



# GRACE

## NOTES

“The compassion of the Lord is for every living thing” (Sirach 18:13)

According to the creation stories in Genesis, God first pours out Spirit on the waters, heralding and facilitating the stirring of life and becomes incarnate as the very life and breath of the Creation. On and *through* the forming Earth, creation continues: “Let the earth put forth vegetation”; “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures”; “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind” (Gen 1:11, 20, and 24).

The Earth co-creates with God. God calls forth life from the substance of the Earth, with human life as part of this: “Then the LORD God formed *a human* from the dust of the *ground*... So out of the *ground* the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air.”

The Hebrew word for ground is *adamah*, and also means earth, soil, and land. Genesis says that life came out of the *adamah*, from the Earth itself, and all living creatures share not only the same Creator but the same matter, the same essence.

When we look at the Hebrew there is something else quite striking. The Hebrew word that we translate in English as “man” or “human” is *adam*. That’s where the name Adam comes from. It is the word for humankind. So, using a bit of the Hebrew, Genesis 2:7 says, “Then the LORD God formed *adam* (human or humankind) from the dust of the *adamah* (earth or ground).”

In Genesis you can see the interrelationship between the Earth and all life. In the case of humankind, the Hebrew name for human, *adam*, even connects etymologically to the Earth, *adamah*. As Scripture affirms, and our own Prayer Book echoes, we come from the Earth and return to the Earth.

Humans are completely embedded in this world. Whether we recognize it or not, we belong wholly within the unity and processes of the whole creation, interdependent and intimately related.

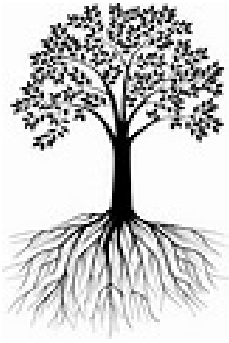
What is more, this Earth and all that it holds speak to us of who God is and what God desires for us. It mediates the divine. It communicates God’s nature and draws us into deeper relationship with God. Through the Creation we see who God is and God reveals God’s self to us (Romans 1:20)

God actually loves us through the Creation. And we are called to love it in return, act toward it as God acts toward us, in blessing and in love. God’s hope, God’s dream, God’s redeeming love, is for us all (Revelation 21:1; Isaiah 49:6; Isaiah 65:17). God’s desire is for the restoration and reconciliation of all creation (Colossians 1:20). The whole created order glorifies God together, each in our own way and according to our own gifts (Psalm 148).

From the first pages of Genesis through the Book of Revelation, God invites us to care for our relationships – with each other, both near and far, and with the rest of Creation. Let us continually be mindful of this, looking for ways to better cultivate and respect our relationship with God and our sacred connection with the whole of God’s Creation.

Faithfully,

Chris +



Did you know that we use almost 50,000 sheets of paper per year to print our newsletter?

Beginning with this November edition of Grace Notes, printed copies will be mailed only to parishioners physically unable to attend services and without internet access. Our newsletter will be available electronically and our hope is that you will still read and enjoy Grace Notes in this way. For those who are not able to access an electronic version, limited printed copies will be available in the Church Narthex.

The reason for making this change is based on our prayerful awareness of our growing responsibility to "this fragile earth, our island home" (Eucharistic Prayer C). From the growing of the trees to paper production, from printing to even the recycling of the paper, every step of the process both uses resources entrusted to us by God and produces waste and contamination.

Ceasing to print physical copies of Grace Notes may seem like a small thing, but this is a significant symbol as we seek to deepen our connection with and cultivation of all of the interconnected relationships which God has gifted to us. The effect of fewer printed copies of Grace Notes is one step toward the right use of God's good gifts and shrinking our inordinately large footprint upon the Earth. Hopefully this step could even draw us to imagine other ways that we might more deeply honor these relationships.

Please joyfully join us in this new step Grace is taking as one of the ways we are attempting to be more mindful of our responsibility as good stewards of the home we have been given. We are all a part of this as we read Grace Notes on the church website! A link to the newsletter will be sent monthly to those who share their email with Grace Church. If you do not currently receive E-News, please share your email address with the church office or with me.

Gratefully,  
Chris +



Our "Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector" service on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> was such a wonderful celebration. From the liturgy to the music to the reception, this joyous event truly celebrated our mutual ministry and the way that God uses our gifts to bless so many.

Although it seems like an impossible task to name all of those who worked so hard to make this day the blessing that it was, it bears mentioning once again my own deep gratitude for each one of you.

The delicious and quite elegant reception was made possible through the hard work of Betsy Pye, Bob Vowell, David and Jan Baker, Mary Bettencourt, Norma Bossé, Melissa Botelho, Travis Bowie, Len Boyce and Jean Pitcairn, Maggie Boyce, Kathy Ferreira, Judy Knox, Michelle and Ed Luth, Jim and Beth McKay, Charlene Nelson, Bill Reed, Andy and Brenda Sylvia, Mel Ventura, and our youth, Olivia Barnaby, Lindsey Bedard, Alexia Blais, Holly Czapiga, Abbey Luth, Autumn Luth, Carissa Mak, Ronnie Mak, Claire Morck, Mia Morgan, Madison Pires, Lizzy Sylvia, and Mitchell Sylvia.

Our festive and engaged worship service of word, sacrament, and music was made possible through the dedication and countless hours of Jerré Croteau and Brian Roderick, and the prayerful participation of our other ministers: Shirley Beck, Sharlene Begley, Mary Bettencourt, Alexia Blais, Travis Bowie, Billy Boyce, Donna Brown, Paula Cabral and the Discernment Committee, Juliana Camacho, Charles Capizano, so many of our children and youth with their teachers and mentors, Mirna Decker, Kingsley Doe, Michael Doe, Norma Dyer, Andrew Fortin, the Rev. Ken and Mary Lou Garrett, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Mike Goulart, the Grace Church Choir with Ken Tavares as Cantor, the Grace Church Vestry, Charlie Green, Richard and Jeanne Greenhalgh, Timothy Haggerty, the Reverend Jack Haney, Brenton Jackson, our Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Autumn Luth, Ronni Mak, Damien Montague, Mia Morgan, Christopher Ng, Pat Nieman, the Reverend Geoffrey Piper, Bill and Martha Reed, Charlene Ryder, Roland and Harriet Shaw, Fred Smialek, André Springman, Ashley St. Julien, Lizzy Sylvia, Dwight Thomas, Caitlin Venter, the Reverend Andrea Castner Wyatt, and the Sonare Chamber Ensemble: Keri Benson, Bonni Harlow, and Wendy Hawes. Thanks also to Rosemary Morgan for patiently printing and proofreading the gorgeous service leaflet.

As one of the prayers in the service so beautifully stated, let our prayer as Grace Church be continually thus: "You raise up laborers for your harvest, Holy God, sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless the people of Grace Church and Chris in their work of tending your Church in New Bedford; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. Amen!"

With the Grace Of God  
and the People Consenting

The Right Reverend Gayle Elizabeth Harris  
Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts

Will Ordain  
Andrea Castner Wyatt  
to the Sacred Priesthood

on Saturday, December 12, 2015  
at 4:00 pm

Grace Episcopal Church  
133 School Street  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Your Prayers and Presence Are Invited

Clergy: Red Stole Reception Following

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### GRACE MEMORIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE

Recently the Memorial Gifts Committee approved \$45,000 of the Fund to be used towards the restoration of the Grace Church belfry, as part of the wider Grace Church Restoration Campaign (you may have noticed the decorative scaffolding adorning the front of Grace!). This gift contributes essential funds to the campaign as it helps to maintain the structure which houses our bells and to restore our tower which is a visible landmark on the New Bedford skyline, a beacon in New Bedford and her surrounding communities.

I am deeply grateful to all of the parishioners who over the years have made contributions both large and small to the Memorial Gifts Fund in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or event.

Your gifts, unless earmarked for a specific purpose, have accumulated over the years and are used for those tangible, lasting things which enhance the life of Grace Church. Some items recently funded from Memorial Gifts include the restoration of the bells, the restoration of the front doors, church-owned clergy vestments, Eucharistic Visitor travel kits, Bibles and hymnals, and now the restoration of our belfry.

I also would like to thank the current members of the Committee itself: Roberta Berry, Carole Johnson, John Linehan, Pauline Roderiques, Mike Shea, Joan Swain, and Paul Sylvia, and those members who have served in the past. They have been diligent and loving stewards of this fund.

Gratefully,  
Chris +

## NOTES FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

It has been a busy summer with an even busier Fall in store. The steeple is down and the birch cone for the new steeple is nearly complete. The panels for the wooden cone will be set in place and a special team will affix the slate to the cone after it is in place and secured. We have been delayed by the condition of the tower; this became evident as demolition progressed. Powdery mortar and cracked interior brick made demolition a slow, laborious process. In addition, a two foot interior layer of brick just above the arches of the belfry needs to be removed and rebuilt before the concrete ring support can be poured. This site condition will necessitate removal of some portion of the belfry in order to establish a stable base for placement of the new steeple. As we go to press, we are awaiting the contractor's and engineer's assessment of how much additional work this involves and what the schedule impact will be.

The office area is moving along well. It is important to keep in mind that by the time that you receive this news, that much of the work will have been completed. The HVAC is scheduled for completion during the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. The drywell for the sump pumps has been put in within the guidelines set by the city. Office furniture has been ordered where needed along with the conference table with a communications module. Seating to accommodate meetings has also been ordered. The subway grate system to protect from backflow near the east door is scheduled to go in. All of the LED lights are in and the security system is close to completion. The whole system for the church and the parish house will be updated with a new panel. What will remain will be updating the church itself with either a beam detector or multiple addressable units. That is still being studied.

The dimmer system for the church and chapel lighting has been updated. It was in remarkable condition and did not need to be replaced. Replacement modules were installed instead.

Some of the fire suppression system, (not allowed to call it the sprinkler system anymore!!!) piping needed to be replaced. This will be an ongoing concern and will be addressed as needed. There is no way to be proactive; we must wait for the signs to alert us.

Gutters for the parish house will be cleaned on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also need to check for damage to the slate and gutters on the south side, since water was coming into the organ chamber during one of the storms. Water and wind from a specific direction has caused this in the past as well.

The contractor and a stone mason are designing a pod for the diesel generator to be installed. The pod will be large enough to contain the generator and recycling bins. Fencing around the pod will protect the generator and exterior HVAC units.

Our own Chris Reed has submitted a landscape design that is simple, elegant and authentic to our region. More importantly, it showcases our beautiful architecture. Implementation of the plan will of course wait until repointing work has been completed and input from Team Property has been gathered.

Pricing for future projects is being sought. Included in our original \$1.9 is the repointing of the four sides of the church and painting the trim of the windows of the church. We should have four bids by the first part of December.

While we are concentrating on the capital campaign, other necessary improvements are still being investigated. These include repairing water damage in the church and chapel, the stairwell going from the church to the church school area, windows in Grace House, and replacement of defective thermostats.

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## VESTRY VOTES

At its meeting on September 30, 2015, the Vestry approved the following motion:

- The disposition of donations for weddings, funerals and other pastoral offices performed by clergy of Grace Church will be deposited in that respective income line in the general operating budget. An exception may be made in the rare instances when clergy celebrate these offices outside of the church on vacation or a day off, with the understanding that these instances should be avoided in general.

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## ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

### A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

*-Charlene Ryder, Coordinator*

Grace Church will again this year participate in the Angel Tree Program. This ministry provides gifts for children who have an incarcerated parent at Christmas. This year we will be providing gifts to 50 children. Gift tags can be found hanging on our Grace Church Angel Tree located in the Church beginning the weekend of November 28th/29th. To help provide gifts for the children all you need to do is take one of the tags from the tree, purchase the gift, and return the gift to Church by December 13th. Each tag provides all purchase information. Suggested gift prices range from \$15.00 to \$25.00. If you are willing or able to help with organizing the gifts for delivery or delivering the gifts to the families please contact Charlene Ryder.

## FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Dear fellow Grace Church parishioners:

Grace Church is blessed to be in a unique position to offer scholarships to active members seeking higher education. The generous bequests of several Grace Church members and their families and the prudent investments of these funds have afforded us the opportunity to assist our parishioners with their endeavors in higher education. After the scholarship presentation in August, several members of the congregation asked about the process and criteria for scholarship applicants. In an effort to clarify the process and the requirements, the Scholarship Committee would like to take this opportunity to explain the procedure which was instituted in September 1989. To meet the eligibility for a Grace Church Scholarship:

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of Grace Episcopal Church. The canonical understanding of this means having received communion at least three times in the past year and being known to the treasurer as having supported the mission and ministry of the Church. (Given the fact the applicants are in college and not working full time, we take into consideration their support of the mission and ministry of Grace Church through non-financial means, which can be noted on the application or outlined in the cover letter.)
- The applicant must be a high school graduate, or have a GED, or be accepted to a degree granting institution of higher learning (without necessarily having graduated from high school).
- The applicant may apply to any post high school program including college or university, community college, culinary arts school and technical school. Graduate school candidates are also eligible to apply for a Grace Church scholarship.

The committee uses a three tiered, weighted point system to evaluate the applicants and determine the awards. It is based on the applicant's degree of church activity and community service (40%), academic achievement (30%) and financial need (30%). Given this system of scoring, it is imperative that the applicants submit a complete application which includes:

- a. The Grace Church Application for Scholarship Funds (all sections completed).
- b. A cover letter of approximately 250 words addressing the applicant's goals in seeking higher education as well as any information that would be important to the committee members making the decisions on the awards.
- c. A transcript of the fall/spring semester including their most recent GPA.

Each candidate is given a copy of these "Scholarship Regulations" when they request an application. The applicants are given two months to request and submit the completed application. An incomplete application or an applicant who does not meet the criteria or the submission deadline will not be considered for a scholarship award. The Grace Church Scholarship Committee is committed to strictly adhering to these regulations and criteria and, in so doing, strives to honor the original intent of those who so very generously donated to make these scholarships possible. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Decker  
Chairperson, Grace Church Scholarship Committee

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### GRACE AFTER SCHOOL and SUMMER PROGRAM

-Donna Pires, Program Director

We currently have openings in our program. We are a **homework first** program! We all had a wonderful dinner celebrating Thanksgiving (Kentucky Fried Chicken Style). If you or someone you know is

interested in enrolling a child, please contact, **Donna L. Pires @ 508-961-1622.**

### CHURCH SCHOOL

-Melissa Botelho, Children's Minister

Sunday School has gotten off to a great start! Keep your eyes open for fresh baked communion bread, ask the kids about holy moly, and join us at the bazaar for kids crafts!

Remember worship bags are available for children at the back of the church for use during the service. They contain a weekly child oriented bulletin and various

activities and quiet games. Please return the bags with games and crayons after the service.

If you have not registered your child for church school yet please let your child's church school teacher know or see Melissa Botelho for registration information.

## WELCOME TO WENDY MELLO!

We have hired Wendy Mello as our new Parish Administrator. Wendy has over ten years of experience in administration, accounting, and human resources, much of which was in excellent references and holds an MBA from Endicott to provide a one week overlap with Judy and up to two Rosemary's retirement.

The administrative assistant and financial manager per week position, the Parish Administrator, with administration. Office hours will remain as 9am to 12pm

October 30th was Judy Areano's last day at Grace. We begins her new job. We are so grateful for the last eight



the non-profit sector. She has come with College. Wendy began on Monday, October 26th months overlap with Rosemary before

positions are being combined into one 35 hour combined duties of bookkeeping and and 1pm to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday.

wish her the very best as she leaves Grace and years of her work as our financial administrator.

## FOOD PANTRY

*-Sharlene Begley, Coordinator*

Each year, the Grace Church Food Pantry provides Thanksgiving dinner to over 140 households in the Greater New Bedford area. Depending on the size of the family, either a turkey or a chicken is provided along with all the "fixings" for a wonderful holiday meal. Last year we were especially blessed with a tremendous amount of fresh produce from the Greater Boston Food Bank which supplemented the stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, bread and canned vegetables we provided. Those receiving the meals include regular Food Pantry clients, parishioners in need, GASSP families in need and families identified via the court system.

We have carried on this tradition for many years in conjunction with the Greater Boston Food Bank which has provided most of the turkeys and chickens. But in recent years, the Food Bank has been less able to provide the turkeys we need. As always, the Grace community has stepped up to help out. This year we are in more need than usual. In past years, the Food Bank has been able to let us know several weeks ahead of time how many turkeys they will be able to provide. This year, due to a number of factors, they are unable to do that. We will find out the first week of November how many turkeys will be delivered on November 10th, the day we provide most of the meals to Food Pantry clients. In faith, we are moving forward with this outreach, hoping to

provide meals for as many as we have in the recent past. And we rely on Grace parishioners to help as you have in the past. So, **BRING A TURKEY TO CHURCH !!!!** and join us in helping those in need this holiday season.

We will gather your frozen turkey(s) on Sunday morning, November 8, or bring them in by 10 am on Tuesday, November 10. The need is great this year, please help us help others.

The next **Laundry Love** event will take place at the Super Laundromat, 80 Summer Street in New Bedford on November 30th. The new hours are 3-5pm with last call at 5pm. I'd like to thank all the parishioners who stepped up to volunteer and help us continue to serve our community through Laundry Love.

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## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Grace will again be hosting a free community dinner for Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, beginning at 6pm in Grace House. All are welcome to attend. We will serve turkey and all the fixings. We are in need of donations of both time and talent. Folks who helped last year found it a wonderful experience and it is a truly meaningful service to our whole community. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Andy Sylvia at 508-993-2134, Bob Vowell at 609-712-6023, or call the Church Office at 508-993-0547.

## LITURGY & LITURGICAL MINISTRY

*Jerré Croteau, Verger*

### NOVEMBER

We begin November with the **Feast of All Saints**, which is Sunday the first. It is a break in the succession of the Sundays after Pentecost. The color is white to mark this special feast day when we honor all saints, all those who have gone to their reward in heaven. We will be using Eucharistic Prayer D, a translation of one of the oldest Eucharistic Prayers. This is one of two occasions at Grace when we use this particular prayer; the other is Maundy Thursday. On this weekend, slips of paper will be provided with a basket in which to place them. We ask that you write the name of a loved one who has gone before you to their eternal reward. During the consecration, the basket will be placed on the altar at all services that weekend.

There will be Healing Prayers before the Saturday five-o'clock service, and after the Sunday eight-o'clock service. The next weekend we will be knee-deep in our great annual effort, the **Bittersweet Bazaar** on Saturday November 7. That weekend is the **Twenty fourth after Pentecost**. On Sunday afternoon, November 8, the **Southcoast Chamber Society** will hold a concert in our church at 4:00 p.m. We return to the seasonal color of green, and we will be using Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching

### HARVEST SUNDAY

Remember to bring canned goods and non-perishables to church on Saturday, November 21st and Sunday, November 22nd for our annual Harvest Sunday. Donated items will be given to the Food Pantry and used to fill Thanksgiving Baskets and to stock the Pantry's shelves.



### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- November 1: All Saints' Day
- November 7: Bittersweet Bazaar
- November 8: Southcoast Chamber Concert
- November 15: Children's Liturgy
- November 22: Harvest Sunday
- November 24: Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day
- November 29: First of Advent  
Angel Tree

Our Worship. The following weekend, the **Twenty fifth after Pentecost, Children's Liturgy** will take place at the ten-o'clock service.

November 21-22, will be the **Last Sunday after Pentecost**, as well as **Harvest Sunday**. Every Parish has a Parochial Feast Day, usually around the date of the feast day of the saint or event in Jesus' life after which the parish is named. In many ways

Harvest Sunday is our Parochial Feast Day. The word Grace is from the same root as that which gives us the word for "thanks" or "thanksgiving" or a benefit freely given. In Romance languages: Spanish *gracias*, Italian *grazie*, Portuguese *grátis* and, in French, Thanksgiving Day is *Jour d'Actions de Grâce*. It is also in November that our parish was originally founded as a diocesan mission in 1833. As well as being the month in which the new church building was opened in 1880, and also the month of the tragic fire and subsequent rebirth of Grace in 1987. In one of the earliest photographs extant on the chancel of the present church it is decorated for Harvest Sunday, and today, over one-hundred-thirty years later we still decorate the altar with the fruits of the harvest on this Sunday. For this weekend we will be using

Eucharistic Prayer C. It is also a special anniversary for our Director of Music and Organist, Brian Roderick, who will have been with us for twenty years.

With the last weekend in November, we will be ending the liturgical year and beginning a brand new one with the **First of Advent**. The color changes to blue; the Angel Tree and the Advent wreath appear. More details will be manifest in the December Grace Notes.

On Wednesdays in November, there will be Morning Prayer on November 4 for **All the Faithful Departed**; Morning Prayer on November 11, the feast day of **St. Martin of Tours** (it is also **Veterans' Day**); and Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers on November 18 celebrating **Hilda of Whitby**. There will be Morning Prayer celebrating **James Otis Huntington** on Wednesday November 25, and Morning Prayer at ten-o'clock on **Thanksgiving Day**, November 26.

The **Thanksgiving Dinner** will take place on Tuesday evening, November 24.

#### **LAY MINISTERS, ACOLYTES & ACOLYTE PARENTS**

We will be working on the winter schedule at the beginning of this month. The next three seasons, **Advent, Christmas & Epiphany** comprise ten weeks from **November 29 through February 7**. Please let the Verger know if you have restrictions as to which Sundays you can serve. **Christmas Eve** services are at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m as usual. Unless we hear differently, the same Acolytes are normally scheduled at the same service they did the previous year. New Acolytes who would like to serve, you or have your parents can let us know which service you would prefer. If you are not available this Christmas Eve, let us know as soon as possible. Also remember that all Acolytes are scheduled for the service of **Festival of Lights**, this year at 4p.m. on January 3, 2016. (\* [GTCroteau@comcast.net](mailto:GTCroteau@comcast.net), or 508 993-3048 or 508 742-5933.)

As always, we appreciate your service at the altar, to God and your congregation.



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRY

Two of us were able to attend sessions at the Congregational Resource Day last month, which we found very rewarding. Amy Cook, the Diocesan Missioner for Education, Formation and Discipleship, made a presentation on Adult Faith Formation that emphasized the importance of adult formation as a way of living out our faith. She noted that research indicates that thriving adult formation is a necessary component of growing congregations. She acknowledged the difficulties we all encounter in scheduling adult activities, and provided several online resources:

- The Living Compass ([livingcompass.org](http://livingcompass.org)) – this site supports a personal inventory in a journey towards wellness if heart, soul, mind and strength
- ChurchNext ([www.churchnext.tv](http://www.churchnext.tv)) -- offering a wide variety of video courses
- The Massachusetts Bible Society ([www.massbible.org](http://www.massbible.org)) -- their series Exploring the Bible does not assume a lot of prior knowledge

Sara Fry, health ministry contact for the diocese and a parishioner at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans, made a presentation on pastoral care as a ministry of the people. Her church's Lay Pastoral Care ministry developed into its current form over many months of investigation and planning, and evolved thereafter over several years, to encompass an umbrella group linking fifteen different ministries with timely and effective communication among them. A request for parish nurses led to several retired nurses, including Sara herself, being trained and licensed as such. Their duties include in-home evaluations of aging or ailing members of the congregation. Other teams send greeting cards, visit the homebound, offer prayers, or provide transportation. See [deaneryweb.org/Church of the Holy Spirit/Lay Pastoral Care](http://deaneryweb.org/Church of the Holy Spirit/Lay Pastoral Care) to read more about this.

Steve Matthews, Director of our mission hub, led a session on the church as a living system which had us up and moving around. First we moved the chairs into a circle for an opening meditation, then we broke into small groups for a directed discussion of our own church systems, then came the hula hoops. Steve put four of them in a line down the center of the room, labelled from "control" to "order" to "chaos" to "chamos" (that's chaos gone evil, we learned). We were asked to stand where we felt we personally belonged. There was quite a crowd at the intersection of chaos and order! So we talked about that, then moved to where we felt our congregations belonged. As you can imagine, it was a lively discussion. We learned another new word, chaordic, for the sweet spot between chaos and order where innovation and creativity lurk.

The discussion of Rachel Held Evans' book [A Year of Biblical Womanhood](#) began with a review of her ten commandments for the year and her take on "gentleness". She wrote that she finds gentleness particularly challenging during football season, but that adopting daily prayer time (one of her commandments) proved truly grounding. We'll be posting notes on the website.

*-Diana Ukleja, the Rev. Andrea Wyatt,  
Louise Kelly, John of the Trinity*

## Attention Middle School Youth, Parents and Mentors!

**Sign up NOW to join Rev. Andrea and other Grace Church Mentors for a Fabulous Middle School Retreat - QUEST!**

**Friday, November 20 - Sunday, November 22 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire.**

Come enjoy the beautiful fall season at the Barbara C. Harris Camp. Led by the Office of Youth Ministry and the Diocesan Youth Council, we will enjoy small group workshops, indoor and outdoor games, and worship that gets us both moving and thinking. There will be music from the band Fever Fever, and time away from the stress of everyday life so that we can pay a little more attention to the Spirit of God!

Adult mentors will also have the opportunity to take part in adult programming. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop skills that will help improve our ministry.

Scholarship funds are available. Fees are \$125 for Youth and \$100 for Mentors - room and board included.

Space is limited. Please contact Rev. Andrea ASAP to start the registration process. Call her at 508-259-7501 or email at [revandrea@gracechurchnb.org](mailto:revandrea@gracechurchnb.org)

More details can be found here:

<http://diomassyouth.org>

## NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, November 1st  
Youth Group Rosebud Presentation**

The Grace Church family is invited and encouraged to attend a presentation by members of our Youth Group on Sunday, November 1. Join us in the Library after worship to listen and learn about the Mission Trip this past summer to the Rosebud Reservation. Let's continue to support our young people in their important ministry and outreach.

**November 15 - Youth Group Pies**

Members of our Youth Group will be baking apple pies on Sunday afternoon, November 15th. If you would like to order a homemade apple pie, please email Rev. Andrea at [revandrea@gracechurchnb.org](mailto:revandrea@gracechurchnb.org) or call the church office at 508-993-0547. Pies are \$10 each and will distribute them on Sunday, November 22nd.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2015

### *Growing God's Mission*

Below are brief summations of the three videos emailed over the last several weeks. The videos highlight how Grace Church ministers to the people of New Bedford and the surrounding areas. The videos were sent out during September and October and shown after our services on October 17 and 18. All three videos can be seen on the website at <http://gracechurchnb.org/2015-stewardship/>

#### **SHINING LIGHTS, ESOL**

*Olga Rodriguez & Mali Lim*

Shining Lights is an ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) program for adults. The program began several years ago through the initiative of Grace Church parishioners who contacted the City of New Bedford for collaboration to meet this need. Classes are held at three locations in the city and at Grace Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from September to June. The program also provides childcare services during classes.

[How important do you feel these classes are to the community?](#)

There is a waiting list for classes at the colleges and schools. This program fills a gap during that wait time and provides a stepping stone to a successful outcome.

[How many people do you serve?](#)

Approximately 80 to 100 people per year.

[What is the general outcome of the program?](#)

The program provides a path for pre-literate non-English speakers to gain functional literacy in order for them to succeed in more formal ESOL programs at the college level.

#### **LAUNDRY LOVE & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

*Christine*

Laundry Love seeks to bring economic relief by giving individuals or families the option to redirect funds toward food, medical care, gas or transportation costs as well as school supplies and other basic, everyday necessities. The Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to help people who are struggling financially by assisting them with doing their laundry.

Community Breakfast provides an opportunity for anyone, including those who are homeless and/or have serious financial needs, to get a hot, filling breakfast on Sunday morning. Normally there is no opportunity for a breakfast at other agencies on a Sunday. This program allows the people to come together in a safe and enjoyable environment surrounded by fellowship and food.

[What does Grace Church provide for you?](#)

Fellowship and community

[How do you feel Grace promotes fellowship and charity?](#)

By being accepting of people no matter their situation.

[How did you hear about our programs?](#)

"By word of mouth. Everyone knows you can come to Grace Church. Grace Church community programs are well known throughout the New Bedford area. Everyone tries to help each other out by letting newcomers know what programs are available to them."

[Have you used the Laundry Love Program?](#)

Yes, it's a great program. While there are many places in the area to receive clothing donations, without programs like Laundry Love you don't have an opportunity to get clothes cleaned regularly.

#### **GRACE AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM**

*Tracey Medeiros*

Grace After School and Summer Program, a community caring for children, provides after school care during the school year and all day care during school vacations for children in kindergarten through grade 8 (ages 5 to 14). Donna Pires, Program Director, promotes a learning environment within the classroom by using a curriculum. The GASSP staff provides homework help, and a wide variety of activities are available including a computer lab, Science and Math Projects, reading, and sewing/embroidery. There are currently 22 children in the program.

[Can you tell us about your experiences with the Grace After School and Summer Program?](#)

Tracey received a flyer at an opportune time in her life. When she came to find out more about the program, she was impressed with the cleanliness and well maintained equipment, books and toys, and the fact that the program was structured and safe. Through the years, and even through personal hardships, the program has been a support structure for her and her children. Even as her children have grown, Tracey feels that the GASSP is like a second family.

Stewardship Committee:

*Beth Sharp, Chairperson; Rev. Chris Morck, Rector; Charlie Capizano, Junior Warden; Anne Gundersen, Treasurer; Ned Hines, Terri Nowell, Kate Towers, and Robbie Watkins*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may have courage and hope in their troubles:**

Helen D'Alessandro (Cousin of Rosemary Morgan), **Jack Haney** (Member), **Suzanne Porter & Lois Minney** (Cousin & friend of Rillis Wtkins), **Shirley Gehardt** (Cousin of Ken Garrett) **Jill Horton-Simms** (Member), **Elayne Horton** (Stepmother of Jill Horton-Simms), **Nedra Lopes** (Friend of Peter & Sharon Nowell and Richard Fabio), **Judith Miller Phelps** (Sister of Janet Doe), **Joan Reed** (Member), **Russell Costa** (Member), **Debbie Olden** (Friend of Charlene Nelson), **Terri Nowell** (Member), **Dorothy Montague** (Mother of Jim Montague), **Daniel Schwartz** (Step-father of Nicole Montague), **Bernardo Cabral** (Friend of Dana Sargent), Joshua, Brett, Nicholas & Sebastian Hernandez (Family of Franco Hernandez), **Nancy Pye** (Mother-in-law of Betsy Pye), **Jeanne Pallatroni** (Friend of Joan Swain), **Norma Ryder** (Member), **Randy McGregor** (Brother of Carl McGregor), **Thomas Botelho** (Member), **Carol & David Forbes** (Daughter and Son-in-law of June St. Pierre), **Joy Bancroft** (Member), **Hope Eunice Choquette** (Niece of Leo Choquette), **Cecelia Sykes** (Member), **Ruth Richards** (Member), **Ian Kinney** (Grandson of Pat Buckles), **Saphirra & A.J. DaSilva** (Friends of Nina Catelli Vincent), **Fred Melo** (Father of Filomena Melo), **Charles & Beverly Days** (Members), **William Days** (Brother of Charles Days), **Native American Communities in the United States and especially for the Lakota Rosebud Reservation, Janet Doe** (Member), **Claire Driesen** (Member), **Mildred Rigby** (Member), **Sheila Lopes** (Sister-in-Law of Joan Swain), **Claire Morel** (Member), **Malicia Watkins** (Niece of Robbie Watkins), **Stephanie Taylor Moynier** (Daughter of Priscilla Taylor), **DLH, Lisa Birknes Tavares, Ray Gurette & Muriel Foster** (Friends & Sister of Terri Nowell), **Linda Massa** (Member), **Bryan Lopes, Ron Wisti & Mary** (Stepson & Friends of Gerry Lopes), **Randy Pollard** (Member), **Kim Traynor** (Daughter of Judy St. John), **Beverly Haig** (Sister of Eileen Mandly), **Maureen Steward** (Daughter of Mary Salmon, a friend of Richard Fabio), **Caroline Soares** (Mother-in-law of Margaret Acevedo), **Jack Walker** (Son of Beverly Days), **Dennis Uchman** (Brother of Sandi Jaikes), **Julie Schmidt** (Member), **Elaine LeBoeuf** (Friend of Emily Collins), **Martha Rosewell** (Sister of Mary Lou Garrett), **Danielle Austin** (Daughter of Charles & Linda Austin), **Rick Brown & Arthur Cuddy** (Husband & Friend of Jean Brown), **Adam LeComte & Donald Reynolds** (Grandson & Nephew of John Medeiros), Bill and Pauline Hart (Friends of Richard Fabio), **Aza Johnson** (Niece of Carol Johnson), **Swede Chaves** (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), **Dolores Desroches** (Friend of Paula Cabral), **Amy Dean, John Moore, Maria dos Santos, Nicholas Claudio** (Friends of Tom Davis), **Don Booth & Barbara Gracia** (Former Member and friend of Travis Bowie).

**Pray for those who have given themselves to each other by solemn vow: Douglas Medeiros & Adrian**

**Vargas, and David Monteiro & Jennifer Benevides.**

**Pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in God's eternal Kingdom.** **Charlotte Ingersoll** (Mother of Paula Cabral), **Gary Jardin, Henry Hazell** (Member), **Jean Clarke** (Member), **Kathleen Vieira** (Friend of Rosemary Morgan), **Theresa Guillemette** (Mother-in-law of Priscilla Guillemette).

**Armed Forces: James H. Horton** (Nephew of Jill Horton-Simms), **Tobin Blatchford & Yoav Gray** (Friends of George & Pam McNamara), **Harry Walker** (Son of Memory Holloway), **Cameron Sweet** (Member), **Samuel Ellis** (Son of Maria Ellis), **James Kinney** (Grandson of Al & Pat Buckles), **Brian Paradise** (Nephew of John & Pam Evans), **Aaron Patenaude** (Grandson of Hubert & June St. Pierre), **Kenneth Monteiro** (Member), **David Monteiro** (Member), **Thomas Storer** (Grandson of Ronald & Judy St. John), **Jorge Lee Vega, Dana Gilmour** (Grandson of Peggy Fellouris), **Sasha Knezevic** (Nephew of Diana Ukleja), **Emily Decelles** (Friend of Joan Ann Niles), **Alison Bruenjes** (Grandniece of Joan Swain).

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## MEMORIAL GIFTS

**ALTAR GUILD - *In memory of*** Pearl Adams.

**BITTERSWEET BAZAAR - *In thanksgiving by*** Zelinda Douhan and Fred Smialek.

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - *In thanksgiving by*** James Bisagni and Norma Bossé,

**DISCRETIONARY FUND - *In memory of*** Jean Clarke. ***In thanksgiving by*** Edith R. Lauderdale and the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

**FLOWER FUND - *In memory of*** Rick Bowie.

**FOOD PANTRY - *In memory of*** John Gray, Patton Tabors, Alice Tassoni, Albert Tarola, Jean Clarke, Patricia Morck, Theresa Guillemette. ***In thanksgiving by*** Edith Lauderdale, M/M Donald Driesen, Jack Haney,

**RESTORATION FUND - *In thanksgiving by*** George & Pamela McNamara, studio2sustain, inc., Tifereth Israel Congregation, N.C. Hudon, Inc., George & Rosemary Morgan, Michael & Cynthia Shea, The Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

**LAUNDRY LOVE - *In thanksgiving by*** Frank Perrine, Victoria Laskey, and Gareth & Andrea Vigus.

**MEMORIAL FUND - *In memory of*** Tom & Jean Clarke,

In addition, the new console table in the back of the nave has been given in memory of Robert & Patricia Morck and Tom & Jean Clarke.

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bittersweet Bazaar

**Saturday, November 7, 2015  
10am - 4pm**

**Lunch served from 11am to 2pm**

**Proceeds benefit Grace's mission  
and community outreach programs**

**Corner of County and School Streets in New Bedford.  
Please use School Street entrance.**

**Kindle Raffle ~ Silent Auction  
Grandma's Attic ~ Baked Goods  
Chinese Auction ~ Holiday Table  
International Table ~ Church Tours**

*handicap accessible*

The Bittersweet Bazaar occurs this year on November 7th from 10am-4pm. Come out and join fellow parishioners and the Greater New Bedford community at this venerable tradition.

While you're here, come check out old favorites like the Silent Auction, Grandma's Attic, the Luncheon, the Jewelry Table and the Chinese Auction, while also partaking of Grace Market (formerly the Country Store), and some new basket raffles aimed at, well, EVERYONE!

- ★ Find a treasured book memory or pick up some new ones!
- ★ Young or young at heart, get your face painted!
- ★ Take home a delicious prepared meal from Grace Market!
- ★ Can't travel abroad this year? Come visit the International Table for gifts (We promise we won't tell!!)

If you are donating baked goods please try and have them to Grace by Friday evening, November 6th.

If you are able, please consider donating an hour or two for setup or breakdown, packing and unpacking can be fun.

Look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please call Andy Sylvia 508.985.8913 or Linda Pope 508.789.3778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2015</h1>						
<p>1 <b>All Saints' Day</b>  <b>7:30am</b>  Community Breakfast  <b>8:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite I  <b>8:30am</b>  Choir Rehearsal  <b>10:00am</b>  Holy Baptism &amp; Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>11:00am</b>  Rosebud Presentation, Church School, Youth Groups, Coffee Hour</p>	<p>2 <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>6-8pm</b> ESOL</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Food Pantry</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>6-8pm</b> ESOL</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>10am-4pm</b> Bittersweet Bazaar</p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>
<p>8 <b>24 Pentecost</b>  <b>7:30am</b>  Community Breakfast  <b>8:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite I  <b>8:30am</b>  Choir Rehearsal  <b>10:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>11:00am</b>  After Bazaar Sale  Church School, Youth Groups, Coffee Hour  <b>4:00pm</b>  -South Coast Chamber Music Concert  -Book Discussion</p>	<p>9 <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>6-8pm</b> ESOL</p>	<p>11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>6-8pm</b> ESOL</p>	<p>13 <b>Diocesan Convention</b></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Food Pantry</p>	<p>14 <b>Diocesan Convention</b></p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>
<p>15 <b>25 Pentecost</b>  <b>7:30am</b>  Community Breakfast  <b>8:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite I  <b>8:30am</b>  Choir Rehearsal  <b>10:00am</b>  Children's Liturgy  <b>11:00am</b>  Church School, Coffee Hour, Youth Pie Making</p>	<p>16 <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Stewardship Meeting  <b>6-8pm</b> ESOL</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Food Pantry</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Holy Eucharist</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Vestry Meeting Deanery Executive Bd.</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>6-8pm</b> ESOL</p>	<p>20 <b>Jr. High Retreat</b></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Food Pantry</p>	<p>21 <b>Jr. High Retreat</b></p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>
<p>22 <b>Last Pentecost</b> <b>Harvest Sunday</b>  <b>7:30am</b>  Community Breakfast  <b>8:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite I  <b>8:30am</b>  Choir Rehearsal  <b>10:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>11:00am</b>  Pie Distribution, Church School, Youth Groups, Celebration of Brian Roderick's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  <b>1:00pm</b>  Memorial Service</p>	<p>23 <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>6:30-9pm</b> Sippican Choral Society Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Food Pantry</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer</p>	<p>26 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer</p>	<p>27 <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>
<p>29 <b>1 Advent</b>  <b>7:30am</b>  Community Breakfast  <b>8:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite I  <b>8:30am</b>  Choir Rehearsal  <b>10:00am</b>  Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>11:00am</b>  Church School, Youth Groups, Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30 <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>3-5pm</b> Laundry Love Event</p>					

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