

GRACE NOTES

FEBRUARY 2017



Diocesan Youth Skating Weekend

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Annual Meeting January 22, 2017

Elected as Junior Warden – Paul Diller

Elected to Vestry 3 year terms – Dottie Carrie, Tina Santy, Bob O'Brien

Elected to Vestry 2 year term – Barb Reeves

Motion to amend bylaws to reduce the number of vestry members from 9 to 6 – passed for the first time. (A second passage is required to amend bylaws.)

From the sermon January 22 before the Annual Meeting

As Christians, we are called to be saints in this place, and to show Christ to everyone “out there”, by our words, by what we do, and most importantly of all, by who we are to and with them. Every week in the bulletin, we state that we are to be, A visible sign of Christ’s love, seeking and serving Christ in all persons. The question is what that might look like here and now, in 2017. At our Annual Meeting I invited you into the beginning of a conversation that’s perhaps a bit different in perspective than the usual. A conversation that is about discerning together, not what we want or what we think we ought to want, but rather where we see hints and signs of God already acting in and through us, here and now. And about what God may be calling us to do and be in this next year. We base this conversation on what our friend St. Paul writes in the beginning of his first letter to the Corinthians; that we “lack nothing” to do this, that we are given boundless grace, and fully equipped with what we need to answer that call.

So what are those things which, to use Frederick Buechner’s terms, we at Grace Church just can’t not do? What are the times here and now where our deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet? What is God calling us to? How do we, like Peter and Andrew and James and John and the other disciples, hear Jesus’ call to follow him, and answer that call?

Here are the items recorded from the conversation at the Annual Meeting

What were the high points when you felt God’s presence here at Grace this year?

- Caring for families of the deceased at funeral receptions especially
- People helping where they see a need
- Many Samaritan meal volunteers

- Generosity to outreach projects
- Confirmands
- New Beginnings
- Parish Life events
- Appreciation note for Threads of Love
- Being a welcoming parish

What especially engages you here?

- Caring community
- Acceptance of all
- Always somebody available for support/help
- Cooperation within

How might we expand that engagement to others?

- Working with refugee family
- Brining people in to share our vision/work
- Head Start families
- Gardens
- Information outside better SIGNAGE!
- Provide activities that draw community into an event
- Neighborhood party
- More use of social media

Also discussed during the open forum were concerns about the position of music director which can be found elsewhere in this issue

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
and serving Christ in all persons.*

SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, February 19 - 1 P.M. Safe Church Training
- Tuesday, February 28 - Mardi Gras Jambalaya Dinner
- Sunday, February 26 - 12 noon - Samaritan Meal
- Wednesday, March 1 - 12 noon & 7 P.M. - Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist services with imposition of Ashes



NINE-FIFTEEN FORUM THROUGH FEBRUARY 26

Our Sunday gospel readings this year taken mostly from the Gospel according to Matthew. Join us for an exploration of some of the themes and unique characteristics of this gospel. Saint Matthew used Jesus' stories and teachings to instruct and sustain his racially-mixed church to meet the severe challenges in his time and community. We too, are challenged in today's world to articulate faith and identity, and to bear witness to the good news, to baptize and to teach. How might Matthew's work help us to do so?

First Friday Films – February 3rd. Join us for monthly classic films that raise questions of faith in a complicated world. God at the movies isn't always found in "religious" films. For youth and adults (parents' guide available beforehand). At 6 P.M. we'll have pizza (RSVP for 'za in advance so we order enough!) and at 6:30 P.M. we'll start the film. Bring something to drink--Popcorn will be provided.

GARDEN OF GRACE

In early Spring, we would like to promote the availability of our garden plots, both to members of our parish as well as our neighbors in the nearby apartment complex and families of Head Start. A description of the project will be created in trifold form and made available as a handout for anyone interested in learning about gardening. Joy Pople offered to provide educational instruction--Gardening 101- for those interested in the program. A tentative date of Saturday, March 25th, at 1 P.M. will be Grace's 'Garden Party' as the kickoff event.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Barb Allen, Garth Foster, Lloyd Darrohn, Ann Gentry, Denise Miller, Carol Lewis, Ellone McCall, Darra Randall, Roxanne Parmele, Rob Parmele, Carla Smith, Scott Warner

PARISH LIFE'S ANNUAL COOK-OFF

Parishioners who attended Parish Life's Annual Cook-off on Saturday, January 21st, had their taste buds doubly challenged as this year's event was actually a duo treat, consisting of a Chowder Cook-Off and a Savory Bread Bake-Off.

Six entrants vied against one another in the Chowder Challenge and the varieties were as varied as the names of the dishes. Participants were treated to Carla Wiemers' Salmon Chowder; Blane Fleming's Chappaquiddick Chowder; Charlene Furbush's Seneca River Chowder; a Corn, Potato, Bacon Cheese Chowder from Ann Makowiec; Joy Pople's Corn Chowder and Pat Apicella's twist on an old favorite, New England Chicken Chowder. Choosing a favorite was not an easy task as evidenced by first and second place being separated by only one vote. Final count had Ann Makowiec claiming first and Charlene taking second.

The bread "Bake-Off" offered four different varieties with Dan Wiemers' Ham & Cheese Bread; Joy Pople's Onion Soup Bread; Cathy Carpenter's Rosemary Focaccia Bread; and Irish Soda Bread by Ann Makowiec. Ann was a repeat winner; and Mo. Cathy beat out Dan by just one vote to claim second place.

We had one additional award for the night. Blaine Fleming's baker's hat and apron earned him the title of "Most Appropriately Dressed".



Brownies and beverages were provided by Parish Life members.

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all who attended. This is a fun opportunity to try new dishes and enjoy the companionship of fellow parishioners.



If you have an idea for a future cook-off, or event, please tell a member of Parish Life. We are always open to new ideas.

HELP MARGARET WITH COLLECTION FOR KOSOVO REFUGEES

A member of the Kosovo family adopted by Grace Church some years ago is now moving into her own housing. The family has few furnishings. Margaret Houck is collecting household goods for the family and will be glad to provide a list of the needed items.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AS WE SEEK A MUSIC DIRECTOR

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Guide us as we seek to call a new music director to lead our efforts through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to us now glimpses of your beauty, and make us worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE PAST

From *Baldwinsville's Own Cook Book* by Women's Auxiliary
Grace Episcopal Church, published 1950's

Nut Bread (with applesauce)

Mrs. Milton Cooper

1 1/2 c. sifted flour	1 c. seedless raisins
t tsp. baking soda	1/4 c shortening
1/8 tsp. salt	1/3 c brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 egg
1/2 tsp. cloves	1 c. thick unsweetened applesauce



Sift flour, and measure; add soda and spices. Mix well then sift. Stir in nuts and fruit. Cream shortening; beat in sugar, then egg. Stir flour mixture alternately with applesauce, beating well. Turn into a greased log pan. Bake 325 deg. For approximately 1 hour.

ANNUAL BBQ MEETING SCHEDULED

The 1st BBQ meeting will be on March 5th, between services. All are welcome! If you would like to help with the planning and are not able to attend, just let me know.

Thanks!

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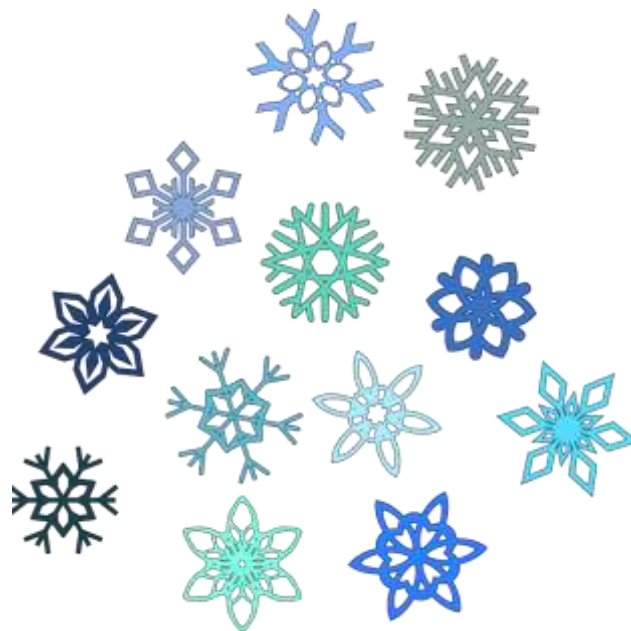


REST ETERNAL grant to Jack Lawrence O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

OUTREACH PROJECT

The Outreach Committee is once again doing a winter food drive to be delivered to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry. It seems that donations drop off right after Christmas and the pantry has asked us to fill the gap. All non-perishable food items are welcome., however, the Baldwinsville Food Pantry has expressed a special need for the following items:

- Jellies and jams (NOT homemade)
- Peanut butter
- Hamburger or tuna noodle helper
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta
- Jell-O or pudding
- Cake or bread mixes
- Hearty soups
- Canned veggies
- Canned stew
- Canned tuna
- Cereal
- Macaroni & cheese packages
- Boxes of instant hot chocolate packets



Please bring your items to church by February 18th. Thanks!

SAMARITAN MEAL

Our first Samaritan Meal of 2017 will be on Sunday, February 26th. As of Grace Notes' press time, we do not have an estimate of the number of guests we will be serving, but it is the last Sunday of the month when most guest's finances are getting pretty tight, so it will probably be over 300. We will get a better estimate as soon as it is available. We will need about 15 volunteers to prepare and serve the meal, and this time we will also be collecting donations to cover the cost of the meal. Members of the Outreach Committee

will be available after both services on February 12th and on 19th to accept donations and sign up volunteers. Persons wishing to volunteer can also do so by emailing Bob O'Brien at jrobrien6@gmail.com



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Proceeds go to the VFW Post 153 Veterans Food Pantry.

and under are free.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and are available at the door. Children 5

Tuesday, February 28th from 5 – 7 p.m.

Jambalaya (mildly seasoned, you can add extra spices!), cornbread, dessert, beverage.

MARDI GRAS JAMBALAYA DINNER



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Tuesdays 12 NOON

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First Saturday Holy Eucharist 4 P.M.

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March 1- 12 & 7 P.M. Ash Wednesday