



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June, 2019

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside



When I was a child, June was a magical month, a month of wonders. The daylight seemed endless, the school days were numbered, and stretched ahead of me were summer adventures and bare feet. When I became a mom, I discovered new reasons to cherish the month of June. The days of packing lunches and signing permission slips were drawing to a close. The backpacks, once so new and sleek, now coated in dirt and food stains, could soon be tossed in the back of the garage and ignored. The summer schedule promised lazier days with fewer responsibilities. Dinner can be served whenever! (Or fruit and cheese passes for dinner.) The stack of novels that pile up all winter get tossed into the beach bag or brought outside to my favorite reading chair, to be consumed while my bare feet rest in the grass.

But some of June's magic isn't quite so fun. When I was a child, I used to miss seeing my school friends every day, as people tend to scatter in the summer months. Endings can be hard. Now that I am older, I have learned the tasks that come with the summer months. Weeds need to be yanked so the flowers can thrive. Flip-flops seem to multiply in my house and can be a tripping

hazard if you're not careful. Over the years I learned that popsicle stains are harder to get out of t-shirts than hot chocolate stains. (Who knew?) And without fail, the mosquitos come back every year.

Yet June is still a magical month, a month of wonders. Graduations and celebrations fill our calendars with opportunities to stay up late and linger outside, gazing at Grandmother Moon as she adorns the night sky, or basking in the sunshine as it brings forth new life. Of course not all of it is quite so wonderful—the mosquitos are coming back, after all.

Here at Grace in June we will listen in wonder as senior sermons are preached. We'll watch choristers get new responsibilities and acolytes pass the torch of leadership. But we will also say goodbye to Dr. Elias and Fr. Michel, as they head out for new adventures of their own, Dr. Elias and his family to Chicago, and Fr. Michel to his well-earned retirement. Farewell parties are not as fun as welcome parties.

A writer whose work I admire wrote a piece that I ponder this time of year, and I find myself

pondering especially this June, as we watch a new summer unfold:

"My prayer is that your story will have involved some leaving and some coming home, some summer and some winter, some roses blooming out like children in a play. My hope is your story will be about changing, about getting something beautiful born inside of you, about learning to love a woman or a man, about learning to love a child, about moving yourself around water, around mountains, around friends, about learning to love others more than we love ourselves, about learning oneness as a way of understanding God. We get one story, you and I, and one story alone. God has established the elements, the setting and the climax and the resolution. It would be a crime not to venture out, wouldn't it?" (Donald Miller, *Through Painted Deserts: Light, God, and Beauty on the Open Road*)

Happy June! Wishing you a month of magic and wonders.

Love,





PRIEST ASSOCIATE'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Canon Michel Belt

I know I've written before, how sometimes, especially "on deadline," it is difficult to discern a topic to share with the parish for newsletter—followed by the struggle to create something interesting enough on that topic for people to want to read it. That is hardly my problem for this, the June issue of *The Messenger*; my topic has been laying heavy on my heart for some time now. Why? Well, as most of you know by now, I am preparing to bid you all good-bye (my last day is June 30th) after three-plus years together.

It is often hard to convey, particularly to laypeople (since you probably haven't experienced it), what a gift serving in a parish can be, especially as I look into your faces and place the eucharistic bread in your outstretched hands. I want to thank you for the generosity of spirit you've shown me, as I was suddenly "dumped" on you in the midst of both your clergy leaving. You've given me your time in simple things: sharing the peculiarities of the church lighting system, teaching me how to make coffee, educating me in the way of Midge Cassidy's kitchen organization, locking and unlocking the building, and even accepting that I'm a "hugger." You've given me your grace in some not-so-simple things: sharing both the joys and the sorrows of being fully alive human beings, as together we've prepared for those significant life-changing occasions

(i.e., baptisms, Confirmations, weddings and funerals, and even bedside visits).

For most clergy, we find ourselves invited into lives in some strange places and strange times. Most clergy have seen more people in their hospital johnnies, and with tubes running into and out of their bodies, than anyone except doctors and nurses. We've seen people devastated by grief, as well as overcome by joy. We've sat and talked with people who question what life is all about and whether or not life is sacred, even as others want to debate some obscure theological belief they've run across.

Oh ... and, of course, clergy have often pondered what "church" would be like, without the people and "their baggage," or if everyone would just take care of themselves, and not try to micromanage things, or turn all passive-aggressive on us. If people would read and study and come to understand their church as a conglomeration of people with various needs and wants, and that no one—not even Jesus Christ himself—could truly be "all things to all people." Even St. Paul quickly learned that walking on water isn't all it is cut out to be!

And yet, even in the midst of what probably seems like complaints, most clergy acknowledge what a privilege it is for us to be invited into others' lives, and to share the whole gamut of life experiences

with another living being. One of the first things I learned as a fledgling chaplain, and often the hard way, is the importance of that invitation—patients simply can't dismiss a doctor, a nurse, or even a janitor, they all have unbridled access to a patient's room. But chaplains and clergy need to be invited.

Clearly, all of this is probably a lot more than you wanted to read or even know. But at the heart of all these words is the recognition that you have invited me to share your life. You have made me feel welcome. And you have been vulnerable with me—in the hugs, and the life experiences shared.

Like all clergy should do when leaving a parish, I will not be able to attend church or events at Grace for a while. I will not be able to attend concerts and gatherings where Grace parishioners may come together. It doesn't mean we can't speak if we encounter each other in the grocery store or dry cleaners or a restaurant. It does mean that I will be physically absent from you as a "new" clergy person seeks to know you as I have, with the hope they too will eventually be invited into the whole gamut of life experiences you've shared with me.

June 30th is just around the corner—it will be here before we know it. So, be assured, you will be in my heart and mind and prayers—as I always wish for Grace to be all it can be!



MUSIC AT GRACE

Dr. Anne Matlack

Choir rehearsals will wind down mid-June, but full choirs will sing Sundays through June so that we can celebrate Father Michel's departure on June 30. New singers are always welcome, and once school is over it's a great time for novices (new choristers entering 2nd grade and up) to begin training by making an appointment with Dr. Anne.

Choir Recognition, June 2

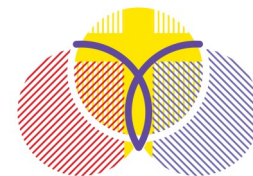
We promise to dazzle you with full choir singing the spiritual *Go Where I Send Thee*; School Choir II sings a Bach duet; Daughters of Zion sneak in an anthem; and the Chapel Choir joins us for an Introit with African drums.

First year choristers get their crosses, ribbon colors change by years of service. We will thank the Duff family who are moving back to England, and Joanne will provide her music note cookies

for the last time! Plus Dr. Anne's favorite hymn—do you know what it is? (*Hint: George Herbert...*) Have you hugged a choir member today?

Pentecost, June 9

June 9 is both Pentecost (wear red!) and *Gargoyles Day*. We are hoping some former Gargoyles will join us as we sing a Russian piece in the service, and a Barbershop offering at coffee hour!



Trinity Sunday, June 16

Trinity and Father's Day with gorgeous anthem with Teddy Love on oboe.

Pentecost 2, June 23

Howells' gorgeous *Like as the Hart* setting of Psalm 42. We will be commissioning the Pilgrimage Youth and Chaperones during the service.

Pentecost 3, June 30

Bruckner's *Locus Iste* is an appropriate motet to send off Father Michel!



Harmonium

A Thousand Beautiful Things

Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, at 7:30 pm at Grace Church

We are so excited about the last concert of Harmonium's season, *A Thousand Beautiful Things* which features delightful choral works from Palestrina to Annie Lennox, Debussy to Bernstein, Ešenvalds's gorgeous *Only in Sleep*, and Gjeilo's *Unicornis Captivatur*.

The highlight of this concert is always the premiere performance of the winning composition from our annual High School Student Composition Contest. This year's grand prize winner is Varun Karry, a freshman(!) from J.P. Stevens High School in Edison, NJ. Harmonium will perform his lush setting of *My Beloved Spake* on a text from the Song of Songs. Our second place (tie) includes our own Gargoyle **Henry Marinovic** (*top*), and honorable mention winner is our own **Kimberly Love** (*bottom*). The looks on the faces of the student winner and their friends and family when their piece is brought to life by the chorus is the best part of the June concert.

General admission tickets are \$25 (\$20 for students and seniors). Tickets purchased on or before June 7 are discounted to \$20. You can also buy tickets to our July 13th Cabaret Fundraiser held in Grace Hall. It's a really good time!

Event info & tickets: www.harmonium.yapsody.com





KIDS



Summer Children's Chapel will take place at our outdoor chapel beginning June 16

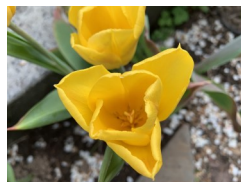
Parents, remember to drop off and sign in your children at the playground at the rear of the parking lot beginning at 9:50 am Sunday mornings.

Also, please sign up to help chaperone Children's Chapel throughout the summer months.

GIVING THANKS

Rogation Sunday

Blessing of the grounds on May 26.



SUMMER FUN



Vacation Bible School

July 15-19, 9:00 am-noon for Kids Pre-K—5th grade

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is **POWER UP—Raise your Game!** In video games, a power-up makes you stronger. We can power up in our own lives too! It all starts with knowing God. That's where real power comes from—knowing God and living God's way. At VBS this year, we will learn how God gives us the power to raise us up!

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.

Registration is now open for both parishioners and non-members. Registration forms are in Grace Lobby.



Would you like to sing in the choir this summer?

In July and August, choir call is at 9:30 am for the 10:00 am service. All are welcome! Soloists and instrumentalists, speak to Dr. Anne for a Sunday summer offering slot!

W O R S H I P

We welcome the Newly Confirmed

On May 4, after a full program year of reading, preparation, and class time, nine of our young people were Confirmed by Bishop Hughes, right here at Grace Church. These young people represent a variety of schools beyond the borders of Madison, and have undertaken a variety of opportunities to share their God-given gifts with the Parish and beyond. We also had two adults confirmed by Bishop Hughes. Please welcome these people into the work and ministry of Grace Church!



Avery Elizabeth Benjamin, Shea Sinclair Byam, Luke Roger Deane, Poppy Isabelle Ehrbar, Mark Walker Kellstrom, Charles Francis Love, Ian William McSorley, Louise Olgenkaer Nielsen, Doris Margaret Purdy, Claire Annalie Waskow, and Elisabeth Mildred Wielandy.



You are invited to the Hegg Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony



John and Beverly Wand will be this year's recipients from Grace Church. They will be honored on June 9 at the *Senior Ministries Evensong* at St. Peter's Church, 70 Maple Avenue, Morristown. Reception is at 3:00 pm; followed by Evensong and awards at 4:00 pm. Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes will preach. All are welcome to come.

*No need to RSVP.
Carpooling is encouraged.*

John and Beverly Wand have been pillars of the Grace Church Community since 1992. In that time they supported the Church with endless hours of volunteer work supporting of their fellow parishioners both as part of church programs and personally through their kindness and generosity.

John served on the Vestry for two full terms and completed an additional partial term when the church needed his leadership. Our community was greatly enriched by John's many passions including the Grace Rummage Sale, which he led for many years, and created a structure for its continued operation for years to come. He also was the leader of our Annual Auction for many years, planning and hosting wonderful nights of fellowship that would raise money for Grace. In worship, he faithfully served as both a Verger and Lay Reader for many years.

Beverly was always his partner and sidekick for the numerous volunteer tasks that have so

enriched the parish. She shares John's passion for outreach and community building and invested her own time in working as a cashier for the rummage sale, or making sure the Pancake Supper went smoothly, or decorating for the auction. Bev is also a lover of music, and despite the fact that she was an active member of numerous other bell choirs, she always carved out time to be present with us at Grace, worshipping with us and serving on many outreach projects.

Recently John and Beverly relocated to Boston to be closer to their children. When they moved, they left behind a detailed "Instruction Manual" for the Rummage Sale so we would run it without them. We missed them that week, but felt supported by the example they set for us. They also left behind a love for community events, and a joy of service that has remained even as they have moved away from us. Their love of God and care for Grace Church will continue to inspire and nurture us for years to come.

FUN & FUNDRAISING

Rummage Success!

The Spirit was moving on May 11th... along with wonderfully donated treasures which flowed to new homes and provided funding for multiple Grace ministries, including Outreach.

Together the 2019 Rummage Sales raised nearly **\$15,000!** WOW! This money provides funding for our Youth Pilgrimage, our Outreach Grants (fun fact: we distribute \$33,000/year), and many other ministries.

Special thanks to our 108 Volunteers!! See the bulletin board for the list of all our amazing volunteers.

A special thank you to some of our Rummage Leaders: Barbara Hughes, Judy Jurgensen, Paul Lemaire, Laura Lemaire, Jennifer McCulloch, Anne Meyer, Dora Monserrate, Kathleen Munter, Missy Partridge, Mike Petite, Eleanor Rawitz, & Stacy Wilde.

Thank you for generously donating your time, talent and treasures to Rummage 2019!



COMMUNITY

Next Hike: Pyramid Mountain



All are welcome, bring your children, friends, and dogs (on a leash) to join the Graceful Hikers on Saturday, June 15. This hike accesses Tripod Rock on Pyramid Mountain using a 3+ mile, forested, quiet beautiful loop with rocky footpaths, stream crossings, overlooks, and memorable glacial erratics, including Tripod Rock and Bear Rock. The 3.5 mile, 2-hour

loop, is rated Easy/Intermediate. There are some moderate elevation gains with huge rock outcroppings, scenic viewpoints, all leading to a 150-ton glacial erratic balanced on three small stones. Thought by some to be a Native American calendar site, this natural symbol of our local cultural/natural heritage compelled people to preserve the mountain. The trail then leads to Tripod Rock—a gorgeous spot to stop for lunch. We can take an optional side trail to Lucy’s Lookout which has views south and west over Stony Brook mountain and views of the NYC skyline. Meet us June 15 at 9:00 am at Grace Church parking lot. Please let us know if you can join us.

~ Your hike guides, Dora Monserrate & Bruce Rudin

Email: brucedora@verizon.net.



First Friday

Potluck starts at 6:15 pm;
presentation begins at 7:00 pm.

On Friday, June 7 our guest speaker will be Sally Rubin, Executive Director, from the Great Swamp Watershed.



Adult Forum

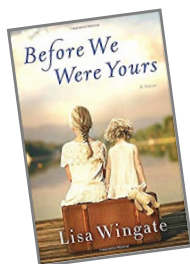
Sunday, June 9 at 11:30 am

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in Nieman Hall for an update from the Rector and Wardens.

BOOK GROUPS

Women of Grace Book Group

(please note date change) Monday, June 24
at 7:00 pm in Nieman Annex



We will discuss *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate, a thought-provoking tale about two families, two generations apart, based on a notorious true-life scandal.

Planning ahead: *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel on July 15. We welcome you to join the conversation! ~ Joan Nolan at perchance1@verizon.net

OUTREACH



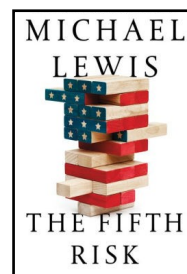
The next Grace Community Soup Kitchen supported by Grace Church will be on Tuesday, June 19, at Redeemer in Morristown. The sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board outside Grace Hall (sign up deadline is June 10).

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 they collaborate with more than 20 other agencies to bring services to those in need. ~Tom Honohan

Men’s Book Group

Join us on Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30 pm to discuss *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis at Frank Mangravite’s house.

All are welcome! Contact Bruce Rudin with questions or for directions at brucedora@verizon.net



ADVENTURES ABROAD

by Paula & Ted Roper

For the first time in 10 years, we did not participate in Holy Week and Easter services at Grace Church. Although it felt strange not to be there, we went on an English adventure instead!

We planned our trip around the opportunity to attend the 143rd annual Good Friday performance of Handel's *Messiah* at the Royal Albert Hall in London. This magnificent choral work was performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Choral Society, a choir formed originally for the opening of the Royal Albert Hall in 1871. This choir has been conducted by Dvorák and Elgar performing their own works. Richard Cooke is the Music Director, and this was his 24th consecutive Good Friday performance of *Messiah*. Everything about the performance was wonderful: the choir, the orchestra, the organ, and the soloists including Mhairi Lawson, Madeleine Shaw, Jamie MacDougall and Božidar Smiljanić. The Royal Albert Hall features a magnificent organ, which has 99,998 pipes. In 1871 when it was built, it was the largest organ in Europe (right).

On Saturday evening we attended a *Concert by Candlelight* at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, featuring the St. Martin's Voices under the direction of Andrew Earis. The St. Martin voices are a professional vocal ensemble made up of choral scholars who

sing concerts at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as well as on BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship. These ten young musicians performed an hour of a *capella* music including: Allegri's *Miserere*, Victoria's *Requiem*, and MacMillan's *Miserere*.

St. Martin in the Fields is a beautiful church located on the northeast corner of Trafalgar Square. It was a bustling evening outside, with a street festival, traffic, and all the noises of a busy tourist Saturday. Things quieted down in time for the performance, and the sunset reflecting off of the unique window above the altar was quite a sight.

Sunday morning, we caught a train to Canterbury, following the path of millions of pilgrims before us across the ages. Canterbury Cathedral is an amazing space, even in the midst of restoration. The scaffolding did not take away from the majesty of the space. Because there is no separation of church and state in England, the processional included the Lord Mayor, members of the Council, military, and civic representatives. They were followed by the choir, worship leaders, and Archbishop Justin Welby. The sermon was

engaging and timely. Amazingly at the end of the service, Archbishop Welby stood at the door and shook the hands of all the attendees.

We also walked through the medieval city's West Gate, to the smaller parish church of St. Dunstan's. This was a personal trek, because it is the home church of the Roper family, including William Roper, son-in-law of Sir Thomas More (yes, that Thomas More), and a distant relative. After his execution by the Crown for treason, many believe that More's head was taken from its pike atop London Bridge by William Roper, and eventually buried in the Roper family vault in St. Dunstan's. Fortunately for us, the Sexton had left the door to the church unlocked after Easter services, and we were able to spend some quiet time visiting the church where many Ropers have worshipped over the centuries.

The gate (right) is the only remaining portion of William and Margaret (More) Roper's estate. It was fun, and strange, to stand in Roper Road in the midst of modern day traffic!

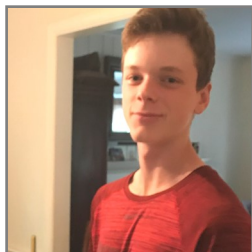
We look forward to participating in Easter in Madison again next year.



Did you know?



Grace McCulloch, rising college sophomore, has a summer acting internship with the *Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival* outside of Los Angeles and will be in two equity productions.



Rising high school junior, **Carl Steffens** is participating in a service immersion in Guatemala, on a Newark Academy team that will build two houses for poor Guatemalan families, through the Mount Tabor-based organization, *From Houses to Homes*.
(fromhousestohomes.org)

As part of Kirkpatrick Choir, **Elizabeth Monkemeier** will compete in the Marktoberdorf Choir Competition. She is one of four freshman chosen to be in the select group, and the only female freshman—and she's not even a voice major!

Congrats to the Grads!



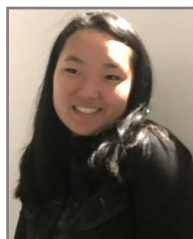
Jack Bartolomeo graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange and will be attending Fairfield University in Connecticut to pursue Business and Mathematics.



Jack Baulig graduated from Pingry and will attend Kenyon College in the fall where he will play football.



Sarah B. Garde graduated from Kent Place School on June 2. She will be attending University of St. Andrews to study International Relations and Modern History.



Caroline Ironside Moore (Mother Susan's daughter) graduates from Madison High School and is heading to Loyola University in Maryland this fall. (Mother Susan will be a weepy mess. Pretend you don't notice.)



Heather McCulloch will be attending University of Maryland, double-majoring in Psychology and Political Science, as part of the Civicus Program, a social service leadership living/learning community.



Henry Pratt graduated from Marist College with a B.A. in Political Science. At Marist, he served as the President of the Marist Democrats Club and a board member of the Dutchess County Young Democrats. He is hoping to work for a progressive action organization for the 2020 campaign season.



Maddie Zietsman graduated from Kent Place school and will be attending Wake Forest University in North Carolina this fall.



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by Diane Uhler, Licensed Professional Counselor, National Board-Certified Counselor

“Children are a Gift!” we often hear. The moment new parents learn that they are expecting their first bundle of joy, they often feel elated, ecstatic, maybe overwhelmed and nervous, but overall they feel joy and happiness about the positive change in their life trajectory. Some months later, these same parents welcome their long awaited and much anticipated family member. These same new parents may take some parenting classes to help them prepare for their new roles. There is so much to learn! Babies don’t come with instruction manuals! Toddlers don’t come with directions for growth and development attached! Children are always unique and fascinating in the ways they learn, absorb and discover life! What is a parent to

The Gift of a Child

do to prepare for this daunting, yet wonderful task they have ahead? After all, as a new parent, surely you want to nurture your “Gift” as best you can.

In therapy, when parents are struggling with their knowledge, skills and patience, or when children are struggling with negative behavior or moods, counselors can help parents learn from these models and by using play therapy techniques help children express their emotions through play.

Positive Parenting is a model of parenting that can help new parents with the task of nurturing this Gift. Part of the Positive Psychology model, Positive Parenting is based on extensive research and which generally stated refers to a model of “warm yet firm” parenting that is “assertive but not intrusive, demanding but responsive and supportive in terms of discipline but not punitive”
positivepsychologyprogram.com

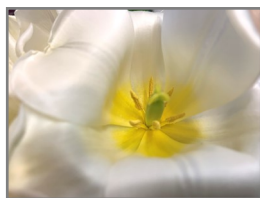
Another model of parenting refers to what researchers call Parenting Styles which helps identify three basic parenting styles and how children respond, grow and develop within these different styles. Yet another approach, The Nurtured Heart Approach, formulated by Howard Glasser and colleagues, helps parents of difficult children learn alternate ways of parenting from the traditional models, which often do not work with these intense and difficult kids. (Transforming the Difficult Child, 1998). Play Therapy techniques and strategies are used to help children express negative emotions through play, and help them release the negative feelings that they cannot express using words because they lack emotional language.

The Gift of a Child brings joy, brightness and promise to a family! A child is potential, positivity, creativity, joy and lightness. Parenting is the guiding force behind bringing these facets of the Gift of a Child into view.



Our next baptismal services are on Pentecost, June 9; and also on All Saints’ Sunday, November 3.

If you are interested in having your child baptized or being baptized yourself, speak to our clergy or call the church office.



Easter Delivery Thanks

Many lovely plants were delivered to those on our church list on Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24 this year! A big thank you goes to the following ladies: Marilyn Musielski, Ginger Maione, Stacy Wilde, Janet Molstad, Katie Harter And Daughter Olivia, Nancy Gates, Ruth Deane, Evangeline Tross and Sue Nixon. In addition, Judy Honohan selected the beautiful plants that we delivered, and a big ‘thanks’ goes to her for all her hard work! This was a great team, as there were 23 recipients who received a bit of Easter cheer because of them!

I'm forever grateful to all, Peggy Oakes



Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Pilgrimage Plant Sale. We sold just over 200 plants and raised almost \$900 towards this summer's pilgrimage. Thank you too for your patience as we faced some issues with our new supplier this year, which delayed a portion of the delivery. But, in the end, it was a successful fundraiser for our youth. ~ Chris Wilde

HOLY DAYS

Sunday, June 9

DAY OF PENTECOST

Wear red—to remind us of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
and Holy Baptism

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Tuesday, June 11

ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Saturday, June 29

**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL,
THE APOSTLES**

8:15 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Thursday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

7:00 am Holy Eucharist,
Rite I & Healing Prayer

Financial Update

*This report covers from
January 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019.*

Total Income:

Budgeted Amount: \$ 276,131

Actual Amount: \$ 238,844

Actual Amount is Under Budget: (\$ 37,287)

Now, having passed the first quarter of the year, our income trajectory is becoming a little clearer: we have to increase our income. Pledges are currently at 80% of budgeted amount, and Plate is hovering below 70%. This shortfall of Pledge income represents almost all (\$35,802 or 96%) of the underrun. Plate Offerings are below the budgeted amount by \$1,765.

Total Expenses:

Budgeted Amount: \$ 324,346

Actual Amount: \$ 305,335

Actual Amount is Under Budget: (\$ 19,011)

There is no primary contributor to this underrun. Many expense items are right at, or near budget. Staff and the Vestry are closely monitoring expenses.

Net Ordinary Income: \$ 238,844

Total Expenses: \$ 305,335

Net Ordinary Income: (\$ 66,491)

Endowment Income Applied: \$ 45,760

Net Income: (\$ 20,731)

Summary:

Even with the transfer from our endowment, we are currently running a deficit. The key to balancing our budget is to increase the number of pledging units, or to convert those who give regularly and consider themselves to be members, but do not pledge, into pledgers. **Without an increase in pledge income, we will not be able to continue to offer and support the various ministries of Grace Church at their current level.** We continue to wait on the receipt of a number of pledges which have traditionally been received sometime in the first quarter. The Vestry will continue to monitor both income and expenses and, if necessary, adjust the budget.

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

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| Sun., June 2 | 10:00 am | Choir & Chapel Choir Recognition |
| Tues., June 4 | 6 am-8 pm | Primary Elections, <i>Grace Hall</i> |
| Friday, June 7 | 6:15 pm | First Friday Potluck, <i>Grace Hall</i> |
| | 7:00 pm | <i>Presentation: Great Swamp Watershed</i> |
| Sat., June 8 | 7:30 pm | Harmonium Concert, <i>Church</i> |
| Sun., June 9 | DAY OF PENTECOST & HOLY BAPTISM Wear Red! | |
| | 10:00 am | Sunday School Teacher Recognition <i>Last Day of Sunday School</i> |
| | 11:30 am | Adult Forum: <i>Rector and Warden's Update</i> |
| | 3:00 pm | Hegg Awards, <i>St. Peter's, Morristown</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | Harmonium Concert, <i>Church</i> |
| Mon., June 10 | 6:00 pm | Sunday Guilds & Worship Leader Dinner, <i>Nieman Hall</i> |
| Tues., June 11 | Diocesan Clergy Day, <i>Grace Hall</i> | |
| Thurs., June 13 | Last Adult Choir Rehearsal | |
| Fri., June 14 | Last School Choir Rehearsal | |
| Sun., June 16 | Dr. Elias' Last Sunday | |
| | 10:00 am | Acolyte Recognition & Senior Sermons |
| Sun., June 23 | 10:00 am | Commissioning Youth Pilgrimage, <i>Church</i> |
| Mon., June 24 | 7:00 pm | Women's Book Group ← <i>note date change!</i> |
| Sun., June 30 | Fr. Michel's Last Sunday | |
| Mon., July 1 | 10:30 am | Office Angel Mailing followed by lunch |
| Thurs., July 4 | Independence Day— <i>Office Closed</i> | |
| Sat., July 13 | 7:30 pm | Harmonium's <i>Cabaret</i> Fundraise, <i>Grace Hall</i> |

Our Weekly Gatherings

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| Mondays | 9:30 am | Tai Chi, <i>Grace Hall</i> |
| 2 nd Monday | 7:00 pm | Mindfulness for Adults, <i>Senior High Room</i> |
| 3 rd Monday | 7:30 pm | Finance Committee, <i>Library</i> |
| 4 th Monday | 7:00 pm | Vestry Meeting, <i>Nieman Hall</i> |
| Tuesdays | 7:30 pm | Craft Guild, <i>Library</i> |
| 1 st Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Pastoral Care, <i>Nieman Hall</i> |
| 3 rd Tuesday | 7:30 pm | Men's Book Group |
| 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> |
| Thursdays | 6:00-9:30 pm | Teen & Adult Choirs, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| Fridays | 7:30 am | Men's Breakfast, <i>Waverly Place Restaurant</i> |
| | 3:30-5:30 pm | Chapel and School Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> |

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