

GRACE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2016



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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This is the time of year when days shorten and darken. We may find our mood shifted toward regret and loss as leaves fall and plants are frost-killed. In our Sunday cycle of scripture readings, we hear of ominous signs and portents, culminating in the feast of Christ the King — when we read again of Jesus' crucifixion.

Yet in this growing darkness, there is yet hope. The collects we pray each week are all about persevering, running without stumbling to obtain heavenly promises, being purified for the end of time, and brought together under Christ's rule.

Did you know that the term "autumn" only occurs once in the Bible? In Jude 1:12, false teachers are compared to "autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted." Consider the implication here that autumn ought to be the most bounteous, fruitful time of the year. A season of abundance, not scarcity. A season of thanksgiving and generosity, not fear and defensiveness. A season not of nostalgia, but of forward-looking hope.

In the grand All Saints Day hymn "For all the saints" (music by Ralph Vaughn Williams, words by William Walsham How), the final two verses describe a culmination of all history even more splendid than what has already been,

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!



As Christians we are charged to live in the present as if the future is already very near. To live with that sense of abundance and possibility and steadfast hope, because our future, and that of all creation, is already assured in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cathy+

THE 11TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

It is hard to believe, but it is that time of the year again.

Our callers will be contacting you to bake your delicious holiday goodies. Think festive. Think pretty. Think tasty treats. If you do not bake, please consider a donation or the wonderful gift of time and / or talent to help with preparations.

Volunteer sign-up sheets for the big day will be in the Welcome Area in early November.

Become a part of this church-family event; it is a fun time. You won't want to miss it.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.

For more information, contact Barb Reeves or the parish office.



FROM THE PAST

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

Pumpkin Pie (With toasted Coconut Crown)

Mrs. William Halligan

2/3 c. dark brown sugar, firmly packed

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

3/4 tsp. ginger

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 c. dark brown sugar

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1 2/3 c. evaporated milk, 14 1/4 - oz. can

1 9-inch unbaked pie shell

1 1/2 c. canned or cooked sieved pumpkin

1/2 c. shredded coconut, chopped

Whipped cream, if desired



Mix the 2/3 cup dark brown sugar, spices, salt and pumpkin. Mix eggs and milk. Stir into pumpkin mixture. Pour into pie shell. Bake in hot oven, 450 deg. F. for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate oven, 350 deg. F. and bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Mix the 1/2 cup dark brown sugar and coconut. Sprinkle on top of hot pie. Brown under broiler for 2 or 3 minutes. Cool. Serve garnished with whipped cream, if desired.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Begg

Marylou Fredenburg

Tully Cook

Bruce Haney

Keith Renfrew

Larry Soldo

Mary Tall

Grace Bloom

Mary Helen Foster

Ann Colgan

Betty Johnson

Jenna Reese

Andy Spitler

Carla Wiemers

Bill Chambers

Dottie Carrie

Gale McCall

Jim Makowiec

Marilyn Robinson

Alexis Sellers

Grace Cotte

Doug Claprod

George Gibbs

Evelyn Mercer

Tina Soldo

Connie Taft

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Marcus & Phyllis Begg

HARVEST DINNER

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, OR WILL BE SOON.
HAVE YOU TURNED 60 THIS YEAR?



Good Food, good company

November 13th at 11:30 A.M. (downstairs) in the undercroft.

If so let the office know so we can include you in our plans for the Senior Harvest Dinner. Be sure to RSVP so you can enjoy this delicious dinner and fellowship with other senior parishioners. Call the office if you have not received notification of this event.

NINE-FIFTEEN FORUM

Are you someone who has been a Christian for a long time, but sometimes still wonders about the basics? Or are you new to God and the Church who wants to get a better idea of what this Christianity thing is really all about? Come join us Sundays at 9:15 A.M. for *Transforming Questions*. In this class, we will seek to move into deeper life in Christ by engaging in some of faith's most basic questions: Who is Jesus? Does God answer prayer? How do I read the Bible? Why bother with Church? What do I have to do to be a Christian? Each week we will gather, hear a talk on one of the central questions of the Christian faith, and join in small-group discussion. Through both listening and sharing, we will wrestle with these foundational questions in the context of faith and in the company of fellow seekers. As we do so, we will learn more about ourselves, one another, and the Jesus we are seeking.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS Needed!

Make and serve coffee, a cold drink and treats after 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist. Can't do it alone? Ask a friend to help or call the parish office. Sign up in the Welcome Area at the church entrance.

MEN'S BAKE NIGHT

This year the Men of Grace will be baking for the Cookie Walk on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00 P.M. (in place of Work Night on November 22nd). A light meal and snacks will be provided. Please join in the fun!



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*

SAVE THE DATES

- * November 13 - Senior Harvest Dinner
- * November 27 - Syracuse Home Worship
- * December 3 - Cookie Walk.
- * December 18 - Greening of the Sanctuary following the 10:30 A.M. service
- * Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Annual Cook-Off - Chowder & Savory Breads Theme
- * Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - Mardi Gras Jambalaya Dinner (Shrove Tuesday)



IMPORTANT DIOCESAN DATES

- * Friday & Saturday, November 11 & 12 - 148th Convention
- * Saturday, December 3 - Consecration of the Rev. Dede Duncan-Probe as the 11th Bishop of CNY.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in putting together baskets filled with all the makings of a Thanksgiving Feast for six needy families through PEACE, Inc. Below is a list of items we would like to include in each family's basket. Just print your name and phone # next to the item or items you would like to donate. The lists will be in the welcome area. Please bring the items to the welcoming area by November 15th.

- * 20 lb. turkey
- * 3 cans corn
- * 3 pkgs. rolls
- * Bag of apples
- * Bag of potatoes
- * Bag of stuffing
- * 2 jars turkey gravy
- * 1 family-size frozen pie
- * 1 can cranberry sauce
- * 1 can olives, pickles, or other relish

\$10 gift card (s) to local supermarket



Thanks for your generosity!

FOYERS DINNER GROUP

Last Chance to sign up for Foyers social gatherings. Foyers consists of couples or single adults over a meal in the home. The schedule is designed for a monthly rotation. Each month the group will change somewhat to allow for intermixing. The first name (underlined> in each group is the host for that month. Foyers may meet any day/time during the month. We usually have foyers during November/December, January, February, and March. May is considered a "catchup" month in case foyers cannot be held in their expected month. Also, there will be a Kickoff Party in November and a Final Foyer in May that includes everyone. Sign up in the Welcome Area or see Diane Bowes.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS — NOVEMBER 6TH

Please submit of those who have died to office by email or a written note by Friday, November 4th.

OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS THANK YOU!

Thanks to all those parishioners who donated items during the month of September for the Out-



reach Committee's "Pet Project." There were HEAPS of food, bedding, and cleaning supplies to deliver to the Taft Road Humane Society. The volunteers who accepted the donations were very impressed and grateful.

On October 8th, the project culminated in a Blessing of the Animals at Grace Church. Thanks again to all who helped.

VESTRY MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2017

The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management. As a vestry member, together with the rector and wardens, you will be expected to manage and lead.

Management includes such tasks as: budgeting, establishing and enforcing policies and procedures, establishing action plans, maintaining property.

Leadership includes such tasks as articulating and communicating the vision for the future of the parish, generating enthusiasm and "buy-in" from the congregation, and as needed, taking personal responsibility for ensuring ad hoc or permanent committees carry out their assigned work.

Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- Vestry meetings (1x per month, plus occasional additional meetings as needed);
- Committee work (usu. 1x per month);
- Vestry retreat (annual);
- Regular attendance at worship services (rotating services occasionally);
- Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
- Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.
- Exercise confidentiality and practice healthy, honest, open communication patterns in the parish.

Qualifications

- Eighteen years of age or older;
- Baptized; (wardens must be confirmed)
- Active member of the parish who is regular in worship attendance and contribution of time, talent and treasure.

THANK YOU to Ann Makowiec, Brad Petti, Diane Bowes and Rosemary Coyne for their hard work for the Mitchell/Murphy wedding on October 22nd. Grace Church made a great impression!

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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

TRIVIA NIGHT 2016 PRESENTED BY PARISH LIFE

Seven teams of 4 vied for the chance to be named the Champions of Grace's 2nd Trivia Night held on October 15th.

While munching on popcorn and sipping beverages of choice, participants were challenged on their knowledge of the "60's; 70's; 80's and Now". Do you know what color replaced the red M&M's; or who the song "Sweet Caroline" refers to; or what color the Karate Kid painted Mr. Miyagi's house? These are examples of the questions our teams had to answer, with no electronic help allowed. Just our memories and those little bits of "useless" information tucked away in our brains.

The evening consisted of 4 rounds, one for each of the designated categories and a bonus question or two. Questions for each round were evaluated so that a winner of each round could be determined and awarded a prize. The scores of all the rounds were totaled to determine the final standings.

While the "Fabulous 4" team consisting of Tom & Jeannie LaMere and Ron & Linda Savacool were the winners of one round, they unfortunately were also awarded "Dum-dums" for finishing in last place for the evening.

Winner of the "Smartees" for second place was team "Nurse Nellie" made up of Barb Reeves, Joy Pople, Mo. Cathy and Tina Santy.

For being "right on Target" with their answers and appropriately named "Nuf Said", Kathy Tamlin along with her sister-in-law, niece and nephew each took home the first place prize of a \$10 gift card.

Other teams joining in the fun were the "Perky Pumpkin Ladies; "Oldies but Goodies", "The Misfits" and the "Graceful 4". Thank you all for coming.

Cider and donuts were served to end the evening, with everyone in agreement that this had been a lot of fun, and discussing topics for another time. We wish to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU to CARLA & BRIAN SMITH and CARLA & DAN WIEMERS** for all their hard work in putting this on.

PARLOR PROJECT

The project to convert a room in the parish center to a "parlor" continues! Thanks to the good work of the Tuesday work crew, new paint, and a ceiling fan with light have been installed. We are still in need of certain furnishings. For details see the list and pictures posted on Mother Cathy's office. Donations to purchase items are also gratefully accepted.



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First Saturdays 4 P.M.

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Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23rd 7 P.M.