

# Grace Notes

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## Pastoral Thoughts from The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

### Filled with New Wine?

*"...in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." (Acts 2:11- 13 NRSV)*

The celebration of the Day of Pentecost was particularly special this year. Our three BCM congregations worshiped together as one, Bishop Kevin Brown officiated at both services, eleven adults and youth confirmed or reaffirmed their Christian faith anew, and the youngest member of Grace and BCM was baptized. In addition, we posed for a group photo, and, on account of God's generosity, we were able to enjoy the delicious fare of a relatively rain-free outdoor picnic. What a wonderful Sunday it was!

Since we were commemorating the Day of Pentecost, we had the opportunity to hear the Scripture reading from the Book of Acts which describes how the presence of the Holy Spirit became evident in the midst of a group of initial Christian believers who, long ago, had gathered to worship and pray in Jerusalem. Once the Spirit had arrived, these

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believers started to speak openly about the power of God in their lives and they were filled with unbridled joy to the astonishment of the members of a great crowd that was present in that city at the time. The surprise of the crowd was such that many commented how these 'crazy' Christians (to borrow a phrase from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry) were "filled with new wine."

I felt the joy of the Holy Spirit during our recent celebration of Pentecost, which I trust was a collective feeling on the part of those who were present on that day. What's more, wouldn't it be marvelous if our shared joy was such that others might begin to wonder about the reason behind such elation? May the desire of hearts and a petition of our prayers be to be filled anew with the fullness, joy, and power of the Holy Spirit of God.

In Christ,  
Ketlen+

### A Note about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) (written by Dick Hess, treasurer at Calvary)

As you may know, the new Federal income tax law increases the standard deduction to a level high enough that it does not make sense for some people to continue to itemize deductions. But if you meet certain qualifications, you can still make tax-free contributions to public charities of your choice. You are eligible if you have an IRA and are 70½ or older. If you fall into this category, you are required to take minimum distributions (RMD's) from your IRA each year. Normally this would be reported as taxable income to you. Simply let the brokerage/bank which manages your IRA know that you would like to make a charitable contribution with a part or all of your RMD. They will ask you to fill out a form with the name of the charity (or church in our case) and the amount you would like to donate. They will cut a check payable to the charity (any 501(c)(3) organization which includes churches) and send it directly to the payee or mail it to you so you can deliver it personally. You must do this each year you wish to make a contribution.

The result is a tax-free charitable contribution whether or not you take the standard deduction. The amount deducted from your annual RMD of charity purposes is not reported as income and will not be included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This could be a further advantage as AGI is used to calculate certain other taxes and benefits (such as Medicare insurance supplemental premiums). If this is of interest to you, please discuss it with your financial/tax advisor.



## From the Office

The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. Have a wonderful and safe 4th of July!

The deadline for the July/August newsletter is Wednesday, July 11th.

# Outreach

## Stock the Pantry—Claymont Community Center

We will have a summer Ingathering for the Claymont Community Center Food Pantry on **Sunday, June 24th**. We encourage you to bring in bags of non-perishable goods that day to help stock the Pantry for the summer. Demand is great and supplies run low during the summer months. Please consider adding a little more to your grocery cart each visit and donate to this valuable cause.

Coming in July: The Angel Tree Project  
Coming in August: The School Backpack Drive



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

## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

### **Working together as the BCM**

I spent the morning and part of the afternoon last Saturday (June 2) at the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries (BCM) Combined Vestry Retreat along with the other Senior and Junior Wardens and the Vestry members from Calvary, Ascension and Grace. It's a great group of people I have met with before and I enjoy these meetings. It gives me an opportunity to get to know these people better, especially the ones from the other two churches in the BCM. One of the themes that I took away from that meeting was the overriding desire of the three vestries to do more things together. We were all greatly impressed (as I hope you were as well) with success of the combined service for Pentecost with all three churches and the Bishop's visit and the picnic afterward. As we discussed that day's events, we felt that more things along these lines were important for the continued growth of the collaboration.

For my own part it was great to see our church packed to the rafters with people and what absolutely blew my mind (sorry, I'm a product of the sixties) was how fabulous the combined choirs sounded. Kudos to all the choir members and to Mark Foulsham, as well as Sandra Pierce and Darlene Hobbs for an ambitious and beautiful service full of wonderful music. We sure should have more events like that! I agree.

To that end, we spent a good deal of time discussing the events that we've had this past year and planning which events we were going to carry forward to the coming year. Let me tell you about what we've decided.

These events are mostly Saturday events that celebrate certain times within the church year or examine topics that we feel are important regional and national issues. Below is a summary of events:

#### **The Blessing of the Water—September 8, 2018 at Calvary**

A program about water conservation and a short Service followed by a spaghetti dinner at Calvary.

#### **The Blessing of the Animals—October 6, 2018 at Grace**

We are inviting our neighbors as well as members from all three churches to come and get their pets blessed.

**BCM Bus Trip**, most likely on a Saturday tentatively scheduled for **November 10** to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Museum, near Cambridge Maryland.

**The Choir School Concert of Lessons and Carols—December 21, 2018**

This is a chance to hear this beautiful group of voices. It will be at Calvary Church this year and will include a pot luck of light snacks..

**Twelfth Night or Epiphany Service—January 5, 2019**

This is at Ascension and will include a short Epiphany Service and then a pot luck dinner.

**Care of our Environment—April 6, 2019**

The idea is to have a combined group work project or clean up to help our environment, along with some fellowship and most assuredly food of some kind.

Also in the time frame of March and April is the **BCM Lenten Program**. Rev. Chris Moore is talking with members of all three churches to pin down the exact dates and times and what topic will be the focus. Last year's topic on the different ages of mankind and how we really aren't that different today from the people in the Bible thousands of years ago was a fascinating, eye-opening discussion on what motivates people at different times in their lives.

Finally Because Pentecost is going to be late in the year in 2019, (early June), we are going to try to get on the Bishop's calendar and host all three churches at Grace again for a **Spring Morning Worship Service and Picnic**.

Planned for Sunday, May 19, 2018. Music, people, good food, burgers, a tent, bouncy house and whatever else we plan. Let's celebrate the end of the year and welcome Bishop Kevin Brown to the BCM once more.

So, as you can see we have a packed schedule of events that we believe will help the members of all three churches to get better acquainted and become more of an active organization, joined together for outreach and worship. I hope you will get involved in one or more of these events. Your help is needed, AND make sure to put these events on your calendar and come to what looks to be a great Season of Creation.

Enjoy your Summer everyone.

Paul

## Grocery Cards for Sale 1st and 3rd Sundays

A reminder that when you purchase Grocery Cards for face value, Grace receives 5% credit from your purchase. This may not seem like a lot but it really does add up. You get the full value of your purchase at Shop Rite, Acme and Super G (Giant) with no expiration date attached. The cards are sold on the first and third Sunday of each month following both services. Please consider helping out by purchasing grocery cards to use at your favorite store.



### SELLERS SENIOR CENTER NOW ON SILVERSIDE ROAD

A noon meal is available at the Sellers Senior Center, now located at 2800 SilverSide Road, on the premises of SilverSide Church across from Chalfonte. Monday thru Friday City Fare provides meals to seniors 60 years of age and older. They offer a hot meal, a bagged supper and during the summer a salad bar. The suggested cost is \$2.25 per person. You may call the previous day by 10:30 am for a guaranteed reservation. 302.762.2050.

### **Crabs Available on Weekends in the Parish Hall**

You can purchase live or steamed crabs:  
Fridays 4 to 7 pm  
Saturdays and Sundays 10 am to 7 pm  
(Closed on Father's Day)

Stop by the Parish Hall or call the Crab Phone 302.393.4242



July 23-27, 5:30 to 8:30 pm

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GRACE**

Join the Rolling River Rampage and a trip filled with crafts, games and fun for all. Sign up at [www.myvbs.org/graceriverrampage](http://www.myvbs.org/graceriverrampage), on the bulletin board or contact Brenda @[btgirlsanz@verizon.net](mailto:btgirlsanz@verizon.net)

## CALENDAR—June/July 2018

Friday, June 15

4:30—6:30 pm AKC Open House  
(AKC-Adventure Kids Camp)

Sunday, June 17

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak  
Grocery Cards for Sale

Monday, June 18

7:30 am AKC Begins

Wednesday, June 20

7:00 pm BCM Worship: Taize Service/Calvary

Thursday, June 21

7:00 pm Vestry/Grace Place

Sunday, June 24

9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Dr. Ed Pease  
Ingathering of food for Claymont Community Center

Sunday, July 1

9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Chris Moore



Save the Date!  
Flea Market—September 29th



Lesson and Carols—Choir School of  
Delaware  
Friday, December 21, 2018  
Calvary





## 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!



# What's Goin' On?

## BCM News

Save the date for the exciting events ahead for the BCM!

Blessing of the Water and Spaghetti Dinner  
Saturday, September 8, 2018/Calvary

Blessing of the Animals  
Saturday, October 6, 2018/Grace

Epiphany Service and Pot Luck  
Saturday, January 5, 2019/Ascension

Care for the Environment  
Saturday, April 6, 2019/Ascension

Morning Spring Worship and Picnic  
Sunday, May 19, 2019/Grace



## Congratulations Graduates!



**Ella Cecelia Williams** graduated May 29, 2018 from Delcastle Technical High School. She received three medals of honor, highest grade in ELA of her senior class, medal for her dance team, and excellence in her trade shop. Ella's trade shop was electrical trades and she was the only female in the class of 22 boys. Through her shop she was able to get a job at Yale Electrical Distributors in Newark, Delaware. Ella plans on working throughout the summer at this job until she is prepared to leave for the U.S. Navy in September.



**Elena Fayda** will be graduating from Garnet Valley in June. Her time at Garnet Valley has been spent deeply involved in the Little Jags Preschool Program and interning at the elementary school for the past two years. She has also been apart of Educators Rising which has allowed her to connect with other students who are interested in a future in education. Elena is part of the Educators Rising National Honors Society. In her spare time she has also been heavily involved with dance since she was 3 years old. Upon graduation, she will be traveling across the U.S. on a road trip for 16 days! In August, Elena will be attending Coastal Carolina University for Early Childhood Education.



**Sarah Raab** graduated this year from Concord High School. She will attend Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA studying pre-med. Sarah hopes to attend medical school and become a doctor. She will play both field hockey and softball at Muhlenberg. Sarah was a member of the National Honor Society, World Quest and Math League while at Concord. She was on the Field Hockey and Softball teams for all 4 years of high school. This summer Sarah will play on a travel softball team and in a field hockey league before heading to Muhlenberg this fall.



**Congratulations to all our  
Graduates!**

*Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition—Steve Jobs*



# Parish Celebrations & Cares

## June Birthdays:

Kaitlyn Cross  
 Richard Fengl  
 Connie Mead  
 Chris Moore  
 Diana Golden  
 Howard Un  
 Carla Wegner  
 Dallas Winslow  
 Denise LaRue  
 Suzy Lichliter  
 Pat Saraga  
 Kimberly Bailey  
 Aria Nowell  
 Laurin O'Day  
 Brenda Trageser  
 Bailey Fields  
 Paul Miles  
 Taylor Long  
 Jim Wegner  
 Joan Schoenleber  
 Marsha Larned

## June Wedding Anniversaries:

Nancy Simpkins  
 Stephen & Paula Hartzell  
 Stephan and Cyndi Lehm  
 Pat and Rose Markovic  
 Henry and Lauren Dzielak  
 Bruce and Lynn Phillips  
 Edward and Carrie Fayda



## Baptism Anniversaries:

Kelley Helie  
 Kim Trageser  
 Alexis Burris  
 Emilie Golden  
 Christen Fengl  
 William Fengl  
 Stephanie Fields  
 Mary Collica  
 Nancy Craig  
 Thomas Marshall  
 Lynn Porro

# Prayer List

## We are praying for.....

Charlie Sullivan	MS	Joan Hicks
Bill Sloan	major stroke	Joan Hicks
Michael Hicks	heart attack	Joan Hicks
Chris	incarceration	Jean Burton
Ms. Butler	ulcer	Fengl Family
Gert	fall	Schoenlebers
Charlie	leukemia	Schoenlebers
Dewey Darley	health	Carrie Fayda
Joe McCann	health	Mary Ann Marshall
Nancy Simpkins	recovery	Friends at Grace
Linda McNicholas	cancer	Beth Beck
Bob Niblett & Family	sympathy	Edie Realey
Pat	healing	Edie Realey
Dave	rehab	Edie Realey
Markovic Family	bereavement	Nancy Simpkins
Doris Kennedy	ALS	Edie Realey
Jane	dementia	Edie Realey
Marie	dementia	Edie Realey
Lauree Adams Family	bereavement	Edie Realey
Susan Smith	bereavement	Friends at Grace

### **In our Country's Service:**

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

### **We Pray for our Shut-ins:**

Bill Hearn  
Connie Mead  
Ethel Phillips

# SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE—MAY 2018

## Alter Guild:

6/16-6/23 G. Haley, A. Nikaido-Lung  
 6/30-7/7 The Young Family, A. Gill  
           B. Krieger, C. Mazzenga  
 7/14-7/21 C. Fayda, L. Miles  
 7/28-8/4 G. Haley, A. Nikaido-Lung  
 8/11-8/18 The Young Family, A. Gill  
           B. Krieger, C. Mazzenga  
 8/25-9/1 C. Fayda, L. Miles

## Ushers/Greeters:

June 17 The McCormacks  
 June 24 M. Bailey, M Palmatary  
 July 1 The McCormacks  
 July 8 J. Poplos, J. Fagley  
 July 15 A. Diamond, P. Miles  
 July 22 L. Helie, M. Palmatary

## Lectors/Communion Assistants, 9:30 Service:

6/10 A. Diamond/S. Tonjes	7/22 B. Krieger/P. Miles
6/17 B. Krieger/C. Gill	7/29 D. Sparks/A. Gill
6/24 R. Fengl/P. Markovic	8/5 B. Krieger/C. Gill
7/1 A. Diamond/T. Marshall	8/12 R. Fengl/p. Markovic
7/8 D. Sparks/A. Gill	8/19 A. Diamond/T. Marshall
7/15 A. Diamond/S. Tonjes	8/26 R. Fengl/A. Gill

## Counters:

6/17 Tonjes/Bailey  
 6/24 The Miles  
 7/1 The McCormacks  
 7/8 Marshall/Burns

## Vestry Lock-up:

6/17 D. Wegner  
 6/24 The Vestry  
 7/1 R. Fengl  
 7/8 P. Miles  
 7/15 A. Diamond

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.

## Altar Flowers

There are still many open dates for gifting Altar Flowers in memory of, in Thanksgiving for or in Celebration of family members or friends. There is a chart for signups on the bulletin board in the hallway between the chapel and the church. Please remember that we cannot order the flowers unless we've received the payment and form (tacked to the bulletin board or on the table under the bulletin board). There will be no flowers on the Sundays that are not designated.



### A Note from Barb Krieger—Altar Guild Coordinator

I am so thankful for the women and men of the Grace Episcopal Church Altar Guild. This team of parishioners supports worship and celebration in our church in their essential and valuable ministry. Although they are not often seen nor heard, let me assure you that our congregation could not function without them.

We are always open to new participants. If you would like to help Grace in a quiet way, behind the scenes, so to speak, this is the ministry for you. There are currently three teams who are on duty for two weeks at a time. We all help for the special services, such as Christmas and Easter. Duty consists of setting up before a service, cleaning up and setting up between services and cleaning up following the later service. The Sunday chores are usually divided between the members of the team. There are occasional funerals and weddings for which our skills are required.

This is a very rewarding ministry. There is good fellowship, thanks for a job well-done and recognition in serving God in God's house of worship. Please contact Barb Krieger, Coordinator, at [krieger31@comcast.net](mailto:krieger31@comcast.net) or 302.478.1942. with any questions or interest.

Members include: Alan Gill, Arlene Nikaido-Lung, Gail Haley, Lil Miles, Carrie Fayda, Jean Young, Judy Young, Tim Young, Carol Mazzenga and Barb Krieger (Coordinator).

# Grace Episcopal Church

## BCM Clergy & Staff

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

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:30 Chapel

## Social Media:

Website:	<a href="http://www.gracedelaware.org">www.gracedelaware.org</a>
Facebook:	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Graceepiscopalchurchde">Graceepiscopalchurchde</a>
BCM Website:	<a href="http://www.BCMDE.org">www.BCMDE.org</a>



**“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.”**