

GRACE NOTES

SUMMER 2018



Grace Softball

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Six hundred years ago in the city of Norwich, England lived a woman called Julian. At the age of about 30, Julian experienced a grave illness, so grave in fact, that it was presumed she would die. As the priest administered Last Rites, a crucifix was held over her sickbed and Julian saw the figure on the cross begin to bleed. What followed was a series of sixteen visions of Jesus. She recovered, became an anchoress (living in a cell connected to the church, and spending her time in prayer) and wrote about her visions in what was titled *Revelations of Divine Love*. Some twenty or thirty years later, Julian wrote a much longer revision exploring the theology and meaning of these visions. In it she said that Jesus told her in her vision that sin was 'behovely', (a word which means something like 'necessary', 'expedient', or 'fitting'), because it brings people to the knowledge of their need for God. She compares God's love that of a mother for her child, and that God sees us as perfect and waits for the time when human souls mature so that evil no longer hinders us.



Julian lived during a grim period of history, including epidemics of the plague called the Black Death. Scholars speculate that she may have lost her entire family to the plague, and therefore become an anchoress. Life was difficult during the period, with the Hundred Years' War, the Peasants' Revolt, and the usurpation of the throne by Henry the 4th. Trials of heretics during this period resulted in executions in sometimes nasty ways. Yet Julian's writing is full of joy. She writes that God can draw good even from evil, and that Jesus told her that if we but trust in him, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".

In the midst of difficulties, discouragement, divisions and challenges in our lives and the lives of those around us, may we heed Dame Julian's revelation from Jesus, "All shall be well." if we trust and follow him.

Cathy+

MISSION TRIP

Jenna is still collecting bottles and cans for her mission trip to Houston, Texas on July 8th thru July 14th. She will be going to a work camp which means doing more construction work and hurricane relief. Grace has supported Jenna with her last two trips and needs help with this trip too.



We are collecting monetary donations, and 5 cents cans & bottles in the Welcome Area. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

ANOTHER PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAE SUNDAY ON JULY 1!

This year the Outreach Ministry will again be collecting 16-ounce jars of peanut butter for a local Packs and Snacks program for needy children. We will kick off the project with a "Peanut Butter Sundae Sunday" on July 1st, after the combined service.



We will be serving vanilla and chocolate ice cream with hot fudge sauce, peanut butter sauce, and all the trimmings, as well as coffee and fresh fruit.



DO YOU HAVE IDEAS that will get Grace Church's name out in the community, or ways to get people into church on Sunday? Well this is the committee for you. We are so new we do not have an official name, meeting date or time. We are looking for anyone, whether you are new to the parish or have been here for decades. If interested please contact Stacey Wolf at swolf25@twcny.rr.com, Carla Smith at bcmbcc@hotmail.com or the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS DAN WIEMERS & ROSE MERCER

Congratulations to Dan on being Trail Guide of 2017 for Beaver Lake and to Rose for a perfect score on her Global regents exam.

CHICKEN BBQ

Wow! We sold out! I can't thank everyone enough for all the help before, during and after the BBQ, but I will try!

Thank you pit and potato crew, kitchen crew, line servers, runners, drive thru workers, cashiers, accountants, brownie cookers, ticket sellers, donators, sign placers, cleaner uppers, and...chicken eaters!

Around 1,000 chicken halves were sold raising a little over \$10,000. After expenses the BBQ should have a profit of over \$5,000!



The BBQ was a very successful fundraiser for the parish, but it is also an example of what can be accomplished when we pull together as a parish toward a common goal. Keep the FAITH!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You,
Allen Wolf



WELCOME ABOARD!

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Luncheon Cruise on Skaneateles Lake

Buffet Provided by The Sherwood Inn

Noon – 2:00 P.M.

Please arrive at the Park Pavilion

between 11:30 & NO Later than 11:45

Your Payment of \$36.00 per person is due by July 1, 2018

If paying by check please indicate "Luncheon Cruise" on the memo line!

PARISH LIFE NEWS:

Save the Dates:

Sunday, September 30, 2018 - Sub Sunday

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - Trivia Night

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - Wine Tasting

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - Senior Harvest Dinner

FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS

Donate to the flower fund for Sunday decorations in remembrance or in thanksgiving! These remembrances and thanksgivings are acknowledged in *This Week at Grace* and the Prayers of the People. Usually one arrangement will be available to take home after the 10:30 A.M. service. (Note that in Advent, decorations are evergreens, and in Lent no flowers are used) Sponsoring flowers is \$30 per Sunday and two families can sign up for each week. Contact the office or go to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.

COULD YOU USE SOME HELP?

Your family at Grace Church is here for you. If you are temporarily in need of help such as meals delivered or rides to doctors appointments, please call the church office and let us know.

HOMEcoming TO GRACE will be held Sunday, September 9th, with one service at 9 A.M. in the memorial garden, weather permitting. The service will include the brick dedication with a brunch following the service. Parish Life has the menu planned and will provide a sign up for menu donations from Parishioners.

HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE VESTRY MEETING

- * Heard from guests concerning additional suggestions for balancing the 2018 budget.
- * It was decided to have a full-bore stewardship campaign this year, something that that has not been done for several years.
- * Two new members, Jan and John Heisler, joined the Memorials Committee.
- * Action was deferred on the new water softener system because a second bid has been received.
- * Blaine Fleming had previously made an offer to match any gift given to offset the budget deficit. A gift of \$1000.00 has been received, and the offer is still open.
- * A special Vestry meeting will be held on July 11th to discuss the suggestions that have been made for reducing the current budget deficit and finding ways to increase income and limit expenses to prevent future deficits.

SUMMER SERVICES

As has been done here for a number of years, we will be moving to a single Sunday service at 9 A.M. from July 1 to September 9. The First Saturday 4 P.M. service will be on hiatus as well. The Tuesday noon Holy Eucharist will continue except during Mother Cathy's vacation.

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.

NEXT GRACE NOTES

Our next issues of Grace Notes will go out the last week in August. Please have any articles in the office by Monday, August 20th.

JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

Nancy & Tom Fredette, Eric & Kathy Merson, Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer, Bob & Betty Johnson, Bruce & Nancy Haney, Tom & Jeannie LaMere

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mark Baker, Mark Dengler, Asher Atkinson, Ken Divers, Jill Ferrari, Bruce Lewis, Margaret Gibbs, Leslie Harper, Bob Johnson, Doug McCall, Bill Mercer, John Rogers, Abigail Warner, Joy Pople, Mason Renfrew, Gwen Mercer, Herbert Curtis, Cathy Carpenter, Nancy Fredette, Cliff Gale, Barb Reeves, Edith Rogers, Lou Santy, Rowen Warner, Nancy Haney and Allen Wolf.

REST ETERNAL grant to Gladys Anna Stevenson, Kristian Hansen O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

CONGRATULATIONS to our acolytes receiving new crosses or cords: Cate Griffo, Jenna Reese, Emma Wolf and to our graduating acolyte Austin Wolf.

SAMARITAN MEAL

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, September 30th.



2017 BRICK MEMORIALS DEADLINE AUGUST 13

Our annual service dedicating brick memorials will be September 9 at 9:00 A.M.

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 "Contact", "Parish Forms" 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 Welcome Area or outside the offices.

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!

NEW BEGINNINGS WEEKEND

New Beginnings is a FREE summer retreat weekend for grades 6 to 8, featuring friendship, spiritual and recreational activities and faith-centered conversation just for middle-schoolers. This retreat will be held at White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton. The dates are Thursday, July 19th at 4 P.M. until Saturday, July 21st at 4 P.M.

GENERAL CONVENTION, AUSTIN TX JULY 5-13

Ever wonder how the Episcopal Church is governed? The General Convention is the governing body of the Episcopal Church made up of the House of Deputies, which has more than 800 lay and clergy members, and the House of Bishops, which is comprised of nearly 300 active and retired bishops. The Convention meets every three years and has the authority to amend the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; adopt the budget for the church for the next three years; authorize liturgical texts and amend the Book of Common Prayer; adopt communions and covenants with other churches; set qualifications for orders of ministry and office-holders; elect officers of the General Convention, the Executive Council, and members of boards; and delegate responsibilities to the interim bodies of the Episcopal Church.

Learn more, watch videos, read the reports or follow the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church here: <https://www.generalconvention.org/>

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



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