



Grace Notes

Jan/Feb 2019

From the Senior Warden

By Sharlene Begley

Social media exposes us to so much information each day. On Facebook, many share quotes or thoughts which have meaning to them...and they are often "reshared" so many times that it isn't possible to know their source. Such is the case with the following which I recently saw: "I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2AM car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confirm your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church... we need to be the church."

At Grace, we offer our praise to God in many ways. We serve breakfast, do laundry, collect clothes, and provide food to those in need. The

Rector's Discretionary Fund assists those in crisis with rent assistance or help paying for utilities, and sometimes much more. In my time serving as Senior Warden over these past four years I have been able to witness many such circumstances where individuals have stepped up and gone above and beyond to help someone in need. And I've seen many step forward to join in the work we do in the community.

I was recently inspired when I suggested that we create a team that would provide meals (we do well with food!) to our own parishioners in time of need. I sent an email to several of my mailing lists and in less than 12 hours, 14 parishioners had volunteered to help with this ministry. By the next day, there were over 20. I was overwhelmed - so many who responded to a simple "ask."

The Living Compass program is a tool to help us get to know each other, to learn about each other and to take care of each other. We work hard to help those outside of Grace, we need to grow our ministry to support each other. As we learn what calls to each of us, we can join together to weave the fabric of Grace, supporting each other in the ways we wish to offer our praise to God. I hope that over the next year we continue to grow in this way because we are the church.

Of course, it is still important to gather together to worship and to maintain our building for the many ministries it houses. But we need to remember that we live out the kingdom of God on earth in many different places every day.

I especially hope you'll join us at worship services the weekend of January 12th & 13th as we welcome Rev. Chris and his family home from

sabbatical. It will be wonderful to have them back with us.

Chris will start "easing back" into his responsibilities on January 7th. There will be much for him to catch up on, let's give him the opportunity to do without overwhelming him.

If you sent him an email while he was away, don't anticipate that he read it. The diocese strongly recommends that a priest on sabbatical not read emails while away and I hope that is what Chris has done.

Finally, I want to express our deep gratitude to Rev. Ran Chase who has been with us throughout this sabbatical time. He has led us in worship and assisted with pastoral needs. But his presence has been felt in so many more ways and we are grateful for all he has given us during this time.

But this isn't "good-bye," Rev. Ran is already scheduled to be with us for several weekends this summer when Rev. Chris is on vacation. Please join me in letting him know how much his presence has meant to us.

Liturgy & Liturgical Ministry

By Jerré Croteau, Verger

Season of Epiphany

The season of Christmas, the shortest liturgical season of the year, ends on its twelfth day on January 5th. We then take up our liturgical

story on January 6th with the **Feast of the Epiphany**. This year Epiphany falls on a Sunday. A tradition at Grace, the origin of which remains somewhat of a mystery, is a special service called **The Epiphany Festival of Lights**. As constituted it is a combination of Evensong and pageant, which took place in the afternoon of the Sunday nearest the Epiphany. This service is 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, and his story of the Calling of the Apostles. We end the service by literally taking the Light of Christ out into the world by bearing candles as we recess out of the church through the front door. The service requires thirty to thirty-five lay ministers. It meant that in addition to serving at the Eucharist in the morning, everyone had to return in the afternoon again. Last year the service had to be canceled due to inclement weather. This year it has been decided to try something different. Instead of a separate service, we are having an **Epiphany Festival of Lights & Holy Eucharist** at the 10AM service on that Sunday, which is actually the Epiphany. All the traditional hymns, readings and pageantry have been retained, and the Eucharist has been added where it would logically happen in the sequence of the rite.

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.

January 13th is the **First Sunday after Epiphany**, which is also the **Feast of the Baptism of Jesus**. On this Sunday we will be welcoming back our Rector, Chris, and saying farewell and thanks to Ran, who has led us admirably through the months of Chris' sabbatical. This is one of the four Sundays during the year when baptisms usually take place. If there is no baptism in the offering, 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.

The season of Epiphany can be anywhere from four to nine weeks long, dependent on when Easter falls. This year it is eight weeks long. After the First Sunday, it becomes “ordinary time” and the color changes from white to green. January 19th-20th is the **Second after Epiphany** on which we will be celebrating **Children’s Liturgy** at the 10AM service. The **Third after Epiphany**, January 26th-27th, traditionally is **Outreach Sunday** when we recognize our Outreach services and the dedicated volunteers that make them happen..

February begins with **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple** on Saturday, February 2nd and the **Fourth after Epiphany**, on Sunday, February 3rd. It is one of those odd times when a special Feast Day falls on a Saturday so that the readings are for the feast day rather than the usual ones for Sunday. The following Sundays proceed in order, the **Fifth through the Last Sunday after Epiphany** which is the weekend of March 2nd-3rd. The season of Epiphany ends with **Mardi Gras**, Fat or Shrove Tuesday, March 5th. Regular weekend Eucharist Services will take place those weekends. Sunday, February 17th, there will be **Children’s Eucharist** at the 10AM service.

Wednesdays in January and February

At the Wednesday 10AM service we will be celebrating **The Holy Name of Jesus**, January 2nd; **Julia Chester Emery**, January 9th; **The Confession of St. Peter**, January 16th; **The Conversion of St. Paul**, January 23rd; **Thomas Aquinas**, January 30th; **Cornelius the Centurion**, February 6th; **Absalom Joines**, February 13th; **Martin Luther**, February 20th; and **St. Matthias**, February 27th.

Note: During the winter months Wednesday services are automatically cancelled if New Bedford Public Schools are closed.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Acolytes and Acolyte parents are reminded that all available acolytes are scheduled for the Epiphany Festival of Lights at 10AM on Sunday January 6th. If you absolutely cannot serve, please let Jerré know as soon as possible.

To all Acolytes, Acolyte Parents, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Subdeacons, Ushers, and Greeters: The next schedule for Lent-EasterPentecost runs from March 6th through June 16th. The deadline for requests or restrictions for serving during that period is February 10th, 2019.

Days of Awe and Wonder

By Diana Ukleja, Spiritual Formation Team

Through the fall, a few of us have been meeting for lunch in the Youth Room to discuss this collection of

essays by the late Marcus Borg, renowned New Testament scholar and theologian. Many of the essays seem to date to about 2007, and several were given as sermons or keynote addresses; one was an interview!

The book is subtitled “How to be a Christian in the twenty-first century,” which might lead you to think the essays would be full of do’s and don’ts. In fact, the emphasis is more on how to be. Borg reiterates the same two points again and again, whether describing them in the life of Jesus as passed down to us in the New Testament, or in his own internal experience and that of others.

The first point is about mysticism and this explains the emphasis on our present century. As Borg writes, for most of human history, and in most cultures, the vivid experience of a second, inner world is assumed as true. Certainly, this was true in Biblical times. In the fourth essay, “Jesus, our model for being spiritfilled,” he cites each instance in the Gospels where Jesus is described as having visions. It is only in the last few centuries, in our culture, that such experiences are commonly assumed to be mistaken or untrue. Even in theological circles, mystical experiences are seldom spoken of. Borg encourages us to acknowledge the reality of mystical experience in our own lives.

The second point is about the centrality of compassion and social justice in Jesus’ message to his followers, then and now, as the path

to be followed. In "The heart and soul of Christianity," Borg's portion of a lecture he gave with Huston Smith at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley in 2006, he wrote:

"The kingdom of God is what life would be like on earth if God were king and the rulers of this world were not. Or, to use the most famous verse in the New Testament to make that point, "For God so loved the world." It doesn't say "... me," or "... us," or "...the church," ... or "...Christians," but "...the world," which I hear as not only including human beings, but the non-human world as well."

Advent Quiet Day

By Diana Ukleja, Spiritual Formation Team

On the first of December, a few of us met with John of the Trinity for a reflection on the Book of the Revelation to St. John. The thing to be discovered in this revelation, we were told, is God's plan for the world. It was noted that God has no plan B ... there is only plan A. In bad times, as in the fall of Jerusalem when this book was written, or in the period of Jewish exile in Babylon, when parts of Isaiah were written, we can look to the wonder and beauty that still remains in God's creation and know that the bad times will pass.

John spoke of the omniscience and timelessness of God, to whom past, present and future are one.

We spent some time with Isaiah, chapter 40:

1 "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God.
2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord's hand Double for all her sins."
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;
5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

[These excerpts are from the New King James version.]

... and also with the final chapters of Job, who has been arguing that God should face him to say what he had done to deserve his suffering; God replies in chapter 38:

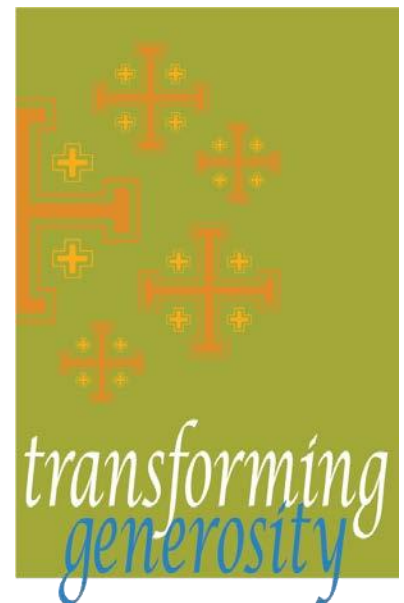
1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: **2**"Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? **3**Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. **4** "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. **5** Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? **6** To what were its

foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ...

We looked at the third chapter of the second letter of Peter, which is captioned "the day of the Lord" and reads like a precis of the Book of Revelation, and at verse 4 of Psalm 90:

For a thousand years in Your sight
 Are like yesterday when it is past,
 And like a watch in the night.

Stewardship Update



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

2 Corinthians 9:7

This year's Pledge Campaign has been successful. Our theme of "transforming generosity" has impacted our parish in a positive manner. Many parishioners give of

their time to help at Martha's Pantry, Community Breakfast, and Laundry Love. Also, during Advent, Grace members generously give to children whose parents are incarcerated by purchasing presents, so they too can experience the love of God. It is also evident that we as a church family are giving back to God what He has given to us.

In comparison from last year's pledge campaign, we have received similar amount of pledges totaling slightly less money but have received increased amount of new and/or recommitted pledges and fewer parishioners decreased their pledge. As of December 13th, 2018, we have received 131 pledges from parishioners totaling a pledge amount of \$202,801. As a comparison from last year as of November 29th, 2017, we had received 129 pledges totaling \$204,375. In addition, 18 new and/or re-committed pledges totaling \$16,556 were received during this year's pledge campaign compared to 14 pledges totaling \$13,800 in 2017. Finally, we have received only 6 decreases in pledges totaling the amount of \$1,756 as compared to 17 pledge decreases totaling \$10,380 in 2017. Overall, we as a church are moving in the right direction to have faith that God will provide and everything we have is because of God. By stepping out in faith to support our ministries through monetary ways, our church will continue to exist. However, if we want our church to expand and grow to spread the word of God and His grace and love, we should consider increasing our pledge and/or making

a pledge for 2019. We, the parishioners of Grace Church, are the backbone of this wonderful church family and without your monetary support, our ministries and Church may suffer.

For those who have made a written monetary commitment to Grace's ministries, thank you for your support. 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 do so through mail, email at office@gracechurchnb.org, or phone call to the church office at 508-9930547 to communicate with Katie, administrative assistant, or placing your pledge card in the offering plate. If those who pledged for 2018 campaign but have not yet turned in their pledge card for 2019 campaign would pledge the same amount as last year, then the total pledge amount would be over the budgeted amount of \$225,000 for 2019 pledges. Just think, two years consecutively, we as a church family would support the church and our ministries through the current parishioners and not depend so heavily on the Endowment. We as a church are becoming more financially responsible for Grace Church to continue for many decades so our children, their children, and their children, etc. will have a church family like we do.

Thank you again 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-McKay, Chairperson, Rev. Randall Chase, Anne Gundersen, Ned Hines, Terri Nowell, and Robbie Watkins

Conversations with

study questions available at the back. The chapters are:

Revelation as Roadmap
 Revelation as Myth
 Revelation as History
 A Deeper Reality: Revelation 1: - 5:14
 A Different Kind of Time: Revelation 6:1 – 16:21
 A Choice of Two Cities: Revelation 17:1 – 22:21

I hope that some of you will choose to join me in reading the book of Revelation through this lens. I found the book on the Parables in this series accessible and refreshing.

As we move into winter, the possibility of interesting weather suggests a meeting place such as Panera's (where someone else does the plowing).

I am open to a weekday time—lunch, perhaps? We could also meet in the early evening, or during the weekend. Multiple sessions are welcome! Please let me know if you are interested, and we can start up early in the new year.

Scripture: Revelation

By Diana Ukleja, Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

This book, by the Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Schmidt, is part of the study series put out by the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars. The author, an Episcopal priest, is director of the Rueben P. Job



Children's Ministry

Institute for Spiritual Formation at the Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. By Betsy Pye & Charlene Ryder, Coordinators

Evanston, Illinois.

Our church school children have

Less than a hundred pages long, the book is divided into six chapters, with 5PM Christmas Eve Children's

Diana Ukleja (508-415-8920, diana.ukleja@gmail.com), for the Spiritual Formation Ministry Team Creche service and for other occasions. They have assisted with organizing the Angel Tree Program.

Our chapel sermons have included an 'All Saints' lesson and the four weeks of Advent leading up to and including the birth of Jesus.

We had a Kids' JAM – movie, pizza, crafts and a fellowship event on Saturday, December 15th. The children made cards to send to our homebound parishioners. The children presented the Pageant on Sunday, December 16th, and helped decorate and green the church.

The 5PM Christmas Eve Creche Service for Families included a Christmas story by Ran, hymn singing and a time to interact with manger

scenes. This service was followed by a supper of soup and bread and a time for families to gather and fellowship together.

We have had a wonderful and enriching time with our children this Fall and look forward to our time together in the New Year.

Thank you all for your support with our Children's Ministry at Grace.

Emergency Preparedness

By Maureen Decker

In recent years, we have had several medical emergencies during the services. This prompted the creation of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. One of our goals is to hold a CPR/First Aid course for those who are interested in helping when



an emergency presents itself. It's very important to be prepared for emergencies whether at Church, home or in the community.

The course will be offered at Grace Church on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 6-8:30pm. We will limit the class size to the first 15 people who sign up. If it is successful, we will organize another class in the spring.

Please email me with questions or if you are interested in signing up for the class. (Maureen Decker, Thedeckers@comcast.net)

From the Treasurers

By Charles Capizano & Ruth Jolliffe

The Finance Committee recommended budget was passed by the Vestry at its November 28th

meeting. This budget was the result of input and conversations with the Trustees, the vestry, and of course the Finance Committee.

The vestry-passed Fiscally Responsible budget reflects a true draw of 4.5% from the Unrestricted account of the Endowment (e.g. bank fees are withdrawn prior to distribution, i.e. net of fees). In the past, fees were paid after distribution, resulting in the then 5% draw equaling an actual draw of almost 6%. 5% is not sustainable, so 6% is even worse. The percentage draw is now lowered and fees come out of the growth. A long term goal has been discussed of 3.5-4%. We are on the right track, but as the budget does not include a second clergy, much needs to be done to raise money for Pastoral Leadership, as a second clergy is needed to help fulfill our parish goal for Youth Ministry. A long-range plan calls for a target of \$300,000. This is going to take a team effort; a cadre of people is ready to work on this.

Our Outreach is legendary; we get much needed support from the Endowment, from grants and from gifts. In addition, we have Together Now monies for **new outreach initiatives**. If we want to expand outreach, more than we do now, we have seed money and monies in funds. We would be happy to discuss new initiatives with anyone wishing to take leadership.

Our Rodman House roofing project is complete and looks great. Plans for interior repairs caused by leaks are presently being discussed. But as our more than capable Junior Warden has pointed out, the other roofing project cannot be put off. With the age of our facilities, Grace does not have the luxury of saying that enough has been done on the facilities. All that was done was necessary, not cosmetic.

One goal that needs more attention is Incorporation. This does not need money, but needs real leadership to spearhead concrete, measurable initiatives with clear cut results.

With energy, cooperation, transparency and leadership, all of our long term parish goals are achievable. The treasurers are very grateful for all the support and hard work necessary to make these difficult choices. In the long run, Grace will be a stronger parish.

Thank You, Grace

By Ran Chase, Sabbatical Priest

This is a short thank you note to everyone at Grace for making my four and a half months with you a special time for me. There is a long list of individuals to thank but here I want to thank the whole congregation. You have welcomed me and together we have

strengthened the work in this place known as Grace in the Body of Christ.

Your focus on the larger community - the Community Breakfast, Martha's Pantry, Laundry Love, and more is a wonderful way the Holy Spirit moves among you and those in the wider community. Your care and nourishing of the children and young adults through the acolyte program, church school, youth group, etc. adds so much life and hope. Your youth are truly engaged and they minister to all of us. The Choir and music is such an amazing offering which enhances our worship life in wonderful ways.

While I will be leaving, I will see you from time to time in our future. It is the right time to welcome Chris and his family back to the busy life of Grace. Please allow Chris the needed time for re-entry. There is nothing I am aware of which can't wait a week or two. You are blessed with a Rector who has deep integrity, trust his renewed leadership in the weeks and months ahead.

Be assured of my continuing love and prayers for you in the days and weeks ahead! You are a gift in the Body of Christ that God treasures!

Blessings,
Ran

Martha's Pantry

The Pantry had a successful Thanksgiving dinner distribution due to the generosity and hard work of many. Approximately 175 meals, with the "fixins", were provided to those in need. We were also able to assist the Haitian Church in Dartmouth

provide turkeys for their families. Many thanks to those who brought in turkeys, contributed funds for turkeys or helped with the distribution on November 13th.

We are also grateful to Shaw's Supermarket, State Rd, Dartmouth, who has been our partner in this effort for a number of years now. They provided 34 turkey dinners, including all the sides, to help with the Thanksgiving distribution and also providing meals so that we could help our larger families out for a Christmas dinner.



The Sisters of St. Margaret invite you to their convent at 50 Hardin Hill Road in Duxbury for a service of Contemplation and Candlelight at 7PM on Sunday, February 24th.

Services will also be held on March 31st and April 28th.

Vox Equalis, an ensemble specializing in music for women's voices will perform; they are artists in residence at St. Margaret's Chapel. For further information, call 781-934-9477.



Restoration Jewelry Still Available

Contact Donna Pires if interested

In January we will resurrect our Souper Bowl tradition. Though this year's Super Bowl doesn't promise to hold as much parish relevance as last year's, the need to help feed those who are struggling is always relevant. Starting on Sunday, January 13th, a table will be in the nave for cans of soup. Hearty/Chunky soups are always an item of particular need for Martha's Pantry. We will be accepting your donations of canned soup through the Sunday of the Super Bowl.

508-961-1622 or 508-991-1211

receive deliveries of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We are Finally, if you are able to lift cases of food and have approximately 1 1/2 hours of time twice a month, we need you. We always in need of assistance to unload that food at Grace, approx 9:45 to 11:15 on those Tuesday mornings. And, if you can help set up for the food pantry on Wednesday and Friday mornings, approximately 8:15 to 9:15, it would be appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE

Grace Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 10th, 2019

11AM

**Angel Tree Program
A Ministry of Prison
Fellowship
2018**

Thank you!

Through the Angel Tree Program this year, Grace parishioners purchased 96 gifts for 14 families with 48 children. Many parishioners helped deliver the gifts to the homes of the families.

Thanks to everyone's help with purchasing, organizing and delivering gifts, we had another successful year hosting the Angel Tree Program.

Charlene N. Ryder Coordinator

Gifts November-December 2018

Gifts of Norma Bossé, James Bisagni

Laundry Love

Gifts of Edith Lauderdale, New England Corvette Club
Gift of First Citizens Federal Credit Union

Pastoral Leadership

Gift of Pauline Roderiques

Grace After School and Summer Program

Gift of the Episcopal Church Women

Restoration Fund

Gifts of Ruth Jolliffe, The Episcopal Church Women
Gift of Janice Chadwick **in Memory of Olive Chadwick, with prayers and in**

Thanksgiving for David Chadwick

Leaflet Color Printing

Gift of Jerré Croteau **in Memory of Malvina Leclerc Croteau**

Martha's Pantry at Grace

Gifts of Donald Driesen, Edith Lauderdale, Thomas & Susan Knight, John & Patricia Oliver, Gerry Lopes
Gift of G. Kenneth & Mary Lou Garrett **in Thanksgiving.**
Gift of John F. Whiteside **in Memory of James & Ethel Whiteside, Rita**

Whiteside

Gift of Pearl Corbett **in Memory of Robert A. Corbett**

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Gifts of Norma Bossé, Anita Chirigotis, Nancy & David Faria, Jack Custodio, Artie

Hodge, Fred Smialek, Gerie Schumann, Edward & Eleanor Begley

Flower Fund – Christmas Flowers

Gift of Janice Chadwick **in Memory of Olive Chadwick**
Gift of Eileen Mandly **in Memory of Capt. Alvin Mandly, in Honor of William Mandly's Birthday and Christopher Mandly's Christmas Birthday.**
Gift of William Reed **in Memory of Martha Shaw Reed, Richard A. Reed, Percy & Louise Shaw, and Ralph & Clare Reed**
Gift of The Rev. John & Zelinda Douhan **in Thanksgiving for the Grace Church**

Choirs

Gift of Theresa Nowell **in Honor of SJN and Muriel Foster and in Memory of Lucinda Pelletier Gagnier, Gustave LaStaiti, George & Alice Nowell** Gift of the McNamaras **in Honor of Bestamor Jacobus, Ina Boyd, Harry Foden, Betty O'Neill**
Gift of Randall Chase **in Honor of the Rev. Christopher R. Morck**

Gift Janice Chadwick **in Memory of David Chadwick** Gift
of Jerré Croteau **in Memory of Robert Owen Boardman, John M.
Boardman, and Théodore & Irène Croteau, Jacqueline Calmaquin**

Gift of Norma Bossé **in Memory of Louise & Manuel Mello** Gift
of Charlene Ryder **in Memory of Norma E. Ryder**
Gift of Priscilla Guillemette & Family **in Memory of Ronald Guillemette and
Hugh & Stacia Green**

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Kingsley Doe **in Memory of James & Berniece Miller,
Mazelle
Tilton, Anna Weidner, Joan Reed, Judy Phelps**
Gift of Muriel Pehrson **in Memory of Alan R. Pehrson, Arthur W. Gifford, Robert**

H. Fauteux, Gilbert P. Fauteux
Gift of Lucy Gundersen **in Memory of Hilmar Gundy Gundersen & Erica Anne
Gundersen**
Gift of Richard Fabio **in Thanksgiving for Mayor John Mitchell's Leadership, in**

**Honor of Kimberly Fabio and James Dyer, and in Memory of Aurilla Fabio,
James R. Fabio, James W. Fabio**
Gift of Gwendolyn Skinner **in Memory of Austin Skinner, Joan Skinner Miller**
Gift of Donna Hebert **in Memory of Paul Erickson, Marion & Ambrose Whalley,
Vivian Whalley**

Gift of the McNamaras **in Memory of Regina & Graham Walker, Cecile, George
F. & Donald McNamara, John Moriarty, Keats & Bonnie Boyd, Valerie & Henry
Gladstone, in honor of Bestamor Jacobus, Ina Boyd, Harry Foden, Betty O'Neill**

Gift of Jane Garcia **in Memory of Earl S. Garcia, Luis Carvalho**
Gift of Geraldine Lopes **in Memory of Norman Lopes, Joseph & Olivia Perry**
Gift of PollyAnn Mort **in Memory of Anne & Harold Cotter**

Gift of Jean Brown **in Memory of family & loved ones**
Gift of Sean Corwin **in Honor of the Birth of Christ**
Gift of Fred Smialek **in Memory of Adele Smialek**

Gift of Ruth Jolliffe **in Memory of Michael Jolliffe, Ruth & Andrew Oliver, Jean &
John Jolliffe**

Gift of Jim & Katherine Parker **in Memory of R. Jeffrey Parker, William W.
Parker, Allan D. Parker, Elizabeth C. Parker, Robert H. Glass, Katherine Glass**
Gift of Mary Been **in Memory of Bernard Been**
Gift of Gardner Chase **in Memory of Gardner & Patricia Chase**

Gift of Dick & Jeanne Greenhalgh **in Memory of Mr & Mrs. Harvey Greenhalgh,
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad LaMontagne**

Gift of Nancy & David Faria **in Memory of Paul & Mary G. Faria, Henry & Anna
Brindle**

Gift of Robert Burr Litchfield **in Memory of Susan Burr Litchfield, Altana Ann
Burr**

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chase **in Memory of departed members of the
Conquest, Chase, Mandly and Eastwood families**

Gift of Mike & Cindy Shea **in Memory of Mrs & Mrs. Clayton Taylor, Jr.**
Gift of Joan Swain **in Memory of Paul Swain, Tom & Alice Walsh**

Gift of William & Diane Bullard **in Memory of Sally & Lyman Bullard, Barbara &
Frank Dempsey**

Gift James McKay & Beth Sharp **in Honor of Frank & Kerry Lonergan and Bob &**

Carolyn Sharp

Gift of Ned & Barbara Hines **in Memory of Allen & Helen Hines, Mary Taylor, Mary Steedman, Lillian Steigler, Helen Mallonee**

Gift of Travis Bowie **in Memory of Richard Bowie, Margaret Markham, B. Richard Markham, Peg Kirby, Catherine Fleming, Garrett Bellora, Thomas Kirby**
Gift of Tom & Ann Kenney **in Memory of All departed members of the Moreau, Teves & Kenney Families.** Gift of Jack Haney **in Memory of his Parents**
Gift of Blair Tracy **in Memory of Clifford B. Tracy, Sr., Richard & Barbara**

Washburn, JoAnn Washburn

Gift of Antonio & Jessica Cabral **in Memory of Victoria & Manuel Cabral, Manuel Soares & in Thanksgiving for Jo-Ann Soares**

Gift of Maureen & Allen Decker **in Honor of Paul Edward Virtue & in Memory of**

Mary Davis Virtue, Mary Bernhardt Wolfe Decker, James DeWitt Decker, II Gift of Norma Dyer **in Memory of Blanche Hardy, Freda Heptonstall, Louise & William Dalzell, Florence & Howard Dyer, Howard C. Dyer, Jr.**

Gift of Roland & Harriet Shaw **in Memory of Departed Loved Ones**

Boston Gay Men's Chorus Concert at Grace

Gifts of Brian Roderick, Diana Ukleja, Jerré Croteau, Michel Jodoin & John Masson, William Reed, Betsy Pye, Project Independence, Fred Smialek, Pamela & George McNamara, the Karina Foundation, Eric Braitmayer & Jack Haney, Maureen & Allen Decker, Gerry Lopes, Michael Goulart, Lee Gunschel, Randall Chase, William Walsh

Vestry Notes and Votes

Vestry meeting of October 24th, 2018

- Motion to accept the recommendation of the Trustees of Parish Funds to retain Bank of America/US Trust to continue as Investment Advisor and Management of Grace Church's Endowment

- Motion to redirect \$1500 from Organ Repairs to Roof Repairs

- Motion to permit the Bittersweet Bazaar committee to offer complimentary beer and wine at the Sneak Preview event

Motion was made to accept the report from the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on the disbursements from their endowment:

PARISH	\$300	Grace After School & Summer Program	
		\$300	Grace Restoration Fund
COMMUNITY	\$300	Neediest Families Fund	
	\$300	SouthCoast Breast Care	
		\$300 Humane Society	
		\$300	SHARE Foundation
		\$300	Interchurch Council
DIOCESE	\$300	Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts	
NATION	\$300	Rosebud Reservation	
		\$300 National ECW	
WORLD	\$300	St. Margaret's, Haiti	
		\$300	Episcopal Relief & Development
			(Gifts of Life: pair of goats & flock of chickens)
TOTAL	\$3600		

- Motion to accept the donation of \$4,500 from St. Aidan's Chapel and allocate it to the Outreach Equity Fund
- Motion was made to spend \$1,000 from the Music Outreach Fund for the initial payment to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus for the May 2019 concert

[The Boston Gay Men's Chorus will perform at Grace Church in May 2019; a deposit of \$1,000 will secure the arrangement. Funds are being raised to cover the entire cost of \$5,000, with proceeds beyond the \$5,000 remaining at Grace.]

- A motion was made to accept the two gifts totaling \$7793.13 designated for Roof Repairs

A motion was made to accept the recommended Auditor [our current

auditor, Terry Robinson]

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Vestry meeting of November 28th, 2018

Motion to approve the following two motions made and approved at the October 25, 2018 meeting of the Trustees of

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Parish Funds:

A motion to accept the categorization as noted and update the Restricted Endowment legacy listings was made by Marcia Anselmo and seconded by Bill Reed. On a call for a vote, the motion was APPROVED.

Next, with the categorization and updating completed, Mr. Capizano asked that the Trustees approve the

Restricted Endowment legacy categorization and listing as of October 25, 2018. A motion to that effect was made by Marcia Anselmo and seconded by Gerry Lopes. On a call for a vote, the motion was APPROVED. Motion to approve Rev Chris Morck, Sharlene Begley, Charlie Green, Charlie Capizano and Ruth Joliffe as the • membership of the nominating committee in 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Diana
Ukleja, Clerk

January 2019

Tuesday, January 1

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2

OFFICE REOPENS

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace
10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing
11AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 3

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 4

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, January 5

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 6 EPIPHANY

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 Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 8

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

**DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORT
SUBMISSIONS**

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 15

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 18

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, January 19

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 20

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 Rehearsal

12:15PM Pilgrimage Prep Meeting

Tuesday, January 22

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 23

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

Thursday, January 24

6PM ESOL

Friday, January 25

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, January 26

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 27

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 Rehearsal

Monday, January 28

2PM Laundry Love

Tuesday, January 29

10AM Staff Meeting
6PM ESOL

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

6PM ESOL

February 2019

Friday, February 1

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 2

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 3

7:30AM Community Breakfast

8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30AM Choir Rehearsal

10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11AM Church School

11AM Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 5

10AM Staff Meeting

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 6

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 7

6PM ESOL

6:30PM Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, February 8

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 9

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 10

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT ANNUAL MEETING

7:30AM Community Breakfast

8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 8:30AM

Choir Rehearsal

10AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11AM

Annual Meeting

11AM Church School

12PM Kids' JAM

Tuesday, February 12

10AM Staff Meeting

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 13

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

6:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 14

6PM ESOL

Friday, February 15

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 16

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 17

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 Rehearsal

12:15PM Pilgrimage Prep Meeting

Tuesday, February 19

10AM Staff Meeting

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 20

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday, February 21

6PM ESOL

Friday, February 22

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

Saturday, February 23

5PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 24

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 Rehearsal

Monday, February 25

2PM Laundry Love

Tuesday, February 26

10AM Staff Meeting

6PM ESOL

Wednesday, February 27

9:30AM Martha's Pantry at Grace

10AM Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday, February 28

6PM ESOL

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