

GRACE NOTES

SUMMER 2019

PARISH LIFE EVENTS

Future Events:

July 17 – Community Concert & Ice Cream Social

August 10 – Trunk & Treasure Sale

September 15 – Brick Dedication and Brunch

October – Romulus Deer Trip

November 3 – Indoor Clean-up Day following a 9 a.m. service

November 11 – Senior Harvest Dinner

December 7 – Cookie Walk



GRADUATION BREAKFAST

Grace celebrated our 2019 graduates on June 16 with a cake between services. Congratulations to Cate Griffo who will be attending the University of Pittsburg in Bradford, PA; and to Connor Hamilton who will attend Nazareth College in Rochester.

THE LCI GROUP

The Learning Communities Initiative group has installed a prayer mailbox in front of the church. The purpose is to engage the community by offering them prayers. Public prayer requests will be read during the prayers of the people on Sunday mornings and private prayer requests will be prayed by individuals. This is our first action learning experiment. It is a way for us to listen to the needs of the community around us and pray for them. Our goal is to continue our experiment through the end of September. Once we establish the prayer routine we will be looking for volunteers to read the community prayers on Sunday.



Summertime!

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. *Adonia*, Ivan Kupala Day, St. John's Eve. *Gŵyl Ifan*. *Midsommar*, Solstice.

This day...

...if a maiden picks seven flowers in silence, and places them under her pillow, she will dream of her future spouse.

...at Fairbanks Alaska, the Midnight Sun baseball game is played by natural light beginning at 10:30 p.m.

...medicinal plants gathered are said to be particularly effective.

...is the setting of William Shakespeare's popular play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

...festivals involving striking others with a leek are practiced in Portugal.

Celebrations of the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere have occurred since the Stone Age. Christianity celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, one of only two major "birthday" feasts (the other is Christmas), but the celebration long pre-dates even St. John himself. Something about the longest day, with the most daylight, marking the beginning of summer, prompts people to celebrate.

And we do indeed celebrate! This is the time of year when we have recognized our maturing young acolytes, acknowledged the accomplishments of graduating students, concluded our formation program year, and bid adieu until the fall to Head Start children. Our office hours are reduced to mornings, and we move to a single Sunday service. But even as we take a break from many activities, we take on some new ones. Summer weather and easier schedules for many people allow time for special efforts to enhance, refurbish and repair our church property, to get out and get to know our neighbors, to invite them to join us for worship, to spend some time thinking and planning, and of course, to take some Sabbath rest and vacation travel.

This summer, keep an eye out for the different summer projects that are happening, including our Community Band Concert, Prayer Mailbox, Garden of Grace, leading worship for Church on the Island, refurbishing our sign, re-roofing the shed, and more. I hope that when you are in town, you will come and see your Grace Church friends and all the things that are happening here, and when you are away, that you will find refreshment and celebration of God's goodness in creation and in your own soul.

See you in church!

Cathy +

BALDWINSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Baldwinsville Community Band will perform a one-hour concert at Grace on Wednesday, July 17th, starting at 7 p.m. The concert is scheduled to be outdoors, so please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the band will perform in the church. The band will play a variety of music – something for everyone! Feel free to bring family and friends.



Ice cream sundaes will be served after you've enjoyed the concert.

PLEASE NOTE

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday September 8th. Volunteers are needed.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is more than your pledge to Grace Church in October. Stewardship is a year-round thing. Follow the thread on Sundays in the bulletin and we will try to show why and how.

Stewardship extends to

- * social justice,
- * economic justice,
- * environmental justice
- * In fact,



Stewardship extends to all systems and environments God has entrusted to us.

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline

- * *Just like athletes have training regimens, people of faith need spiritual disciplines to strengthen their relationship with God.*
- * Spiritual disciplines give us practice at being differently in the world - at being more like Jesus, and more like the people God designed us to be.

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Stewardship committee.

GARDEN OF GRACE



JUNE VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Appointed Stacey Wolf as Vestry Clerk for the remainder of 2019
- ◆ Received an update from Allen Wolf on the Learning Communities Initiative. While many great ideas have come from this program, Allen indicated that there has been very little participation from our Grace family.
- ◆ Discussed several fundraising ideas and approved a “Trunk & Treasure Sale” event for August. Also, we will be implementing a fee for high school student parking. The fee will not apply to active student members of Grace.
- ◆ Stacey Wolf updated the Vestry on what has been done by the Grace in Community Ministry. (Signs, Mailbox for Prayer Requests and Grace Episcopal pens to distribute around the community).
- ◆ Brad Pettit attended a Stewardship Workshop and filled the Vestry in on how we need to make this a year-round project.
- ◆ Mo. Cathy updated the Vestry on potential outreach opportunities through local organizations she has been actively involved with (Baldwinsville Faith Communities and Baldwinsville Community Strategic Planning).

SUMMER OUTREACH PROJECT



Another "Peanut Butter Sundae Sunday"!

Last year the Outreach Ministry's summer project was to collect jars of peanut butter for Cato-Meridian School's Packs and Snacks program. The program began four 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, which was modeled after one in Southern Cayuga County. On Friday afternoons and before each vacation, students who are accepted by the program are given a bag of nutritious snacks. Four years ago there were 15 students in the program; currently over 65 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.

This year we will collect 16-ounce jars of peanut butter for Cato's Packs and Snacks program during the months of **July and August**. This year, **July 14** is designated as "Peanut Butter Sundae Sunday." After the combined service, we will be serving vanilla or chocolate ice cream with chocolate sauce, peanut butter sauce, and all the trimmings. Come and enjoy and don't forget to pick up a couple of extra jars of peanut butter to bring to church anytime during the months of July and August. Thanks!



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

New Beginnings Youth Retreat is a FREE summer retreat weekend for youth entering grades 6 to 8 at the White Eagle Camp & Conference Center in Hamilton. Explore your relationship with your peers, family, friends, self, and God in small groups led by adults and high-school-age students. If you are an adult or young person entering grades 9 and above, please sign up here to serve as a Team member, providing hospitality, support, and leadership for the New Beginnings retreat! Please register on the website by Thursday, July 18th. There is no cost to attend this retreat. In addition to registering, all participants and Team members under the age of 18 must also complete, print, and bring to the event a medical release form (available at cnyepiscopal.org/medical-release). Drop-off: Thursday, July 25th at 4 p.m. (Team, please arrive at 1 p.m.) Pick-up: Saturday, July 27th at 4:00 p.m. Questions about this event may be directed to Tory and Kristen Blum, Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at (607) 743-9229 or tblum@cnyepiscopal.org.



GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

TRUNK AND TREASURE SALE

Do you have things you've been hanging on to forever and have finally decided you need to get rid of them? Or maybe, you are downsizing and still have too much stuff? Or you have just a few things but enough to fill a car trunk full? Then we have just the answer. Grace Church will be holding a trunk and treasure sale to help you unload! On August 10, 2019 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. in Grace Church parking lot for a minimal cost of \$20/space, bring your car load of "treasures" to sell. Preregistration is suggested to secure your space but if you decide to do it the day of the event, it will cost you only \$5 more (\$25), that is, providing there is still space available. Your advance registration must be received with payment no later than August 7th. A modest lunch and beverages will be available for purchase. For additional information, contact Jeannie LaMere @ 315-635-6398 or Sandy Spitler @ 315-638-4064.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BBQ



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Happy 4th of July!



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HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays - 9 a.m.

July 1—September 15