

# GRACE NOTES

OCTOBER 2017



St. Francis Day, October 4th

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## WHAT DOES GRACE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

As we begin this stewardship season please ask yourself how Grace has enriched your life. Does it give you joy to pay forward your many blessings? Has the Grace family stood with you during difficult times? Has Grace provided fellowship as well as opportunities to make this world a better place? We will be asking you to "dig deep" this season not only financially but by committing to sharing your time and talents with Grace. You will be hearing many questions to ponder over the next month leading up to Grace Sunday on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to reflect on these questions as you make your commitment for 2018.

Tina Santy

## WHAT IS GOD UP TO ALREADY IN THIS PLACE?

This is a *missionary* question, and by missionary I mean having to do with God's dream for God's church. We often frame the question as a matter of what *we* want, what *we* prefer, what *we* have done in the past, or what *we* think *ought* to be done for *our* church.

But mission isn't about us, or rather, isn't *for* us. It's for neighbors who aren't here. It's about the re-formation of community to include the least, the lost, the marginalized, and the outcast. It's about re-formation of our own vision from how things are and have been to what God is calling them to be now and going forward. It's about *discernment*. And we are God's ambassadors. God's sent ones. God's *missionaries*. Every baptized one of us.

Mission requires intentional equipping. We need to be able to speak of what we know, and that means growing in faith, practicing deep engagement with the stories of our faith, regular prayer that listens for what God and others are saying, and a generous spirit which allows us to try new things, and become comfortable with learning from the inevitable failures of some experiments.

What new thing is God doing in your *missionary* life? What new thing are you being called to do?

Cathy+

## 15<sup>TH</sup> MISSION OF MIRACLES MEDICAL MISSION TO EL SALVADOR FEBRUARY 3-11, 2018

As always, we depend on the generous contributions from the diocese for the following items found at a local pharmacy:

Toothpaste and Toothbrushes (No Multi-packs please for sanitary reasons)

Children's Liquid Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Nasal saline spray

Antifungal cream

Anti-itch cream

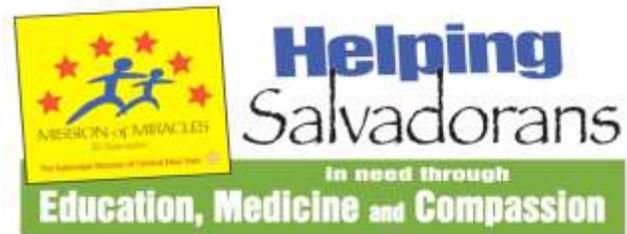
Muscle rub

Cranberry tablets

Readers (+2.25 to +3.75)

Also Sunglasses (children and adult)

Any children's prescription glasses that you no longer need



Items can be brought to the Mission of Miracles table at Diocesan Convention.

Thank you for your help and continued support!!

**REST ETERNAL** grant to Aaron Jones O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Whether preparing, serving or selling it, food is often associated with church activities, and that certainly applies to us here at Grace.

This year Parish Life offers you:

“Food for Thought”



How much do you actually know about food... its origins, traditions, folklore? The subject of Trivia Night on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, is Food. So put on your thinking cap, or chef's hat if you prefer, gather a team together or become part of a team when you arrive and join us for an entertaining evening. There will be prizes and, of course, food.

Mark your calendar now and join us at 6 P.M. on October 21<sup>st</sup> for this fun event. Hope to see many of you there.

## **THANK YOU FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES**

In April of this year, the Outreach Ministry asked for monetary support for the refugee program in Syracuse which is largely funded by Episcopal Migration Ministries. Over \$400 was received from generous Grace Church parishioners. We recently received this letter from the director of Episcopal Migration Ministries:

“Thank you so much for your gift of \$472.00 to Episcopal Migration Ministries.”

You responded to our urgent call for support- your gift will directly support our core ministry during this challenging time in which organizations aiding refugees are faced with massive cutbacks in public funding related to the new anti-refugee policies in Washington.

You are helping us weather this storm - without the generosity of donors like you, EMM would almost certainly be forced to severely reduce or cease altogether its work aiding individuals and families fleeing violence and persecution.

You are standing with refugees - and with the Episcopal Church in its on-going work to save lives and restore hope.”

Sincerely,

The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson



Thank you and please continue to keep in your prayers the thousands of homeless refugees around the world.

## **AUSTIN WOLF EYE2017**

This summer I went to an event called EYE or Episcopal Youth Event. This year EYE was held in Oklahoma, and youth from grades 9-12 were invited to go. I went with three other youth to represent the Diocese of Central New York. I went thinking that it would be fun, but nothing special, and nothing that I would cherish forever. What I got was an amazing experience that I hope that every youth in the church has chance to do.

The first thing that I remember being really special was when during the opening church service with all of the youth that came, about 1300 of them, was when the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry gave the sermon. It was one of the best sermons that I had ever heard and I think I will always remember it, there was water being splashed around and the bishop talking about baby bears. It was a great way to start off EYE. Then we had the opportunity to go to these things called praxis,



basically someone would give a presentation. I chose to go to the ones on speaking, confirmation, sexuality, and Jesus with Michael Curry and they all taught me something different. For example the one that I went to on confirmation said that the parents wanted youth to be confirmed, but a large percentage of the youth were the ones that wanted to be confirmed.

The next day they brought us into Oklahoma City, and showed us around the city and into a few museums. The museum that I thought was the most memorable was the one on the Oklahoma City bombings. It was very emotional and I learned a lot from it. Then that night there was a carnival, with food trucks and bouncy houses and lots of stuff to do. The thing that was the best out of that night was when they had Compline near the memorial, all of the kids were singing and it was a very powerful night.

The planned events were really fun and I really like them, but meeting people from all over was really special. We had a lot of free time and I was able to talk to a lot of new people that if I didn't go to EYE I would have never met, people that I learned a lot from and that I hope to keep in contact with for a long time. There were people that I talked to at meals, I talked to some people that I played basketball with, I met people at a rope show at the carnival, and I met people just walking around, it was cool meeting people and talking about what they did in their churches and what the youth did in their dioceses. What's good about today's technology is that it is very easy for me to stay in contact with the people that I met, whether with social media or texting, I am able to grow closer with the people I met.



I would just like to thank all of the people, and groups that made this happen, from the people in Oklahoma that hosted the event, to the people in my church and in the diocese that donated so that I even had a chance to go to this. And a big thank you to Tory and Kristen Blum, if it wasn't for you two, I would have been lost the whole time.

Thank you

Austin Wolf

## UPCOMING EVENTS FROM PARISH LIFE

Please save these dates:

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Wine Event - at Liquor, Wine & Moonshine in Lakeland, 2 - 4 P.M.

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Trivia Night – 6 P.M.

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Senior Harvest Dinner

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Advent Event –

Making Advent Wreaths and Writing of Christmas Cards/Notes

Thank you for your participation in our activities.

Remember, we are always interested in your feedback and welcome suggestions for activities you might like to see held.

## FROM THE PAST

From *Feast of Goodness Cook Book* by Grace Episcopal Church, published 1993

### Pumpkin Bread

Mrs. Edna Hunter

2 c. sugar	2 c. pumpkin
4 eggs, beaten	1 tsp. Salt
2 tsp, baking soda	2 tsp. cinnamon
1 1/2 c. oil	3 c. flour



Mix sugar and pumpkin together. Add eggs. Add salt, soda, cinnamon, oil and flour. Pour into 2 greased loaf tins or 3 coffee tins. Bake 50 to 60 minutes at 325<sup>o</sup>.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> 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. This 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: it is a fun time. You won't want to miss it.

**Save the Date.... Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

For more information, contact Barb Reeves

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Don & Anne Davis, Kelly & Martin Hamilton, Bob & Joan O'Brien, Carol & Bruce Lewis

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jack Allen, Dave Cotte, Diane Bowes, Taylor Ferrari, Dave Gentry, Ron acobs, Sue Grenyo, Jenna Griffo, Grady Hudson, Victor LaMar, Angel Parker, Bob O'Brien, AJ Parker, Nike Randall, Sue Purdy, Keaton Renfrew.



## **SAMARITAN MEAL**

On Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> volunteers from Grace made our final visit of the year to the Samaritan Center in Syracuse to prepare and serve a meal to those in need. With Greg and Elaine Ceresko bringing the food and John Heisler filling in for one of our cooks, three hundred and three guests enjoyed our popular menu of Sloppy Joes, corn and green salad topped off with fresh bananas and cookies.

The following Grace Church members, some of whom responded to a last minute request by the Samaritan Center for more volunteers, gave up part of their Sunday to serve those less fortunate than themselves; Jan and John Heisler, Greg and Elaine Ceresko, Bob and Joan O'Brien, Sue and Skeet Allen, Sue Grenyo, Mother Cathy, Rosemary and Peter Coyne, Diane Bowes, Erik and Kathy Merson, Pat Apicella and her grandchildren London and Vaughn, Bruce and Nancy Haney, Justin Hart, Frank Harper, Tom LaMere, and Phyllis Begg.

Among the members of the Samaritan Center's staff who were also working that Sunday was Scott Popp, their Operations Manager, who noted that everything went very smoothly.

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please consider joining us.

## **HELP STILL NEEDED!**

The Grace Finance Ministry is seeking new members.

You do not need a degree in accounting to join us... just good business sense and some familiarity with financial statements. If you take care of your own finances, you qualify! Currently we meet at 7 P.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rosemary Coyne, or leave your name and contact information with Margaret at (315) 635-3214 in the church office.

Thank you.

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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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