

GRACE NOTES

JANUARY 2018



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Arise, shine, for your light has come

The feast of the Epiphany on January 6th ends the 12 days of Christmas and ushers in a new liturgical season. While Advent is a season of waiting and preparation, and Christmastide is a season of celebration, Epiphany is a turning outward to the world. In Western church practice, it celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men from the east to the cradle of the Christ child in Bethlehem as recounted in St. Matthew's Gospel. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "appearing". It makes sense that Epiphany season comes right after Christmas. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus; Epiphany is about the spread of the good news to the wider world.

One tradition related to Epiphany is blessing of chalk for blessing homes at Epiphany, which we will do at the 4 Pm First Saturday Holy Eucharist on January 6th. The chalk is taken home by the faithful and used to mark a blessing over the doors of the home. The usual practice is to use the blessed chalk to write: **20+C+M+B+18**

above the doorways: 2018 is for the year and C, M, B are for the 3 Magi – traditionally named Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, (and also for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ Bless this House" in Latin).

As or after you write the inscription, either of the following prayers may be used:

Option 1

Leader The Lord be with you.

Response And also with you.

Leader Arise, shine, for your light has come and the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Response And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Leader Let us pray.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love [to each other and] to all whose lives they touch.

May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen

Option 2

Leader: May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as his children, grant us grace.

May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill us with love.

May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep us in peace.

Response: Amen!

The chalked inscription remains above the doorway until Pentecost.

THANKS FROM OUTREACH!

Thanks to all the generous parishioners who brought in family games during the month of December. Forty three games were donated and were delivered to the Baldwinsville Christmas

Bureau to be given to needy families. The volunteers at the Christmas

Bureau were delighted to receive the games since they are popular with the clients. The games were given an approximate total value of more than \$430.

Thanks again for your continuing generosity.



SAMARITAN MEAL

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, February 4th. We will need about 18 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal to about 300 guests. We will also be collecting donations to cover the cost of the meal. A member of the Outreach Committee will be available after services in January to accept donations and sign up volunteers. Persons wishing to volunteer can also do so by emailing Bob O'Brien at jrobrien6@gmail.com. Please consider joining us.

REST ETERNAL grant to Gary O'Connor O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

HELP 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 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rosemary Coyne at 315-638-4008, or leave your name and contact information with Margaret in the church office.

Thank you.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Parker Atkinson, Sandy Baker, Marcus Begg, Sally Chambers, Rosemary Coyne, Tom Coe, Frank Harper, Derk Hudson, Jane Jacobs, Adelyn Sellers, Barb Simpson, Gordon Tall, Ray Vescera

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all the wonderful members of our Grace Church family.

The Cookie Walk was a resounding success. The community continues to show its boundless, enthusiastic support... the lines were long the boxes full!. Many compliments about quality & execution have come our way.



Bless you all for all your efforts.

Barb Reeves

FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST resumes January 6th at 4:00 P.M. Join us for this informal kid and adult-friendly service.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH will be held Sunday, January 21st following a 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist. **All Reports** due to the parish office by Monday, January 8th.

FROM THE PAST

From *Baldwinsville's Own Cook Book* by Women's Auxiliary
Grace Episcopal Church, published 1993

Snowflake Cake

Ms. Connie McClaude

3 eggs	2 c. sugar
2 c. flour	2 egg whites
1/2 c. butter	1/2 c. milk
1/2 tsp. baking soda	1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. vanilla	1 c. coconut, shredded



Cream together butter and 2 1/2 cups sugar, gradually add whole eggs one at a time. Add flour, baking soda, vanilla and milk. Beat about 2 minutes. Pour into a jelly cake tin or 2 (8-inch) cake pans; pans should be greased and floured. Bake at 350° until done, about 30 minutes. Test with pick. Cool 10 minutes, remove from pans.

Frosting: Beat together egg whites, 1/2 cup sugar and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Frost cooled cakes and sprinkle with coconut.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION

December 9th, (one week after Cookie Walk!), Grace Church was again full of people as we welcomed the Diocesan Confirmation service. It was Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe's first diocesan confirmation and first visit to Grace since her consecration a year ago. Connor Hamilton of this parish was confirmed, along with twenty-seven people from nine other churches in the Diocese of Central New York. A lovely reception followed the service. Thanks to all who helped make this a welcoming event for the confirmands, their families and clergy, and our new bishop, and congratulations to Connor!



Photo by DJ Iglesias

PARISH LIFE REPORT

Thank you to all who participated in the various Parish Life activities held throughout the year. We appreciate your support and are always open to suggestions for events you might like to see happen.

Our next event is the ever popular **January Cook-Off** on **Saturday, January 20, 2018**.

The theme for this much anticipated event is **International Foods**. Celebrate your heritage, recreate your grandmother's favorite recipe, choose a dish from some exotic place or somewhere you'd like to visit. **All are welcome to participate as chefs or tasters**.

There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Area.

2018 VESTRY BIOS

VESTRY MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM: BIOGRAPHY FOR LINDA SAVACOOOL:

I reside in Liverpool and has been members of Grace Church for over 30 years. I have three adult children, who all served as acolytes during their years at Grace. I have been an active member of Parish Life and the Cookie Walk Committee. I have served twice before on vestry.

VESTRY MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM: BIOGRAPHY FOR JEANNIE LAMERE:

My husband, Tom, and I have been members at Grace for over 30 years. We have three grown children, Amber, Courtney and Keagan, that were all baptized at Grace and grew up with the youth programs that Grace provided. I taught Church school classes to high school students and then for the junior and middle school students for many years. I have served and continue to serve as a Parish life member and officer helping to plan for the social needs of our church, served as Vestry clerk, been a part of the Cookie Walk committee since its' conception, worked on a search committee, receptions and worked on the Chicken Barbeque committee since being a member at Grace. I look forward to serving as a member of Vestry.

VESTRY MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM: BIOGRAPHY FOR PHYLLIS BROWN:

I joined Grace in 1973 when I moved to Baldwinsville. My three sons were baptized at Grace and two were confirmed here at Grace. I did the nursery for two years, and taught Sunday School for six or eight years. I was on Parish Council and Altar Guild for 20 years. I have done many things for Grace over the years but tapered off when I went to work full time as well as going to college at the same time. I have a MSW and worked as Director of Social Services at Loretto-Oswego. I am now retired.

RESOLUTION

Proposed modification to the By-Laws of Grace Episcopal Church, Baldwinsville, New York to reduce the number of Vestry Members from 9 to 6.

By NYS law, this resolution to amend the by-laws requires passage twice by a parish meeting before it goes into effect. The following resolution was passed by the Vestry at its regular meeting on December 28, 2016, and by the Parish Annual Meeting on January 22, 2016. If passed again at the January 2018 meeting, it will be effective for the January 2019 election.

WHEREAS

for a number of years there has been chronic difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of qualified and able vestry candidates, and

Whereas the available volunteer resources of the parish might be better distributed across the various ministries of the parish, rather than concentrated in the vestry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Article IV Section 3 of the By-Laws of Grace Episcopal Church be amended to read:

At each annual Meeting there shall be elected for their regular terms of two (2) and three (3) years respectively, one (1) Warden and **two (2)** Vestry members. In the event that any Warden or Vestry member is elected to serve an un-expired term, that term shall expire at the same date as that of the person originally elected to such office, and whom he or she succeeded.

And Article V Section 1 be amended to read:

The Vestry shall be composed of the Rector, two (2) Wardens and **six (6)** Vestry members.

DID YOU KNOW WHAT THE GUYS HAVE BEEN DOING:?

Polishing the flooring in the Welcome Area.

Moving the thermostat in the Head Start area so the children are warmer.

Equipping the china cabinet in the parlor with lodes so we can display historical items.

Bringing decorations down from attics for Cookie Walk and Christmas so the building looked festive for the Cookie Walk, Confirmation and Christmas.

Investigating drainage issues next to the church

Making cookies for Cookie Walk!

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

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HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY SERVICES 8 & 10:30 A.M.

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FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST 4 P.M.