

GRACE NOTES

SUMMER 2016



A LITTLE RELAXATION AFTER A BUSY “WORK NIGHT”

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Vocatus atque non vocatus Deus aderit.

Bidden or not bidden, God is present. — *Erasmus of Rotterdam*

As the busyness of our program and liturgical year eases for the long “green” season after Pentecost, and folks scatter on summer travels, vacations and projects, it’s worth keeping the idea of Sabbath time in mind. It sounds like an odd reminder, at the beginning of “summer vacation”, but we can really be our own worst enemies at taking genuine Sabbath time. Projects to do, people to see, chores to get done, plans to make—all conspire to steal away the “down time” that we as human beings need.

And that’s what Sabbath is.

God rested on the seventh day, as Genesis tells us. Who are we to think we can get along without Sabbath time? God didn’t *need* the rest, but we creatures *do*. We were not made in the image of God to burn out that image with yet another project or obligation. We require time to simply *be*, rather than *do*. We need time away from 24/7 contact with everyone, everywhere; time away from competing to get ahead; time away from keeping up with others; and time away from obligations. And we need time to tend to our relationships with others and with God.

Sabbath is that time. Time to read something for pure pleasure. Time to go fishing or boating or for a leisurely drive. Time to sit in the backyard, or on the porch or dock and enjoy summer. Toss rocks in the water. Go out in the dark with bug spray and blankets and gaze at the stars. Take a stroll or a paddle with no particular destination. Time to wonder, not worry. Time to tend that relationship that’s been neglected, simply enjoying the company of the other. Time to pray.

Prayer is something that goes well with Sabbath time. Not in this case (and shockingly to Episcopalians!) prayers from a book. But prayer nonetheless.

Our dreams and daydreams, the concerns which surface in the “idle” Sabbath times, the connections with others as we laugh and play and enjoy life—these are all prayer of a different sort than we do corporately in church. But prayer of this sort is how we come to know ourselves as God knows us. By simply *being* and *enjoying* before God, who is always present. Bidden or unbidden.

I hope you find some Sabbath time this season.

Mo. Cathy+



NEXT SAMARITAN MEAL

We will be serving our final Samaritan Meal of the year on Sunday, September 11th. Please consider joining us.

DECEMBER 3, 2016

The date **YOU** have been awaiting ...
GRACE CHURCH COOKIE WALK
The Event **THEY** have been anticipating.

Mark your calendars.



HOME NEEDED FOR A HIDE-A-BED

Nancy Fredette has two very gently used single hide-a-beds that she would like to give someone to have in need. They are light sage green with white piping. They were purchased from Dunk and Bright. Nancy & Tom are down-sizing and no longer need them.

If interested, please email Nancy at TFREDETTE@twcnr.com. You will need to provide moving for the bed.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE

Congratulations to Sarah Hamilton who has graduated from Baker High School. Sarah will begin a 6 year PhD program in Physical Therapy at Nazareth College in Rochester.



CHICKEN BBQ 2016



A huge thank you to everyone that organized, put out signs, sold tickets, collected and counted money, baked, set up, cooked, served, cleaned, and ate! Everybody's hard work helped make the BBQ a huge success!

Thank you so much!
Allen Wolf



COMING THIS FALL... EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

What is EfM?

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program for adult Christian formation through theological education and reflection. For over forty years, EfM has provided a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity who are prepared to listen for and respond to God's call.

How does EfM work?

Participants sign up for EfM one year at a time. Six to twelve participants meet weekly over the course of 36 weeks for 2 ½ -3 hours with trained mentor(s). Weekly reading assignments give perspective on the entire sweep of Christian tradition. There are no tests or grading, and the group mentor(s) function as facilitators of the group's work, rather than as teachers. The focus of EfM is life as ministry, and the development of discipline in theological reflection to sharpen skills and effectiveness in a variety of ministries.

What does it cost?

Because the Diocese of Central New York is a "sponsoring agency" the fee is \$350 (regularly \$460) for each program year. Fees pay for all required books and study guide, seminar supplies, and mentor honorarium. Fees must be paid entirely at the time of enrollment. The participant provides their own Bible, preferably an annotated New Revised Standard version such as The Oxford Annotated NRSV or the Harper-Collins Study Bible NRSV.

When will it meet?

Scheduling depends on the members of the seminar group. Vacation times, conditions for weather-related cancellations, and other scheduling issues will also be negotiated.

Are there scholarships?

Partial subsidies may be available. Speak with the rector.

Can my Lutheran (Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Other, None) denomination friends sign up too?

Absolutely! Although EfM is from the School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, an Episcopal institution, seminar groups are often enriched by the interchange between those of differing religious backgrounds.

Why do EfM?

"Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's

faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education that supports their faith and helps them to connect that faith to their daily lives. The EfM program provides people with an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service and carry out their ministries”. -- *from the EfM information brochure*

Got questions about EfM?

Speak with co-mentors Carla Wiemers or Mother Cathy Carpenter.

For more information...

Brochures are available, or go online to efm.sewanee.edu to read more and see sample lessons.

PASTORAL CARE - HOLY UNCTION

Anointing with holy oil (unction) is offered with the laying on of hands as a sign and promise of God’s healing power. It is not limited only to times of very grave illness or imminent death (“Last rites”). Anointing and prayer for healing are routinely offered just before an operation or at any point in a person’s sickness or recovery. A person may be anointed at church following a service, at another time, or at home or in a hospital. If you would like to receive Holy Unction, please contact the rector.

PASTORAL CARE - HOME VISITS AND COMMUNION

Sometimes people are unable to attend worship services due to illness, prolonged recovery, or simply the aging process. In such instances, Eucharistic Visitors will be glad to bring Holy Communion to you. This ministry exists to supplement rather than replace clergy visits. If you desire home communion, please contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE - WHEN TO CALL A PRIEST

Any member of the parish may call at any hour of the day or night, seven days a week, in the event of a pastoral crisis such as someone dying, someone in grave danger, or other pastoral emergency. If possible, a priest should be called when someone is near death to administer Last Rites and pray with the family. If not possible, a priest should be contacted whenever a parishioner has died. Call the office or the rector’s office voice mail for the pastoral care emergency phone number. Also please call the rector or church office when someone is ill or hospitalized, experiencing distress and needs pastoral care, wants to discuss spiritual or theological matters, has reason to celebrate or when just wants to talk to a priest.

IN THE MAIL...

From our Bishop –

Dear Cathy+ and the People of Grace Church,

It was a joy and privilege to be among you for my recent visitation. Especially delightful was the thoroughly prepared group of folks receiving the laying-on-of-hands and dear Alexis who was baptized. May they all know God's deep embrace of them in their life and mission as disciples of Jesus.

It appear to me that as a community of faith you are on a great trajectory to live ever more fully into your call as a people in service of Christ and his reign on earth. Trust the Spirit's presence among you.

Bishop Skip



From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (edited) –

...Good news has reached my office about the outpouring of generosity you have provided through the Good Friday Offering. I want you to know how much your help means to the bishops, clergy and people of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. In their own lands they continue to be icons of the reconciling love of our Lord Jesus through their parishes, schools and medical programs which serve all people in need throughout the region....

...The effort you have put forward in prayer and tangible support of Christian ministry in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East is a statement of solidarity which is nothing less than life-affirming.

Thank you for your participation in the ministry of the Good Friday Offering.

God bless you,

+Michael



These letters are posted in their entirety on our bulletin boards

THE ELEVENTH BISHOP OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

The candidates for the next bishop of Central New York have been announced. The profile of our diocese, and the candidate profiles and resumés are available online at www.bishopcny.org. Candidates and spouses will visit our diocese from July 20-23, 2016. They will introduce themselves personally and answer our questions. The Transition Committee has gathered potential questions for the candidates from throughout the Diocese. The schedule for the walkabouts is:

Wednesday, July 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at Trinity Church in Watertown

Thursday, July 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at Saints Peter & John Church in Auburn

Friday, July 22, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at St. John's Church in Oneida

Saturday, July 23, 1-4:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Church in Owego

Please make every effort to examine the materials and attend at least one of the walkabouts. Carpooling is an option for those interested. Your delegates, who will vote in this election on August 6th would appreciate hearing your impressions. Delegates are the rector, Brad Pettit, Barb Reeves and our alternate is Margaret Houck. Youth delegate (non-voting) is Cate Griffo.

JENNA'S MISSION TRIP

Jenna Reese, will be going on a mission trip to Kenosha, WI with the Lafayette Presbyterian church at the end of July. While on this trip she will be working with handicapped children, tutoring, preparing meals, working in a soup kitchen, and other activities.

The cost of this trip is almost \$400. It is not too late to bring cans & bottles to church to help Jenna raise the money for this important trip. A garbage can is in the Welcome Area for collection.



Monetary donations are welcomed.

Thank you

SUMMER REMINDER

While many of us enjoy a slower pace and time away at camp or traveling during the summer, the parish financial obligations continue. Pledge contribution checks can be mailed to the parish office, or dropped off during the week. Your bank may have a service, (sometimes for free!), which prints and sends a check automatically on a date you specify. Your vestry and finance committee thank you!

PEANUT BUTTER FOR CATO PACKS AND SNACKS PROGRAM



The Outreach Ministry's July and August project is to collect jars of peanut butter for Cato-Meridian School's Packs and Snacks program.

The program began five years ago when teachers noted that although some students were receiving free breakfasts and lunches during school, they did not have adequate food on weekends and during vacations.

Some of the teachers decided to start the snack program.

On Friday afternoons and before each vacation, students who are accepted by the program are given a bag of nutritious snacks.

Five years ago there were 15 students in the program; currently 50 plus students are enrolled in the program.

The cost is approximately \$600 a month with supplements from donations.

Last summer Grace Church donated over 100 jars of peanut butter.

This was much appreciated since peanut butter is a relatively high priced item, and is always in short supply.

Let's see if we can beat that number this year!

COMING SOON

We will kick off the project with a

"Peanut Butter Sundae Sunday" July 10th,

after the combined service at 9:00 A.M.

Vanilla or chocolate ice cream with chocolate sauce, peanut butter sauce, brownies, and all the trimmings will be served.

Come and Enjoy!



COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR NEW AMERICANS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the generous people of Grace who donated the following to The Center for New Americans:

23 sheet sets

14 blankets

28 towels and washcloths

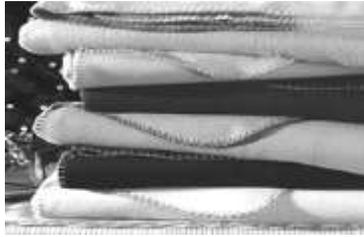
5 packs of silverware

12 tablecloths and sets of napkins

18 rugs

3 curtains

20 items of assorted kitchenware



Special thanks also to Joy Pople who counted the donations and transported them to the Center.

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY RECEIVED THIS THANK YOU NOTE FROM DARYL FILES:

Dear Friends at Grace Episcopal Church,

We are blown away with your generosity of sheets, towels and so much more. (Joy sent me a photo) Looking forward to sharing the stories with you all of our New American Friends.

With appreciation,

Daryl

Daryl Suzanne Files, Volunteer and Donor Coordinator

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Keep in mind that if you missed the collection, or if you have furniture you would like to donate, you can make arrangements with Daryl at the above email address or phone number.

2016 BRICK MEMORIALS DEADLINE AUGUST 15

Our annual service dedicating brick memorials will be September 11 at 9:00 AM.

If you would like to have an engraved brick placed at the base of our flag in memory of, thanksgiving for, or in honor of someone, please call the church office, complete the form on our web site under "NEWS", or place your hard-copy forms with \$50.00 in an envelope clearly marked "Bricks" and return to the office. Order forms are available in the foyer or outside the offices.

Thanks to all that have made this ongoing project such a success!

SUMMER SERVICES

As has been done here for a number of years, we will be moving to a single Sunday service at 9:00 AM from July 3 to September 11. The First Saturday 4:00 PM service is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts for July 2 (vacation) and August 6 (the special convention to elect the next bishop of Central New York). The Tuesday noon Holy Eucharist will resume July 26.

The Sunday service in the summer will be similar to last year. We will use worship materials from Enriching Our Worship which use expanded imagery and language. The Prayers of the People are a form adapted from our sister church, the Anglican Church in Wales. We will again be observing significant periods of meditative silence after the first reading, psalm, second reading and sermon. The silences will be introduced and concluded by a bell. Ample silences will also be incorporated into the Prayers of the People to allow all to add their own petitions, silently or aloud. I hope weather and other circumstances cooperate to allow us to have at least one summer service, probably in August, outdoors in the memorial garden.

GARDEN OF GRACE

Because of our late start this year and restrictions on tomato family vegetables due to a recent history of blight, there were no gardeners who wished to use a plot this summer. Rather than allow the area to grow weeds all summer, Ruth Frey and Joy Pople have weeded and planted the plots with miniature pumpkins, sunflowers and herbs. Zinnias were added for late summer cutting flowers. If you'd like to lend a hand with a bit of watering and weeding for these fun plants, speak to Ruth or Joy.

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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First Saturdays 4 P.M.

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