



Grace Notes

Sept/Oct 2019

From the Rector

By Rev. Chris Morck

Back in May, the Rev. Karen Coleman was the facilitator for our annual half-day vestry retreat. As part of that, she asked us to reflect on Hebrews 10:23-25, “Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another.”

Karen talked about how the way we learn to love, to relate, and to respond informs our interactions with those around us. This can manifest in small, daily affirmations and loving kindness offered to one another or in “the jabs, undermining, scapegoating and projecting (which) wound us again and again.”

She pointed to Hebrews because it paints a picture of a different manner

of being in community, showing “what can be when relationships foster communities with intention and care.” She asked us to

imagine a community grounded in practices of deep listening, respectful dialogue and honoring of difference. Imagine a community that embodies the vulnerability and humility of receiving and giving through unbridled and generous hospitality, affirmation, and welcome. Imagine a gathered community bent on provoking “one another to love and good deeds”, to showing up and shoring up one another.

What a beautiful picture of who we are called to be!

Karen reflected that “the Gathered Community requires not perfection but perseverance, not being right but being together, not insisting on a proscribed form but welcoming possibility and vision.” And then she asked us to spend time reflecting on intentional, even small, actions which

we could embody to nurture relationship within our own church.

The theme of the retreat was encouraging because, as a vestry and as a parish, we have talked about how we are making an intentional pivot from a focus on finances and our building to the nurturing and nourishing of the community we are, even as we continue our ministry to the wider community of which we are a part.

The last seven years have been a wonderful time of ministry together. Out of necessity, an overarching focus has been finances and major building reconstruction. Made possible by a very engaged and proactive lay leadership – and you! – we have had two different extensive capital campaigns since 2012, intentional restructuring with our office administration, modernization of the financial system, and multiple personnel changes.

This has all resulted, I believe, in Grace Church being in a better place

to continue and grow its ministry. And now we are prayerfully working to move our focus to the building up of the community within these walls while we continue to minister to so many outside of them. The vestry has begun to look more intently on who we are as church, and how we at Grace can become more connected to one another.

It is so good to be together as this unfolds and we discern where God is leading us! And please share with the vestry how you envision this, what you are seeing, hearing, and feeling about God's call on our community as you pray, work, and fellowship here at Grace.

Gratefully,
Chris +

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Grace After-School and Summer Program News

Our director of the Grace After-School and Summer Program (GASSP), Donna Pires, has announced her resignation in order to pursue a different direction, one which will open new opportunities for her. We will miss Donna and wish her the very best as she moves into a new season in her life and work.

Donna brought almost 20 years of dedicated service to so many children and families through her leadership, and she has gone above and beyond to support not only GASSP but also this church and the wider community.

We look forward to celebrating together the gift that the Grace After-School and Summer Program is, and has been, to us and to New Bedford. Please join us on **Homecoming Sunday, September**

8th, at the parish picnic after the 10AM service to wish Donna well as she embarks on a new path.

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Taizé is a service which offers a time of silence, simple repetitive songs, readings and prayers. Starting **September 11th**, we will have a 30-minute Taizé service in the Chancel (choir pews near the altar) at 6PM on the second Wednesday of every month.

On **Saturday, September 28th**, we will have our very first Taizé Eucharist at 5pm, in the Chapel, accompanied by healing prayer before the service begins.

You can learn more about Taizé at their website:
<https://www.taize.fr/en>

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EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION

The mission of Episcopal City Mission (ECM) is to build **“relationships and collective power across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for racial and economic justice as the expression of God’s transforming love.”** As part of this, they seek to engage Episcopal congregations in this work. We are excited to welcome Natalie Finstad, ECM’s Director of Programs and Engagement and a Candidate for the Diaconate in our Diocese, to Grace

Church this October. She will be with us for services on October 12th & 13th. Please plan to hear her preach that weekend and join us for a forum with her to hear more about the good work of ECM after the 10AM service on **Sunday, October 13th**.

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Liturgy & Liturgical Ministry

By Jerré Croteau, Verger

September-October

September 1st is the last Sunday of Summer hours. Beginning with the weekend of September 7th-8th, we begin the new program year. Sunday services return to 8AM Rite I in All Saints’ Chapel and 10AM Rite II in the main church at the high altar. The color is **green** during this season, except for All Saints’ Sunday. It is the **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** and at Grace it is known as **Homecoming Sunday**. On this Sunday the choir returns, and there is **registration for Church School, Youth Group and signup for new Acolytes and Lay Ministers**. During the Autumn season we will be using either Eucharistic Prayer C or Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3 (EOW3), and Children’s Liturgy at the 10AM service, on Children’s Sundays. Prayers of the People on regular Sundays is Prayer III. All Sunday 8AM services are Rite I Prayer II. For Homecoming Sunday, we will use Eucharistic Prayer C.

The next weekend, September 14th-15th is the **Fourteenth after Pentecost** with **Children’s Liturgy** at the 10AM service which will include the **Blessing of the Backpacks** and the **Commissioning of Church School Teachers, Youth Group Mentors & Nursery Staff**. The first **Acolyte Class**

will take place at 9AM before the 10AM service.

The following, September 21st-22nd is the **Fifteenth after Pentecost**. Eucharistic Prayer EOW3 will be used at the 5PM and 10AM services. This weekend **Stewardship Kickoff** will take place at all services. The next weekend, September 28th-29th, is the **Sixteenth after Pentecost**. Something different is scheduled for the Saturday 5PM service this weekend; the Eucharist service will incorporate elements of **Taizé** prayer and song within the liturgy. The 10AM Eucharist will incorporate **Altar Guild Recognition**. The second **Acolyte Class** will take place at 9AM before the 10AM service. **Healing Prayers** will be offered at all three services.

The first weekend of October, the 5th and 6th, is the **Seventeenth after Pentecost**. On that weekend we honor **St. Francis of Assisi** with our annual tradition of the **Blessing of the Animals** at the 5PM service on Saturday and the 10AM service on Sunday with the procession of animal characters. All available Acolytes are scheduled for this service. The altar is decorated with stuffed animals and the feathered, furred, and finned members of our Church Family are invited to attend the Eucharist Service, at which we will be using some of the propers for St. Francis day, special prayers of the people, and Eucharistic Prayer C.

October 12th-13th is the **Eighteenth after Pentecost** with regular Eucharist services, Eucharistic Prayer EOW3. October 19th-20th, the **Nineteenth after Pentecost** is **Children's Sabbath**. The 10AM service will feature Children's Liturgy and also **Stewardship Ingathering** will take place at all three services. The last **Acolyte Class** will take place at 9AM before the 10AM service. October 26th-27th is the **Twentieth**

after Pentecost. It is also **Acolyte Sunday**; at the 10AM service Lay Ministers will be recognized and new Acolytes and Lay Ministers who have recently joined the guild will be commissioned.

We will address the rest of the Autumn rota in the next Grace Notes Article

WEDNESDAYS

The Wednesday Eucharists in September and October will celebrate **Paul Jones** on September 4th; **Holy Cross Day** September 11th; **St. Matthew the Evangelist** September 18th; **Sergius** September 25th; **St. Michael & All Angels** October 2nd; **Robert Grosseteste** October 9th; **St. Luke** October 16th; **St. James** October 23rd; and **Sts. Simon & Jude** October 30th. In addition, there will be a **Taizé** service at 6PM on September 11th and October 9th.

ACOLYTES, ACOLYTE PARENTS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SUBDEACONS, USHERS & GREETERS

Please note the following:

NEW ACOLYTE SIGN-UP AND CLASSES ~ If you or your child has decided to join the children and youth who serve at the altar, please see the Verger, Jerré, or our Rector Chris and let us know. Classes will be held at 9AM before the 10AM service in the church on Sundays, September 15th and 29th and October 20th.

NEW LAY MINISTERS, USHERS & GREETERS, ALTAR GUILD ~ if you are interested in serving your Church Family at the Altar or as an Usher or Greeter, please make yourself know to the Verger.

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES AND LAY MINISTERS ~ New Acolytes and Lay Ministers will be commissioned

at the 10AM service on Acolyte Sunday, October 27th.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ~ All available Acolytes are scheduled on Sunday, October 6th for the Blessing of the Animals; other volunteers to participate in the Procession of the Animal Characters are invited as well.

Food and Faith

The food and faith team hope to share plans for common meals as we move into the fall. Keep an eye on the e-news for a coming event!

In the meantime, here is a suggestion for table grace:



ll we have is what You have given us, Lord. Life is a gift. Food is a gift. This earth is a gift. Help us live lives that express our gratitude for all Your gifts – life, food, and the beauty of this earth.

Amen

Budget Forum

As you read this, the Finance Committee is about to start preparation of Grace's 2020 Operating Budget. We welcome your input and have scheduled a forum, on Sunday, October 20th, for discussion of next year's budget. This is an opportunity for you to provide your thoughts on what our operating priorities are and where our financial emphasis should be. The forum will be held after the 10AM service.

If you have specific questions on the budget or processes related to our finances, such as "What is the Riley Fund?" or "Who signs checks?" you are encouraged to contact the Treasurers, Sharlene Begley or Roberta Iglar, who will be glad to meet with you and explain such details.

Vestry Notes & Votes

June 19th, 2019: The Vestry voted to approve expenditures, above the budgeted amounts, for the following categories up to the limits stated below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Revised Expenditure Limit</u>
Sexton Supplies	\$ 2,500
Gas/Church	\$ 15,000
Gas/Rectory	\$ 2,500

[The Junior Warden's report noted that the Gas and Electric increases are requested mainly due to December 2018 invoices that were paid in January 2019, while the sexton supplies increase was due to multiple factors, including our two spring cleanup days.]

The vestry voted to remove monies for all ministry funds previously invested with the DIT investment vehicles and to place them in accounts that ensure maintenance of principal, pending review and recommendation by the Finance Committee as to the type of account they should be placed in, so long as there are no penalties; should there be penalties, a follow up e-vote will be required.

[The Vestry does not meet in July]

Respectfully submitted, Diana Ukleja, Clerk

Please join us in saying farewell and thank you for her many years of service to outgoing GASSP director Donna Pires on Homecoming Sunday!

Welcome back Grace members!
Homecoming Sunday – September 8th

Quiet Mornings, Past and Future

One Saturday in August, Brother John of the Trinity led a quiet morning on the theme of Ordinary Time. To our surprise, he addressed not the liturgy between Trinity and Advent, but two of the articles found at the back of the prayer book. After the Prayers and Thanksgivings (page 810) and the Catechism (page 845), come the Historical Documents of the Church (page 863), including the Articles of Religion.

Article VI. Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation – summarized, says that belief in things not written in the Bible is not required for salvation. It then specifies the books of the Bible and of the Apocrypha.

Article XIV. Of Works of Supererogation – again, paraphrased, says that having done what is commanded of us (that is, what is in the Ten Commandments, or in Christ's summary of the law), we need do no more.

Brother John illustrated this with stories of the Desert Fathers, those hermits, both men and women, who sought solitude and yet were sought out by those who came to them "seeking a word." The scriptures were meant to be read aloud and listened to. If only one word or phrase stays with us on a Sunday, then perhaps that is the one we need to hear and reflect upon. And when we struggle with something that seems too hard to do, well, we do what we can, and that is enough. This, he suggested is the ordinary duty of a Christian, on any ordinary day.

On **Saturday, November 23rd** (the weekend **before** Thanksgiving), Rev. Chris will lead a quiet morning. Come to the office door at the back of the church; we will meet in the Youth Room at 9:30AM with coffee and snacks, finishing at 12PM with the Eucharist, followed by lunch.

There is usually a reflection, followed by a time of silence, where we may disperse about the building or outdoors, then discussion or an additional reflection to finish the morning.

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Martha's Pantry at Grace

Grace's food pantry continues to operate on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30AM. It takes a large team to provide this service, to set up, prepare bags of food, clean up, keep records, and submit reports. There is also a massive effort every 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning to unload food deliveries from the Greater Boston Food Bank, intermittent local shopping for items we are unable to procure from Boston, and weekly pickups of bread donations.

A number of the individuals who volunteer at the pantry have worked with dedication for many years. Some of the heavier work is becoming more challenging for us to keep up with. We are hoping to have some new volunteers join our team, specifically for unloading the Tuesday Boston deliveries or with set up on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The Tuesday deliveries would involve approximately 1.5 hours of your time, 9:45-11:15AM. Set up for Wednesday and Friday offerings would involve approximately 1 hour of your time on either of those days, 8:15-9:15AM to help bring food up from the basement to the church library. Please contact Sharlene Begley, Martha's Pantry Coordinator, if you are interested in joining our team and could help with either of these efforts (508-923-9536 or begleysktj@comcast.net).

If you are unable to help with these efforts, you can still be part of the team with either your financial contributions or donations of food. We are starting an "Item of the Month" campaign to let you know what pantry items we are in

particular need of. For the month of September, the item needed is either "chunky" or "hearty" soup. Please place your food donations in the baskets at the back of the church. Your help filling our shelves is appreciated!

Multiple Book Studies

Wrap-up: Karen Armstrong

Through the summer, some of us have read **The Spiral Staircase**, Karen Armstrong's account of her struggles after leaving the convent. **Through the Narrow Gate**, her account of seven years in an English Roman Catholic convent, is also well worth reading! As we move into the fall, some who have been away are rejoining us – we may wrap up this discussion along with our study of the Psalms.

Wednesday at Noon: The Psalms

In the fall, the noontime study on the first and third Wednesdays of each month will be looking at the Psalms. We will look especially at the shorter, later psalms – 120 through 139 – in addition to the favorite psalms of those who participate. We will read the psalms aloud, listening to different translations, and reflect on their resonance to us today.

Come to the office door at the back of the church—we will meet in the Youth Room at 12PM. Feel free to bring your own lunch! The dates are September 4th and 18th, October 2nd and 16th, November 6th and 20th, and December 4th and 18th.

Sunday at 4PM: The Book of Job

Doug Dailey will lead this book study based on Richard Rohr's book, **Job**

and the Mystery of Suffering. Father Rohr is a Franciscan friar who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM.

The book of Job was written in the 6th century BC. JRR Tolkien, who translated it for the Jerusalem Bible, opens it with this sentence:

There was once a man in the land of Uz called Job: a sound and honest man who feared God and shunned evil.

In his introduction to the book, Tolkien writes, "The writer puts the case of the good man who suffers."

If you have been meaning to delve a little deeper into your faith, consider reading the book of Job, in any translation, and joining us one week to discuss it. The sessions will be at 4 pm on Sundays October 2nd and 16th, November 3rd and 17th, and December 1st and 15th.

Come to the office door at the back of the church—we will meet in the Youth Room. Please let Diana Ukleja (508-415-8920, diana.ukleja@gmail.com) know if you will need a copy of Richard Rohr's book.

September Sundays after Church

As described elsewhere, the Rector will lead a series of sessions based on **Being Christian**, by the Right Reverend Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. While also for those preparing for confirmation or reception in October, this series is open to all interested persons.

Children's Ministry Program

By Charlene Ryder, Children's Ministry Program Coordinator

We all had a wonderful time at our August cookout hosted by the Children's Ministry. We enjoyed good food and had lots of fun playing games! The teachers and children want to thank Rev. Chris and Rev. Ran for being such good sports as the water balloons went flying in their direction.

We welcome back all our Church School teachers and students for the 2019-2020 program year at the 10AM service on Sunday, September 8th. Our teachers will be commissioned at this service.

Come meet your Church School teachers:
 Grades PreK/K/1 – Pam Souza, Courtney Botelho, Andrea Medeiros, and Nadine Gomes
 Grades 2/3 – Patti Bedard, Mark Bernardo, and Erin Mingola
 Grades 4/5/6 – Charlene Ryder and Jessica Cabral

Church School registration forms and media release forms will be available to register your child(ren) for classes. Also, a link to a Google form has been sent to parents via email to register your child(ren) for Church School. If you did not receive the link and want to register your child(ren) through the Google form, please let me know. Our Church School classes are from Pre-K to grade 6.

We will join together for our annual Homecoming Cookout after service.

We are looking forward to our new Church School year and will be using a new curriculum. We offer weekly children's chapel sermons, Children's

Liturgy (usually the 3rd Sunday of the month), Kids' JAM (Jesus And a Movie) events and many other seasonal activities.

If you have any questions or would like to register your child(ren), please contact Charlene Ryder by text, phone at 508-728-4374 or email cryder@umassd.edu

Charlene Ryder
 Coordinator, Children's Ministry Program

Laundry Love Latest

Through the end of July, Laundry Love has served 392 clients, of whom 76 were first timers. They have washed over 750 loads of clothes – and the commercial machines are much larger than those we have at home! In addition to the ongoing support from parishioners and Grace Church volunteers, we have been joined twice by volunteers from Southcoast Health and once by folks from First Citizens Federal Bank.

Our own volunteers are mostly retired, and the full three-hour shift can be wearing. We would be very glad to swell our numbers and split the shift. If any of you can give an hour and a half on a Monday afternoon (last Monday of the month, saving holidays) we would love to have you join us. Just speak to any member of the team (listed below)!

This year we have received grants from the Bristol County Case House fund, administered by the Diocese, and from Southcoast Health, to support the cost of operating the washers and dryers at the EZ-Clean Laundry Center on Summer Street, our host. **Our supplies of detergent (any liquid detergent) and 30-gallon garbage bags have finally run low,**

and we will gratefully receive donations from parishioners. Through the four years of our operation, we have not needed to use grant money for these supplies, thanks to your support! You may wonder about the garbage bags – many of our clients use them to carry clean laundry home.

Many of our clients are regulars at the Community Breakfast and at Martha's Pantry, whom we have come to know as friends. If you would like to stop by and meet them, see us at the laundromat the last Monday of the month, from 2-5PM.

The Laundry Love team: Travis Bowie, Carol Braga, Chuck Cotter, Pat Fowle, Louise Kelly, Judy Knox, Gerry Lopes, Jim Parker, Marilyn St. Aubin, Diana Ukleja, George Whitley

Episcopal Church Women

The Episcopal Church Women of Grace will be hosting the National Episcopal Church Women Road Show at their October 17th Meeting. All women of the parish (and interested men) are welcome to join us for lunch (details TBA) and the presentation or just come for the presentation at 1PM.

Joining us will be Susan Howland, Province I President and Margaret Noel, Province I Representative to the National ECW Board as well as three other women. They will speak on ECW Women's Ministry and History. We will learn about the Triennial Meeting held in 2018, United Thank Offering ministry and their grant awards, the Order of the Daughters of the King, the Church Periodical Club and Girls' Friendly Society.

Our Grace Church ECW receives interest quarterly from Restricted Investment Funds which we then use to provide Outreach to Five Fields of Service: Parish, Community, Diocese (even though the Diocese does not support ECW), Nation and the World.

Episcopal Church Women exists to support and empower the women of The Episcopal Church in their Mission and Ministry to carry out Christ's work in the World.

<http://www.ecwnational.org>

Priscilla Guillemette and Debbie Clark
Co-Presidents

Holy Cross Day, Saturday, September 14, 2019

Each year the Sisters of St. Margaret observe the anniversary of their founding in the USA on September 14th. In commemoration of this event there will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 2PM at St. Margaret's Convent, 50 Harden Hill Road, Duxbury. The preacher for this occasion will be the Rev. Robert B. Edson, priest associate of the Society of St. Margaret and Rector Emeritus, St. John's, Hingham. An ice cream social follows the service. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to 781-934-9477 x701 or to sisters@ssmbos.org

Farmers' Markets

Local farmers' markets are open through the end of October!

Here's the New Bedford list again:

- Clasky Common Park, Saturdays 10AM-2PM
- Brooklawn Park, Mondays 2-6PM
- Custom House Square, Thursdays 2-6PM
- The Kilburn Mill at Clark's Cove, 101 West Rodney French Boulevard, Thursdays 3-5:30PM has an indoor market with free parking. It is also open 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10AM-2PM.

Check online at Local Harvest for many other offerings:
<https://www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets/>



MUSIC AT GRACE

THE GRACE CHURCH CHOIR

Open to all adults and older youth. Rehearsals each Sunday at 8:30AM in Rodman Hall, service at 10AM. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 8th.

GRACE CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR

For children and youth in grades 2 and above.

Our new choir season begins with rehearsal on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM in Rodman Hall. The Youth Choir typically sings on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 10AM Children's Liturgy and a few other

special occasions. Our first 10AM service will be on Sunday, October 20th.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR

Rehearsals begin on September 22nd at 11:15AM in Rodman Hall. Some music reading ability is desirable. Please see Brian Roderick if interested.

THE 40TH - AND FINAL - BITTERSWEET BAZAAR

is scheduled for November 9th, 2019.
We want to go out with a bang and
we need everyone's help!

If you are cleaning house and have treasures that no longer "spark joy" for you, the **SILENT AUCTION** will gladly take them off your hands!

Do you have extra seedlings or cuttings for a **PLANT TABLE**? Please keep them growing to grace our Bazaar!

GRANDMA'S ATTIC returns, and we welcome your donations of **clean and useful** household items (please - no clothing or stuffed animals).

Mark your calendars for these **DROP-OFF SATURDAYS**: September 14th and 28th; October 5th and 26th; November 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, November 8th - we plan to honor the Bittersweet Bazaar founders and chairs at a parish dinner, so gather your photos and memories to share.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE!

Psalm 139

This psalm has the rubric “In praise of God’s omniscience.” It opens in this way:

Yahweh, you examine me and know me,
 you know if I am standing or sitting,
 you read my thoughts from far away,
 Whether I walk or lie down, you are watching,
 you know every detail of my conduct.
 (Jerusalem Bible)

Lord you have searched me out and known me:
 you know when I sit down and when I stand up.
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You mark my path, and the places where I rest:
 you are acquainted with all my ways.
 (New Zealand Prayer Book)

You are watching me;
 whether I stand or I sit,
 You know it all at once.
 You know all the thoughts
 of my waking or sleeping,
 and all that I do.
 (The Psalms in Haiku)

O God, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up.
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You trace my journeys, and my resting places,
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 (The Saint Helena Psalter)

O God, You search me and know me inside out;
 You know my comings and goings.
 You understand my thoughts completely.
 You examine my ways, whether waking or sleeping,
 and are familiar with the habits of my being.
 (Swallow’s Nest, a feminine reading of the Psalms)

Recently we heard in a sermon about a panhandler who, on not receiving change, said “God is watching you!” ... to which the preacher replied “I’m banking on it!” The opening of Psalm 139 speaks to that watching. In the Prayer Book, the psalter is annotated for morning and evening prayer, so that one may read through all 150 psalms in a month. If you have not been in the psalms lately, you may like to try reading them through. I have offered these first two verses from several different translations ... which ones speak to you?



July-August 2019 Gifts

Community Breakfast

Gift of Pamela & David Mello, Norma Bossé, James Bisagni

Memorial Gifts

Gift of Barbara Santos **in loving memory of my husband Daniel Santos**

Pastoral Leadership

Gift of Theresa Nowell

Martha's Pantry at Grace

Gifts of Dennis Beck, Donald & Claire Driesen

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Gifts of Artie Hodge & Lavard Blanche, Norma Bossé, Carl Medeiros, Jack Custodio, Anita Chirigotis, Fred Smialek,
David & Nancy Faria, Edward & Eleanor Begley, Lee Gunschel, Barbara Santos
Gift of Sharon & Peter Nowell **in memory of Stephen J. Nowell**

Flower Fund

Gift of Jan Baker

Gift of Janice Chadwick **with thanksgiving and gratitude for my sister Rochelle**

Gift of Diana Ukleja **in honor of Paul & Diana Ukleja's Anniversary**

Gift of Paula Cabral **in thanksgiving for our Youth**

Gift Marilyn Saint-Aubin **in celebration of Life on her Birthday**

Gift of Jerré Croteau **in memory of Robert O. Boardman**

Gift of Trish Morck **in thanksgiving for Grace Episcopal Church**

Gift of Priscilla Guillemette **in memory of Ronald Guillemette & Stacia Green**

Library Floor

Gift of Jim & Beth McKay

Interchurch Council

Gift of Fred Smialek

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## September 2019

### Sunday, September 1

7:30AM Community Breakfast  
9AM Holy Eucharist  
10AM Worship Commission

### Tuesday, September 3

6PM ESOL

### Wednesday, September 4

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace  
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing  
11AM Staff Meeting  
12PM Bible Study: Psalms 130-150

### Thursday, September 5

4:30PM Sunset Social  
6PM ESOL

### Friday, September 6

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

### Saturday, September 7

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Sunday, September 8

#### HOMEcomings SUNDAY

7:30AM Community Breakfast  
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal  
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11AM Homecoming Picnic  
12PM Adult Confirmation Class 1

### Tuesday, September 10

1PM ECW Meeting Conference Room  
6PM ESOL

### Wednesday, September 11

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

### Thursday, September 12

4:30PM Sunset Social  
6PM ESOL

### Friday, September 13

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

### Saturday, September 14

9AM Bazaar Drop-Off  
5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Sunday, September 15

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

7:30AM Community Breakfast  
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal  
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11AM Church School & Youth Grp  
11AM Adult Confirmation Class 2

### Tuesday, September 17

6PM ESOL

### Wednesday, September 18

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace  
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing  
11AM Staff Meeting  
12PM Bible Study: Psalms 130-150  
5PM Eucharistic Visitors Mtg  
6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 19

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

### Friday, September 20

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

### Saturday, September 21

#### PLEDGE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Sunday, September 22

#### PLEDGE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

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  
11AM Adult Confirmation Class 3  
12PM Teachers Mtg

### Tuesday, September 24

6PM ESOL

### Wednesday, September 25

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 26

4:30PM Sunset Social  
6PM ESOL

### Friday, September 27

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

### Saturday, September 28

9AM Bazaar Drop-Off  
9AM Diocesan Resource Day  
5PM Taizé Eucharist

### Sunday, September 29

#### ALTAR GUILD RECOGNITION

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  
11AM Adult Confirmation Class 4

### Monday, September 30

2PM Laundry Love

## October 2018

### Tuesday, October 1

6PM ESOL

### Wednesday, October 2

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace  
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing  
11AM Staff Meeting  
12PM Bible Study: Psalms 130-150  
6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 3

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

#### Friday, October 4

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

#### Saturday, October 5

##### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

9AM Bazaar Drop-Off

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

#### Sunday, October 6

##### 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

11AM Adult Confirmation Class 5

4PM Book Study: Job

#### Monday, October 7

6:30PM Budget Subcommittee Mtg

#### Tuesday, October 8

6PM ESOL

#### Wednesday, October 9

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

6PM Taizé

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 10

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

6:30PM Deanery Mtg

#### Friday, October 11

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

#### Saturday, October 12

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### Sunday, October 13

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

11AM Episcopal City Mission Forum

#### Tuesday, October 15

6PM ESOL

#### Wednesday, October 16

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

12PM Bible Study: Psalms 130-150

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 17

12PM ECW Mtg

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

#### Friday, October 18

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

6:30PM Pre-Confirmation Dinner

#### Saturday, October 19

##### CONFIRMATION

##### PLEDGE INGATHERING

10:30AM Deanery Confirmation Service

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### Sunday, October 20

##### 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

11AM Budget Forum

4PM Book Study: Job

#### Monday, October 21

6:30PM Budget Subcommittee Mtg

#### Tuesday, October 22

6PM ESOL

#### Wednesday, October 23

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 24

4:30PM Sunset Social

6PM ESOL

6:30PM Children & Youth Commission Mtg

#### Friday, October 25

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

#### Saturday, October 26

9AM Bazaar Drop-Off

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### Sunday, October 27

##### ACOLYTE SUNDAY

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

11AM Forum w. Brother John of the Trinity

12PM Teachers Mtg

#### Monday, October 28

2PM Laundry Love

#### Tuesday, October 29

6PM ESOL

#### Wednesday, October 30

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

11AM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Vestry Mtg

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 31

6PM ESOL

Church Staff

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Rector               | Rev. Christopher Morck |
| Director of Music    | Brian Roderick         |
| Parish Administrator | Katie Brengle          |
| Sexton               | Patrick Victor         |
| Verger               | Gérald Croteau         |

Wardens & Officers

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Senior Warden       | Jean Pitcairn   |
| Junior Warden       | Charles Green   |
| Treasurer           | Sharlene Begley |
| Assistant Treasurer | Roberta Iglar   |
| Clerk               | Diana Ukleja    |

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Travis Bowie  
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