

Grace Notes

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Pastoral Thoughts from The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

What Has Your Clergy Team Been Up To?



Fr. Chris, Fr. Ed, and I have been busy preparing for the fall. As you have begun to see advertised, we are preparing a monthly BCM Bible Study on Mark's Gospel, with the first session scheduled for Tuesday, October 3. In addition, we are also offering a weekly Bible

study at Grace, beginning October 8. We have also given thought to and talked about making a few changes to the worship service, beginning mid-October.

A comprehensive handout is being prepared to outline the changes that we are planning to make, but I take this opportunity to mention a few highlights. For example, the first noticeable change will consist in having all ministers and parishioners seated together in the pews a few minutes before the service is scheduled to begin. Then the priest will offer a few words of welcome before saying the opening acclamation or inviting the congregation to sing an opening hymn. Of course, the basic format of the service will follow the format prescribed by our Book of Common Prayer. In addition, appropriate and prescribed

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moments of silence will be highlighted and there will be an offering for children of all ages, including the young at heart.

Your clergy team is excited about our ministry and looks forward to continuing this journey together with you in faith and with joy.

Faithfully,
Pastor Ketlen+



"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Centering Prayer is a time-tested method to reach out to God. It incorporates a simple technique of listening to the wee silent voice of God. Why should we do this when, so often, we read our prayers and wait for God's direction? God invites us to be in relationship with God's own self to develop an active and creative bond to help direct our futures. Yes, if you want to, you can be a co-creator with God in your lives. This is why centering prayer is so valuable.

For an introduction and practice of Centering Prayer, join The Rev. Brother C. Gregory Desmond for three sessions on Tuesdays in October. These classes will be offered on October 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Calvary Church. Fr. Desmond, M.div., AF is a priest in the Old Catholic Apostolic Church of the Americas, and he is also a member of Anamchara Fellowship.

Pastor Ketlen

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to all who participated in the Fall Flea Market preparation and the day of the event. It was a great success, and it's wonderful to have so many people take an active involvement in it. It is one of our two big fundraisers for the year, and we're looking forward to an even bigger spring event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28.

Tom Marshall
Senior Warden

Hospitality Hour Hosts

We need your help! The hour of fellowship that we have on Sunday mornings is so very important in the life of the church. It's also a great way to show our hospitality to newcomers. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to serve as a social host. We have a short set of instructions we can send you to make things easy. You can also pair up with someone—it's up to you!



Please support this very important hour of fellowship.

ADVENTURE IS CALLING!

Cub
Scouts



We have a **Cub Scout troop** here at Grace! Their first meeting is on Wednesday, October 4, 6PM, in the Parish Hall. All young boys from the ages of kindergarten to grade 5 are eligible to join this group for fun activities and character-building experiences.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1	Holy Eucharist—8:30AM, 10:30AM (Rev. Chris) Grocery cards for sale BCM Event: Blessing of the Animals—12:30—2PM, Grace
Wednesday, October 4	BCM Worship: Morning Prayer—10AM, Calvary BCM Staff Meeting—10:30AM, Calvary Cub Scout meeting—6:30PM, Parish Hall
Friday, October 6	EDR Cooking—6PM, Parish Hall
Saturday, October 7	Altar Guild work day and lunch—9AM
Sunday, October 8	Holy Eucharist—8:30AM, 10:30AM (Fr. Ed) "Gospel of Mark" Study—9:30AM, Memorial Room
Tuesday, October 10	Centering Prayer—6:30PM, Calvary
Wednesday, October 11	Cub Scouts—6:30PM, Parish Hall
Thursday, October 12	Chit Chat & Charity—6PM, Grace Place
Sunday, October 15	Holy Eucharist—8:30AM, 10:30AM (Rev. Chris) "Gospel of Mark" Study—9:30AM, Memorial Room Grocery cards for sale
Tuesday, October 17	Centering Prayer—6:30PM, Calvary
Wednesday, October 18	Cub Scouts—6:30PM, Parish Hall BCM Worship: Taize Service—7PM, Calvary
Thursday, October 19	Vestry meeting—7PM, Grace Place
Sunday, October 22	Holy Eucharist—8:30AM, 10:30AM (Fr. Ed) "Gospel of Mark" Study—9:30AM, Memorial Room
Monday, October 23	Newsletter article deadline
Tuesday, October 24	Centering Prayer—6:30PM, Calvary
Wednesday, October 25	BCM Outreach: Choir School Dinner, 4:30PM—Denham House
Sunday, October 29	Holy Eucharist—8:30AM, 10:30AM (Pastor Ketlen) "Gospel of Mark" Study—9:30AM, Memorial Room



OCTOBER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

Greeters/Ushers:

10/1 Clark Gregg, Jim Fagley, Richard Fengl
 10/8 Linda Helie, Janet Poplos, Jim Fagley
 10/15 Margaret Palmatary, Paul Miles, Matt Bailey
 10/22 Bob McCormack, Nancy McCormack, Amy Diamond
 10/29 Margaret Palmatary, Linda Helie, Richard Fengl



Lectors/Communion Assistants:

	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>
10/1	Pat Markovic	Richard Fengl/Paul Miles
10/8	Christine Gill	Sarah Long/Sandy Tonjes
10/15	Barb Krieger/Alan Gill	Don Sparks/Tom Marshall
10/22	Pat Markovic	Amy Diamond/Paul Miles
10/29	Christine Gill	Richard Fengl/Sandy Tonjes

Altar Guild:

10/1 & 10/8 Gail Haley, Arlene Nikaido-Lung, Nancy Craig
 10/15 & 10/22 Jean, Tim, and Judy Young, Alan Gill, Carol Mazzenga, Barb Krieger
 10/29 Carrie Fayda, Lil Miles

Counters:

10/1 Linda Helie
 10/8 Tom Marshall
 10/15 Sandy Tonjes, Matt Bailey
 10/22 Paul & Lil Miles
 10/29 Bob & Nancy McCormack

Vestry Lock-Up:

10/1 Amy Diamond
 10/8 Linda Adams
 10/15 Paul Miles
 10/22 Sandy Tonjes
 10/29 Nancy Craig

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.



Grace 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. We lift them up in prayer.

The Prayer List

Lynn Townsend	cancer	Doris Townsend
Richard Realey	healing	Edie Realey
Paul Philipson	incarceration	Eileen LeClerq
Andrew Berry	chronic pneumonia, epilepsy, cerebral palsy	Donna Cuddahy
Joanne Ryan	cancer	Nancy Simpkins
Rt. Rev. John Said	cancer	The McCormacks
Carolyn Lotkowski	health	Carrie Fayda
Barbara Brown	stroke	The McCormacks
Toranio Holden	health	Chrystal Johnson
Tay Garnett	addiction	Miya Gregory
Joanne Ryan	cancer	Nancy Simpkins
Molly Dallas	concussion	Marilyn Dallas
Zogby family	death in family	Tom Marshall

We continually pray for those in our country's service:

Michael Mariner, Steven Michael Pascal, Sean Williams

We keep in prayer our shut-ins:

Dorothy Goddard, Bill Hearn, Connie Mead,
Ethel Phillips, Margaret Wood

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Please add your requests to the prayer list that is on the table in the church hall. We keep our petitions current by starting a new list at the beginning of each month. If you would like a prayer to be continued, please add it on to the new list. Also, if you would like your petition to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office or Tom Marshall.

October Celebrations

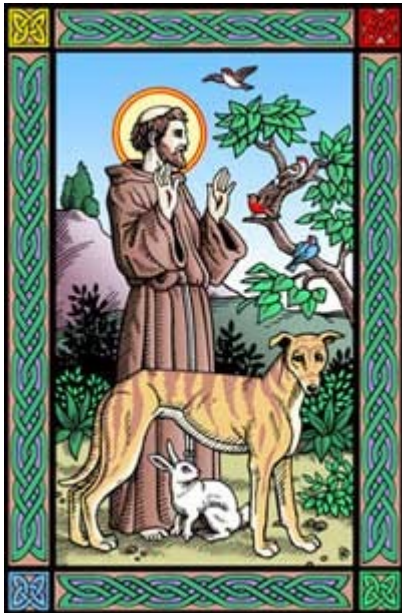


October Birthdays:

October 3	Andrew Jones
October 6	Eric Jones
October 8	Sarah Long
October 9	Kitt Heckscher
October 9	Lauren Jones
October 10	Laura Hannagan
October 11	William Waid
October 12	John Langrell
October 12	Leigh Sparks
October 18	Vickey Smith
October 27	Matthew Bailey
October 29	Susan Carter
October 29	Donna Cuddahy
October 31	Alan Gill

October Anniversaries:

October 3	Robert & Amy Perkins
October 12	Darrell & Sarah Long
October 16	Kitt & Jennie Heckscher
October 21	John & Gail Haley
October 27	Alan & Christine Gill
October 29	Eric & Lauren Jones



BCM

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1

12:30—2:30PM

Join us as we get our pets blessed and then share time with some vendors that will offer pet gifts, training classes, and even a photographer to get a picture taken with you and your pet. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship with our animal friends. It's a great event here at Grace!

BCM Family Worship

Calling All Families!

BCM Family Worship Begins September 29

Families with children and youth, come to the first monthly Family Worship for the BCM churches, Friday, September 29, from 6 – 7:30 pm at Grace. There will be pizza and beverages, a family-focused 30-minute church service with story, and then a game or two all about Blessings. Pajamas are absolutely welcome!

Parents, we'll have some ideas and resources about how to incorporate blessings into your family's day to day busy lives.

BCM Family Worship is a monthly intergenerational program that includes worship, education and fellowship to enrich the spiritual formation of children, youth, and their families. Relaxed and child-centered, where learning about God and our Episcopal Church is open and easy.

Subsequent services will be on the first Friday of each month, November through June and will rotate locations between our three churches. Grace will host the first three months: September 29, November 3 and December 1. We will meet at Ascension January 5, February 2, and March 2. Our program year will conclude at Calvary on April 6, May 4 and June 1. Plans are in the works for an ending event in June.

Have questions or ideas? Do you live with a youth musician who might want to help us bring music to this new program? Contact Maryann Younger at

BCMfamilyworship@gmail.com





Meet Maryann Younger

Maryann Younger is our newest addition to the BCM Clergy Team. She is serving as our Children and Family Minister. Maryann is discerning a call to Holy Orders within our Diocese and has been studying theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Last year, she served as sacristan (seminarians who care for all matters at the chapel on a seminarian campus) for the campus worshipping community and as a seminarian at St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, where her primary service was with the young children's and family worship. She volunteers as a chaplain at the Nemours AI DuPont Hospital for Children and is a parishioner at Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

In the past, Maryann ran a Montessori school for ten years and built a church-based pre-school. She loves the "creation" process and is hoping to create a relaxed space where people can worship with their children here in the BCM. She would love to give tools to parents on how to talk in an open and free space. She is 'comfortable with chaos', which usually comes in creating new experiences.

Maryann has been married for 33 years to her husband, Chris, who is a software developer. She has two adult children (a daughter in Ohio and a son in California), two cats, and a dog. She and Chris love restoring old houses—they are currently in a big stone farmhouse out in Hockessin, Delaware. She also likes to garden—when she has the time!

Take a moment and introduce yourself to Maryann and get to know her—she'll be happy to talk to you about her upcoming plans in the BCM. We're so glad she's here!



BCM Study—The Gospel of Mark

Do you wish you knew more about your own Christian Bible? Is Bible study something you have thought about doing but didn't know how to begin? Are you interested in knowing more about the life and teachings of Jesus as reflected in the Gospels?

If so, you have an opportunity starting this October through a six-week course on the Gospel of Mark offered through the Brandywine Collaborative Ministry and taught by our BCM clergy on Sunday mornings from October 8 to November 12, from 9:30 to 10:15 AM in the Lounge.

Mark is a fascinating Gospel. The shortest of the Gospels, it was also the first written, and the source for both Matthew and Luke.

When we step into the pages of Mark, we step into a first-person eyewitness to the life of Jesus. We see Jesus and the apostles through the eyes of someone who was actually there, laughing with him, crying with him, hearing his teachings, marveling at his healings.

More than the other Gospels, in Mark we observe Jesus' emotions. We see him as he is moved with compassion, as he "marvels" at people's unbelief. Mark is also an activist Gospel. The word "immediately" occurs forty times in sixteen chapters. It is a "just the facts, ma'am" Gospel, relatively short on theology and long on narrative. Mark's Gospel is the closest we have to actually being there right along with Jesus and the apostles, hearing his teaching, observing his emotions, and traveling along with him and the disciples on the dusty roads of first century Palestine.

Come join with us starting this October for this exciting adventure as we explore the life and teachings of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. If you know someone who wants to know more about the Bible, feel free to bring them along. People from other churches (or no church at all) are more than welcome.

Rev. Chris



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BCM OUTREACH PROJECT

The BCM is partnering with The Choir School of Delaware for a family-style community dinner for the upcoming season. It will be a simple meal for 40 people about once a month —dinner will begin at 4:30PM at the Denham House (former Cathedral of St. John). These evenings will give the youth a good meal with family-style conversation, help everyone get to know each other better, and build a strong bond between us.

Dinner dates are:

2017: October 25, November 29

2018: January 24, February 28, April 25

There will be three ways to help out:

- 1—attend & participate in the meal and discussion
- 2—do the cooking
- 3—donate funds

Be on the look-out for more information and sign-up sheets for this exciting partnership with the Choir School.



Grace Episcopal Church

“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.”



Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

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BCM (Brandywine Collaborative Ministries)

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The Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Pease Jr., Assistant to the Rector
The Rev. Christopher Moore, Assistant to the Rector
Maryann Younger, BCM Children & Family Minister

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