



Grace Notes

Jan/Feb 2018

Grace Community

By Sharlene Begley, Senior Warden

As the end of the year approaches I find myself looking back at what has happened at Grace this year. As with any community, we've had comings and goings, we've laughed and cried together, we've prayed and worshiped together, and we've fellowshiped and eaten together. Our Grace community is ever-changing. We are a dynamic community.

Just like me, you probably belong to a number of different communities. How are you part of those communities? How are you part of the Grace community? What does it mean to be part of a community?

I recently came across the following quote: "Community is much more than belonging to something; it is about doing something together that makes belonging matter." (*Brian Solis*) That is how I feel about the Grace community. The work we do together matters in so many ways. In particular I think about the outreach efforts we are involved

in. Many are endeavors we have been involved with for an extended period of time: Community Breakfast, Martha's Pantry at Grace, ESOL, Sunset Socials, the Soup Kitchen. Others are more recent, such as Laundry Love. All have come into being as the result of someone seeing a need and trying to find the answer to the need.

Sometimes the response starts slowly and grows over time, other times the response is more swift. But each time it is this community, working together... doing something together, that makes it happen.

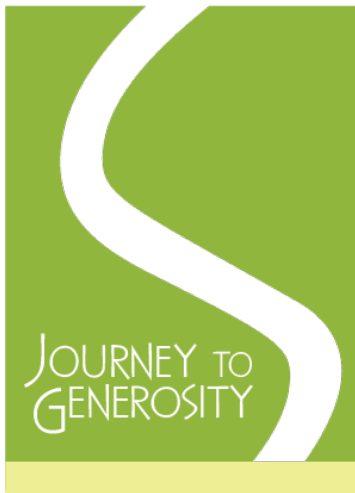
For the past few years, a young member of our community who is a scout has spearheaded a drive to collect warm winter outerwear for the homeless. Laundry Love started when one of our prior Life Together interns discerned the need for the homeless and those of limited means to have access to washers and dryers to clean their clothing. In each case, members of the Grace community have done something, they've reached out and helped. Each of these endeavors has

started with an individual or small group, then grown to include others.

Next year, maybe you'll have an idea for outreach that our community can nurture and grow. Or maybe you'll decide to become involved in one of our on-going activities. All are welcome to participate, this is who we are, a community of people doing things together, things that matter to the community, things that make us matter as a community.

The New Year will present more changes and new challenges, we can be as sure of that as we can be of death and taxes. We will again have comings and goings, we'll laugh and cry together, we'll pray and worship together, and we'll fellowship and eat together. And we'll do so much more; what we'll do will matter, both in Greater New Bedford and beyond as we strive to answer the call to bring into being the Kingdom of God.

I'm glad we're doing this together.



Pledge Campaign

By Elizabeth Sharp

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed” Proverb 11:25 (NIV)

This year’s Pledge Campaign has been very successful! Our theme of **“Journey to Generosity”** has impacted our parish in a positive manner. Everywhere you look, you can see and experience generosity within and outside our church walls. It is also evident that we as a church family are giving back to God what He has given to us. In comparison from the last few years of pledge campaigns, we have received more pledges earlier in the campaign AND have received a significant increase in the total pledge amount. As of November 29, 2017, we have received 129 pledges from parishioners \$204,375. As a comparison from last year as of November 23, 2016, we had received 123 pledges totaling \$179,494. These differences in numbers show how our parishioners have stepped out in faith that God will provide and everything we have is because of God. These increases in pledged amount also show that we as a church family believe in our ministries and the importance of being part of them through monetary ways.

However, there are many parishioners who pledged last year and have not turned in their pledge card for various reasons. We are asking those who have not turned in their pledge card, please mail in your pledge card, email the church office at office@gracechurchnb.org to communicate with Katie, the church secretary, call the church office at 508-993-0547 to speak with Katie, or place your pledge card in the offering plate. If everyone who has not turned in a pledge card could pledge the same amount as last year, then the total pledge amount would be slightly over the budgeted amount for 2018 pledges. Just think, though there is more progress to be made in this, for the first time in a long time we as a church family are moving closer to supporting the church and our ministries through current parishioners and depending less on the gifts of others, i.e. the Endowment.

Thank you to all who have stepped out in faith to be generous to Grace Episcopal Church’s ministry in New Bedford and surrounding communities. Together we will make a difference.

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



Epiphany Festival of Lights

By Jerré Croteau, Verger

On Sunday, **January 7th at 4:00PM**, Grace Church will celebrate its annual Festival of Lights. This traditional service for Grace, a combination pageant and evensong, takes place annually on the Sunday nearest Epiphany. Its origins seem to be lost to time, but it is documented to have been celebrated at Grace since at least the beginning of the twentieth century. Through its readings, which have not changed for a century, it calls to mind the dissemination of the Light of Christ to the whole world, as symbolized by its recessional out into the world, each member of the congregation carrying a lighted candle through the front door of the church. Come and join us for this tradition and symbolically bring the Light of Christ to everyone.

Restoration

By Charlie Capizano

The Grace family has given generously to the restoration effort right from its start. As we reviewed donations of all types, it became apparent that early donations, prior to the brick and stone campaign, were not offered to be applied to brick and stone purchases. With this in mind, if anyone would like to apply early campaign contributions to the purchase of stones and bricks, please contact Charlie to review ways in which to do so.

Liturgy & Liturgical Ministry

By Jerré Croteau, Verger

The season of Christmas, the shortest liturgical season of the year, ends on its twelfth day (January 5th). We then take up our liturgical story on January 6 with the **Feast of the Epiphany**. This year the actual day is Saturday so that the 5:00PM service will be using the propers for Epiphany itself. That Sunday then effectually becomes the **First Sunday after Epiphany**, which is also the **Feast of the Baptism of Jesus**. It is one of the four Sundays during the year where baptisms usually take place. If there is no baptism, then the service includes the Baptismal Covenant. For the season of Epiphany we will be using the Prayers of the People based on the lectionary and Eucharistic Prayer C. As per custom, that Sunday will also feature one of Grace's oldest traditions, **The Epiphany Festival of Lights**, at 4:00PM. This service, the origin of which remains somewhat of a mystery, is a combination of Evensong and pageant, based on the idea that Jesus' light is meant for all the peoples of the earth. The readings unfold the story of the birth of Jesus, and the dissemination of His Word by the apostles to the Gentiles, as represented by Matthew's story of the three Magi. We end the service by literally taking the Light of Christ out into the world by bearing candles into the night.

Who were the **Magi**? Later in some traditions they are referred to as Kings. It is one of my favorite stories, these three men following a star to find where its light leads. Most sources believe that they were Zoroastrian, a religion whose roots are Persian, and whose scriptures predict this happening. Rather than kings, they were most probably

priests of sorts, or sorcerers. The Latin word that is used to identify them (*Magi*) literally means "sorcerers, men of magic." The word etymologically has to do with "magic" rather than royalty, in which case the word "Magni" would be more appropriate. The similarity in these two words is probably responsible for this misunderstanding. The other curious tradition, which dates from the earliest pictorial renditions of these three, is that one of the three was Black. Somewhere along the line they acquired the names Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Their three gifts represent Christ's royal status (gold), His status as God made man (incense), and his death and resurrection (myrrh). They are the first gentiles to worship Him, and an example that all people on earth were included in His saving grace.

The season of Epiphany can be anywhere from four to nine weeks long, dependent on when Easter falls. This year it is six weeks long. After the First Sunday, it becomes "ordinary time" and the color changes from white to green. January 13th-14th is the **Second after Epiphany** with regular services that weekend. The **Third after Epiphany**, January 20th-21st, will feature Children's Liturgy at the 10:00AM service. January 27th-28th, **Fourth after Epiphany**, will also be **Outreach Weekend** when we celebrate the volunteers in our many Outreach endeavors.

February begins with the **Fifth after Epiphany**, February 3rd-4th, and the **Last after Epiphany**, February 10th-11th, both of which feature the regular services. The season of Epiphany ends with **Mardi Gras**, Fat or Shrove Tuesday.

Beginning of the Season of Lent

As this article covers the months of January and February, rather than

the liturgical season, the last two weeks of February begin the six-week **Season of Lent**, six weeks if one includes Holy Week. This year Lent begins on February 14th, **Ash Wednesday**. There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, Holy Eucharist with the distribution of ashes at 10:00AM and at 7:00PM. The color for Lent is purple, which, in this case, represents repentance.

The **First in Lent**, February 17th-18th will feature the **Great Litany** at all services. February ends with the **Second in Lent**, which ordinarily would be Children's Sunday, but during Lent the Children's liturgy is deferred to the **Fourth in Lent**, also called **Laetare Sunday**. The origins and traditions of Lent will be featured in the next Grace Notes covering March and April.

Wednesdays in January and February

At the Wednesday 10:00AM service we will be celebrating **The Holy Name of Jesus**, January 3rd; **William Laud**, January 10th; **The Confession of St. Peter**, January 17th; **The Conversion of St. Paul**, January 24th; **The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**, January 31st; **The Martyrs of Japan**, February 7th; **Ash Wednesday**, February 14th; **The Wednesdays in Lent**, February 21st & 28th.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Acolytes and Acolyte parents are reminded that all available acolytes are scheduled for the Epiphany Festival of Lights at 4:00PM on Sunday, January 7th. If you absolutely cannot serve that afternoon, please let Jerré know as soon as possible.

To all Acolytes, Acolyte Parents, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Subdeacons: The next schedule for

Lent-Easter-Pentecost runs from February 17th – May 20th. The deadline for requests or restrictions for serving during that period is January 14th.



Spiritual Formation

By Diana Ukleja

Quiet Day reflections on Mary as an emblem of Faith

On Saturday, December 3rd, Brother John of the Trinity provided us with his reflections on Mary as an emblem of faith. He contrasted her reception of the annunciation with the reaction of Zechariah, to whom Gabriel announced that his wife would bear John the Baptist. Both Mary and Zechariah replied “How can this be?” Because Zechariah did not believe, he was struck dumb, but Mary was graced with an explanation, mysterious though it was.

More than once the Gospels tell us that Mary “treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

He drew a lovely parallel between the occasion when a 12 year old Jesus was missing for three days, when the family went to leave Jerusalem. Very teen-aged his reply can sound: “Why did you look for me? Did you not know I would be in my father’s house?” Brother John noted that when, three days after the Crucifixion, the three Marys go to the tomb, Mary his mother is not among them. He suggested that

having pondered, she learned, and knew that she need not go to the tomb, for he would not be there, but in his father’s house.

We honored the food and faith initiative that day with home-made gingerbread, cornbread and vegetable chili, primarily locally sourced.

Far More Precious Than Jewels

The colder it gets, the more I appreciate the open fire at Panera at the Dartmouth Mall. In November, a few of us shared our own perspectives on the story of Ruth, the foreign widow who followed her widowed mother-in-law back to Israel to become a foremother of Jesus. We thought the various commentators were far too concerned in what went on overnight on the threshing floor (really, it’s a short book – you should read it!) when what spoke to us was the love between Ruth and Naomi.

In December, it was Sarah, wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac, ridiculed for laughing at the suggestion a 90 year old woman would give birth, chastised for eavesdropping to hear that prediction... but if it was not seemly for strangers to speak to her, how else was she to know who was in her house, or who she was feeding? And, of course, blamed for the expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael.

On Monday, January 8th, again at noon in Panera, we’ll talk about Hagar, handmaid of Sarah and mother of Ishmael. The final session will be on February 12th, to talk about Queen Esther.

No reading assignment necessary— please join us if you can.

Food and Faith

By Diana Ukleja

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Round the Bend Farm in South Dartmouth hosted an asset mapping session focused on food justice, with a farm tour beforehand and a delicious meal afterwards. The program was organized by the South Coast Mission Hub. It was a diverse gathering, including representatives from churches, farmers, university community outreach and a number of other organizations. This was a follow-up to a meeting held on April 30th at the Share the Harvest Farm at the Dartmouth YMCA property. We were asked to identify the physical assets each group had to offer, as well as the personnel actively involved in feeding the community. We look forward to seeing these notes compiled and exchanging contact information with the others who were involved.

Steve Matthews, Director of the South Coast Mission Hub, will preach on Food and Faith here at Grace on the weekends of January 28th and February 18th.

G.A.S.S.P.

By Donna Pires

The students enjoyed their vacation week with bowling, PJ/Movie day, and more!

We would like to thank New Bedford Day Nursery for the grant awarded to us for field trips (\$2,574.00).

We currently have openings in our program. We are a **homework first** program! If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child, please contact **Donna L. Pires @ 508-961-1622**.

Highlights of the 232nd Diocesan Convention

The 232nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts took place on November 4th, 2017 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, Massachusetts.

This year, Diocesan Convention brought together about 500 clergy members and delegates from many of our diocese's congregations. The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris celebrated the Convention Eucharist while the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates presided and offered his annual address. An offering of \$4,996.00 was collected for hurricane relief in the Caribbean through Episcopal Relief and Development.

The convention heard a report from the Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team that has been at work since last year's convention on three main goals:

- Launching an Indaba-style process to enable relationship building across congregations. When this was done in the diocese of New York, urban, suburban, and rural parishes were teamed in trios to get to know one another better.
- Mission Match: adapting a tool currently in use by Episcopal Relief and Development to share the stories of our parish life and ministry resources. Initial efforts involved the Cape and Islands deanery, but all the parishes in the diocese are listed. The tool can be found at <https://edma.episcopalassetmap.org/> - select List View, go to page three and scroll down to see the entry for Grace.
- Restructuring congregational support by eliminating several positions in Boston, to be

replaced by three regional canons to the north, south, and west of the city. It is hoped that these positions will be filled by summer 2018.

The convention adopted resolutions responding to climate change and establishing an elder care ministry network.

The 2018 diocesan budget was approved. This budget represents an overall reduction of about 10%, in response to the mission strategy discussions and to concern over the burden placed on many smaller parishes by the diocesan assessment. The formula for calculating the assessment has been redone as well.

A full report of convention actions can be found in the Diocesan Convention section of the diocesan website, <http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2017>.

A second reading of amendments to the constitution and canons was passed, adjusting the grade definition for the Diocesan Youth Council to reflect current practice.

Help Your Neighbors

The Laundry Love team will be at the EZ Clean Laundry Center, 80 Summer Street in New Bedford, from 2:00-5:00PM on Monday, January 29th and again on February 26th.

Donations toward laundry supplies are welcome – we provide cups of liquid detergent and bleach and dryer sheets, and use cards to start up washers and driers for our guests, who otherwise handle their own laundry chores. The cost for running the machines has been covered by generous grants from SouthCoast Health, First Citizens Federal Credit

Union and from the deanery and Grace organizations.

Several times a year, Southcoast Health sends their wellness van to offer check ups to our guests. We were very glad the van was there in November, when one of our guests was short of breath. He was persuaded to visit the van and, on their recommendation, to be hospitalized overnight. Several other guests assisted in getting him there and in getting his car and laundry home afterwards. One more time when it took a village

We would love to have you join us for an hour or two to help check in our guests, visit with them and help to start the machines. We need six or seven folks on the ground each month to staff this effort, which is so greatly appreciated by our neighbors in the city.

Diana Ukleja for the Laundry Love Committee: Travis Bowie, Tom Cabral, Marilyn Saint Aubin, Chuck Connor, and Judy Knox.

Vestry Notes and Votes

Vestry meeting of November 15th, 2017

- Motion to approve \$2700 from the Restoration fund for the relighting of the west face of the church.
- Motion to apply the Personnel Policy restriction on rollover of paid time off (PTO) as of 2018 and to compensate for 2017 unused PTO [excess funds are available in this year's budget].
- Motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented.

38th Annual Bittersweet Bazaar

By Betsy Pye

Co-Chairs Trish Morck and Betsy Pye are grateful to all who helped make this year's Bittersweet Bazaar a success. While figures are not yet final, we are pleased that the event raised over \$10,000 for the outreach and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church!

We invite you to join us on Sunday, January 14th, for Coffee Hour – we welcome your thoughts as we discuss the ways in which the funds raised can best serve Grace and the greater New Bedford community.



On Harvest Sunday, November 19th, we named our food pantry in memory of Martha Reed. Almost 25 years ago, Martha started this outreach effort at Grace. Then Interim Rector, the Rev. David Deppen, asked for her help in providing basic food items for those in need. Martha would shop for food and it would be stored at the church and handed out to those in need when they came in to the Grace office and asked for help. Then Administrative Assistant, Rosemary Morgan, would hand the food out and several years later, Norma Dyer started assisting Martha. Martha dedicated herself to this work, along with the many other community efforts she was involved with, and nurtured the program into today's Martha's Pantry at Grace. Many others have volunteered along the way.

Martha continued to help out at the bread table through this June. As evidence of how dedicated our volunteers are, Norma Dyer continues to be involved, helping with bookkeeping and organizing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner baskets for those in need. And Rosemary Morgan, now retired, continues to support the pantry as a volunteer helping to put orders together on Wednesday mornings and knitting winter items for our clients.

Just as Martha touched many with her work, the pantry has touched many lives over the years.

Today, the pantry is open two mornings a week, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30. Each household that visits monthly is provided with food for nine meals for each household member. This Thanksgiving, the pantry provided over 160 traditional dinners for those in need in the Greater New Bedford area, another tradition started by Martha. And after the Christmas holiday we will resurrect another of her traditions, the annual Souper Bowl. Watch for more information on this!!

Martha nurtured an outreach effort that many of us have joined over the years. How fitting that the pantry is now known as **Martha's Pantry at Grace**.

Thank you, Martha.

November-December Memorial Gifts

Community Breakfast

Gift of J. Bisagni

Laundry Love

Gift of Edie Lauderdale

Memorial Fund

Gift of the Episcopal Church Women **in memory of Joyce Bancroft**

Pastoral Leadership Fund

Gift of Ruth Joliffe

Restoration Fund

Gifts of the Rev. & Mrs. G. Kenneth Garrett, Ruth Joliffe, Mark Jeffrey, and Andrew & Sally Frazee.

Gift of Janice Chadwick **in thanksgiving for Olive & Harry Chadwick**

Gift of Jerré Croteau **in memory of Ryan Perry and in honor of the Pitcairn-Boyce Family.**

Leaflet Color Printing

Gift of Jerré Croteau **in memory of Louis St.-Aubin**

Martha's Pantry at Grace

Gifts of the New England Funeral Trust, The Massachusetts Funeral Directors' Association, Betsey-Jane Cliff, Benjamin & Deb Baker, Southeastern Insurance Agency, Muriel Pehrson, Donald Driesen, Susan Desrosiers, Mark Jeffrey, Valerie & David Bundren, Christopher Reed, Paige Scott Reed, Norma Dyer, The Rev. & Mrs. G. Kenneth Garrett, and Jerré Croteau **in memory of Martha Ann Reed.**

Gift of Donald Driesen **in memory of Orina Reagan**

Gift of Pamela & George McNamara **in memory of F. Keats Boyd, Jr. and Harold Rae.**

Gift of Polly-Ann Mort **in memory of Betty Hemingway**

Gift of Pearl Corbett **in memory of Robert H. Corbett**

Gifts of Thomas & Susan Knight, Barbara & Robert Ketchel, Edie Lauderdale, Paul Macedo

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Gifts of Zelinda Douhan, Travis Bowie, and Norma Bossé

Gift of the Rev. G. Kenneth Garrett **in thanksgiving.**

Gift of William Hochstrasser-Walsh **for Angel Tree.**

Anonymous Gift

Flower Fund

Gifts of Mildred Blossom, Dorothy Pinkney

Gift of the McNamara family **in honor of Bestemor Jacobus & John Moriarty, in memory of Regina & Graham Walker, Cecile, Donald & George McNamara, and in thanksgiving for Bonnie & Keath Boyd and Luanne Pryor**

Gift of Terri Nowell **in memory of Lucinda Pelletier Gagnier, Gustave LaStaiti, George & Alice Nowell and in honor of Muriel R. Foster.**

Gift of Norma Bossé **in memory of Louise & Manuel Mello.**

Gift of Jerré Croteau **in memory of Robert Owen Boardman, John M. Boardman and Irène & Théodore Croteau**

Gift of the Rev. & Mrs. John Douhan **in thanksgiving for the Grace Church Choir.**

Gift of Charlene Ryder **in memory of Norma E. Ryder.**

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. David C. Baker **in memory of Ruth & Lloyd Baker**

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

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Kingsley Doe **in memory of Hanes & Berniece Miller, Mazelle Tilton, Anna Weidner, Chester & William Doe.**

Gift of Richard & Claudia Settele **in memory of Aldina Aguiar, Lou & Kathleen Settele, Leesha Settele, Mary Rebello, Dorothy Flowers, Diamantina Guzaj.**

Gift of Cheryl Gamell **in memory of Joyce M. Doyle & James F. Doyle.**

Gift of Roxanne Garcia & Sophia Carvalho **in memory of Luis Carvalho.**

Gift of Mrs. & Mrs. Robert Chase **in memory of all departed members of the Chase, Conquest, Mandly & Eastwood Families.**

Gift of Geraldine Perry-Lopes **in memory of Norman Lopes.**

Gift of Ruth Oliver Joliffe **in memory of Ruth & Andrew Oliver, Jean & John Joliffe.**

Gift of Muriel Pehrson **in memory of Arthur W. Gifford, Robert H. Fauteux, and Gilbert P. Fauteux.**

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November-December Memorial Gifts

Flower Fund

Gift of Jean Brown **in memory the Beardsworth, Brown & Severino Families.**

Gift of Fred Smialek **in memory of Adele Smialek.**

Gift of Lucy Gundersen **in memory of Hilmar Gundy Gundersen & Erica Anne Gundersen.**

Gift of Harriet & Roland Shaw **in memory of Martha Ann Reed.**

Gift of Donna Hebert **in memory of Paul Erickson, Marion & Ambrose Whalley, Vivian Whalley.**

Gift of Dick & Jeanne Greenhalgh **in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Greenhalgh and Mr. & Mrs. Conrad LaMontagne.**

Gift of Ilene Nichols **in memory of Edmund & Grace Ramsbottom,**

Gift of Travis Bowie **in memory of Richard Bowie, Margaret Markham, B. Richard Markam, Don Booth, and in thanksgiving for Garrett Bellora, Catherine Fleming.**

Gift of Norma Dyer **in memory of Blanche Hardy, Freda Heptonstall, Louise & William Dalzell, Florence & Howard Dyer, Sr., Howard C. Dyer, Jr.**

Gift of Sean & Patricia Corwin **in memory of Charlotte & Walter Corwin and in Thanksgiving of Owen and Aiden Deree, Hudson Corwin.**

Gift of Mike & Cindy Shea **in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Taylor, Sr.**

Gift of Tony, Jessica & Victoria Cabral **in memory of Manuel P. Soares Jr., Manuel & Victoria Cabral, Manuel J. Goulart and in thanksgiving for Jo-Ann Soares.**

Gift of Maureen & Allen Decker **in honor of Paul Edward Virtue and in memory of Mary Davis Virtue, Mary Bernhardt Wolfe Decker, James Dewitt Decker II.**

Gift of Nicole & James Montague III **in memory of Dorothy & James Montague, Jr., Priscilla Melo, Roger Martel.**

Gift of Gwen Skinner **in memory of Austin Skinner & Joan Miller Skinner.**

Anonymous gifts **Harry & Hannah Leah Green,**

James & Doris Green and Henry P. & Hannah Brindle and Paul & Mary G. Faria, and Anne & Harold Cotter.

Additional Gifts

Gifts of the Rev. Philip Jacobs, Donna Pires

Gift of Barbara Santos **in memory of Daniel Santos**

Gift of Clare Camara **in thanksgiving for the service for Joy Bancroft.**

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2018 offering envelopes will be available for pickup beginning this weekend.

Please be aware that your envelope number may have changed - fewer envelopes were ordered this year in order to conserve paper as many were not picked up in 2017.



Angel Tree Program – a ministry of Prison Fellowship

Thanks to all who participated in the Angel Tree Program, we had another successful year. This ministry to the children, who have an incarcerated parent at Christmas, was possible through your donations, gift purchases, and your help with organizing and delivering the gifts. Through this ministry, Grace was able to provide Christmas gifts to 40 children.

Thank you!

- Charlene N. Ryder, Coordinator

January and February at St. Margaret's

Choral Eucharist for Holy Name, Monday, January 1st
at 11:00AM

Choral Eucharist for the Presentation, Friday,
February 2nd at 7:00PM

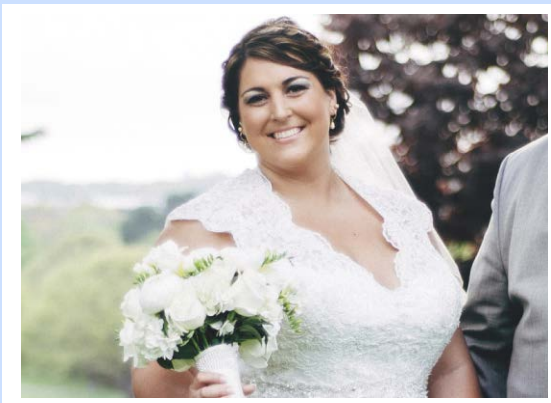
Farewell to Alleluia: Evensong, Sunday, February 11th
at 4:00PM

Coffee and conversation on the topic of Keeping a
Holy Lent, Tuesday, February 13th, 10:00AM to
11:15AM

Choral Eucharist for Ash Wednesday, February 14th
at 7:30AM

From Deepest Woe: Contemplation and Candlelight
(with Vox Equalis), Sunday, February 18th at 7:00PM

The Convent of the Sisters of St. Margaret is located
at 50 Harden Hill Road in Duxbury, MA.



My name is Liz Kennedy, and I would like to introduce myself as the new children's ministry coordinator. I am very excited to take on this new endeavor and getting to know all of the wonderful families that attend Grace Episcopal Church.

I graduated in 2013 with a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood education with a minor in Special Education. My current full time position is at Head Start as a classroom specialist working with children ages 3-5. Prior to my current position, I was employed as a developmental specialist in Early Intervention, I also have worked at various preschools in classrooms with children ages 15 months to 5 years old. In addition to my past positions, I was a

staff member of the Mission Hub. I worked with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of New Bedford as the lead teacher of two of their after school programs for children in grades 2-5.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and my dog Molly. I look forward to growing into the Grace Church family and meeting you all!

Welcome, Liz!

We also welcome Steve Matthews to the Grace Church Office!

Known by many at Grace, Steve is the director of the Diocese of Massachusetts South Coast Mission Hub. In need of office space, we have offered Steve and the Mission Hub a place in our Lower Level office area.

He will be here for the next several months. Please feel free to drop in and say hello to Steve.

New First Aid Kit for Grace Episcopal Church

During the beautiful service that our Bishop joined us for, one of our fellow parishioners fell ill. I was able to assist as I am a nurse. Another healthcare worker also assisted in assuring our fellow parishioner knew that he would be ok and we stayed with him until the ambulance arrived. At times we felt helpless as we did not have anything that could help determine what possibly might be wrong. Luckily he also did not hit his head on the floor but rather managed to do so on a pillow. All we could do is check his pulse and ensure he was breathing well in addition to supporting him.

After this incident I thought about it more and more and decided to purchase a first aid kit to help if we ever have another or similar incident. In the kit there is a Blood Pressure Cuff, Stethoscope, Finger pulse oximeter and everything we would need for any kind of cut, abrasion or burn. The BP cuff and stethoscope will help us check heart rates and blood pressure. The Oximeter will help us check pulse and oxygen level. In addition the kit has a CPR mask if we ever had to do mouth to mouth resuscitation it will be safer for both the victim and the person performing CPR.

We are blessed to have many talented healthcare workers who attend services at Grace. The kit will be kept on a chair at the bottom of the steps below the organ. It is bright orange, covered with a red pall and labelled, and cannot be missed. If anything is used from the kit please let our Rector Chris know so he can email me the list and I will get it replenished.

The value of the current kit is \$120.00 which is my gift to the people of Grace Church.

Thank you,

David A. Spoor
Parishioner

January 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

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

Thursday, January 4, 2018

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 5, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, January 6, 2018

EPIPHANY

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Healing

Sunday, January 7, 2018

7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I & Healing
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Healing
11AM Church School & Youth Group
4PM Festival of Lights Service

Monday, January 8, 2018

12PM Bible Study on Hagar, Panera Bread

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

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

Friday, January 12, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
4:30PM De-greening the Church & Pizza

Saturday, January 13, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 14, 2018

7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11AM Church School & Youth Group
11AM Handbell Practice
11AM Bittersweet Bazaar Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2018

MLK JR DAY

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

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

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 19, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, January 20, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 21, 2018

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

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

Thursday, January 25, 2018

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 26, 2018

9:30AM Food Pantry

Saturday, January 27, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 28, 2018

OUTREACH SUNDAY

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

Monday, January 29, 2018

2PM Laundry Love

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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



February 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6PM ESOL
6:30PM Worship Commission Meeting

Friday, February 2, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 3, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 4, 2018

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

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

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

Thursday, February 8, 2018

6PM ESOL

Friday, February 9, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 10, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 11, 2018

ANNUAL MEETING
7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11AM Church School & Youth Group
11AM Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY
9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Ash Wednesday Service with Eucharist
7PM Ash Wednesday Service with Eucharist

Thursday, February 15, 2018

6PM ESOL

Friday, February 16, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 17, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 18, 2018

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

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

Thursday, February 22, 2018

6PM ESOL

Friday, February 23, 2018

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 24, 2018

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 25, 2018

LENT II
7:30AM Community Breakfast
8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal
10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11AM Church School & Youth Group

Monday, February 26, 2018

2PM Laundry Love

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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

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