

GRACE NOTES

MAY 2017



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Thanks to all who worked so hard on our Holy Week and Easter celebration! From the folks who fetched the equipment from the attic to the flower decoration brigade to acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and Passion Gospel readers, choir members, musicians, Altar Guild members, supper cooks, coffee hosts, Maundy Thursday watchers, ushers, greeters, staff and everyone else who contributed to a holy week and glorious Easter celebration. I hope you know how very much your efforts are appreciated by your fellow parish members and our Easter visitors. But Easter isn't over until Pentecost—we have fifty days to celebrate the Lord's resurrection.

In the early days of the church, Christians were forbidden to kneel during the Great Thanksgiving during Eastertide, because we are made worthy to stand before God, through Christ's death and resurrection. Through our baptism we are made Christ's brothers and sisters—fellow heirs by adoption. The days until Pentecost were also the time when those who were baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter were further instructed in the faith. The old-fashioned English name for Pentecost, "Whitsunday" or "Whitsun" comes from the white baptismal garments which the neophytes wore throughout Eastertide. This year our confirmation class will reflect that ancient practice of instruction as they continue to prepare for Confirmation on Pentecost, June 4th.

Our diocese has approximately ninety parishes and other faith communities, so under normal circumstances, the bishop visits only every other year or so. District confirmations are not currently scheduled, so our confirmands this year will be confirmed at Bishop DeDe's visit to Church of the Resurrection in Oswego on June 4th. Mother Anne Wichlens has been most gracious in facilitating this process. We will recognize the confirmands here at Grace on May 28th; the Sunday before their confirmation. I hope you are able to attend either or both events and celebrate the commitment of these youth.

The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS – MAY 5, JUNE 2

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.



SOUND SYSTEM DEDICATION

On May 7th we will formally dedicate the new sound system in memory of John and Pat McFall and Alan C. Sward and other departed members of Grace Church.

John McFall died in November 2009, and following Pat's death in October 2015, their children, John S., Laura and Carrie wished to make a significant and lasting contribution to Grace Church in memory of their parents who were so active in this parish and community since their arrival in Baldwinsville in 1966. Among other roles at Grace John served as warden and vestry member, and Pat as vestry member and finance committee member.

Alan C. Sward was the husband of Carla Sward Wiemers and father of Carla Smith. Following his sudden death in 1996, Grace Church was of great assistance to the family. This gift is in memory of Alan and with thanks to Grace Church who supported the family through a most difficult time.

The system was designed by DCI Sound of Skaneateles NY. It consists of a sound-processor (computer), one speaker located above and behind the pulpit, focused to cover the entire room, new microphones at the pulpit and lectern, wiring for additional mics at the altar rail gate and altar, two body-mic packs, two over-the ear mics, a lapel mic and a new locking equipment rack. There are also four assistive hearing devices for the hearing impaired consisting of an earphone or T-coil loop. Monitor speakers and volume controls in the old narthex (low-ceiling entryway), Welcome Area, Undercroft and Nursery complete the system. Although not part of the design parameters, experiments indicate that the wireless mic packs will successfully transmit from the Memorial Garden area, allowing funeral attendees who are unable to negotiate the brick path to hear committal prayers.

A number of small undesignated gifts were also applied toward the hearing assistive portion of this project at the recommendation of the Memorials Ministry. The charter of the Memorials Ministry states, "Gifts to the Memorial Fund shall be used, as nearly as practical, for the purpose requested by the donor if such request has been made. Otherwise, the Memorial Funds shall be used to fund appropriate, visible and lasting requisites of Grace Church." The remainder of the project cost was designated by the vestry from surplus funds.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Pam Cassidy, Diane Coe, Sue Darrohn, Paul Diller, Sr., Scott Ferrari, Charlene Furbush, John and Jan Heisler, Jon Holmer, Tom Fredette, Marge Ingalls, MacKenzie James, Nasiem Perez, Vienna McCall, Kathy Tamblin, Marsha Tauro



A PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

May Almighty God bestow upon Victor LaMar, Connor Hamilton and Cate Griffo the blessing of His mercy and give them an understanding of the wisdom that leads to salvation through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



SAMARITAN MEAL

On Sunday April 23rd volunteers from Grace made our second visit of the year to the Samaritan Center in Syracuse to prepare and serve a meal to those in need. The two hundred and sixty guests enjoyed our popular menu of Sloppy Joes, corn and green salad topped off with fresh bananas and cookies.

The following Grace Church members and friends gave up part of their Sunday to serve those less fortunate than themselves; Sue McKee, Pat and Jill Farrance, Jan and John Heisler, Greg and Elaine Ceresko, Bob and Joan O'Brien, Jane Atwater, Sue and Skeet Allen and their grandson Ross, Sue Grenyo, Amy and Ava Warner, Ruth McMains, and Wendi, Justin, and Jenna Reese.



Our final Samaritan meal of the year will be on Sunday, September 17th. Please consider joining us.

THE 51ST ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 3RD FROM NOON—6 P.M.

Things to do:

- Sell tickets
- Bake brownies
- Sign up to help and donate supplies on the boards in the Welcome Area
- Come enjoy the fellowship on June 3rd



If you did not receive tickets or if you are in need more tickets please contact the church office at (315) 635-3214, and thanks in advance for all the help making this annual event such a success!

NEED SERVICES? Transportation? Heating or food cost assistance? Legal assistance? Dedicated Outreach workers are available through Canton Woods Senior Center, 76 Canton St. for those 60+. (They will even visit you at home!) Looking for defensive driving or falls prevention class? Want to play cards? Enjoy a hot meal, educational speaker or music? Canton Woods has a full schedule of events every single month. Most activities are free to residents of Lysander and Van Buren, and available for \$25 annually to those living outside the area. Health and Wellness Event Thurs. May 25 1-3 P.M. is free to everyone! Call Canton Woods at 315 638 4536 or go online to <http://www.baldwinsville.org/departments/cantonwoods>.

GARDEN OF GRACE

The garden is now planted with some early spring crops-- peas, spinach, Swiss chard and some herbs. Directed by master gardener Joy Pople, children from the Head Start program prepared the soil and planted seeds, assisted by Head Start staff and volunteers Ruth Frey and Elaine Ceresko. The hope is that the seeds will sprout and the children can see their vegetables grow to maturity before the school year ends.



Most of the raised beds are now taken, but after the first crop comes in, there is still time for parishioners to grow some flowers, pumpkins, or other crops that prefer hot weather. Anyone with an interest in doing this, please see Joy.

PARISH LIFE NEWS:

Clean-Up Day is May 7th after the 9 A.M. service. Bring your work clothes and any tools that will help with the clean-up activities. There are sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area that include a list of what is hoped to be accomplished. There are outdoor needs, like always, and a short list of indoor cleaning jobs that you could help to complete. A delicious lunch will be provided. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



Parish Life is also making plans for the annual Graduation Breakfast on June 11th between the two services to honor all graduating seniors. All graduates and their families are invited. If you or someone you know is graduating, please call the church office at (315) 635-3214.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE BALDWINSVILLE VISITOR'S CENTER

On the southwest trail beside the Seneca River is the Baldwinsville Visitor Center. Managed by the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, the Baldwinsville Visitor Center is staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time and knowledge to welcome people to our village. The Visitor Center is open whenever volunteers are available, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. from Memorial weekend to Labor Day. Our volunteers greet the visitors who come by boat, car or foot, and provide information on local attractions, services, restaurants, and shopping. Many volunteers sign up for a regular shift each week during the season while others work an hour or two when they can. Two hours or twenty hours, any amount of time is appreciated. For more information, attend a Visitor Center volunteer information meeting at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, May 10th at the Baldwinsville Public Library, or call the GBCC at (315) 638-0550.



MAY OUTREACH PROJECT-- MONETARY COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

On April 2, Daryl Files from InterFaith Works Center for New Americans spoke at both services to explain what her organization is doing to help **refugees** in our area.

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her home country (as opposed to an immigrant who chooses to relocate to another country) As such, refugees can apply for asylum in the United States, a process that can take years. The applicants have to prove that if they return to their home country, they'll be injured because of their race, religion, nationality etc . Also the vetting process takes at least 2 years.

Once resettled, refugees can contribute greatly to their communities. They become educated, start businesses, buy property, pay taxes, consume products, to say nothing of adding diversity, new arts, foods, culture, etc.

Daryl explained that the current travel ban has caused a temporary pause in the arrival of new refugees into Syracuse. As a result, staff and programs have been cut and there is no immediate need for volunteers to help directly with furnishing apartments, greeting new arrivals, etc. There is, however, a need for monetary support in order to help refugees who are already in the community become fully functioning citizens. Baseline staff must be kept in place to ensure that once the ban is over, refugees can continue to come into Central New York, adding new vitality to our neighborhoods.

Because of the current crisis in funding, The Outreach Ministry is asking for contributions to two organizations that are described below:

The InterFaith Works Center for New Americans provides resettlement and post-resettlement services to help refugee families reestablish their lives and overcome the barriers to successful integration in their new communities. The program typically resettles 500-600 new refugees each year, and annually serves an additional 1,200 families who have been in the U.S. for less than five years.

The Episcopal Migration Ministry is the refugee resettlement program of the Episcopal Church, and a living example of the Church's commitment to aid the stranger in our midst. The Episcopal Church has served immigrants new to the U.S. since the late 1800s, when the Church opened port chaplaincies to minister to sojourners on both coasts. The Church has been a vocal advocate on behalf of refugees since World War II, when Episcopal parishes and dioceses spoke out on behalf of Jewish refugees and others displaced by Nazi aggression.

Three ways to donate--Thank you!

Write a tax deductible check directly to **Grace Church** and place in the weekly collection plates.(Please write "**Refugees**" in the memo line)

If you prefer to give cash, please see Margaret or any Outreach member.

Donate on line by googling **Interfaith Works** or **Episcopal Migration Ministry**.

"It is the mark of the true Christian to extend hospitality to strangers..." **(Romans 12:13)**

FROM THE PAST

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

Peanut Butter Cookies

Mrs. Charles Baker

1 c. Spry (Crisco)	1 c. white sugar	1 Tbsp. Milk
1/2 tsp. salt	1 c. brown sugar	2 c. sifted flour
1 c. peanut butter	2 eggs	1 tsp. soda



Mix in order given, drop by spoonful's on greased cookie sheet, and press flat with a dampened fork. Bake in a 350° oven for 8—10 minutes.

SAVE THE DATE!!

June 9 & 10 we will have LifeTouch photographers on-site for a new picture directory. Make plans for your family portrait

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT 2017 (EYE17)

Grace goes to OK! Parish youth member Austin is collecting bottles, cans and donations to finance his trip to Oklahoma for this year's Episcopal Youth Event. Save refundable bottles and cans and bring them to the barrel in the Welcome Area. Contributions are also welcome. To contribute you may write a check to Grace and mark the memo line "EYE".



EYE is held every three years in accordance with General Convention Resolution #1982-D079. The 2017 event marks the thirteenth EYE and remains a popular and well-attended event. EYE17 is geared for youth in grades 9-12 during the 2016-2017 academic year and their adult leaders. The event will welcome nearly 1,300 participants and youth leaders from across the Episcopal Church. Usually the Presiding Bishop makes an appearance too. EYE17 will be held in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma July 10-14 on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.



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

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT



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Tuesdays 12 NOON

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First Saturday Holy Eucharist 4 P.M.