



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 2018



I confess that I was nervous to meet you all. Not that I didn't think you would be wonderful—which you are—but new beginnings can be nerve-racking, and I wanted so much for our first days together go well. I didn't want to drop anything or do something foolish. Mostly, I wanted to learn your names, and begin to learn the stories of who you are, and I knew it would take me awhile.

Our first days together have been joyful and drenched in the energy and excitement of brand-new things. I am pleased to say that I haven't dropped anything and have only gotten lost a handful of times. And for that I am filled with gratitude. I will surely mess up as I find my way around, but your graciousness has already made me feel so welcome. I look forward to the day when I won't need your nametags to tell me who you are, but for now it's a big help!

This week we celebrate All Saints' Day together, when names of holy men and women are read to us in worship on Thursday, and the names are placed in our hands on Sunday so we can hold them and read them and pray them. We thank God for dear ones whose lives shaped us, and whose

absence we will never fully adjust to, because life without them isn't the same. Most of those names will be unfamiliar to me. But they won't be unfamiliar to many of you. And more importantly, they won't be unfamiliar to God, who calls us each by name, has loved each of us before even our parents could name us, and whose claim on us outlasts even death itself.

The collect we pray on All Saints' is one of my favorites, "Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord..." I love the image of a God who knits. (Something I cannot do, despite my mother and sister trying to teach me!) God gathers us and binds us to one another, knitting us together with those dear ones whose names still make us sigh with longing, and those whose names we do not even know.

I am delighted that the God who knows each of us by name has chosen to knit us together here at Grace Church, and I am excited to see what shape our community will take as God continues to knit.

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

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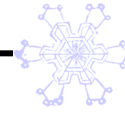


Please keep telling me your names and your stories. And many thanks for the times you helped me find the light switches, directed me when I took a wrong turn down the hallway, or patiently repeated your name for me!



The Rev. Susan Ironside's first Sunday celebrating at Grace.





Oktoberfest is now *Decemberfest!*

The new auction date is Saturday, December 1. The time will be the same, 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The theme may morph from just Oktoberfest to some amalgam of beer, pretzels, straw bales, evergreen trees and snow! It will be creative that's for sure!

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we adapted our plans. If you already paid for a ticket you are confirmed for December 1. If you discover the new date does not work for you and would like a refund of your ticket (\$50 per person), please contact Mike Kostial at Grace office to request it.

From November 2 First Friday through the Auction evening or one week prior to the event, whichever comes first, *Silent Auction* bid sheets will be available in the office and at coffee hours after services. When the bidding closes the two highest bidders will be given a chance to make a final bid. Here are some of the opportunities that are available:



Silent Auction

- Family Camp Weekend
at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp
- Thanksgiving Dessert at Your Door
- Harmonium Choral Society Subscription for Two
- Premium Parking Space for:
 - 10:00 am Easter Sunday Service
 - 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant Service
 - 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service
- Front Pew seating for 4:30 pm
Christmas Eve Pageant

Experience Grace

- Holiday Boxwood Tree Decorating with Supper
November 28, 6:00-9:00 pm
- One Hour Vinyasa Yoga Class,
Sunday, December 2, 1:00-2:00 pm
- Holiday Apple Tart Making
Sunday, December 9, 1:00 pm
- Chili Cook-off hosted by Men of Grace
Saturday, January 5, 6:00-8:00 pm
- St. Patrick's Day Feast
Sunday, March 17, 5:00-7:00 pm



Experience Grace sign-up sheets have been made available to paid Auction ticket holders. After *First Friday*, they will be available for all in the office. If not fully subscribed, they will be available on Auction night. You're gonna love these!

A reality check.

We plan for 110 or so auction attendees. At postponement, we had just 59 paid tickets sold. RSVP is critical for planning so please, if you plan to attend and haven't already responded, get your RSVP and check into the office. Response cards are available in the office and in the Grace Hall lobby. Danke!





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November is upon us, and for most of us, that means it is time to exercise our democratic rights, to go to the polling places, and to vote. That simple word “vote,” is closely aligned with another one—one not nearly so “benign,” and freighted with—certainly in our current environment—a diverse variety of thoughts and opinions. That word is “political.”

In my parish in Connecticut, I remember a wonderful couple, one who had been very welcoming and very kind to me at my arrival. They were in Church almost every Sunday, and until they had some issues with driving at night, faithful in attending adult education classes during the week. Something happened, I honestly don't even remember what it was (it may have been during our parish's struggle to open a second homeless shelter in the city), and their comment to me was, “We should keep politics out of the Church!”

Now St. James in New London is a pretty typical Episcopal parish: some (in addition to this couple) thought we often strayed into being too political; others felt we were not political enough! Some wished any comment even remotely dealing with issues in our city or country should be toned down, or “banned” from both the pulpit and the Announcements. Others felt we



should all be wearing some (special issues) T-shirt, attending protest gatherings, and participating in marches or demonstrations. I have to be forthright here: I frequently took some solace in the oft-quoted religious adage “if you're making people mad, you must be doing something right.”

Now of course making people mad wasn't my goal, but I do believe that—as can sometimes be true even in the Episcopal church—showing some emotion indicates an honest and real connection to whatever the issue we might face. I still remember friends, not too long after I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church, teasing me about how I was now part of “the frozen chosen.” And I have to say, it took me a while to truly comprehend what that put-down was supposed to mean.

In our current fractured political environment, it is tempting to reduce the news of the day to one-liners or tweets—in the “old days” we might characterize them as bumper sticker slogans. It's all too easy to vilify the “other” side. If

we can be honest for a moment, hardly anyone who opposes gun control laws wants children to be murdered at school, they just think there's a different way to keep kids safe. And, most people who advocate for universal health care don't want the government to take over our lives, they just want everybody to have access to health care and get the medicine they need, without driving themselves to bankruptcy, or choosing between food and medicine.

Beyond those who “take sides,” that often seem to enjoy an argument for the sake of arguing, there is another group, a group that just seems to complain: about how things used to be better; about how things are “going to hell in a handbasket”; about how “messed up” the world has become. This group, while complaining, is often disengaged from the things going on in the world, and seems to experience life only through complaining. Yet those same people are often the first to admit they don't participate in a way to change things or make things better. They don't volunteer; they don't support groups or resolutions or laws trying to improve things; and, they don't vote, frequently saying something like “My vote doesn't count; why should I vote?”

In an interfaith clergy group I used to be part of, I heard about

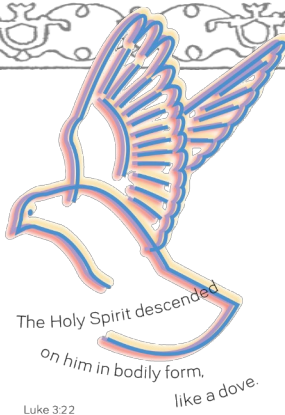
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some ministers sharing what they would tell their members: exactly how to vote, and who to vote for (in violation of both our non-profit status and voting laws). I'm so glad to be a member of the Episcopal Church, where we learn about the responsibility we all have to be participants—in our church, our political parties, our common lives.

You won't hear, at least from Grace's pulpit or its written messages, anyone telling you "how" to vote. But you will hear, and should relish hearing, that it is incumbent upon any person of faith (but particularly on those of us who follow Jesus), to stand up for what we believe Jesus calls us to do as followers of the one Christ. To step into a polling booth and vote, not just for some political party, but for the candidates that honestly reflect your beliefs, and pledges to do "what is right" by all.

Don't miss another opportunity to make your voice heard—Vote!



Our next **baptismal services** will be during the 10:00 am service on January 13, *The Baptism of Our Lord*. Speak to one of our clergy if you are interested in being baptized, or having your child baptized.

Greetings and Thank You from Virginia!

Dear Grace Church Parish,

I want to take this opportunity, from our new home in Virginia, to thank you for the privilege of serving with you, and for your allowing me to become part of the Grace family and ministries that you so graciously offer to each other and the community-at-large. It was an honor for me to help my friend and colleague, Fr. Michel in the time following Fr. Max's departure. I had the chance to spend some time with your new rector, Mother Susan. She is gifted, talented and an energetically charged great priest and you are going to love her. What can I say about her other than she is a General Theological Seminary graduate as am I. And, that's all I'm going to say about that. If you are as gracious to her as you have been to me your ministries will grow, change and abound as a witness to our Lord Jesus.

I want to, especially, thank John Garde who invited me to Grace and the vestry for making it happen. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the entire staff for their guidance and help in learning about Grace "ways." And, I must thank Fr. Michel for helping me to learn the intricate lighting procedure for the services in the church and chapel as well as graciously helping me to stay "consistent" in how things were to be set up and handled for the liturgy. He is one of the most gifted, caring and personable priests I have ever known in my ordained career.

I am now settling into retirement in Virginia with my wife, Carlene, and we will move to the next part of the journey that God has in store for us, which includes looking at ministry opportunities in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I am not going to say "goodbye," but that I will see you again, but not right now.

You will be in our prayers and hearts as you journey forward with Mother Susan and Fr. Michel for a time. In the South we say, "If y'all get down this way just look us up." My contact information is in the church office. May God continue to bless each of you in new and wonderful ways, and don't be surprised if you come in one Sunday morning and find me sitting with you for a good sermon and good music. May God's blessings be upon each of you and your clergy this day and for evermore.



~ Fr. Keith+

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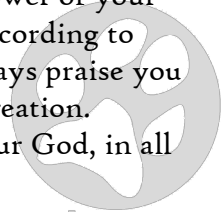
W O R S H I P

Blessing of the Animals

Our pets are a blessing to us. We welcomed them into our sanctuary to receive a blessing on October 7 in observance of St. Francis Day.



“Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.”





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Choir Promotions

Congratulations to the following novices (new singers) who completed their training and were promoted to full chorister and got their cottas on October 21: Lola Cortès, Ian Finlay, Cathleen and Mary Nunn. Juliet Duff completed her training for RSCM light blue ribbon. Head choristers Kimberly Love and Grace Hughes assisted our new rector in the ceremony.



Hard work pays off! Newly promoted novices get their white overlays or cottas.



*Mother Susan, Dr. Anne and our newest choristers. Congratulations!
Photos by Chris Cullen*

New singers are welcome to join at any point in the year.
Just talk to or mail Dr. Anne anne.matlack@choralcommunities.com

Enjoy Great Music AND Shop Local on Black Friday

The Madison Arts and Cultural Alliance (MACA) presents the annual Holiday Arts Festival to be held on Friday, November 23, from noon until the parade. The festival provides free performances throughout the afternoon and evening in various Madison venues including this church. This festival was conceived and begun by Dr. Anne and Jabez Van Cleef, modeled after a similar event in Northfield, Minnesota.



Stop by the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts to see The Gargoyles from 1:00 to 1:30; and the Daughters of Zion from 1:45 to 2:15 pm.

Contact Dr. Anne if you'd like to help host at our Grace Church venue here. It is an easy and fun gig, you just count and greet people. For a full schedule see:

Dial-A-Ride

An Offering of Madison Senior Services (973) 593-3096 www.rosenet.org

Need a ride to a local establishment? Senior residents of Madison can schedule a free round-trip ride to and from any location within Madison. The process is simple—call the morning of your trip between the hours of 8:30–9:00 am and schedule your pick-up and return time, then the car will pick you up. Due to limited seating, calls for rides after 9:00 am will **not** be guaranteed. You may also book a seat on the monthly Mall Van Trip on the second Wednesday of the month. This month's trip is to the Livingston Mall on November 14.

Madison Senior Services is a community-based organization providing activities, programs and services which enhance the quality of life and the diverse needs and interests of older adults and their families.



H A R M O N I U M N E W S



Harmonium Choral Society, led by Artistic Director Dr. Anne J. Matlack, announces its 40th anniversary season featuring innovative, diverse choral programs. This year's December concert, *Navidad Nuestra*, features Christmas works from South and Central America, including the charming title piece by Ariel Ramirez with percussion, violin, and Darren O'Neill on guitar. It will include exciting new works by women composers Tawnie Olson, Stephanie Martin, and ASCAP

Award winner Sarah Rimkus. Choose from two performances: Saturday, December 8, at 8:00 pm or Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 pm at Morristown United Methodist Church.

The Harmonium Chamber Singers will present *Swan Songs*, on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 7:30 pm here at Grace, or Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 pm at Christ Church in Short Hills.

April brings a rare treat: J. S. Bach's monumental and revered *St. Matthew Passion*, long on Dr. Anne's bucket list! The vibrant New York Times darlings The Sebastians are the double baroque orchestra, joined by NY and NJ's finest professional soloists, with world-renowned and Grammy-winning Dann Coakwell as Evangelist. There will be one special performance only, on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Abbey at Delbarton School. A limited premium seating option is available now.

The eclectic and uplifting June concert, *A Thousand Beautiful Things*, will include selections from Annie Lennox to Palestrina, plus the winner of the 22nd annual High School Student Composition Contest. Enjoy this here at Grace on Saturday, June 8, 2019, or Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 7:30 pm.

Grace Church singers in Harmonium include Linda Bowden, Crary and Arthur Brooks, Catie Gilhuley, Susan Goodman, Katie Hendrix, Jackie Lauria, Kimberly and Teddy Love, Eric, Ted and Paula Roper, and Jabez Van Cleef.



Enjoy the whole season!

Harmonium 2018-2019 subscription tickets for our four choral programs (December, March, April, and June) are now available for \$85—a significant savings over single ticket prices. For students and seniors, the season subscription is only \$65. In addition, subscribers are entitled to preferred, designated seating.

For \$100, season passes include premium seating for *St. Matthew Passion*. To purchase, please visit www.harmonium.yapsody.com. For more information, email: manager@harmonium.org or call (973) 538-6969.

HOLY DAYS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Thursday, November 1
7:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Noon—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
& Necrology, organ music

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22
9:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II
followed by brunch in Grace Hall

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 25
Holy Eucharist at all services

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Friday, November 30
5:30 pm —Holy Eucharist, Rite II

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2
Great Litany & Holy Eucharist
at all services

**Compline for Kids
(and pizza!)**

First Wednesday of the Month
November 7 and December 5
5:30–7:00 pm

For kids, it's a brief prayer service, with lots of jobs for them to lead themselves. Its is a fun way to worship together.

The first Wednesday of each month, kids age 3-10 and their parents are welcome to meet in the kitchen to make pizza together, do an outreach craft while the pizza cooks, and join together for a child-friendly evening service at 6:30 pm. There are lots of opportunities for the kids to lead. It is a lovely way to worship together as a family. If you would like to play an instrument for the offertory, speak with Dr. Anne.

Grace Church to give U.S. premiere of new Requiem:

The Shadows of War

100th Anniversary of the End of WWI
November 3, 7:00 pm at Grace Church



In case you were wondering, the Halloween Concert is every OTHER year, and the years in between, the choirs sing a Requiem, or concert of remembrance. This year, being the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (a teaching moment!) I found Paul Mealor's new Requiem Mass *The Shadows of*

War, and when we went to rent the orchestra parts we found out that we are giving the U.S. premiere of the work!

The Combined Choirs of Grace will perform *The Shadows of War*, a 20-minute work for chorus, strings and percussion in concert on Saturday, November 3, at 7:00 pm with professional string quartet and John Leister, percussion. Tuned wine glasses also play a role. You have been hearing selected movements in church as we prepare.

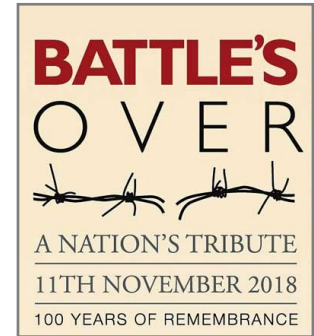
The Shadows of War was written in 2016 to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. It was first performed on July 14, 2016, at The Marsh Festival, New Romney (UK) by the Mousai Singers and the London Mozart Players. The second performance was at the Welsh Proms on July 19, 2016, at St. David's Hall, Cardiff, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, the Military Wives Choir, Cardiff Ardwyn Singers and the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir, conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes, CBE. The first United States performance will be ours!

British composer Paul Mealor was catapulted to international stardom in April 2011, when 2.5 billion people heard his motet, *Ubi caritas* performed by the choirs of Westminster Abbey and Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, at the Royal Wedding Ceremony of His Royal Highness Prince William and Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey.

The Grace Church Concert will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and will also include the children's choirs singing *In Flanders' Fields* by Canadian composer Alexander Tilley, and works by C.H.H. Parry, Sarah Quartel and Stephen Stills. Local performer and Madison music teacher Donna Ward will be featured in the gospel anthem *City Called Heaven*. The concert will last an hour and be appropriate for all ages. A reception will follow. Tell your friends and don't miss this historic event! (You also get an extra hour's sleep!). ~ Dr. Anne Matlack

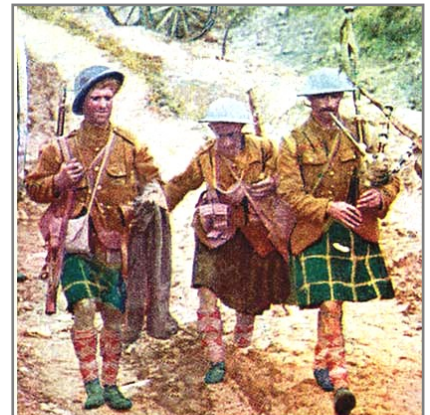


TRIBUTE



Bagpipers will be marking the centenary of the end of the Great War in a unique and simple way by a mass playing of the retreat march, *When the Battle's O'er* by Pipe Major William Robb, outside cathedrals and other locations on Sunday, November 11. **Catie Gilhueley** will participate in the effort and play her bagpipe at the end of the 10:00 am service.

On November 11, 1918, the Armistice of Compiègne was signed between the Allies and Germany marking the end of the fighting on the Western Front and ultimately the end of the Great War, that terrible, grueling four year conflict that saw millions killed and wounded, including around 2,000 pipers. Countries all around the world were affected in what was one of the largest wars in history.





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To What End Sunday School? Part II

At the closing of my last month's newsletter column, I suggested "To what end Sunday School?" is a more interesting and intriguing question than the often heard "Is Sunday School dead?" It is more interesting because it points us to search for new perspectives as to the reasons why we value Sunday School programming. It is also a more intriguing line of inquiry as it nudges us to reflect on the place such programming could have in our congregational and faith lives. I think that the kinds of answers we give to the question: "To what end Sunday School," is reflective of our personal and communal journey in the *Episcopal Way*.

About two years ago, I took a group of Drew Theological students to visit the University's Methodist Archives. During this visit, I had planned for us to spend some time with the brilliant collection of Sunday School materials archived in the second floor. I asked my students to split into two groups. I asked one group to start their inspection of materials from the oldest section of the collection which contain materials over a century old, books, pamphlets, and such. The other group was to start with the newest material in the collection, which included, among other things Vacation Bible School props and a "Jesus, Super Hero Action



Figure." After an hour or so of inspecting the various materials, we sat around a table to share our impressions.

Of the rich conversation that ensued, here are some of the highlights: The old material assumed that children and youth possessed a comprehensive knowledge of the Christian faith and thus, were rather complex in nature. However, it also presumed that children learned like adults—besides a few etchings, there were not many noticeable differences between the children's materials and those used by Adults' Sunday School. The newer materials were more visually compelling, colorful, with drawings, and suggestions for age-appropriate activities. However, students also pointed out a noticeable difference in the level of sophistication of the materials. My students debated the changes over time on Sunday School curriculum and arrived at a conclusion that caught my

attention. My students commented that the older materials considered that children were capable of wrestling with sophisticated theological matters in conversation with adults. They considered the newer curriculums to be rather shallow in the baseline of the Christian story assumed; furthermore, it was not clear to them how the learnings that took place in Sunday School connected with either theological traditions or the larger church life. While there were chuckles at the sight of a "Jesus, Super Hero" figurine, my students were less amused by the trend of what they named: entertainment faith formation. Herein lies the importance of asking "To what end Sunday School?"

Older Sunday School curriculums presumed ongoing engagement in topics and practices of faith with the younger generation. At home, church, and the general culture, the view was the Christian symbols and understandings shape the way in which people moved in the world. Newer curriculums often depart from a point of minimal knowledge of the Christian story, of being rather "unchurched" and therefore, a need to start with the ABCs of faith. It is part of the Episcopal Way to find the *Middle Way* and journey forward

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Children's Ministries

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together. There is truth in both of these approaches to curriculum: faith conversation with our children ought not to be relegated to Sundays, but should suffuse our daily lives AND we need to strive to communicate the Christian story in ways that engage the imagination and spark the desire for further exploration.

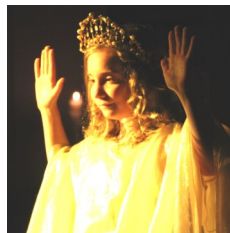
I will close with a word from Eric H. F. Law and Stephanie Spellers that I take as an answer to the question that prompted this column, "To what end Sunday School?" In their *The Episcopal Way: Church's Teachings for a Changing World Volume 1*, Law and Spellers speak about the Episcopal Way, not a signing of a faith statement but instead about going on a journey together. In their words, "Live with us, pray with us, practice the Way with us, weave it into your own life. Then you will understand. It is a roomy way for being Christian, and a deeply faithful one."



Christmas Pageant

During the 4:30 service on December 24

Kids in third to sixth grade are cast as Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Kings, and other costumed characters in the Nativity drama. Narrators are usually fourth-seventh grade. Kathryn McManus will be our director with Dr. Elias, and Wade Kirby will coach our narrators.



Children, ages four to eight (or second grade) can sign up to be an Angel or Animal as part of the Chapel Choir, attending Fridays in December and singing *Away in a Manger* and other carols.

In addition, School Choir members make up the very important Carolers and Gallery Choir. Inactive singers whose fall sports have ended should begin attending rehearsals November 16 to sing on Christmas eve. Ringers with a bit of experience grades 4-12 may sign up for the Bell Choir which rehearses Saturday mornings in December. Singers/Carolers may RSVP to Dr. Anne's email, but for a **costumed part or a narrator, you MUST fill out a registration form** for casting purposes.

Details about the rehearsal times and dress rehearsal are on the registration form, which is included in the *Messenger* and due by Sunday, November 11—please drop forms off at the office. Please do not sign up for a part if you cannot make the rehearsals! They are all on Sunday mornings this year, right after church for your convenience. The dress rehearsal is Sunday, December 23.



Thanksgiving Ingathering

Every year Grace donates "Thanksgiving Dinner Bags" to the Trinity Food Pantry and Jersey Battered Women Services.

We have already begun collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner items. On Sunday, November 11, we will sort and pack the donations, and deliver them on Monday, November 12.

We will be taking twenty bags to Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Dover, and thirty-five to JBWS.

How can you help?

You can sign up to bring non-perishable items and drop them off in the bin in the lobby. On Sunday, November 11, after the 8:00 am service, you can help assemble and pack the bags. Here are the items needed:

- boxed stuffing mix
- mashed potato mix
- canned yams
- canned cranberry sauce
- boxed biscuit or muffin mix
- turkey gravy or packet of gravy mix
- canned vegetables
- boxed dessert mix – pudding, cake mix, bar cookie or cheesecake

Please look for the signup sheet in the lobby. Thank you.

OUR COMMUNITY



Part of the Community

This past October, Grace Church had a booth at Bottle Hill Day. We had a wonderful time talking to passersby and sharing Grace's mission.

Bottle Hill? Circa 1730, the area now known as Madison was originally known as Bottle Hill. The origin of the name Bottle Hill is debated. It might have been a reference to an early sign in the shape of a bottle at a tavern on the corner of Ridgedale and Park Avenues. Other sources suggest the name may have come from the bottleneck shape of an early land parcel. The first use of the name Bottle Hill has not been determined specifically, although it does appear on Major Robert Erskine's Loantaka Valley Campsite map from 1777. In 1834, the name of the settlement was changed to Madison.



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OUTREACH

Angel Trees

Starting Thanksgiving weekend, we will have **two Christmas trees** adorned with tags in the lobby outside Grace Hall. This year we will be collecting gifts for families and children in our greater community, including families served by several outreach agencies. Please take a tag (or more!) and return the UNWRAPPED donations by Wednesday, December 12. Item listed to the marked box in the lobby or parish office.

Thank you! Contact Melissa Waterstredt with questions: MelissaWaterstredt@gmail.com



North Porch Donation

Kathy Meyer (above) facilitated the donation of numerous boxes of baby wash and shampoo from her employer, Johnson & Johnson. We are so excited for this partnership as the clients at our centers always appreciate extra donations of toiletries!

from The North Porch newsletter



A Veteran's Story

For the month of November, American flags will be placed next to the grave sites of eighteen military veterans interred in the columbarium of Grace Church. This is the story of one of them.

Winifred Reuschle was born in Summit, NJ, in 1921, and lived most of her life in Madison. She graduated from Beaver College with a degree in nutrition in 1943. Looking for adventure, she took the advice of a classmate and joined the Marines during the second World War. She was stationed in Washington, DC, and Camp Pendleton, CA.

After the death of her fiancée in the war, Winifred met her first husband, Thomas Eaton, Jr., and together they had two children. After he passed away, she moved to Vermont to be with her sister. Ten years later she married Bill Reuschle.

Winifred was honored for fifty years of service to the American Legion. She was a member of Post 129 in Toms River, the largest Post in the state of NJ with 1,488 members.

Winifred passed away in 2014. Her niece, Cynthia Barilla, is a Grace Church parishioner.

~ Charlie Jurgensen

OUTREACH

PARISH EVENTS

The NJ Hunger Walk was held on Sunday afternoon, October 14, at the Community Soup Kitchen, Morristown. All proceeds from the walk will help provide food and services for those in need.

There were approximately 1,000 participants, and more than \$100,000 raised! Proceeds help provide daily breakfast and lunch, free Farmer's Markets three times a week, meals for local summer camp children, and Outreach Center services to help guests become self-sufficient.



Thanks to all Grace congregants who donated to this critically important organization. If you would like to donate you still can. Please go to the Community Soup Kitchen website and donate: www.cskmorristown.org



Community Soup Kitchen



Kirk Nixon has been organizing our volunteers and was working in the kitchen for our Grace Day in October. There was a great turnout by Grace volunteers to serve the food to the Community Soup Kitchen guests.

Thank you for the donations

During the month of October, Mike Kostial and Charlie Jurgensen, both Marines, asked you to help collect items for a young Marine Mortarman and his platoon. Michael Fehrenbacher, from Florham Park, and his fellow Marines are currently deployed overseas, where getting many of these items is not always easy. You came through in spectacular fashion and filled the collection bin several times! Thank you all from Mike and Charlie and all the Marines of Michael's platoon. ~ *Mike Kostial*



Adult Forums

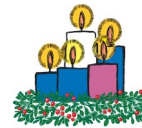
Several Sundays a month we will host presentations to explore different topics or have fun parish activities. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join us in Nieman Hall Sundays at 11:30 am. Here are some of the topics and events coming up.

Sunday, November 18

Dreams and Dreaming, Part I

How dreams keep us in touch with the most hidden aspects of ourselves. We will explore how dreams work from several different perspectives. How we can use the material we gather from dreams to help us improve our lives and help us to discern what matters to us.

Presented by Nunzio Gubitosa, MA, MPhil, LP



Sunday, December 2

Advent Wreath-Making

9:00 am—noon

Every First Sunday of Advent we celebrate with Advent wreath-making in Grace Hall—a fun intergenerational activity!

The church provides fresh greens, brass candle rings (\$5 each) and Advent candles (\$3/set) and the space and supplies needed to create beautiful wreaths for your dining table.

Sunday, December 9

Pancakes with St. Nicholas

Save the date for pancakes and a visit from St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 16

Visit with Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes

P A R I S H E V E N T S



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22

Join us for a Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Thanksgiving worship service at 9:00 am on November 22. Stay for a brunch after the service in Grace Hall. *Sign-up for brunch in Grace Lobby.*

First Fridays

November 2

Come enjoy dinner and get to know **Mother Susan Ironside**. Learn about her life, family, and what brought her to Grace Church. This month's gathering will be a **catered event**. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert if you'd like. Beverages will be provided. Please let us know you can join the fun by signing up in Grace Lobby.

December 7

Potluck Dinner and presentation by Tri Town 55+ Coalition, a non-profit, community-based organization that connects businesses, non-profit, and public agencies to help address the needs of older adults and their families. Some Tri-Town 55+ board members will be with us to discuss some of their offerings such as Needs Assessments to help identify areas for senior support, and the *Ride for Seniors* services which provides on-demand transportation service for residents 65 and older. *Sign up in Grace Lobby.*



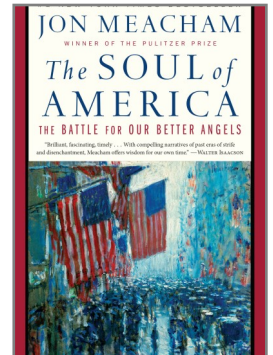
B O O K W O R M S

Men's Book Group

Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 pm

Our November book is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham. This month, we will meet on the **second Tuesday** (November 13) at Bob Hill's home. Contact Bruce Rudin with any questions and for directions: brucedora@verizon.net

~ Bruce Rudin (973) 214-5359



Anticipation without Expectation

Women's Retreat

Wednesday, November 7

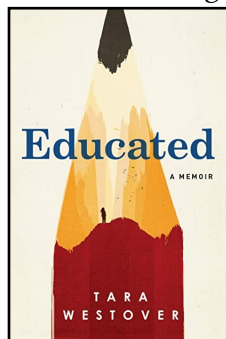
10:00 am-3:00 pm, here at Grace with potluck lunch

How do we enjoy the anticipation of the season without setting our own expectations so high that by the end we are exhausted and disappointed? As adults, how can we make this a meaningful time without adding to our already long TO DO list? Registration fee \$20, bring a dish to share. Checks payable to Grace Church—"Fall Women's Retreat" on memo line

To register email to Paula Roper: RevPaulaInterfaith@gmail.com

Women of Grace Book Group

Monday, November 19, at 7:00 pm, Nieman Annex
meetings on the third Monday of the month



November 19, *Educated* by Tara Westover
An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

December 17, *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney

January 21, *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
~ Joan Nolan (973) 267-2638

Looking Back

by Helene Corlett, Staff Assistant, Madison Senior Services

This article is reprinted from the Madison Senior Services November newsletter

After the Revolution, prejudices in the colonies against Anglican missionaries ran very high. In the middle of the 19th century, it became clear that the new Protestant Episcopal Church had become an important part of America.

Some of the first meetings for the purpose of organizing the Episcopal Church were held in the home of Stephen D. Hunting, who was at the time the owner of the "Bottle Hill Tavern," now the site of Chase Bank. Originally, Grace Church was called Zion Church, which was chosen at an organizational meeting. It continued as the Zion Church until November 1854, when it was changed to Grace Church. On October 8, 1854, the first service was held at the Odd Fellows Hall at 7 Waverly Place which was the original Methodist Church. Services continued there until the church was built. Finding a permanent home was a major concern to the congregation which totaled 33 families. Judge Lathrop purchased land from Augustus Blanchet for \$1000 and donated the property to the church.

The head mason for the construction of the church, which started in the spring of 1855, was a Roman Catholic. When the work was almost complete, without permission, he put a large stone with a cross carved into it on the front peak of the church. When the head carpenter saw it, he went up with a large stone hammer and knocked it down, stating that the



cross shouldn't be put up unless the plans called for it. The final cost of the new church was \$9,000 which included seats for two hundred parishioners, an organ, and a classroom for Sunday school.

The first service was held in the new church on April 13, 1856. The bell was given and hung in the tower at the consecration on May 18, 1857. Completion of the rectory took place in 1874. Today it houses the parish offices.

The church was completely renovated in the 1890s by benefactors Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Twombly. Late in the nineteenth century many millionaires came to Madison because of the railroad. Their extreme generosity benefited the church in many ways. Since then the church has had several achievements: a memorial garden was established, and Grace Counseling Center was founded to name a few. Outreach ministries and great liturgies continue to be the heart of Grace Episcopal Church.



Making coffee makes you popular.

It's a scientific fact, coffee drinkers strongly admire, even idolize, those who volunteer to brew coffee. Be part of the popular crowd by volunteering to be a Coffee Hour **Shopper** and/or **Host**. Sign up now!

Contact:

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Or sign-up online:

www.signupgenius.com/

go/5080f4cafab2ea0f94-sunday



Did you know...



Barbara and Monty Montague were awarded the Chatham Jaycees' *Distinguished Service Award* on October 30. The criteria for this award is best summed up by the Jaycees' motto: *Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life.*

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GRACE COUNSELING CENTER
FREE WORKSHOPS

Tips for Managing Emotional Eating

November 5, 7:00-8:00 pm
 November 9, 10:00-11:00 am
Presenter: Joanne Miller, M. Div.
 Emotional eating is a way to soothe or stifle unpleasant feelings. In this workshop we will explore some ways to manage this and promote healthy eating practices. All based on sound research.

Challenges of Parenting

December 10, 7:00-8:00 pm
Presenter: Ryan Williams, MA
 Problem behaviors with children are frustrating. Learn how to understand these behaviors and respond to them. This workshop will give opportunities to share and learn interventions to use with your child.

These free workshops are held at Grace Counseling Center, 16 Madison Ave., Madison. All are welcome but space is limited, call (973) 822-0707 to reserve a seat.



Grace Church Financial Report

September 30, 2018

This report covers from January 1-September 30, 2018

Total Income:

Budgeted Amount:	\$ 542,672
Actual Amount:	<u>\$ 537,055</u>
<i>Amount Actual is Under Budget:</i>	(\$ 5,617)

Again this month there is no primary contributor to the budget underrun, all income categories are near the budgeted, varying only by a little amount. Plate Offerings, however, are below the budgeted amount by \$4,087.

Total Expenses:

Budgeted Amount:	\$ 708,129
Actual Amount:	<u>\$ 673,154</u>
<i>Amount Actual is Under Budget:</i>	(\$ 34,975)

There is no primary contributor to this underrun. Many expense items are right at budget, or are unevenly "loaded" due to programmatic requirements, time when payments are due, or other circumstances (i.e., last winter's snowplowing) beyond our control.

Net Ordinary Income:	\$ 537,055
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 673,154</u>
Net Ordinary Income:	(\$ 136,099)
Endowment Income Applied:	<u>\$ 105,988</u>
<i>Net Income:</i>	(\$ 30,111)

Summary

We continue in a deficit mode for now. Although as of September 30, 2018, we have spent \$34,975 less than we anticipated, based on our 2018 budget. Since we originally forecast a deficit budget, the fact that we are under budget means we are watching our expenses carefully. The Vestry will continue to watch both income and expenses, and we believe we should end the year in the positive.



All are encouraged to keep their pledges up to date.

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Fri., Nov. 2	6:15 pm	First Friday: Catered dinner Meet The Rev. Susan Ironside
Sat., Nov. 3	7:00 pm	Requiem: <i>The Shadows of War</i>
Sun., Nov. 4		"FALL BACK"— <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i>
Tues., Nov. 6	6am-8 pm	General Election, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Wed., Nov. 7	10 am-3 pm	Women's Retreat, <i>see pg. 13</i>
	5:30 pm	Compline—Pizza-making and service project
	6:30 pm	Compline for Kids, <i>Church</i>
Sun., Nov. 11		Ingathering Sunday <i>No Sunday School</i> Bring pledge/stewardship cards to be blessed Pageant Registration Forms Due
	9 am-noon	Thanksgiving Grocery Bag Assembly, <i>Grace Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class, <i>Nieman Hall</i>
Tues., Nov. 13	7:30 pm	Men's Book Group (<i>note date change</i>)
Sun., Nov. 18	11:30 am	Adult Forum: <i>Dreams and Dreaming, Part I</i>
Thurs., Nov. 22		<i>Thanksgiving—Parish office is closed.</i>
	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Service, Rite II followed by brunch, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Fri., Nov. 23		<i>Parish Office is Closed</i>
Nov. 23 & Nov. 24		MACA Holiday Concert, <i>all over Madison</i>
Sun., Nov. 25		Outreach: Angel Tree Collection begins
Sat., Dec. 1	6-10 pm	<i>Decemberfest Auction</i>
Sun., Dec. 2	9 am-noon	Advent Wreath-making—for all ages, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Fri., Dec. 7	6:15 pm	First Friday Potluck: <i>Tri-Town 55+</i>
Wed., Dec. 5	5:30 pm	Pizza-making; Compline for Kids at 6:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 9		Pancakes and visit from St. Nicholas
Sun., Dec. 11		Last day to drop off Angel Tree donations
Sun., Dec. 16		Bishop Visitation

Ongoing Gatherings

2nd Sunday	9:00 am	Buildings and Grounds Committee, <i>Grace Hall</i>
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	7:00 pm	Women of Grace Book Group, <i>Nieman Annex</i>
3 rd Monday	7:30 pm	Finance Committee, <i>Library</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>call Bruce Rudin for details</i>
3 rd Tuesday "even" months		Grace's Day at Community Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays	10:15 am	Women's Meditation & Centering, <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>

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