



Grace Notes

Sept/Oct 2018

From the Senior Warden...

By Sharlene Begley, Senior Warden

It has now been over a year since we made the difficult decision to revert to being a one clergy parish. The decision was made due to the economic impact of maintaining two full time clergy under Grace's Operating Budget. We faced a point in time when our operating income was being negatively impacted by the loss of some of our larger pledges and less income from the Unrestricted Endowment. The latter was due to the withdrawals from the Endowment necessitated by the multiple projects of our Restoration effort.

At the time the decision was made, we recognized that we are not a one clergy parish, that Rev. Chris would have to take on more challenges and issues and we might not be able to do everything we feel called upon to do in the Greater New Bedford community. We committed to find a

way to bring on a second clergy person as soon as possible in the future.

As reported at the Annual Meeting in February, we found ourselves in the "black" financially at the end of 2017. The Vestry voted in January of this year to commit the 2017 excess income over expenses to a Pastoral Leadership Fund. That amount was approximately \$55,000 and those funds were added to several donations made by families last year and this year for this purpose. Additionally, those funds were added to the unexpended funds we had garnered from the Together Now campaign for Pastoral Leadership and we find ourselves with approx \$200,000 set aside for the purpose of helping to fund a second clergy position. Based upon Diocesan requirements for compensation and benefits, that position will cost us approx \$120,000- \$130,000 per year. Our goal is to have the funds set aside to cover 75-80% of those costs for three years when we welcome a second clergy person on board.

Hopefully, at that time we will be able to fund the balance of the position via our Operating Budget. Grace's operating budget for 2018 also reflects a commitment to this effort and it sets aside an additional \$20,000 for this purpose

In late May, Rev. Chris sent a letter to everyone who had participated in the Together Now campaign (if you would like a copy of the letter, please contact the church office). The letter was a result of feedback received from Together Now contributors indicating an enthusiasm for continuing the additional giving they had started with the Together Now campaign. Having embarked on an act of faith in pledging to Together Now, many learned that they could give more, beyond their annual pledge. The May letter suggested that individuals consider extending their Together Now "sacrificial" giving by contributing to the Pastoral Leadership Fund. This time the entire amount would go to Grace (30% of Together Now funds given by Grace were utilized to support diocesan

programs). The response has been positive and Together Now participants have started to make contributions to the Pastoral Leadership Fund specifically for this purpose.

As a parish, it is time to get out of the "red" pastorally. Quoting Rev. Chris' letter, "Even with one full-time priest and a wonderful group of devoted lay leaders, we are running a deep 'deficit' in ordained leadership to sustain and grow our ministry together in Greater New Bedford." I would like to extend the invitation to everyone to give to the Pastoral Leadership Fund in order to fill this deficit in the not too distant future. Maybe you weren't able to give to Together Now, maybe the timing wasn't right. If you feel strongly about the need to hire a second full time clergy, and you are able, please consider taking the step many took when giving to Together Now. Join us in working to ensure we can soon welcome a second fully-engaged assistant priest.

Rev. Chris departed at the end of August on a well-deserved sabbatical. While he is away, I hope we will continue to discuss how we can ensure we have the funds to bring an additional clergy on staff, hopefully some time later next year. This could be a wonderful effort for us to work on while Chris is away.

Spiritual Formation

By Diana Ukleja, Clerk

On Saturday, September 15th, the Society of St. Margaret's in Duxbury will celebrate Holy Cross Day with a Eucharist at 2PM, followed by an ice cream social. Please contact me (details below) if you wish to attend.

On Wednesday, September 19th, at 6PM, we will host a parish supper at which Memory Holloway will present a program on the images of the Revelation in art.

Beginning Wednesday, October 17th, Jack Haney will lead a noontime book study at his home on Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the Twenty-First Century, by Marcus Borg.

On Saturday, December 1st, Brother John of the Trinity will lead a quiet day from 9AM to 1PM.

There will be recorded music in the chapel at 9AM on the three Wednesdays in Advent.

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Liturgy & Liturgical Ministry

By Jerré Croteau, Verger

AUTUMN: NEW PROGRAM YEAR

Where did June and July go?! As I write this, summer is rushing forward at a dizzying pace and it is difficult to cast my mind forward to the busy Autumn liturgical schedule. I am used to writing and preparing for future weeks and seasons, but sometimes it seems to make the time pass too quickly. As we age time passes by faster and faster; seasons come and go so quickly that we hardly have time to adjust.

We start the new **Program Year** on the weekend of September 8th-9th, with two services on Sundays, **Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8AM and Rite II at 10AM**. Depending on what is going on each Sunday, the Rite II Eucharistic Prayer may vary from one week to another. Prayers of the People will be Form III, though a

special prayer will be used during the Pledge Campaign. As usual the third Sunday of the month the principal service at ten will be Children's Liturgy, and Children's Chapel will take place on the other Sundays. The Sundays continue to be designated by enumerating "after Pentecost." It is considered still to be "ordinary time" and the color is **green**. The Rev. Randall Chase will be our priest for the duration of the Rev. Chris' sabbatical.

Sunday, September 9th, we have traditionally called "**Homecoming Sunday**." On this Sunday, **the choir returns, there is registration for the Youth Group and Church School, sign-up for new Acolytes and choir, and a cookout in Grace House** after the 10AM service.

The following weekend, September 15th-16th, the **Seventeenth after Pentecost**, there will be the first of three **Acolyte Classes at 9AM**. The 10AM service will feature **Children's Liturgy**, the Blessing of the Backpacks, and the commissioning of Church School Teachers, Youth Mentors, and Nursery volunteers.

Then September 22th-23rd, the **Eighteenth after Pentecost**, the **second of three Acolyte Classes** will occur at 9AM The **Pledge Campaign** will be launched at the services that weekend. The Sunday following, September 29th-30th, the **Nineteenth after Pentecost**, the regular weekend services will take place and Healing Prayers will be offered at all three services

We follow this with one of our most beloved traditions. On October 6th-7th, this year the **Twentieth after Pentecost**, we honor **St. Francis of Assisi** and all our furry, feathered, and scaled friends with the Blessing of the Animals at the 5PM service and the procession of animal

characters and **Blessing of the Animals** at the 10AM service.

Next the **Twentyfirst after Pentecost**, October 13th-14th, there will be regular services that weekend. The third **Acolyte class will take place at 9AM**.

October 20th-21st, the **Twentysecond after Pentecost**, is **Children's Sabbath**, with a Children's Eucharist at the 10AM service. Then the last Sunday of October, the 28th, is traditionally "**Acolyte Sunday**," when we honor our Acolytes and all our Lay Ministers, and when new Acolytes and Lay Ministers are usually commissioned. **Pledge Ingathering** will also take place this Sunday

This brings us to the first weekend in November, when we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. We will outline the liturgy for November and December in the next Grace Notes.

WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesdays in September and October, the usual Holy Eucharist II with Healing Prayers will take place. We will be using Eucharistic Prayer A and Prayers of the People form IV on Wednesdays. We celebrate **Paul Jones** on September 5th; the **Holy Cross** on September 12th; **St. Matthew** on September 19th; **St. Michael and all Angels** on September 26th; **St. Francis of Assisi** on October 3rd; **Robert Grosseteste** on October 10th; **St. Luke** on October 17th; and **St. James** on October 24th.

ATTENTION ALL ACOLYTES, POTENTIAL NEW ACOLYTES AND ACOLYTE PARENTS

We welcome all children and youth who will be eight-years old and above to serve at the Altar as Acolytes. If you (or your child) are interested in joining this great group of young people, please see or

contact the Verger, Jerré Croteau, (verger@gracechurch.org or 508-742-5933).

New Acolyte Classes will take place at 9AM on Sundays, September 17th & 24th, and October 15th. New Acolytes and other new Lay Ministers will be commissioned on Acolyte Sunday, October 29th at the 10AM service. If you have not signed up and wish to participate, just show up for the first class. Experienced acolytes will be on hand to help with training, and after the class new acolytes will observe at the altar during the 10AM service.

There is one Sunday when **all available Acolytes** are scheduled. Sunday, **October 1st, is the Blessing of the Animals.** Acolytes are needed to fill the normal Sunday positions and also to don the costumes for the St. Francis and friends procession. Also extra Acolytes are usually scheduled for Acolyte Sunday, October 29th.

Acolytes, Subdeacons, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Greeters; The due date for requests and restrictions for the Advent through Epiphany Winter Schedule is November 11th.

Vestry Notes & Votes

Vestry meeting of June 20th, 2018

-Motion to remove the income and expense sabbatical lines from the 2018 operating budget, on the recommendation of our congregational consultant, resolving the difference between the two with an addition to the capital expense line, resulting in a balanced budget.

-Motion to approve the overrun of up to \$400 for track rack pamphlets.

-The EVote of June 8th, approving the 2017 parochial report, was recognized

The Vestry does not meet in July.

Vestry meeting of August 22nd, 2018

-Motion to approve the application to the Mount Hope Buzzards Bay Deanery for a sending serving grant in the amount of \$4000 in support of the Grace Church Ecuadorian Pilgrimage planned for 2019.

-Motion to place the bequest from the Natalie C. Phillips Revocable Trust in the reserve portion of the to-be-combined money market and reserve account.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Ukleja, Clerk

Regional Canon Appointed

By Diana Ukleja, Clerk

Bishop Alan M. Gates has announced the appointment of the Rev. Kelly A. O'Connell as the regional canon for the Southern Region of the Diocese of Massachusetts comprising the 56 congregations in the South Shore, Taunton River, Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay, and Cape and Islands deaneries. She will be relocating to Massachusetts from the Diocese of Los Angeles, where she is the rector of St. Stephen's Church in Santa Clarita. Her anticipated start date is October 1st.

Rev. O'Connell has 18 years of experience in parish ministry, is committed to inspiring church leaders to engage deeply in the work of the Gospel through collaboration with their communities and has provided community leadership in

areas of homelessness, hunger, human trafficking, and LGBT youth. She is a co-dean for the Diocese of Los Angeles's Deanery 2 and is president of the St. Stephen's Preschool Board.

She will serve together with the Rev. Martha L. Hubbard, recently appointed canon for the Northern and Western Region, and a third canon, still to be named, for the Central Region.

Before she was called as rector of St. Stephen's Church in Santa Clarita in 2012, O'Connell served for seven years at St. Mark's Church in Toledo, Ohio, first as priest-in-charge and then as rector. While there, she led a two-year discernment process that resulted in a successful merger with a neighboring inner-city parish. In the Diocese of Ohio she was a member of the Diocesan Council Executive Committee overseeing mission strategy initiatives, and was treasurer and then president of FOCUS, a nonprofit serving homeless families.

Rev. O'Connell holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and music from Kenyon College and a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School. She was ordained to the priesthood in 2000 in the Diocese of Massachusetts and worked as the church administrator at Old Cambridge Baptist Church and as bishop's aide to the late Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE before being called to St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church in Lincoln, where she served for four years as associate rector. She was then appointed interim rector of St. Luke's Church in Scituate and served there for a year prior to her call to the Diocese of Ohio.

"Kelly O'Connell has two decades of experience in parish ministry in three

dioceses, including service as a deanery dean in the diocese of Los Angeles. Her work has been characterized by imaginative leadership, intergenerational commitment, and strong community engagement. The varied socio-economic settings of her past ministry, and her demonstrated commitment to collaborative relationships amongst clergy and congregations will equip her to serve us well as regional canon. We look forward to welcoming her back to the Diocese of Massachusetts," Gates said.

The new regional canon staffing structure is a result of the diocesan mission strategy development process begun in 2015, which surfaced a desire in congregations for closer connections with one another and with diocesan staff. Find the mission strategy adopted by the Diocesan Convention in 2016 here.

Each of the three regional canons will serve a geographic area of the diocese encompassing four deaneries and will have three primary responsibilities: lay leadership support and development in congregations; transition ministry with congregations and clergy involved in search processes for new ordained leadership; and clergy wellness and family support. The three regional canons will live and work within their respective geographical regions. They will be members of the bishop's senior leadership team and will report to the canon to the ordinary.

"Even with all the social media and technology available to us, it is easy to feel disconnected from one another and from the diocesan offices," O'Connell said. "As one of the new regional canons, I am looking forward to getting to know

the parishes of the southeastern part of the diocese and imagining with them how God is calling us to connect with one another. I believe this model of diocesan ministry will serve to knit us together in new ways and draw us closer together as a diocesan family. I can hardly wait to get started."



2019 Grace Church Ecuadorian Pilgrimage

Thursday, June 27 - Friday, July 5

In the original sense, a pilgrimage is a journey to a certain place in search of deeper spiritual understanding. In Christianity, the first pilgrimages were made to places where Jesus had walked and then to significant spots all over the world. These experiences help those on pilgrimage to grow in their relationship with God, each other, and the rest of God's creation as they come into closer contact with Jesus' life and ministry and with those sisters and brothers in Christ who have gone before us.

In a similar way, the 2019 Grace Church *intergenerational* pilgrimage invites an opportunity to grow in relationship and community, seek greater connection with God and each other, and look together at how to live more fully into who God calls us to be as individuals and as the body of Jesus in the world. Through

traveling, learning, eating, and worshipping together, we will have opportunities to be challenged in the best sense and to see ourselves, others, and God in new ways.

In the months leading up to the trip, together we will seek to prepare our hearts and minds for the journey, foster closer relationships, and actively look for God in our midst. Along with fundraising, and several pre-trip meetings, those who go will bring along flexibility, sensitivity, and a sense of adventure, as we actively open ourselves to better understand who we are and our own needs, the needs of others, our relationship to the world around us, and a broader sense of God's work in the world.

Through this trip, we will have incredibly unique opportunities to work alongside and build relationships with indigenous Quichua Ecuadorians, and we will contribute, both financially and with our work together, to our own well-being as well as supporting an indigenous Ecuadorian community. We also will have time to pray and play together, while experiencing something of Ecuador.

Does this sound interesting to you? Please respond with your interest to youth@gracechurchnb.org. We will be looking for firm commitments to the trip with an initial meeting at 12:15PM on Sunday, January 20, 2019, and you can put the dates on your calendar now.



Quito



Visit with an evangelical indigenous church at Lago San Pablo, Otavalo

Our normal Sunday service schedule resumes on September 9th, 2018 with services at 8AM and 10AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Please join us for refreshment and conversation on Sundays after the 10AM service.

Parking Restrictions

During the week, parking adjacent to the Samuel Rodman House and along the east side of that building facing Little People's College is solely for the use of their tenants and clients. Gratefully, those spaces are available to Grace Church for Saturday evening and Sunday services only. Please help us in maintaining the spaces for Rodman House tenants during the week.

FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR

YOU CAN SPONSOR THE SUNDAY FLOWERS Our altar flowers are a testimony to those we love. If you would like to honor a special person's memory, their anniversary, birthday, or other significant event that you wish to acknowledge; giving altar flowers can be a visible sign of your love or gratitude. Please use the forms provided for this purpose in the back of the church and in the lobby of All Saints' Chapel and envelopes marked "Flower Fund" or speak to Charlene Ryder: cryder22@comcast.net or [508-728-4374](tel:508-728-4374) to ensure prompt notification.

FORM TO BE USED FOR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

NAME OF PERSON DONATING FOR FLOWERS:

IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

PREFERRED SUNDAY YOU WOULD LIKE COMMEMORATION TO APPEAR (The names of those commemorated will appear in the leaflet on the preferred Sunday, *or as close as possible*):

Please place this form in the offering plate or give it to Charlene Ryder: cryder22@comcast.net or [508-728-4374](tel:508-728-4374) – contributions may be submitted at the same time or submitted to the office afterwards

July-August Memorial Gifts

Community Breakfast

Gifts of James Bisagni, Norma Bossé
 Gift of Patricia Simms **in honor of Pam Mello's Birthday**
 Gift of Jerré Croteau **in memory of Joan Lavendier**

Laundry Love

Gift of Edith Lauderdale

Memorial Fund

Gift of the Episcopal Church Women **in memory of Joan Reed.**

Pastoral Leadership

Gift of Bonnie Silverstein
 Gift of Terri Nowell **in memory of Dennis J. Pavao**

Restoration Fund

Gifts of Christine & Henry Tilley, Jeanne & Stephen Pallatroni, Priscilla Guillemette, Norma Dyer, Shirley & Dennis Beck, Howard White & Associates, Brian & Cherrie Haugh, Kingsley & Janet Doe, & the Moore Family **in memory of Joan & Jonathan Reed**

Martha's Pantry at Grace

Gifts of Donald Driesen, Edie Lauderdale, Patricia & Gerald Bedard, Anonymous
 Gift of Joanne & Peter Greaves **in memory of my Mother**
 Gifts of Rosalie Hutchinson, Jenny Correira **in memory of Joan & Jonathan Reed**
 Gift of Eileen Mandly **in memory of James Ross**
 Gift of The Rev. & Mrs. G. Kenneth Garrett **in thanksgiving**

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Gifts of Norma Bossé, Fred Smialek, Edward & Eleanor Begley, Eileen Mandly, Nancy & David Faria

Vacation Bible School

Gift of Steven & Carol Hegarty

Youth Ministry

Gift of Patricia Bedard

Flower Fund

Gift of William Reed **in memory of Joan Rodman Reed & Jonathan Rodman Reed**
 Gift of Jerré Croteau **in memory of my cousin Jeannette Wyatt**
 Gift of David & Jan Baker **in memory of Grace & Edward McConvill**
 Gift of Cynthia Shea **in honor of Clayton Guy Shea's Baptism**
 Gift of Mary Been **in memory of Bernard L. Been**
 Gift of family friend (Patti Bedard) **in memory Jeff Hague**
 Gift of Dave & Pam Melo **in thanksgiving for Grace Church Ministries**
 Gift of Jerré Croteau **in beloved memory of Robert Owen Boardman**
 Gift of Judy Knox **in memory of David Knox**
 Gift of Michael & Karen Goulart **in celebration of Agnes Marie Kelley**
 Gift of Melissa Botelho **in memory of Gilbert and Barry Botelho**
in honor of the Rev. Christopher Robert Morck
 Gift of Pauline Roderiques **in loving memory of Ray Roderiques**
 Gift of Priscilla Guillemette **in loving memory of Ronald Guillemette and Stasia Green**

Interchurch Council

Gift of Fred Smialek

Laundry Love Report

The Laundry Love team continues to be grateful for the support we receive from the congregation. You may like to know that we are processing a hundred loads of laundry for our guests most months, at a cost of just under \$3000 so far this year. None of this was spent on supplies, as members of the parish regularly donate all that we need; we receive generous cash donations as well.

We are blessed with significant cash donations from community organizations, most recently the Lodge of St. Andrew and First Citizens' Federal Credit Union. Credit Union personnel have also supported us as volunteers twice this year. Southcoast Health has their wellness van on site for our guests' use quarterly.

We would like to balance out the volunteer effort each month – six persons are sufficient, with two seated to manage the flow of guests, one pouring out detergent and bleach, and three stationed among the machines with the cards used to operate them. Several parishioners have recently joined us as volunteers (thank you so much!) and occasionally we have too many ... community volunteers also swell our ranks.

If one or two more parishioners would agree to serve a few months a year, three hours on the last Monday of the month, from two to five, we could begin to assign months regularly, and could call on substitutes as needed.

Please speak to a member of the team if you are interested! The upcoming dates are September 24th and October 29th.

Diana Ukleja for the Laundry Love team: Travis Bowie, chair; Marilyn Saint Aubin, Chuck Cotter, Judy Knox and Gerry Lopes

All Saints' Day Remembrance

Name(s) of deceased to be remembered and placed upon the altar
on Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th

*Completed forms may be mailed to the office or placed in the baskets provided in the
back of the church and chapel*

Pledge Campaign

“transforming generosity”

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

This year’s theme for our Pledge Campaign is **“transforming generosity”**. The campaign will begin on Saturday, September 22nd and end on the weekend of October 20th and 21st with the ingathering of the pledges during all three services. Parishioners will receive a letter and pledge card in the mail during the week of September 17th.

During this season, please reflect on how God has transformed you to joyfully give to others through time, talent, and treasure within Grace Church or outside of the church. How have those experiences encouraged you to continue to give unselfishly? Through God’s transforming generosity, we are able to faithfully give back to God what He has shown and provided us. Prayerfully consider making and/or increasing your monetary commitment by turning in your pledge card for the 2019 Pledge Campaign to feel the joy of giving. Your stated commitment will help support the various ministries in the Greater New Bedford area. New and increased pledges will assist in expanding and spreading the word of God into different areas within the community.

Stewardship Committee: Beth Sharp McKay, Chairperson, Rev. Chris Morck; Nadine Gomes; Anne Gundersen, Ned Hines, Terri Nowell, Kate Towers, and Robbie Watkins.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM AT GRACE!

Grace Church Choir

Welcomes adult and older youth singers. Rehearsals are at 8:30AM each Sunday in Rodman Hall. The choir sings at the 10AM service from September to early June. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, September 9th.

Youth Choir

Welcomes children and youth from grade 2 and above. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30PM in Rodman Hall. This choir typically sings on Children’s Liturgy Sundays, usually the third Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 12th.

Handbell Choir

Rehearsals on Sundays at 11:15AM in Rodman Hall. Some music reading ability is helpful. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, September 23rd.

Vestry Nominations

Nominations are open for the 2019 slate of vestry members and delegates of Grace Church. Possible positions for this year are 3 Year Vestry Term 2019-2022 (four), Convention Delegates (two), Convention Alternates (two), Deanery Representatives (five), Episcopal City Mission Representatives (two), the Inter-Church Council (one), and Teller (one). If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee through Sharlene Begley by Sunday, October 28th.

Vestry positions:

Vestry members represent the congregation as a part of the governing body of the parish. They regularly attend Grace, support the ongoing work of the church, and are engaged in Grace's ministries. The work of the vestry continues throughout the year and meetings are monthly.

Yearly positions:

Convention Delegates/Alternates (2 each)

Each year the Diocese of Massachusetts holds a convention to carry forth the work of its 185 churches and vote on a budget and any such business as presented in the agenda. Conventions are held early in November. If a delegate(s) is unable to attend, one or both alternates will serve in that capacity as needed.

Deanery Representatives (five)

The congregations in our diocese are grouped into 12 deaneries whose boundaries are drawn according to natural watersheds, reminding us of our connections with God's creation

and symbolic of the waters of Baptism. This gives churches an opportunity to meet collaboratively and locally to discuss issues that are both local and diocesan related. Grace is part of the Mount Hope/Buzzard's Bay Deanery. Evening meetings are quarterly and rotate among the member churches. For more information go to: Diomass.org/content/Mt-HopeBuzzards-bay-deanery

Episcopal City Mission Representatives (two)

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) promotes social and economic justice, with particular emphasis on the urban poor. Each year, they provide funding:

- To parishes to enhance their role in their communities
- To grassroots organizations to advocate and bring about social change in low-income communities, and
- To Diocesan programs and initiatives to support the urban poor.

Meetings and the annual fundraising dinner information can be found at diomass.org

Inter-Church Council (one)

The ICC has united area churches and the greater Faith Community in service to the surrounding area. With 47 member congregations from Westport to Wareham and a volunteer force of 150 leaders, the Council is a strong faith collaborative committed to social, economic and racial justice and spiritual renewal within a framework of ecumenical cooperation. The ICC is located at 412 County St. New Bedford. Meetings and events can be found at www.iccgnb.org

Teller (one)

The teller is present in the event that additional ballots need to be cast

and tallied during the Annual meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

By Charlie Green, Junior Warden

A new initiative has been started at Grace Church called the Emergency Preparedness Committee (Members are Len Boyce, Charlie Green and Maureen Decker). The purpose of this committee is to maintain safe practice and protocols when responding to medical emergencies, a disruptive visitor or other emergency situations. Currently, we have five first aid cabinets and two AEDs. We also have a more advanced first aid tackle box located under the red pall by the Baptismal Font that contains a stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, pulse oximeter for trained healthcare professionals during a medical emergency. We identified the need for biohazard clean-up kits and have already had these installed recently near the First Aid Kits. This fall, in collaboration with the New Bedford Health Department, we will offer a friends and family basic first aid and CPR class. We are also working with the New Bedford Police Department to organize a seminar this fall to discuss how first responders can safely handle disruptive visitors and/or an active shooter until the local authorities arrive. Unfortunately, in this day and age, these are things we are forced to think about and have a plan at the ready to keep all of the Parishioners safe while on church property. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this initiative.

Also, let me know if you are interested in participating in the classes. The dates and times will be announced soon.

Planned Giving

By Ned Hines, Chair

Through estate planning, you can leave a legacy of blessing and a better future for Grace Church. Your planned gift will ensure that Grace Church will be able to continue our commitments to the community.

By including Grace in your will or trust, you will be joining other friends of the church in the promotion of God's ministries. Support makes a difference and it allows us to preserve shared values and support the welfare of the church and its mission.

We can help you fashion a gift to meet your personal interests and ensure the legacy you envision is a reality.

To learn more, please contact the church office 508-993-0547 or office@gracechurchnb.org

Community Breakfast

By Jim McKay

Now that summer is winding down, we are looking for volunteers who are interested in continuing to support our Community Breakfast mission at Grace Episcopal Church, during the Fall season.

Our mission at the church runs 52 weeks a year as there is always someone that is hungry and in need of a good meal, as well as some words of encouragement and comfort.

In fact, I believe there are only two meals offered to the public on

Sundays in New Bedford - breakfast and dinner. And, Grace covers breakfast for the city, each and every Sunday. Yes, the Community Breakfast is even open in a blizzard - because the hungry are still hungry...

For all those who have volunteered in the past, I truly appreciate your support, as do our customers at the breakfast. And, going forward, I would ask you to think about volunteering again in the fall. Our calendar is in the kitchen and you are welcome to mark a Sunday in which you would like to serve. Or, please feel free to email Eric Jaikes and myself and we will gladly note down any Sunday that you would like to serve.

Jim McKay james.l.mckay@gmail.com
Eric Jaikes ejaiques@comcast.net

Dear Grace Church

By Steve Matthews, South Coast Mission Hub

Greetings from the South Coast Mission Hub! Over the last six years you have worked with us on the South Coast to partner and collaborate with our neighbors for the sake of justice! You are a great partner, and the most recent example of this is the way you opened your doors to allow the South Coast Mission Hub to have office space at Grace.

From January to June of this year we called 133 School Street home. Thank you for this amazing gift. I am so grateful for all the ways I have witnessed Grace opening her doors to her neighbors. Patrick, Katie, Chris, Jerré, Donna, Sharlene, and Charlie (among others) have made me feel at home here and I have witnessed your energy of welcome

and hospitality extend to others as well!

God bless you as you continue to grow into the community of love and welcome God intends. New Bedford needs you, and I am glad you continue to swing wide the doors of welcome to your neighbors!

Living Compass

By Roberta Iglar, Jean Pitcairn, Kathy Ferreira

Please join us for Dinner and an Introduction to "Living Compass"!

We will be gathering in the library at Grace Church on Sunday, September 23rd from 5-7PM.

We recently attended a training session in Chicago and would like to share with you what we learned about this amazing program. It is a Wellness Initiative that uses "Wellness Circles" to foster open and honest conversations that help lead us to creating healthy changes. These Circles will strengthen the connections already present in our faith community, as well as help create new friendships between us.

We are very excited to share all of this with you! Please join us for dinner and conversation.





Welcome to our Sabbatical Priest

We are excited that the Rev Ran Chase is serving as sabbatical priest at Grace for the entire time that Rev Chris is away. During this time Rev Ran will provide us with worship leadership and pastoral care. He will celebrate at all regularly scheduled services as well as special services during the holiday season. In addition to his time with us on the weekends, he will be with us on Wednesdays to celebrate the Wednesday morning Eucharist, coordinate with office staff and participate in weekly staff meetings. He is available for all pastoral needs as necessary during the week.

The Rev. Randall Chase, Jr. earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Personnel Management from Florida State University, a Masters of Divinity Degree from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Boston University. He was ordained a Priest in December 1972 in the Diocese of Central Florida.

Ran's experience as a priest is as geographically diverse as his educational institutions. He has served as Rector, Assistant Rector, Chaplain, and Administrator in parishes and schools/colleges in both Florida, and Massachusetts. Additionally, he has served as Canon to the Ordinary, Deployment Officer and Episcopal Conference Center staffing for the Diocese of Rhode Island, as Interim Executive Director of the Province of New England and as Dean of Students, Dean of Administration and Alumni/ae Director at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, retiring from EDS in 2010 as Acting President and Dean.

He remains active both in and outside the Diocese serving on a number of Boards and Committees as well as serving many parishes in the Diocese as Supply Clergy or as a Sabbatical Priest.

Ran has served as "Supply Clergy" for Grace Church on numerous occasions over the past few years. His familiarity and comfort with the parish makes him a perfect fit to assist us during Rev Chris' sabbatical.

Prayer for the Sabbatical

Gracious God, Bless we pray Chris and his family during this Sabbatical time! Protect them as they travel! Grant Chris the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Strengthen him and the people here at Grace Church with the power by your Spirit and fill us all with your fullness, grace and love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*39th Annual Bittersweet Bazaar
Grace Episcopal Church*

*Saturday, November 10, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Silent Auction

Raffles

ECW Bake Table

Grace Market

Christmas and Crafts

Jewelry

Chinese Auction

Children's Activities

New this year, a select Vendor Marketplace in our lower level

Lunch served from 11:00 to 2:00

*All Bazaar proceeds benefit Grace Church's mission and
community outreach programs*

You are welcome to enter Grace House at the School St. entrance

Handicap entrance on north side, at end of driveway

Church tours available / Handicap accessible

133 School Street, New Bedford (corner of County)

September 2018

Saturday, September 1, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 2, 2018

7:30AM Community Breakfast

9AM Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

Friday, September 7, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, September 8, 2018

4:30PM Youth Pizza & Movie

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 9, 2018

HOMEcomings SUNDAY

7:30AM Community Breakfast

8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal

10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11AM Homecoming Cookout &
Church School Registration

11AM Church School Teacher Mtg

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Eucharistic Visitor Mtg

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

Friday, September 14, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, September 15, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 16, 2018

7:30AM Community Breakfast

8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal

9AM Acolyte Class

10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11AM Church School & Youth Grp

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

6PM Parish Supper

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

Friday, September 21, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, September 22, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 23, 2018

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

7:30AM Community Breakfast

8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal

9AM Acolyte Class

10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11AM Church School & Youth Grp

11AM Handbell Rehearsal

5PM Living Compass Parish Meal
& Fellowship

Monday, September 24, 2018

2PM Laundry Love

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Vestry Meeting

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 27, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

6:30PM Deanery Meeting

6:30PM Children & Youth Comm

Friday, September 28, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, September 29, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 30, 2018

7:30AM Community Breakfast

8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal

10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11AM Church School & Youth Grp

11AM Handbell Rehearsal

October 2018

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing
11AM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 4, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social
6PM ESOL

Friday, October 5, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, October 6, 2018

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7, 2018

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Blessing of the Animals
11AM Church School & Youth Grp
11AM Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing
11AM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 11, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social
6PM ESOL

Friday, October 12, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, October 13, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 14, 2018

7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
9AM Acolyte Class
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11AM Church School & Youth Grp
11AM Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing
11AM Staff Meeting
12PM Book Study w/ Jack Haney
6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 18, 2018

12PM ECW Meeting
4:30PM Sunset Social
6PM ESOL

Friday, October 19, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 21, 2018

PLEDGE INGATHERING

7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Liturgy
11AM Church School & Youth Grp
11AM Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting
12PM Book Study w/ Jack Haney
6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2018

4:30PM Sunset Social
6PM ESOL
6:30PM Children & Youth Comm

Friday, October 26, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, October 27, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 28, 2018

ACOLYTE SUNDAY

7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
11AM Church School & Youth Grp
11AM Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, October 29, 2018

2PM Laundry Love

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing
11AM Staff Meeting
12PM Book Study w/ Jack Haney

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