ACDA and NJMEA. In doing so I realized that I have been sponsoring students from Grace Church in Madison for 20 years! So I can say first hand I know how the students' experience here really stays with them for the rest of their lives, and they return to their own choirs as leaders and cheerleaders for the choral art. It is so important to have these kinds of experiences, especially in this day and age when many are lacking in non-virtual experiences, and experiencing loneliness, alienation and anxiety.

Choral music is a wonderful "gateway drug" to the arts, exposing us to great poetry and literature, as well as music, the process of working together very hard for a common goal, collaboration, and world cultures. Much is made of music and test scores—you definitely heard math realized when the JH choir subdivides 6/8 into all its permutations in their conductors' wonderful Shakespeare setting ... but beyond test scores, choral music can feed us for our whole lives, and give us transcendent experience of us all becoming more than the sum of our parts. In short, as the meme says, "earth" without "art" is just "eh".



Summer is a great time to see Dr. Anne for some RSCM ribbon training—musicianship, voice, music theory and liturgy— or novice training for new choristers 2nd grade and up!



RSCM Promotions

Congratulations to Luke Deane for achieving his light blue ribbon, and to Claudia Sydenstricker for becoming one of a very few choristers to achieve red ribbon! This represents much hard work and service on the part of these choristers!

Congratulations especially to this year's participants of Honor Choir from Grace.

(L to R) Sigourney Bradshaw, Avery Benjamin, Madeline Weilandy, Claudia Sydenstricker, Luke Deane (not pictured Carl Steffens)



GRACE COMMUNITY MUSIC

Let the River Run

Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 pm; and
Sunday, June 3 at 7:30 pm



Student composition winners:
Reshma Kopparapu &
Carl Hausman

As in past years, the June concert will also feature the winner of Harmonium's Annual High School Composition Contest. This year's first-place winner, Reshma Kopparapu, is a 12th grade student at Newark Academy in Livingston, New Jersey, who plays piano, oboe and violin. Previously, her compositions earned second place in the 2015 and 2017 Harmonium Choral Society Composition Contest.

Harmonium will also perform the second-place composition by Carl Hausman, a senior at Mount Olive High School who is an accomplished cellist and member of the robotics team. In addition, several

other student composers will be honored: third prize winner CJW Van Der Wende, a junior from Oak Ridge, and honorable mentions David MacMillan, a senior at Vernon Township High School; Justin Witwick, a senior at Cranford High School; and Henry Marinovic, a freshman at Madison High School.

"I am amazed at the talent and persistence of our high school composers this year. It really gives me hope for the future of choral music!" exclaims Dr. Matlack. All students who submitted scores are to be commended, and we look forward to sharing two of the winners with the audience. As always, the rest of the program is quite eclectic and showcases the solo and percussion talents of the group composed of over one-third music teachers or professional musicians."

General admission tickets for "Let the River Run" are \$25 (\$20 for students and seniors—age 65+).

Visit: www.harmonium.org for more information.

The acclaimed 100-voice chorus sings eclectic settings from the Renaissance to today and world music from Russia to Cuba, and composers ranging from Palestrina to Copland to Whitacre, the Carly Simon song of the same name.



Summer Evensong

Saturday, June 23

5:00 pm, here at Grace

Members of the Grace Choirs and friends will present an Evensong featuring *Preces and Responses* by Richard Webster, Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, who will be directing the RSCM Newport Course this summer which some of the choir will attend. It will also feature gorgeous music by Herbert Brewer, Rheinberger and more. A festive British type reception is being planned (Pims and cucumber sandwiches?) Please see Dr. Anne if you would like to help or contribute!

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A little about Evensongs

In the time of King Henry VIII and the beginnings of the Anglican Church, Bishop Thomas Cranmer combined the evening prayers of Vespers and Compline into one act of worship: **Evensong**.

Evensong, "evening song," is said or sung monthly or weekly in many American Anglican churches, and daily at many British cathedrals. Evensong is a beautiful and calming candlelight service.

EXPERIENCE GRACE

Mystery Dinner

It is 1948.

The group is gathered together at the Culinary Institute of America to honor the Institute's Great Chef Alan Davies who is receiving the highest award in the culinary world – The Edmond World Class Culinary Award.

Unfortunately there is news that he was murdered that afternoon! Some of the people who are gathered have been invited; others have forced their way in ...





Each of the guests were assigned a character role in advance. They dressed up as their character and performed as their character at the dinner party. The goal was to give and get information so that each person could decide who did it, why, and how. This was not only a fund raising event – it was also a fun way to socialize and get to know fellow parishioners.



Thank you to the Host Team!
Dora Monserrate,
Bruce Rudin,
Allison Garde, Bev
and John Wand.



Successful Confirmation Service

A big thanks to Rev. Belt for another successful year of leading our group of twelve youths to their Confirmation on Sunday April 29, 2018. Additionally one adult was Received into the Church. The confirmation service at Grace, led by Bishop Mark Beckwith, also included confirmands from across the Diocese literally filling Grace Church with family and friends of the honorees. Our usher crew did yeoman’s work before, during and after the service.

The work of conducting classes and organizing the service with the Diocese is significant and not visible to most of us – so **THANKS AGAIN FR. MICHEL!!**

AND congratulations to:

- Joseph Anthony Bartolomeo
- Kathryn Lynne Blount
- Jeremy William Hilden
- Amanda Lauren Ito
- Niamh Marie Kane
- Mia Grace Melchior
- Keira Mae Munter
- Claire Elizabeth Siebert
- Sarah Rose Ten Broeck
- Clark William Wagner
- Cole Anthony Wagner
- Francis Edward Wulff
- Nicolas Luigi Zarbin



MUSIC

Choir Recognition Sunday



Sunday, June 10 during 10 am service

We promise we can do this without making church too long! We will sing K. Lee Scott's wonderful *Chorister's Prayer* in place of the Gloria. Our combined African anthem will feature the Gargoyles and all choirs with Eric Roper on drums, and the Daughters of Zion will sing Schütz's *Cantate Domino* as the psalm.

We give crosses to singers who have completed their first full year in School Choirs, and the ribbon colors change for the rest to signify their many years in choir. Our head choristers Peri Munter, Elizabeth Monkemeier and Noah Wilde will be giving senior sermons that day, and festive hymns and organ music round out the day. Musical note-shaped cookies at coffee hour, followed by an open house at Dr. Anne's (20 Pine Ave, Madison) for choir families.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HEGG LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Peggy and Kirk Oakes will be this year's recipients from Grace Church. They will be honored on June 10 at the *Senior Ministries Evensong* at St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

Reception is at 3:00 pm; followed by Evensong and awards at 4:00 pm. Bishop Beckwith will preach.

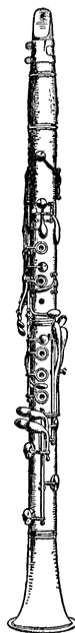
All are welcome to come. No need to RSVP. Carpooling is encouraged.



Charlie Jurgensen, who retired in 2016 after serving thirteen years as Veteran Service Officer for Morris County, was invited to give the keynote address at the county's Memorial Day celebration held in Morristown on May 23.



The Daughters of Zion will sing at Sidewalk Sounds at the Madison Farm Market on Thursday, June 21, at 4:00 pm Stop by, shop for great produce and enjoy some beautiful music!



Elizabeth Monkemeier will give a senior clarinet and vocal recital here at Grace Church on Sunday June 17, at 1:00 pm.

All are welcome!

I N - R E A C H

Suddenly Need Some Help?
Call GraceNOW!



GraceNOW! is a group of volunteers who are offering to help fellow parishioners in sudden need of some assistance. It's a simple idea: need some help with something? Then call a friend ... one of your fellow parishioners.

Find yourself in sudden need of a ride, perhaps to and from a medical procedure? Laid up and your dog needs a walk? Can't reach a lightbulb that needs to be changed? Need your mail taken in while you're away? Or some plants watered? Caring for a family member and suddenly realize you also have to do some shopping? Need someone to watch a toddler while you take your other child to the doctor?

These are just a few examples of things GraceNOW! is willing to help with. Simply give one of us a call and we'll try to help, assuming, of course, we're not dealing with one of our own problems at that very moment.

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| Wade Kirby | (973) 766-4388 (cell), (973) 538-3500 x 17 (office) |
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If you're interested in adding your name to this list of potential helpers just contact Fr. Max: (973) 377-0106 or gracemadisoninterim@gmail.com

An opportunity to help



If you would like to lend a hand by preparing meals for Kit Cone, who is currently undergoing medical treatment for cancer, you can sign up to help on the website called Lotsa Helping Hands:

www.my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/kits-caring-community

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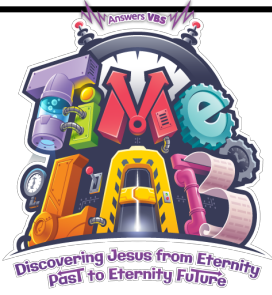
The next Grace Community Soup Kitchen supported by Grace Church will be on Tuesday, June 19, at Redeemer in Morristown. The sign-up sheet for providing food or working on Tuesday is now on the bulletin board outside Grace Hall (sign up deadline is June 11).

Our support of the Soup Kitchen has been an integral part of Grace's outreach and has been supported by a long line of our parishioners over the years. The Community Soup Kitchen has been operating for more than 30 years and has been open every day for those 30+ years! Along with serving lunches each day, they provide daily breakfasts, meals for children who aren't getting school meals during the summer (more than 150 lunches a day), and collaborate with more than 20 other agencies to bring services to those in need.

W O R S H I P



Our next baptismal services will be during the 10:00 am service on June 24, July 1 and November 4 (All Saints' Sunday.) Speak to one of our clergy if you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Vacation Bible School
TIME LAB
July 16-20, 9 am-noon

Now imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important person ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time. We'll do just that with the *Time Lab* Vacation Bible School. We'll use key words to help us remember that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

Enrollment for VBS is now open to all campers. There are many opportunities to volunteer; teens can receive community service hours! For more information, contact Dr. Elias at GraceMadisonKids@gmail.com

Summer Children's Chapel will take place at our outdoor chapel. We ask that parents sign-in your children at the playground at the rear of the parking lot beginning at 9:45 am Sunday mornings. In case of unfavorable weather, we will move the Children's Chapel to the Godly Play Room, located in the lower level of the church.

We also ask that you consider signing up to help chaperone Children's Chapel throughout the summer months. Please see Dr. Elias for more information.

HEALTH SCREENING

Free Vision Screening

Dr. Marco Zarbin, a Grace parishioner, and Chair of the Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Science, Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, at Rutgers University, has offered Grace parishioners an opportunity for a free screening vision examination, right here at Grace! While some details are still to be worked out, Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School will provide their diagnostic equipment and the staff to offer the examinations after services one Sunday. Unlike most visits for an eye exam, the screening will be non-mydratic. In other words, screening will not require eye drops to dilate the pupils due to the nature of the screening equipment used. Because this is just a screening, they will not be

offering prescriptions for corrective lenses. The sole purpose of the screening exam is to determine whether you have a vision-threatening eye disease.

They will be testing and screening everyone who shows up, but watching especially for major causes of vision loss, including diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, and glaucoma. If the staff discovers an eye problem, they will alert you to the diagnosis and advise you to see your optometrist or ophthalmologist. If you don't have an existing doctor, they will offer guidance in seeking appropriate consultation. If necessary, consultation with an off-site ophthalmologist will be provided using a robot!

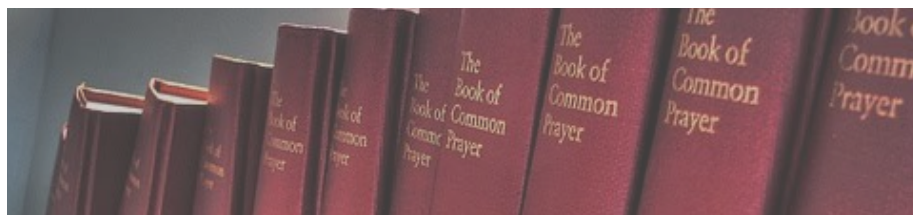


So what are the details, you ask?

- Sunday, June 24, after both 8:00 and 10:00 am services.
- Each examination takes about 10 minutes (and, no pupillary dilatation!)
- The screening will take place in Nieman Hall.

This is for anyone who needs their vision tested, and is willing to commit to the testing.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of Grace Hall. Don't miss this generous offer and opportunity!



Our Summer Liturgy

As we did last year, this summer we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C when we celebrate Rite II Eucharists. As you know, we use both Rite I (“thee” and “thou” traditional language) and Rite II (“you” and “me” contemporary language) here at Grace. In Rite I there are two different Eucharistic prayers that we might use: Prayer I or Prayer II. In Rite II there are four different Eucharistic prayers to choose from: Prayers A, B, C, or D.

Prayer C, which we’ll be using this summer, is distinctive in several ways. Although it has ancient roots, it’s a recent composition. It was drafted by Capt. Howard E. Galley, who was the shepherd of the effort that created the Prayer Book we now use. Like some Eastern prayers it contains much congregational response. There is special emphasis on the creation, more than in any of the other prayers. And the prayer reminds us of the Old Testament drama of God’s continuing effort to draw humanity back to God’s self.

You might have some fun, one quiet summer afternoon, pulling out your BCP and comparing the various Eucharistic prayers to discover their differences and decide which one is your favorite. Some time ago Fr. Michel and I discovered that we each favor the same prayer: Prayer D. This prayer is adapted from the Liturgy of Saint Basil and is dated to the time of Basil the Great, who died in 379. Saint Basil’s prayer is noteworthy for a number of reasons in addition to its ancient roots: it is used widely, it has broad scope, and it appeals to both Eastern and Western Christianity.

This summer at Grace we will also be using the contemporary translation of the Lord’s Prayer. Although many of us have always prayed the Lord’s Prayer using the traditional language found in the BCP, it’s good to remember that other translations exist and are used (some of us may remember praying to be forgiven our debts as we forgive our debtors, rather than talking about trespasses). In addition, the contemporary version of the Lord’s Prayer better matches the language of Prayer C.

While discussing our liturgy, this is a good opportunity to remind you of a couple of things we do at Grace that are important. First, our bishop praises and thanks us for our life of prayer: we are the only parish in the diocese to offer public worship every day of the week through our celebrations of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and/or the Eucharist. And at each of these daily celebrations every individual on our prayer list is mentioned out loud. If you believe in the power of prayer as I do, you know what an important contribution our prayer life at Grace is to our parish and community, and also to the diocese and the world.

~Fr. Max

Farewell Reception for Fr. Max and Paul

Friday, July 6, 2018
6:15–8:30 pm
Grace Hall

Max’s last day at Grace, it is very sad to say, will be Sunday, July 15, and plans are being made for a reception honoring Fr. Max and Paul and their amazing service to Grace. Please hold the date.

If you would like to help with the reception please contact Tom Honohan.



MASTERWORK CHORUS

Summer Sing

Wednesday, July 11
7:30 pm

Faure’s *Requiem and Cantique*
J. S. Bach’s *Cantata 140*.
Dr. Anne will conduct,
Katie Hendrix and Eric Roper
will be the soloists.
Come listen or sing!

Singers: \$15 ticket
includes score rental.

Just \$7.50 for students
and listeners.

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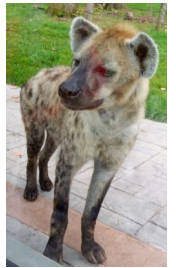


Sign up for the Adult Tour

Sunday, June 10
at 1:30-3:30 pm.
Hosts: Dora Monserrate
and Evelyn Callahan

Join docent Dora
Monserrate for an
interesting tour of TBZ. This tour will cover
topics such as animal habitat, feeding,
enrichment, behaviors, zoo history and ethics.
You will also learn about mature behaviors
that maintain species survival and keep life
interesting.

Participants are welcome to spend
free time before or after the tour (10
am-4:30 pm) on their own to see the
zoo areas not included in the tour.
You will be informed in advance
about the areas not to be included in
the tour.



Cost per person: \$40 (\$30 for Zoo members)
includes admission to the zoo. Parking is free
but if there is interest, a car pool from Grace
Church at 1:00 pm. Contact Dora Monserrate
with questions at doramonserrate@gmail.com

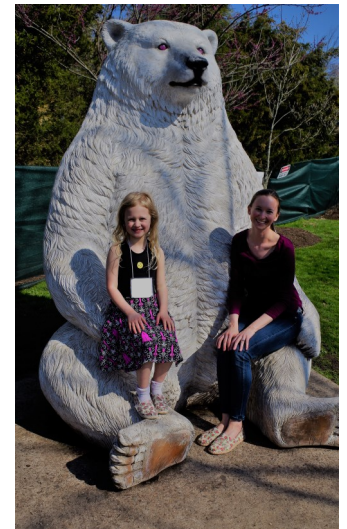
Sign up on the bulletin board in Grace Lobby.

Family Fun at Turtle Back Zoo



Albiston family photo at the end of the tour.

On April 28, thirteen children and
twelve adults attended the Turtle Back
Zoo family tour that was led by
Evelyn Callahan with support from
Dora Monserrate.



Resting with the polar bear.



*Birthday Girl visits zoo,
discovers Party Animals!*





GRADUATES!



Edward Cullen graduated from Montclair State University on May 25 with a B.A. in History and Political Science. He spent the fall 2016 semester studying at the Anglo-American University in Prague, Czech Republic, and interned at the International Executive Service Corps in Washington, DC in the summer of 2017.

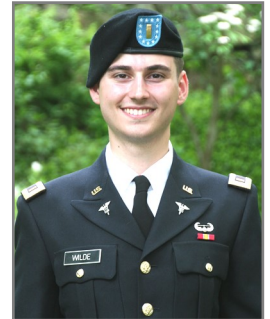


Cindy Donough received a Master of Education in Educational Leadership with a concentration in The Inclusive Classroom from TCNJ. She took classes during summers and on weekends from 2016-2018.

This May, **Jessica Ling** graduated from Fairfield University Egan School of Nursing with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN). Upon the completion of the Nursing Boards (NCLEX), she has accepted a position at Overlook Medical Center in Summit NJ in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Learning Residency Program.



In May, **Nicholas Wilde** graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the US Army as a Second Lieutenant. He will report to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where as a Lincoln Labs Fellow he will be earning a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from MIT.



Croft M. R. Kirby graduated from the Forman School in Litchfield, Connecticut on Saturday, May 26. He will attend Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York in the Fall of 2018.



Hallie Wilde signed her first professional ballet contract and will be dancing with Manassas Ballet Theater (just outside of Washington, D.C.) for their 2018-19 season. She will continue her education with the University of Cincinnati through online classes.

Reade B. H. Kirby graduated from the Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Connecticut on Sunday, May 27 and will attend St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York this Fall.



This May, **Natalie Harris**, daughter of Susie Harris, graduated from Susquehanna University with a BS in Business, Marketing. (Both Susie and husband Harry graduated from Susquehanna!)

Noah Wilde will graduate from Madison High School in June. He will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



We know there are many more accomplishments to celebrate. Send your announcement & photos, we'd love to include them in the July/August newsletter. Email to GraceCommNJ@gmail.com



Combining Talents for Spring Cleanup

Over twenty-five Grace Layweeders and Yale "Day of Service" volunteers worked together to beautify our grounds on May 5, also known as May Day in Madison. Seven cubic yards of mulch was distributed and seven flats of flowers were planted by parishioners and friends between the ages of seven and seventy wearing bright yellow May Day T-shirts. A large brush truck donated by Hickory Tree Landscaping was filled to the top by 11:00 am.

In addition to the cleanup activities, young volunteers helped Charlie Jurgensen locate veteran's graves in the columbarium and put flags next to them in preparation for Memorial Day.

Thanks to everyone who came and worked so hard. We will let Mother Nature take it from here!

Laura & Audrey Bendelius
Judy Jurgensen



K I D S



Summer Children's Chapel will take place at our outdoor chapel beginning Memorial Day Weekend. We ask that parents sign in your children at the playground at the rear of the parking lot beginning at 9:45 am Sunday mornings.

In case of unfavorable weather, we will move the Children's Chapel to the Godly Play Room, located in the lower level of the church.

We also ask that you consider signing up to help chaperone Children's Chapel throughout the summer months. *Please see Dr. Elias for more information.*



Youth Mission Trip

Eight Grace youth and four adults have committed to head to Kentucky for a weeklong Mission Trip from July 8th to July 14th. We are looking to restart a longstanding tradition of regular summer trips (mission or pilgrimage) for Grace youth. This year, we will be working with the Henderson Settlement, a Methodist-based organization, which provides aid to those in need in the Appalachia area of Bell County. Sitting near the border of eastern Tennessee, 38% of the population lives in poverty, including more than half of all children. The per capita household income is just over \$22,000, and fewer than 10% of the residents have college degrees.

During the week, we are scheduled to build two 8'x12' porches on a trailer home for a middle-aged couple. Given that most homes in the area do not have air conditioning, it is quite common to put a very simple porch on a trailer home to give the inhabitants a place to get outside and cool off in the evening. To date, our group has raised \$2,700 through a series of fundraisers: a St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage dinner (\$1,400), a Plant Sale (\$1,000), and Christmas Parents' Day Out (\$300). The total budget is in the neighborhood of \$9,000, and each person will raise a portion of their expenses. We have also applied for an Outreach Committee grant (which would assist with the actual project itself).

In addition to summer work projects, Henderson Settlement has a Thrift Shop and a Food Pantry. They also provide personal hygiene packages, utility bill assistance, medical transportation and financial advice (budgeting) to those in need in the area. They are a one-stop shop for providing various types of care to the region. This will be quite an experience for our young people! Watch for pictures and stories after we return.

Drew Minicourses at Madison Public Library

The Friends of the Madison Public Library and Drew University's Caspersen School of Graduate Studies jointly sponsor the Drew Minicourses, now in their 26th year. Each non-credit course is one and one-half to two hours per week for five weeks. Tuition for one course is \$95. Additional courses for one individual are \$65 each.

"Looking and Thinking Outside the Box" with Dr. Barbara Tomlinson

"Musicals on Film" with Dr. Robert Butts.

"The Reformation at 500: a study of the Political, Religious and Intellectual Climate from 1500 to The Council of Trent" with Dr. David Cowell.

The courses are given in the Chase Room of the Madison Public Library. Registration began for three summer courses that will begin the last week of June.

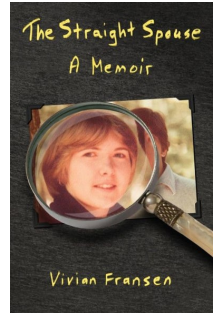
More information call Drew University (973) 408-3118 or www.drewminicourses.org.



Women of Grace Book Group

June 18, 7:00 pm

We will have a special guest—Vivien Fransen, author of *The Straight Spouse: A Memoir*: a love story about a woman who is married to a man who turns out to be gay—and how she deals with it in unexpected ways. As always, you are most welcome.

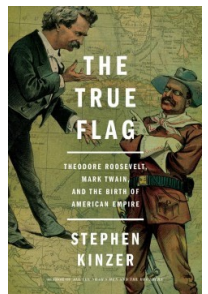


Looking ahead: July's book will be *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. ~ Joan Nolan (973) 267-2638



Men's Book Group

June's book is *The True Flag* by Stephen Kinzer. There are 12 books in the Morris system, all 12 are available. The meeting will be on June 19 at 7:30 pm at Tom Bintinger's home. Contact Bruce Rudin with any questions brucedora@verizon.net.





Rummage Sale *2018 Edition*

Many worked multiple days and many hours – hundreds of hours of volunteer time! Food and drink was provided by parishioners including homemade sandwiches and cooked meals. Estimate for total sales is ~\$13,000. We will be selling more valuable items on-line, so, we should get more income in the coming weeks. Kudos to Ruth Deane and Heather for the wonderful pre-sale party which raised \$2,300! Thanks to Barbara Hughes for bringing great volunteers from her youth program!!

Thanks to the 70+ volunteers!



Michel Belt
 Laura Bendelius
 Bruce Bensley
 Linda Bowden
 Carlotta Budd
 Laura Burgess
 Kit Cone
 Mary Lea Crawley
 Heather Crimmons-Fraser
 Chris Cullen
 Ruth Deane
 Phillip Deane
 Kian Deane
 Georgeann DiGiovanni
 Diane DuBrule
 Ginny Easley
 Julia Gard-Zuzick
 David Gates
 Nancy Gates
 Susie Harris

Doug Harter
 Al Himmelsteib
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 Judy Jurgensen
 Cathy Kellstrom
 Kirsten Kellstrom
 Mark Kellstrom
 Michael Kellstrom
 Wade Kirby
 Paul Kline
 Eliot Knight
 Mike Kostial
 Charlie Love
 Kimbo Love
 Teddy Love

Ginger Maione
 Cordelia Manning
 Mia Melchior
 Melissa Meola
 Anne Meyer
 Dora Monserrate
 Barb Montague
 Monty Montague
 Kathleen Munter
 Tina Munter
 Peter Munter (jr)
 Peter Munter (sr)
 Marilyn Musielski
 Kirk Nixon
 Sue Nixon
 Joan Nolan
 Peggy Oakes
 David Partridge
 Missy Partridge
 Sam Partridge

Eleanor Rawitz
 Mary Rooney
 Ted Roper
 Janet Ross
 Ernie Schoellkopff
 Susan Steele
 Susan Streater
 Stuart Sydenstricker
 Claudia Sydenstricker
 Hilary Tabish
 Ruth Tranberg
 Evangeline Tross
 Beverley Wand
 John Wand
 Hallie Wilde
 Stacy Wilde

If we've missed your name – sorry but let us know!

FUNDRAISING



Rummage:
The Swift Departure

The AAUW (American Association of University Women) came to Grace to take any remaining books from our sale for their big book sale June 7-10 at St. Elizabeth's Mahoney Library.

There were enough in their crew that they also packed up the books they didn't want (there weren't too many) and the remaining games for us to include with the big Salvation Army load in the Grace Lobby. The Salvation Army truck arrived later than expected, sometime after noon, and Eleanor couldn't wait for them. Tom helped the SA men load the truck as he had helped the AAUW women load their vehicles in the morning, and the truck was loaded before 2 o'clock. The SA men took almost EVERYTHING—just a couple of pieces of upholstered furniture. Big YAY!

That's absolutely just about as good as it gets for disposing of post-Sale Remains of the Day!! Some good, advance planning, and some good luck were involved, but the keystone to today was the 2018 Rummage Sale Maestro, Tom Honohan.

Bravo!
Bravo!
Thank you!
Thank you!



The most stylish of fundraisers

This April, Laura Norwalk Bendelius organized, orchestrated and held a *Worth New York* and *W Collections* sample sale which raised over \$3000 for Grace Church! Thank you to Laura and all the volunteers who helped set up the clothing and provided refreshments; and especially to those who came and shopped!

A Fall Clothing Sale??
You can make it happen!

We are considering having a clothing drive and sale this September—provided we have volunteers to help! Hopefully, this combo fundraiser & community outreach will fit into your schedule.

Proposed timeline: *Collection* would start Sunday, September 2; *Sale Day* would be Saturday, September 8.

Work required: Sorting and organizing clothing during the collection week, and working on the day of the sale.

Pros: It is a much simpler event than the Rummage Sale. • It's perfect for those who love sorting, stacking, and organizing. • the privilege of freely using the word "stage" or "staging." • The Sale promotes **reuse** of perfectly good clothing. • Give us all a good reason to clear out those closets. • Offers affordable Back-to-School and winter clothing. • Unsold clothing will be donated to grateful charities like *Elsie's Closet*, *Dress for Success*, and *North Porch*.

Con: A number of volunteers are needed to commit to make this fundraiser/outreach a success.

John Wand, who has previously chaired clothing sales, is happy to oversee this effort and would love to make this happen.

Can we count on you? If so, please email either:

John Wand (wandbandj@aol.com) or
Tom Honohan (thonohan@mac.com)

and let them know how you would like to help. Thank you!

GRACE COUNSELING CENTER



An Antidote to Anxiety

by the Rev. Joanne S. Miller, M Div., Certified Psychanalyst

The greatest peril of misplaced worry is that in keeping us constantly tensed against an imagined catastrophe, it prevents us from fully living.- Seneca

These are anxious times in which we live... or are they? Is anxiety a given reaction to events in our lives and in our world, or are there other ways of interpreting these events?

The great first-century Roman philosopher Seneca examined anxiety and worry, both real and imaginary, and the mental discipline of overcoming them. In Letters from a Stoic, he points out to a young friend that, "There are more things likely to frighten us than there are to crush us; we suffer more often in imagination than in reality. What I advise you to do is, not to be unhappy before the crisis comes; since it may be that the dangers before which you paled as if they were threatening you, will never come upon you; they certainly have not yet come. Accordingly, some things torment us more than they ought to; some torment us before they ought; and some torment us when they ought not to torment us at all. We are in the habit of exaggerating, or imagining, or anticipating, sorrow."

As long as we live in fear, we are braced for an imagined catastrophe, and we are prevented from living in the here and now. Take some time to examine your own thoughts - how much energy do you spend worrying about what might happen instead of being fully present in the moment? How could you change your thoughts and adopt a less anxious mindset, one that is not so focused on what may or may not happen, but rather grounded in what you know today? Your imagined fear is just that, imagined. You can look forward to a better future with a different perspective.

How to Create a Healthy Life

A series of free talks at Grace Counseling Center

Come join us for the last workshop in the series of discussions to help you create a more meaningful life.

This month's discussion:

"Why won't my child listen to me?"

(challenges of parenting)

on Tuesday, June 5, at 1:00 pm.

The presenter is Ryan Williams, M.A.

Please RSVP to (973) 822-0707
SPACE IS LIMITED.

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY OF
THE MADISON AREA
INVITES YOU TO:

Meet the Muslim next Door

Potluck Appetizers

Ramadan Iftar

(Fast-Breaking)

Tuesday, June 12

at 7:00 pm

Presbyterian Church of Madison,
Sanctuary
19 Green Ave., Madison

Panel Q&A about Islam will be followed by food and fellowship! Please bring an appetizer to share as we celebrate and break the Ramadan fast together. *Please no recipes with pork or alcohol.*

SAVE THE DATE
Grace Counseling Center Fall Fundraiser
Night of Comedy
Friday, September 14.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



May was “Roof Month” around Grace Church. Pictured left is the roof at Hayes House, aka Grace Counseling Center, being replaced.

One other smaller roof on the Old Rectory has also been replaced, in addition to several minor repairs.

TECHNOLOGY

New Command Central



Grace recently engaged in an I.T. infrastructure upgrade. This upgrade included the purchase and professional installation of a Dell PowerEdge 330 server to replace the aging and unstable desktop that doubled as server and workstation; a Netgear 48 Port Gigabit Switch that replaced our ancient network hub, which could only deliver a data transfer rate of about 6 Mb/sec.; a patch panel to easily add devices to our network; and a new Netgear Gigabit Router.

For those who like this sort of thing ... this is just the sort of thing they will like.

During the installation about 500 feet of excess network cabling was removed from the computer room floor as well, reclaiming a sizeable footprint of useable space. In addition, four workstations, that were nearing about a

decade in service, were replaced with new Dell Optiplex 3050 desktop computers. These computers load and transfer files and software much faster, leading to a noticeable increase in work productivity. 24/7 technical support, cloud-based backups and antivirus/firewall software are also included in this upgrade.



HOLY DAYS

Monday, June 11
ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, June 25
NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (*transferred*)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Friday, June 29
ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLES
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Wednesday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I & Healing Prayer

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Friday, June 1	6:15 pm	First Friday Potluck, <i>Grace Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Presentation: Opioid Epidemic,</i>
Sat., June 2	7:30 pm	Harmonium Concert, <i>Grace Church</i> <i>followed by reception</i>
Sun., June 3	Bring a Friend to Church Day!	
	10:00 am	Acolyte Recognition & Senior Sermons
	7:30 pm	Harmonium Concert, <i>Grace Church</i> <i>followed by reception</i>
Tues., June 5	6 am-8 pm	Primary Elections, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Sun., June 10	10:00 am	Choir Recognition <i>Last Day of Sunday School</i>
	4:00 pm	Festive Evensong and Hegg Awards, <i>Reception preceding at 3:00 pm</i> <i>St. Peter's Church, Morristown</i>
Sun., June 17	11:30 am	Sunday School Celebration, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Sat., June 23	5:00 pm	Summer Evensong, <i>Church</i>

Ongoing Weekly Groups

2nd Sunday	9:00 am	Buildings and Grounds Committee
Mondays	9:30 am	Tai Chi, <i>Grace Hall</i>
1 st Monday	7:00 pm	Mindfulness for Adults, <i>Senior High Room</i>
1 st Monday	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care, <i>Nieman Hall</i>
3 rd Monday	7:30 pm	Finance Committee, <i>Library</i>
3 rd Monday	7:00 pm	Women of Grace Book Group, <i>Nieman Annex</i>
4 th Monday	7:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Craft Guild, <i>Library</i>
3 rd Tuesday	7:30 pm	Men's Book Group, <i>see Bruce Rudin for location</i>
3 rd Tuesday "even" months		Grace's Day at Community Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays	10:15 am	Women's Meditation & Centering Prayer, <i>Library</i>
	noon	AA (Men's Group), <i>Grace Hall</i>
2 nd and 4 th Wed.	7:30 pm	Survivors of Suicide, <i>Library</i>
Fridays	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Waverly Place Restaurant</i>

Sign up to help out at coffee hour

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cafab2ea0f94-sunday



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