



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Summer 2024

Meredith McKeever selected for Youth Presence at General Convention



Meredith poses next to a booth that happens to bear her name.

Meredith McKeever will be one of just 18 young people selected to have a seat and voice at the 81st General Convention as part of the Official Youth Presence.

The General Convention, which normally meets every three years, is The Episcopal Church's governing body. It comprises the House of Deputies, with nearly 900 clergy and lay deputies elected from the church's 108 dioceses and two area missions, and the House of Bishops, with around 140 active and retired bishops.

This year General Convention will meet June 20-28 in Louisville, KY. Among the business to be conducted is the election of the 28th Presiding Bishop for a nine-year term that begins Nov.1 when they succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Across the country young people applied for the 18 spots – two youth from each of The Episcopal Church's nine provinces.

In the Zoom interview that was part of the application process, Meredith reports, "They asked me a lot about how I am active in my church and what I do in my church. And then, what change I want to see in the church, what I can do at General Convention, and then most importantly, what can I bring home from General Convention and implement into our diocese and into our parish?"

About that last question, she said, "The things I'm most passionate about are creation care, especially in our area where things are so congested; and accessibility within the church, making the church a place of refuge."

After their selection, the 18 youth traveled to Louisville in February for four days of orientation and training.

In addition to learning about parliamentary procedure – with

which Meredith is already familiar from having served as a Diocesan Convention youth deputy as well as participating in the Harvard Model Congress through her school – she received training about how to speak effectively at General Convention, reporting, "On the general convention floor, you only get two minutes to speak at a time, so it's important that you speak confidently, you speak loudly, but you put it out there, you get your point across and you're done."

In interview with our Diocese, Meredith said, "I think that the youth are quite possibly the most important voice at General Convention. And they're really the ones you should be listening to. We often get ignored. And people are like, 'Oh, my gosh, the youth aren't coming to church anymore.'

"You should be listening to us."





Women of Grace at Crossroads with retreat facilitator Carrie Allport.

Financial Update

This report covers from
January 1— March , 31, 2024

Total Income

Budgeted Amount \$ 229,100
Actual Amount \$ 228,100
Actual: Under Budget (\$ 1,000)

Total Expenses

Budgeted Amount \$ 226,900
Actual Amount \$ 206,500
Actual: Under Budget (\$ 20,400)

Net Ordinary Income \$ 21,600
Budget \$ 2,200
Net Income (\$ 19,400)

Summary

Financial results for the first quarter of the calendar year show positive results for *Net Income* with an actual surplus of \$21,600 versus a year-to-date budget projection of \$2,200. In large measure this result was due to lower than expected expenses with actual expenses of \$206,500 versus a year to date budget projection of \$226,900. But the extent of the shortfall in expenses is largely a matter of timing and the budget remains essentially on target for about break-even on a budget total of about \$900,000.

To make this outcome possible our hope, as in all years, is that everyone remains current on their pledges, which are far and away the largest component of our income.



You are invited to the 2024 Hegg Lifetime Achievement Awards

Judy and Tom Honohan will be this year's recipient of the Hegg Award from Grace Church. The Hegg Awards are given annually to members of our diocese who are over 60+, long-standing, active members of a congregation and who make contributions to the congregation

and/or the diocese. Please plan to attend on June 9 at St. Peter's Church, 70 Maple Ave, Morristown. Reception at 3PM, followed by an Evensong at 4PM, where Bishop Hughes will preach and the names of the honorees will be read. All are welcome to attend. No need to RSVP.

Judy and Tom Honohan, parish members for 10 years, and married over 50, have served on our Vestry and chaired our fundraising committee including leading our annual rummage sale. As warden, Tom led our parish through a rector search and transition, and also helped create the livestream team during the pandemic. Judy is chair of the flower guild and assists the altar guild. She is a funeral and wedding coordinator and leads our Women's Book and Crafters groups.

They are quick to volunteer for church events and activities and they are a shining example of service in honor of God.

CONFIRMATION



Celebration of the confirmation of Joy Elise Albiston and fellow confirmands at Calvary Church, Summit. Joy was part of the confirmation class at All Saints' Millington. Grace Church will offer confirmation next year.



Welcomed into the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism since January this year:
Charlotte Pavlik, Viola Pavlik, Kayden Patel, Elijah Camporin, Georgia Raynolds, Lorie Getchius, William Marriott, & Margaret Corvino

Our next baptismal dates are
All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024

Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025

If you or your child would like to be baptized, reach out to one of our clergy or the church office.

Senior Sermons & Choir Celebration

On Sunday, June 9th during the 10AM service some of our high school seniors will provide the day's sermon, and we will celebrate our Choir and Organist for their ministry in our community over the past year.



Would you like to sing in the choir this summer? In July and August, choir call is at 9:30 am for the 10AM service. All are welcome! Soloists and instrumentalists, speak to Dr. Anne for a Sunday summer offering slot!

Congrats to the High School Grads!



William Marinovic will graduate from Madison High School and will attend Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. William plans to study linguistics and chemistry and continue his involvement in choral music as well as theatre and string bass—both classical and jazz.



Camryn Morales will graduate from Madison High School and will attend Boston University in the fall as a student in the Communications school with a major in Film & Television.



Henri Wielandy will graduate from Madison High School and will attend Haverford College to major in Environmental Science.



Francesca Zarbin will graduate from The Pingry School and will attend Dartmouth College in the fall where she will major in biochemistry.

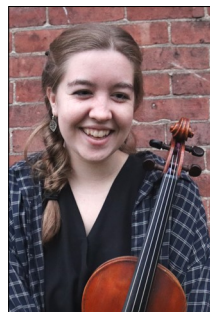


Isabel Zarbin will graduate from The Pingry School and will attend Dartmouth College in the fall where she will study Philosophy.

And to our College Grads!



Augustina (Tina) Munter graduated from the University of RI with the Award for Excellence from the School of Environment and Natural Resource Economics. She has studied all aspects of environmental economic sciences and is currently interviewing for jobs in sustainable energy and public utilities.



Kimbo Love graduated from Oberlin Conservatory with a Bachelor in Music and a concentration in Pedagogy. She plans to continue her studies at Stony Brook University, pursuing her Master in Music.



Thesis done ✓ **Catie Gilhuley** graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. *Go Tigers!*

If you'd like to share a milestone & a photo— please send to parish@gracemadison.org



Ranked as one “America’s Best Summer Camps” in 2023 by *Newsweek*, Cross Roads Camp, located in Port Murray, NJ, an hour from Madison, offers summer programs for children and youth from grades 2-12.

www.crossroadsretreat.com/summer-camp

Scholarships may be available, on a needs basis.

OUTREACH

Tasty meals from the Casserole Brigade



Do you know someone who can use a little culinary hospitality? Please feel free to share a casserole with a friend, neighbor or parishioner who might want a meal sent with love. We have a stock for distribution in the freezer near Nieman Hall. There are several different varieties with and without meat. Instructions are on each dish. All were made fresh and immediately frozen. Simply stop by and pick some up. If you have questions,

There is a critical need! Please help with supplies by donating. Our next drives are Monday, June 3 and August 5, 1-7PM. Grace hosts drives every two months, so dedicated blood donors are eligible at all of our drives! Although walk-ins are welcome, it's best to make an appointment:

www.gracemadison.org/outreach/opportunities



SUMMER FUN



Summer Sunday School will take place at our outdoor chapel beginning Sunday, June 23. They start outside before the service and join their parents in church at the Peace.

You can drop off your kids at 9:45AM—remember to sign them in! Parents, if you can lend a hand to Miss Kathryn, please let her know what Sunday you can help. Thanks!



Vacation Bible School

July 15-19, 9AM to Noon for Kids Pre-K—5th grade

It's time for a summer camp adventure with God! Explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

Kids will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ!

During VBS we will do service projects, play outdoor games, create cool crafts, eat yummy snacks, sing and dance to music, and learn stories from the Bible.



COMMUNITY

AED / CPR Training

With the arrival of a new automated external defibrillator (AED), thanks to a grant from the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, we offered two stand-alone sessions of training for parishioners— 23 people were trained in the American Heart Association *Heartsaver* course, and received a certification card from AHA. We are grateful to the Babbitts for the life-saving equipment and for their time and expertise training us.



RACIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY PILGRIMAGE SAT, JUN 8

Join Bishop Hughes for a walking tour through the racial history of Madison. The pilgrimage has been thoughtfully developed by the diocesan Racial Justice & Healing Commission in collaboration with Drew Prof. Jonathan Golden, Director of Center on Religion, Culture/ Conflict. The tour will take you to significant historical sites such as Hillside Cemetery, Historic Bethel AME Church, Madison Middle School, and Phillips Barbershop. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and the event will conclude by 4PM. Questions, contact Jane Jubilee jjubilee@dioceseofnewark.org. \$20 per person, and all are welcome to attend.



Racial Justice & Equity Pilgrimage



This Little Old Chair

by Eleanor Rawitz & Kathleen Hower

"This little bentwood highchair was in my grandparents' farmhouse and used for little visitors my whole life," wrote Eleanor Rawitz in an email to Kathleen Hower. "The house, outside of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, was built in 1875. I brought the little chair to our Madison house in 2019 when I noticed, the painted letters on the bottom of the seat: "J. Hower, Lewisburg, PA" Some days later, I remembered that Kathleen Hower Munter had a family Pennsylvania connection near Lewisburg. I called Kathleen to tell her about the chair. Surprised to see the name, Kathleen consulted her family history genealogy book, compiled by a distant cousin back in the 1960's—way before Ancestry.com.

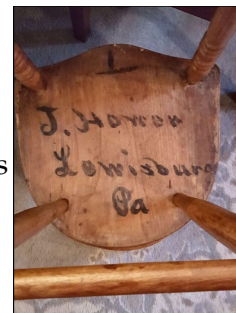
There can be no doubt the chair is connected to Kathleen's family, and after tracing the lineage back through the book, Jacob Hower of Lewisburg, who "went into the lumbering business with his brother George," would have

been Kathleen's great-great-great uncle once removed... (or such). It's reasonable that he would have made furniture, especially a youth chair, for one of his many children, grand and great grandchildren.



For Kathleen, the most heart-warming part of this story is that it ignited in her a new respect for her ancestors— reading the 170-page genealogy /history, filled with newspaper articles, personal accounts and registries, of the *Descendants of Hans Miehll Hauer 1720-1970* (the first Hauer/Hower to arrive in America in 1737 from Germany) in much greater detail and with great respect for those who came before her.

Thanks to Eleanor's observation, she connected the dots and has proven that our Grace family has both spiritual and family ties that bind over greater time and place than we realize.



MUSIC



Evensong is a traditionally Anglican service of beauty and contemplation. It will include music by Ayleward, Sumsion and Rheinberger, sung by members of our Adult and School choirs, and Harmonium singers. The choir sings on behalf of the congregation, who pray by actively listening. A musical setting of prayers—*Preces and Responses*—is always sung, as well as a setting of the evening canticles; the *Magnificat* (Mary's song), and *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon's Song). There is also an anthem, an Anglican chant psalm and a hymn. Evensong is usually 45-minutes and is most often followed by wine and cheese!



Evensong for the Feast of Peter and Paul
Grace Church, Saturday, June 29, 2024, 5PM

Summer Bon Voyage Evensong
Grace Church, Saturday, July 20, 5PM



Harmonium Choral Society presents **Be Brave**
Saturday, June 1 at 7:30PM / Sunday, June 2 at 3PM
United Methodist Church, 50 Park Place, Morristown, NJ

An eclectic program of global repertoire celebrating the fierceness of the creative artist and the spoken word highlighting our collaboration with Her Words, a local program working to empower teenage girls to share their stories. Including the winners of the 27th annual High School Composition Contest and works by Purcell, Halley, & Barnwell. Admission: \$30, Student/teacher: \$25
www.harmonium.org



Relic presents **At the Temple of Juno**
Tuesday, June 4, 7:30pm, Grace Church

At the Temple of Juno celebrates the coming of summer by honoring the goddess Juno and all she represents: power, jealousy, rage, love, childhood, and rejuvenation. Enjoy masterpieces by Handel, Purcell, Vivaldi and Scarlatti, as well as rarely heard gems by De Lalande, D'Ambruys and Charpentier—all in a program that flows seamlessly from one affect to the next! Admission: \$20, Student/child: free



Big NJ Sing!
Open Sing of Mozart's Requiem & Ave verum corpus
Led by area guest conductors
Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 6:30 to 9PM
at Grace Episcopal Church. Walk-ins welcome!
General Admission: \$15 Students/observers: \$5
www.NJChoralConsortium.org

Grace Church
4 Madison Avenue
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Baptism during Easter Vigil, 2024