

# Grace Notes

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

Dear People of Faith,

I would like to invite you to participate along with me in an upcoming community-wide, in-depth Bible study called “Covenant.” This video-based course, which is being organized by the Rev. Scott Maxwell, Pastor of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, will be offered throughout the greater Wilmington area from September to April. A number of sessions will be offered on different days, at various times and places. One of these weekly sessions will be offered at Grace Church.

I value this study because of its thematic emphasis on covenant, especially God’s Covenant with us and with the whole earth. I also appreciate the way that Pastor Maxwell has structured the study to be both inclusive and ecumenical. This course is aimed at helping participants understand how the concept of covenant unifies the many books of the Bible, and how God is relational and continually acts in love and faithfulness.

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The Bible offers us true food for the soul—soul-food that opens our minds and hearts to a greater understanding of ourselves and of God. The Rev. Christine Chakoian, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest, Illinois, and Co-host of the sessions in the Covenant Bible Study videos affirms how “Something different happens when we decide to commit to a group of people, when we commit to study Scripture together—we see things differently, we hear things differently, we have perspectives that would never have dawned on us—and, I suspect that we might even provide ideas that other people wouldn’t have gotten on their own.”


Please do consider being a part of what I feel is sure to be a faith-deepening and community-building study. More information will be distributed soon, and the deadline to sign-up is August 31.

In Christ,  
Ketlen+






# Congratulations to our Rector *The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak*




Brandywine Collaborative Ministries

The Rev. Ketlen Solak elected as rector | Covenant renewed  
by Lola Michael Russell







In January of 2014, Calvary Church, Hillcrest, Ascension Church, Claymont, and Grace Church, Wilmington (Talleyville area) entered into a formal covenant to form the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries (BCM). Their covenant was to pursue a shared and collaborative ministry in Brandywine Hundred and beyond, and was to be effective for an initial period of four years. In November of that year, the Rev. Ketlen A. Solak was called to be Covenant Rector for this trial period

Under her leadership and the governance of the BCM Council, consisting of the wardens and two members at large from each church, the BCM has flourished. Now that four years have elapsed, the BCM Covenant has been renewed and is to continue without any term limits as of January 1, 2018.



The BCM Council met at the beginning of June, and, by the unanimous affirmation of all three vestries and BCM Council, the Rev. Ketlen Solak was elected to be the rector of the BCM. With the consent of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kevin S. Brown and the Standing Committee, the Rev. Solak's rectorship is confirmed. "I am delighted to start this new chapter in the life of the BCM and to continue to be a part of this unique partnership in ministry to which God has called us to give our full and best energy," she said.



## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

Volunteerism is alive and well at Grace

I've been reading again. I've been having trouble sleeping lately so I've taken to reading Grace's financial statements, and they are just the thing to make me a little drowsy. A couple of pages and I'm off to dreamland.

Tara Nowak, our bookkeeper looks at them a little more carefully than I do and has pointed out a few things to me that she thinks we should examine because they are solvable problems. Most of our expenses aren't really a surprise, they are the things that we need or use to run the church, office and other programs that happen at Grace throughout the year. However, there are two things that we are spending a significant amount of our budget on. Things that I think we can change to reduce our costs a little.

The first one is heat. Or to be more precise heating oil for our furnaces. One way we can reduce this is to negotiate a better deal on heating oil that we currently have. The Vestry will look into this to see if a better deal is possible, but I'm pretty sure we have done that before and the prices we are paying now for oil ARE the better deal we got from our previous attempts. The other way to reduce heat is to be more careful in how we heat the church buildings. With fall and winter approaching, this is the perfect time to take a careful look at how the thermostats are set and what buildings are set at when they aren't in use, and when and for how long we turn the heat up for different uses such as church services or activities in the parish hall, those kinds of things. We might be able to reduce the amount of oil we use significantly if we are thrifty--and possibly willing to wear a sweater to church during the colder months if we can turn down the thermostat a degree or two when the church is being used. I'll keep you posted on what steps we are taking to reduce our heating costs.

Another big expense is our maintenance and repairs of the church. I first want to say that our Sexton, (the person who takes care of repairs, maintenance and cleaning of the church) Scott Andrews, is a wonderful, generous, capable person whom I consider a gift to our church. He is able to do many things, simple, and not so simple repairs and other chores that we would have to hire an expensive contractor to do, or would go undone. So I am not in any way unhappy with what Scott does for our church. That isn't what this is about. Without him, I'm pretty sure the buildings would have crumbled down around our feet by now.

However there are things that we are paying Scott to do that we could do ourselves. And by ourselves I mean us, the congregation of Grace Church as volunteers. Scott does things like come in and turn up the heat or air conditioning when we want to use part of the church for an event or meeting, Set up tables and chairs, take down tables and chairs, meet with people who are coming to give us estimates for work being done, just be here when someone needs to get into the church for something or let the furnace guys in to do maintenance on our heating system. These are things that take up his time and he charges us for them, as he should. However I think we have gotten lazy. He is performing tasks that Church members performed in the past and we should and could be doing now. I'm sure they are an annoyance to him, and hopefully if we could do them ourselves, would be a savings to the church.

So what I'm asking for is for volunteers. People (probably retired) who could come into church during the day when we need to have someone in to look over a problem, or turn up the heat or air conditioning. Maybe even a "Table and Chair Squad" who would come in after work in the evening and set up chairs for an event the next day or come in after the event and put them away. There are probably many other things that we could do ourselves, I'm sure I've forgotten some that Tara pointed out to me. So please if you think you have some time once in a while to help out around the property. Let me know. Call me or email me at [pamiles1@comcast.net](mailto:pamiles1@comcast.net) or call Joanne at the church office and let her know you would be willing to help. Together we will work out the details of when you are available and what you can and can't do. If we all pitch in and help, we can reduce our costs and keep our financial statements nice and boring. Otherwise I may never get to sleep.

Enjoy your Summer,

Paul Miles  
Senior Warden

# Out reach



## Angel Tree—July

There is still time to take an angel or angels from the tree in the choir room. The items listed on the angels help support the families at Ronald McDonald House with children at the DuPont Hospital. Return the unwrapped packages by the beginning of August.

## Can Tabs

The tabs collected also go to raise funds for the RM House

## Backpack Project—August

Help children get off to a good start this school year. The backpack project collects items for students in our area who can not afford their supplies. This is done in conjunction with the Brandywine Education Foundation. Suggested items include: scissors, wide and college ruled paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, pencil cases, tissues and rulers. Items should be returned by Aug. 19th.

## Ditty Boxes

We are continually collecting items for the Ditty Boxes for the Seamen's Center. Check out the bulletin board and sign up for items you can contribute or let Tom Marshall know what item you want to focus on. You may bring items in throughout the year—we will store them in a safe place, and then they'll be ready to be packed up. The Seaman arrive in dire need of these supplies and really appreciate the boxes!



## Clothing Drive—September

Be on the look out for information on the September clothing drive. Soon the season changes and the need for clothing for the less fortunate increases.

# FALL FLEA MARKET

## Saturday, September 29, 2018

Mark your calendars! We will have lots of opportunities to be involved: working in the kitchen, baking, helping at the book table, parking attendants, counters, setting it all up and taking it all down.

Be on the look-out for more information.

Everyone is welcome in this community-building event!



### Chesapeake Crabs on the Weekends



Purchase live or steamed crabs  
Fridays 4 to 7 pm  
Saturdays 10 am to 7 pm and Sundays 10 am to 4 pm

Stop by the Parish Hall or call the Crab Phone 302.393.4242.

## Grocery Cards for Sale

**On the first and third Sunday of each month, Diane Wegner sells grocery cards as a fund raiser for Grace Church.**

The church purchases the grocery cards at a 5% discount from the grocery stores and then sells them at face value. Grace gets to keep that 5% from each sale.

This is an easy way to contribute to the church by just buying cards to purchase something you need every week – groceries. Diane has cards from Acme, Giant, and Shoprite. The cards are in \$50 and \$100 values.

They work like debit cards, so you do not have to spend them all at one time. So just remember to bring cash or a check on the first and third Sundays of the month and give to the church while you feed your family.

Thanks Diane, what a wonderful opportunity for parishioners at Grace to support their church.



There is still time to sign up to host an iced tea social following the 9:30 service. The sign up sheet is on the hall bulletin board!



Deadline for the September Newsletter is Monday, August 27th.

## CALENDAR—July/August 2018

Monday, July 23  
7 pm/Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
Begins (5:30—8:30 pm)

Sunday, July 29  
9:30 am/Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

Wednesday, August 1  
10 am/BCM Worship:  
Morning Prayer/Calvary  
10:45 am/BCM Staff Meeting/Calvary

Sunday, August 5  
9:30 am/Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak  
Grocery cards for sales

Sunday, August 12  
9:30 am/Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Chris Moore

Wednesday, August 15  
7 pm/BCM Worship/Taize Service  
Calvary

Thursday, August 16  
7 pm/Vestry/Grace Place

Friday, August 17  
Adventure Kids Camp Closes

Sunday, August 19  
9:30 am/Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev. Ed Pease  
Grocery cards for sale

Saturday, August 25  
8:30 am/BCM Council Meeting  
Ascension

Sunday, August 26  
9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Chapel  
The Rev.Dr. Ketlen Solak



Vacation Bible School is up and running this week. There are 42 children registered in the program and 30 volunteers helping out. The kiddies have enjoyed mac and cheese, nachos, fruit, salad, hot dogs, chicken nuggets and pizza for dinners! Thanks to all the donations the costs have been minimal. It's been a joy to have the children light up the building on their Rolling River Rampage.



### **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



**Adventure Kids Summer Camp** is up and running! The Children began on Monday, June 18 and will go through Friday, August 17. They are here weekdays from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If you are at church during the week, be aware of the children in the parking lot and on the grounds. Moms and Dads are dropping off and buses are in and out. Children are in the halls and classrooms and running through the parking lot and on the fields. It's a busy time and a joy to hear them.



### **Books - Books—Books—Books**

Any books you can donate will be happily received all year round for our bi-annual Flea Markets. Please bring them in with you on Sundays and put them under the coat racks by the Parish Hall. We'll take care of them and get them ready for sale. Thank you!

# Mark your calendars for upcoming BCM happenings!



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

Blessing of the Animals  
Saturday, **October 13, 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**



The Joint Episcopal  
Episcopal Ministries of:

Calvary Episcopal Church  
The Church of the Ascension  
Grace Episcopal Church



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



Taize Worship Service  
Every 3rd Wednesday  
Calvary Church  
7:00 PM

MORNING PRAYER  
Calvary Church  
Every Wednesday  
10 AM



# Parish Celebrations

## **July Birthdays**

Alice Warren  
 Edie Yarnell  
 Malcolm Smith  
 Christopher Raab  
 Nancy Simpkins  
 Drew Burris  
 Scott Solak  
 Julianne Bailey  
 Betty Lou O'Day  
 Edie Realey  
 Ken Taylor  
 Lynn Porro  
 Eileen LeClerc  
 Amanda Burris

## **August Birthdays**

Nickey Smith  
 Paula Hartzell  
 Sean Williams  
 Ed Pease  
 Ella Williams  
 Susan Smith  
 Fran Allmond  
 Gail Haley  
 Margaret Palmatary  
 Jo Ann Pascal

## **July Wedding Anniversaries**

Sam and Etta Williams  
 Jean Burton  
 Paul and Lil Miles  
 Ryan and Jill Mills

## **August Wedding Anniversaries**

Susan Smith  
 Jim and Diane Wegner  
 James and Doris Cummings  
 Amanda Burris  
 David and Kathryn Lyons



## **July Baptism Anniversaries:**

Julie Simone	Don Sparks
Kathryn Lyons	Karyn Osmundson
Chris Sparks	Andrew Raab
Katherine Raab	Allie Warren

## **August Baptism Anniversaries:**

Kaitlyn Cross	Logan Fields
Julianne Bailey	Chase Kruzell
Cyndi Lehm	Nancy Simpkins
Amy Diamond	Carla Wegner
Midge Marshall	Vickey Smith

# Prayer List

Charlie Sullivan	MS	Joan Hicks
Chris	incarceration	Jean Burton
Paul	incarceration	Eileen LeClerc
Mandy	surgery recovery	Fengl Family
William	health	Fengl Family
Ms. Butler	pain/ulcer	Fengl Family
Thomas Nikaido	health	Arlene Nikaido-Lung
Tim Trageser	recovery/surgery	Trageser Family
Trish Hochheim	pain management	Trageser Family
Dewey Darling	health	Carrie Fayda
Barbara Brown	stroke recovery	The McCormacks
Rt. Rev. John Said	health	The McCormacks
Dylan	infant health	Janet Poplos
Etta Williams	cancer recovery	The Williams Family
Janice Moore	recovery/broken leg	Grace Congregation
Gracie	infant heart, lung & brain problem	Edie Realey
Rich Realey	healing and rehab	Edie Realey
Doris Kennedy	ALS	Edie Realey
Patrick	healing	Edie Realey
Marie	dementia	Edie Realey
Jane	dementia	Edie Realey
Chuck Totman	health	Carrie Fayda

## Prayer Chain



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 or Tom Marshall at (302) 475-0767 or [tmmata2@comcast.net](mailto:tmmata2@comcast.net).

### **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—July/August 2018

## Altar Guild:

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  
 9/8-9/15 G. Haley, A. Nikaido-Lung

## Ushers/Greeters:

July 29 J. Poplos, C. Gregg  
 Aug. 5 L. Helie, J. Fagley  
 Aug. 12 The McCormacks  
 Aug. 19 A. Diamond, M. Bailey  
 Aug. 26 R. Fengl, M. Palmatary

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

7/22 B. Krieger/P. Miles  
 7/29 D. Sparks/A. Gill  
 8/5 B. Krieger/C. Gill  
 8/12 R. Fengl/p. Markovic  
 8/19 A. Diamond/T. Marshall  
 8/26 R. Fengl/A. Gill  
 9/2 B. Krieger/S. Tonjes

## Counters:

7/22 Tonjes/Bailey	8/19 Marshall/Burris
7/29 The Miles	8/26 Tonjes/Bailey
8/5 The McCormacks	9/2 The Miles
8/12 Linda Helie	9/9 The McCormacks

## Vestry Lock-up:

7/22 Brenda Trageser  
 7/29 Diane Wegner  
 8/5 Clark Gregg  
 8/12 Richard Fengl  
 8/19 Amy Diamond  
 8/26 Richard Fengl

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.

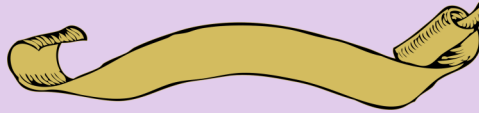
## Grace Episcopal Church Mission Statement:



“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.”

### Grace Episcopal Church Vestry



Paul Miles, Senior Warden  
Amy Diamond, Junior Warden  
Jean Burton  
Charlie Hannagan  
Sandy Tonjes  
Linda Adams  
Lynn Porro  
Richard Fengl  
Clark Gregg  
Diane Wegner  
Brenda Trageser

# Grace Episcopal Church

## BCM Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak, 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

## Grace Place Office

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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>



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