Grace Notes

THE NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

(A Member of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries)



JUNE 2017

Pastoral Thoughts from The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

Invitation



to a

Sunday, July 16!

The Council members of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries (BCM) invited our three congregations to participate in the Holy Cow survey process a few months ago. Last February, the consultants from Samaritan Counseling Center met with members of the Council and Vestries to discuss the results of the survey. At this time I would like to share the results of this process more broadly. My intention is to also talk about the vision that I am forming for our ministry for the coming year. To that end, I invite you to participate in an informal congregational meeting after the worship service on July 16. During the meeting we will discuss the results of the Holy Cow survey in relation to the BCM and to Grace Church.

I look forward to our meeting on July 16.

Faithfully, *Ketlen+*

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Parishioners.

Many thanks go to everyone who assisted with the Flea Market in April. We did very well making almost \$3000. The two Flea Markets are our major fundraisers and it was great to have so many members of the Parish involved. Thanks to Twyla, Cathy and Amy Diamond, Diana Golden, Amanda Burris and Richard Fengl for setup, Carrie Fayda for kitchen organizing, Paul Miles, Alan Gill and Juli Bailey/Dan Krieger/Jim Wegner for check-in and the many others who parked cars, baked, sold books and cleaned up.

It was great to recognize Bruce and Lynn Phillips on May 7th for all their years of service to Grace. Lynn was recognized for her time as Parish Secretary among other duties and many thanks to Bruce, who has tirelessly volunteered as Treasurer for so many years. We will keep in touch with them at their new home in Dagsboro.

We also want to thank Greg Golden who has agreed to become the new Treasurer and is learning the practices and procedures from Bruce. Greg will work with our new bookkeeper in handling income and expenses. Beth Raab has graciously agreed to be the new Asst. Treasurer to cover for Greg when he is not available. Thanks to you both.

Be sure to sign up for Ice Tea Socials after church this summer. A great opportunity for fellowship after the services and easy to manage.

Reminder to all to keep your Pledge commitments during the summer. Expenses continue throughout the year and pledges sometimes drop while folks are travelling and enjoying the beaches. It would be appreciated if you make sure that we have income to match those expenses. Enjoy your summer.

Tom Marshall Senior Warden

OUTREACH NEWS

The **Ditty Box "100 Club"** campaign is going well—check out the bulletin board and sign up for saving up "100" of an item for the year. Just sign the list or let Tom Marshall know what item you want to focus on, he'll "reserve" it for you. Thank you.



VESTRY MINUTES—April, 2017

- Treasurer: Report accepted.
- Property: Vendors will now be allowed to advertise on our electronic sign. Chesapeake Crabs and Adventure Kids are working on details for using physical lawn signs.
- Cemetery report accepted.
- Treasurer Update: Greg Golden is our volunteer treasurer, and we will be hiring a bookkeeper.
- BCM Updates: BCM Bus Trip to Glen Cairn for mid May; Pentecost Eve Picnic at Grace for June; renting tent and moon bounce; new BCM logo to be sent out to churches; property donated to BCM has been liquidated and invested; Paula Hartzell and Richard Fengl were nominated to serve on BCM Council.
- New business: Boy Scouts would like to use Grace as a venue; Choir School of Delaware wants
 to begin a mentoring program with five churches, Grace Church being one of them. Discussed
 new fundraising ideas. Summer Tea Socials will take the place of Coffee Hour—looking for
 hosts.

GRACE VESTRY MEMBERS:

2018: Nancy Craig, Tom Marshall, Sam Williams

2019: Amy Diamond, Jean Burton, Charlie Hannagan, Paul Miles, Sandy Tonjes

2020: Linda Adams, Lynn Porro

Gambler's Anonymous Meetings—all are welcome. Mondays: 7PM; Tuesdays: 10AM; Thursdays: 7PM;

Saturdays: 10:15AM

To speak to a GA member, call 1-855-222-5542 For more information about GA, call 1-888-850-8888





GROCERY CARDS FOR SALE 1st and 3rd Sundays

Have you tried helping Grace Church by purchasing grocery cards? You purchase the cards for face value and Grace receives 5% credit from your purchase. You get the full value of your purchase at ShopRite, Acme and Super G (Giant), and there is no expiration date. The cards are sold on the first and third Sundays of each month following both services.

Barb Krieger

JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1 Flea Market Wrap-Up meeting—6:30PM, Grace Place

Saturday, June 3 BCM Event: Pentecost Eve Gathering—4-7PM, Grace Church Sunday, June 4 Holy Eucharist—8:30 & 10:30AM—The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

Grocery cards for sale

Monday, June 5 Wardens meeting—5PM, Grace Place

Wednesday, June 7 BCM Worship: Morning Prayer—10AM, Calvary

10:45AM—BCM Staff meeting—Church Office closed

Thursday, June 8 Creative Call dinner—7PM

NOTE: Beginning on Sunday, June 11, we will have one Sunday worship service at 9:30AM in our air-conditioned chapel for the summer months.

Sunday, June 11 Holy Eucharist—9:30AM, Chapel —The Rev. Chris Moore

Thursday, June 15 Vestry meeting—7PM, Grace Place

Sunday, June 18 Holy Eucharist—9:30AM, Chapel —The Rev. Ed Godden

Grocery cards for sale

Tuesday, June 20 Finance meeting—6:30PM, Grace Place Wednesday, June 21 BCM Worship: Taize Service—7PM, Calvary

Sunday, June 25 Holy Eucharist—9:30AM, Chapel—The Rev. Dr. Ed Pease Monday, June 26 Article deadline for July/August issue of "Grace Notes"

CHAPEL & CHURCH SCHEDULE

June 4: Two services, 8:30AM in Chapel, 10:30AM in Church June 11 - September 3: One service, 9:30AM in Chapel September 10 - at least through September 24:

Two services, 8:30AM & 10:30AM - both in Chapel



JUNE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

Greeters/Ushers:

6/25

6/4 Jim Fagley, Bob & Nancy McCormack6/11 Amy Diamond, Janet Poplos6/18 Matt Bailey, Clark Gregg

Linda Helie, Janet Poplos

Lectors/Communion Assistants:

8:30AM Service 10:30AM Service
6/4 Barb Krieger/Alan Gill Sandy Tonjes
9:30AM Service

6/11 Amy Diamond/Arianna Bailey 6/18 Barb Krieger/Alan Gill

6/25 Richard Fengl/Pat Markovic

Altar Guild:

6/4 Gail Haley, Arlene Nikaido-Lung, Nancy Craig

6/11 & 6/18 Jean, Tim, and Judy Young, Alan Gill, Carol Mazzenga, Barb Krieger

6/25 Carrie Fayda, Lil Miles

Counters:Vestry Lock-Up:6/4Bob McCormack6/4Paul Miles6/11Nancy McCormack6/11Tom Marshall6/186/18Nancy Craig6/25

If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please arrange for a substitute and then call or email the Church Office with your replacement. Thank you for serving.



frace Parish Cares

The importance of prayer is affirmed throughout the Bible. As a church, we are committed to pray, as it brings us closer to each other and to God. Our joys and celebrations, our concerns and sorrows—they are important to us. Please sign the prayer list on the table outside of the sanctuary or call the church office to add your petitions to our prayer list, or to get a name on the Prayer Chain, you can also contact Tom Marshall.

June Birthdays:

Julie Bil tilua	.y.s.
June 3	Richard Fengl
June 4	Connie Mead
June 5	Chris Moore
June 8	Diana Golden
June 8	Howard Un
June 9	Carla Wegner
June 12	Dallas Winslow
June 14	Denise LaRue
June 14	Suzy Lichliter
June 14	Pat Saraga
June 18	Kimberly Bailey
June 19	Aria Nowell
June 21	Laure O'Day
June 21	Brenda Trageser
June 21	Bailey Fields
June 22	Paul Miles
June 23	Taylor Long
June 25	Jim Wegner
June 26	Joan Schoenleber
June 29	Marsha Larned

June Anniversaries:

June 12	Paul & Stephen Hartzell
June 15	Stephan & Cyndi Lehm
June 15	Pat & Rose Markovic
June 16	Henry & Lauren Dzielak
June 21	Bruce & Lynn Phillips
June 28	Edward & Carrie Fayda

Shut-ins:

Bill Hearn, Connie Mead, Ethel Phillips, Margaret Wood

In our Country's Service:

We keep Michael Mariner, Steven Michael Pascal, and Sean Williams close as they serve our country away from home.

Sorrow shared is halved, and joy shared is doubled.

(Swedish proverb)

Prayer List

We are praying for . . .

Carol Beckett eye problems Joan Roberge
Richard Realey healing Edie Realey
Paul Philipson incarceration Eileen LeClerq
Andrew Berry chronic pneumonia, Donna Cuddahy

epilepsy, cerebral palsy

Suzanne Roberge health issues—cancer Joan Roberge The Rt. Rev. John Said health issues The McCormack family Gardner Powell Margaret Palmatary recovery Barbara Brown health issues The McCormack family Jaclyn Koveleski Lauren Dzielak lupus Chuck McCabe **Doris Cummings** cancer Mae Fagley health issues Jim Fagley Irene Richards NIS Jim Fagley The friends and family bereavement Edie Realey

of Col. Stephen Braddock

Caroline Allen chemotherapy Amy Diamond Paula Tye Fred Tennille cancer Ruth Tennille illness Fred Tennille Matt & Libby Ruth Ann Purchase newlyweds Shelley Lenhart Paula Hartzell surgery Brousseau & bereavement Chris Gill

Koch families

If you have a name to lift up in prayer or would like to be a link in the prayer chain, please contact the church office or Tom Marshall at (302) 475-0767 or tmmata2@comcast.net.



What's Goin' On?

Iced Tea Socials

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to serve as a social host. These are much simpler than Coffee Hour, and we have a short set of instructions we will send you to make things easy. You can also pair up with someone—it's up to you!



Chesapeake Crabs are back for the season! They are open every weekend now:



Fridays—4-7PM Saturdays—10AM-7PM Sundays—10AM-4PM

You can get live or steamed crabs—sizes are large, extra-large, and jumbo (depending on availability). Stop by the Parish Hall, or you can contact Shane by either a call or text (texting is best): 302-393-4242. Give your name, your order, and if you'd like them steamed or live – he'll confirm your order.

GRACE CHURCH GRADUATES

Arianna Bailey is graduating from Concord High School. She won two awards for Outstanding Music for the past two years. She will be studying psychology at York College of Pennsylvania.



Michael Stitaleri is graduating from Concord High School. He won an Outstanding Music award for 2017 as well as the Principal's Award for all four years of high school. He will be attending York College of Pennsylvania.

Zach Trageser is graduating from Garnet Valley High School. He won an award from the TRI-M Music Honor Society. He will be attending Robert Morris University.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 24- Friday, July 28

5:30—8:30PM (dinner included)

Vacation Bible School is on its way—**Hero Central** uses music, science, crafts, and games to help kids discover their strength in God! Registration is open now—contact me to register and to help out! *Blessings*,

Brenda

btgirlsnz@verizon.net; (610) 368-5507







Transit Troubles...

Several years ago, the London Transit Authority had a problem. Buses were going right past passengers who were waiting at designated places to be picked. They were at the bus stops, and the buses were sailing right past them. The LTA released a statement to explain their actions: "It is impossible for us to maintain schedules if we always have to stop and pick up passengers."

The Search for a Bishop . . .

With joy and deep gratitude, the Search Committee presents the slate of candidates for the 11th Bishop of Delaware:

The Right Reverend Laura J. Ahrens

Bishop Suffragan, The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

The Very Reverend Michael Battle

Herbert Thompson Professorial Chair of Church and Society; and Director of the Desmond Tutu Center, General Theological Seminary, New York

The Reverend Kevin S. Brown

Rector, The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, Charlotte, North Carolina

The Reverend Patricia S. Downing

Rector, Trinity and Old Swedes Parish, Wilmington, Delaware

The Reverend Canon Scott A. Gunn

Executive Director, Forward Movement, Cincinnati, Ohio

The slate is the result of an eight-month discernment process where, through prayer and dialogue, we worked to discern those candidates whose gifts and strengths best match our diocesan strengths, needs and direction. We were committed to the attributes expressed in our Diocesan Profile, which was based on input from over 600 surveys and 29 Town Halls throughout Delaware. We believe these nominees understand "the Delaware way" as expressed in our profile and are excited to join us.

This is an exciting time for our Diocese! Please pray that all of us will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to discern clearly whom God is calling to be our next Bishop and to work with her/him to joyfully continue the Jesus Movement in the Diocese of Delaware.

Yours in Christ—The Search Committee



Pentecost Eve Picnic



Sponsored by The **Brandywine Collaborative Ministries**

at

Grace Episcopal Church (4900 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE)

Saturday, June 3, 2017 4:00—7:00 PM

What is a **Pentecost Eve Picnic**?

It's an evening of good fellowship in a relaxing outside setting. It's a grill night! Hamburgers and hot dogs—Mmmmmmm! It's a great event for kids: a moon bounce, arts & crafts, and participation in the informal worship service.

It's a time to be looking for the **Holy Spirit** and how it fits into our lives.

You can bring a side dish such as baked beans, a salad, or a dessert—the rest will be provided, and a free-will offering will be received to help with the expenses. Please sign up on the bulletin board or go online at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49a4a622aaf49-inaugural

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The Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Pease Jr., Assistant to the Rector
The Rev. Christopher Moore, Assistant to the Rector

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:30AM—Chapel

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"We are a tree of life rooted in God's love branching out to embrace all."

"Our mission is to be a wellspring of spiritual sustenance, providing support for faith, friendship, and service."