

GRACE NOTES

OCTOBER 2018



September Samaritan Meal

OUTREACH LION'S CLUB GLASSES AND HEARING AID COLLECTION

Thanks so much to all those who brought in eyeglasses and hearing aids during our June collection. The Lions Club coordinates with the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center to provide a vision referral program to provide eye exams and corrective lenses to children within the Baldwinsville School District. Our recycled glasses will help with providing eyeglasses for this program and others run by the Lions Club.



This is an ongoing collection. Anyone wishing to donate glasses or hearing aids in the future can bring them to the Baldwinsville library or The Baldwinsville Volunteer Center, located at 2 Mechanic Street. Thanks again!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS service at 4 p.m. October 7th followed by a reception for two and our four - legged friends.



COOKIE FLOODING

The Cookie Walk is coming soon and we want to flood the tables with thousands of delicious cookies. No, wait...that's not what cookie flooding means (although that is certainly a desired outcome)!



Cookie Flooding is a technique to create decorative icing on cut-out sugar cookies:

We are fortunate to have a BOCES instructor coming to our parish on Wednesday, October 17th to teach this technique. The class will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Undercroft.

There is a sign-up sheet and supply list in the Welcome Area. The cost of the class is \$30 (discounted from the normal \$40 rate). Deadline for sign-up is October 7th.

For more information or to sign up, contact Roxanne Parmele (roxparmele@twcny.rr.com or 315-415-7930).

THE 13TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

Christmas decorations are filling the stores, so that means it's almost Cookie Walk time!

Our callers will be contacting you to bake your delicious and festive holiday specialties. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the parish, and we need many cookies and volunteers to make it successful.

If you do not bake, please consider a donation or the wonderful gift of time and/or talent to help with preparations.

Join us for this fun event that many people in our community look forward to each year.

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

For more information, contact Roxanne Parmele (roxparmele@twcny.rr.com) or Kelly Hamilton (khamiltoncoach@gmail.com).

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Free: Wine tasting event to be held at Liquor Wine & Moonshine, 904 State Fair Blvd, in Lakeland (next to Bella Bakery) to be held Sunday, October 28th from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sponsored by Parish Life. Sign-up sheet in the foyer to give owner an idea of number of people.



SENIOR HARVEST DINNER

Parish Life Ministry & Volunteer Ministry are working together to present a delish dinner; as well as the *Recognition of ALL Volunteers*, here at Grace Episcopal Church. We have some special things planned. You don't want to miss this special event!



Please plan on attending, November 11th at 11:45 a.m. Invitations will go out soon!

If you have any questions, please call Margaret in the office at 315-635-3214.

SAVE THESE PARISH LIFE DATES

Sunday, October 28, Wine Tasting

Sunday, November 1, Sr. Harvest Dinner

Postponed - October 13, Trivia Night

SEPTEMBER VESTRY POINTS

- ◆ The ongoing "Bottle and Can" donations will continue with a sign-up sheet for monthly delivery of cans & bottles for cash refund.
- ◆ Our Stewardship campaign, "Transforming generosity with Grace" will begin. Grace Sunday is November 11.
- ◆ It was decided that 10% of the Cookie Walk 2018 proceeds will be donated to the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau. So many of our supports of this even have close ties with this organization.
- ◆ Snowplowing contract has been let to NE Landscape, our vendor from last year.
- ◆ The Sidewalk repair has been completer.
- ◆ Annual Audit has been completed.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in putting together six baskets filled with all the makings of a Thanksgiving Feast for six needy families. Below is a list of items we would like to include in each family's basket. Just print your name and phone number next to the item or items you would like to donate and bring the item to the welcoming area by November 11th. Thanks for your generosity!

20 lb. turkey	3 cans corn	3 packages of rolls
Bag of Stuffing	1 can cranberry sauce	Bag of potatoes
2 jars turkey gravy	Bag of apples	1 can olives
1 jar pickles, and/or other relishes		
Family size frozen pumpkin or other pie		
\$10.00 gift cards to a local supermarket		

PEANUT BUTTER!

Thanks to your generosity, the Outreach Ministry was able to deliver over 100 jars of peanut to needy students in the Cato –Meridian school district. These, along with other healthy snacks, will go to the children on weekends and school vacations when they will not receive meals at school. This is part of Cato-Meridian's backpack program run by teacher volunteers. They were very happy with our donation since peanut butter is one of the higher-priced items they need for the children. Thank you!!



TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS AT GRACE CHURCH,

We were very surprised and honored by the special recognition that we received on Sunday, September 8th. The Bishop's letter and the lovely plaque will be great keepsakes, and the brick will stay to remind you of us. Since 1970 Grace has been our church home and its people have been our family -- a source of spiritual and emotional support, fun, and friendship. It was a great place to raise our children, who are now setting a similar example of faithful attendance and service for their children. We have given a great deal of time and effort to the church over the years, and we have benefited in equal measure. Many thanks.



Love,
Bruce and Nancy

SAMARITAN MEAL SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

On Sunday September 30th volunteers from Grace made our final visit of the year to the Samaritan Center in Syracuse. A meal of Sloppy Joes, corn, salad, bananas and cookies was prepared and served to 332 guests.

The following Grace Church members gave up part of their Sunday afternoon to serve those less fortunate than themselves; Dan and Carla Wiemers, Elaine Ceresko, Nancy Fradette, Laura Moreau, Bob and Joan O'Brien, Sue and Skeet Allen, Mother Cathy and her husband Jon, Rosemary and Peter Coyne, Erik and Cathy Mersen, Bruce and Nancy Haney, and Wendi and Jenna Reese. Five volunteers from other organizations also helped.

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, February 3rd, 2019. Please consider joining us.



FOR THE DOGS

This morning, a complete stranger walked briskly into the parish office carrying a large bag of old clean blankets. Margaret and I thanked her, and as she headed out the door she called back, “They’re for the dogs”. She had, it seems, read about our “Pet Project” in the Baldwinsville Messenger and wanted to contribute.

Last Sunday at Samaritan Center a little girl looked hopefully at the plates I delivered to their table and asked “Sloppy Joe?”. I told her my friend Bob and his helpers make very good sloppy joe. As I returned to the table with more plates, she was informing her grandmother, “It’s good sloppy joe. Her friend Bob made it”.

A week ago at the request of the co-chairs, your vestry approved a tithe—10% of the December Cookie Walk proceeds to be donated to the Christmas Bureau.

Recently a grandmother needed help with the security deposit on a new place to live with some of her grandkids. The rector’s discretionary fund was able to help.

About two dozen elders living at Syracuse Home assemble to celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday afternoon once a month with people from Grace Church.

Hearing that funds were a bit short for a youth mission trip, the vestry passed the hat to help make up the difference.

On the last Sunday of the summer peanut butter for school kids project, an individual, hearing that we were short of our goal, asked if they could deliver the entire difference on Monday morning.

Before the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) effort was announced in church, a couple of people had already asked me about contributing to flood relief for the Carolinas after Hurricane Florence.

Grieving families—and their friends and guests, are often astonished that Grace Church has a reception after almost every funeral held here. And inevitably I hear how struck they are by the beauty of the church and the service.

When I attend meetings of the Board of the Foundation of the Diocese of Central New York, we review applications for grant or loan funding from around the diocese. I’ve learned that many parishes lack the kind of in-house expertise and dedication our property folks here at Grace.

Head Start children will soon enjoy their very own mini-pumpkins from our Garden of Grace. The kids helped plant before summer vacation, and thanks to Grace gardeners and PEACE teachers, the garden has flourished and provided a bounty of vegetables, flowers, and beauty.

These are just a few of the things that are made possible by your generosity, care and concern for others. You give not only for the dogs, but the very life of the world. I am profoundly grateful to serve as priest in this place.

Cathy+

BOTTLE AND CAN REDEMPTION

Bring your bottles and cans! We are now recycling year-round. Look for a sign-up sheet to be the monthly “recycler” for the items collected here that need to be taken for refund. We are also looking into having a couple of designated recyclers who will allow folks who bring recycling directly there to designate the refund for Grace Church.



NINE-FIFTEEN FORUM

9:15 a.m. Sundays and 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays following the noon Holy Eucharist. Join us for *Ways to Pray*, a series on methods of prayer including rosary, Anglican rosary, the Jesus prayer, praying with art, *lectio divina* and more.



HOLY EUCHARIST
Sundays - 8 & 10:30 a.m.
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Tuesdays - 12 Noon
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First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4 p.m.

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