

GRACE NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2019

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS:

September 15 — Brick Dedication and Brunch following

October — Romulus White Deer Trip

November 3 — 9 A.M. Holy Eucharist

November 3 — Indoor Clean-up Day with lunch

November 11 — Senior Harvest Dinner

November 17 — Grace Sunday

November 24 — Cookie Decorating

December 7 — Annual Cookie Walk



COOKIE WALK IS COMING!

We will have our organizational meeting on September 22 at 9:15 a.m. in the undercroft meeting room. The Cookie Walk is one of our largest fundraisers for the parish, so feel free to come to the meeting with ideas on how we can make it even better! We would love to have new people on the committee – please join us!

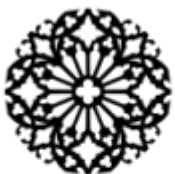
BRUNCH FOLLOWING BRICK CEREMONY

A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Area for food items needed for brunch following the brick ceremony on September 15. Please join us even if you are unable to bring anything.



ALTAR GUILD

There will be an altar guild meeting on October 26 at 9 a.m. If you are interested in joining altar guild contact Susan Allen.



DIOCESAN NEWS

To receive news from around the diocese, go the diocesan website to sign up:
messenger@cnyepiscopal.org

REST ETERNAL grant to Marge Ingalls O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

How I spent my Summer

Remember the first essay of the new school year? The one about how you spent your summer? Those sneaky teachers used a topic which might excite some enthusiasm in order to ease kids back into the routine of school and writing, evaluate their new students' writing skills, find out what they might have learned over the summer, and, when the essays were read aloud, provide a "getting to know you" exercise for the whole class.

I can't claim to achieve four or more objectives in one essay, but I wanted to share some of my summer doings with you. In July I attended the College for Congregational Development in the Diocese of Rochester, along with several other Diocese of Central New York colleagues. The College is a comprehensive training program to nurture and develop congregational development practitioners from within existing parish lay and clergy leadership. It was started in the Diocese of Olympia in 2009, and has spread to several other dioceses. The college consists of two summer week-long programs, with projects, reading and study in the intervening time. (A new alternative includes four weekends per academic year for two years).

From Sunday through Saturday we had daily plenary sessions and small group work. Much of the week was spent learning and practicing application of seven models, six change processes and practicing facilitation skills and tools. The models are lenses – useful ways of looking at and assessing individual congregations. Each congregation is unique, but all are similar in every Christian congregation exists to be the body of Christ, to create and renew the people there who in turn, work to create and renew the world which is, we believe, in the process of becoming God's own realm. How this is done depends on the context of the congregation. Each congregation, no matter how large or small, will have areas of strength and areas that are not as fully formed. The models allow us to consider the character of the congregation and context, the values unique to it, and areas for potential growth and transformation. The change processes outline how organizational change occurs and provide a guide for those changes.

There is an opportunity for you too, to learn more about one of these models. Free workshops are being offered beginning September 10 at the times and locations listed below to learn about the Gather – Transform – Send model. Anyone may attend in person or online. Register on the diocesan website <https://cnyepiscopal.org>.

During the academic year I need to complete two projects for the College. I will be asking the help of one or two committees and individuals to complete these projects. I believe that what we learn through this process will be very helpful and will give us some common understandings for our ongoing work together. And thank you in advance for your help!

Cathy +

"Gather-Transform-Send" workshops. Register at <https://cnyepiscopal.org> }

Rome: Tuesday, September 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Zion Episcopal Church

140 West Liberty Street, Rome

Binghamton: Wednesday, September 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

10 Henry Street, Binghamton

Auburn: Tuesday, September 24, 2-4 p.m.

Church of Ss. Peter & John

169 Genesee Street, Auburn

Watertown: Thursday, September 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

227 Sherman Street, Watertown

Elmira: Tuesday, October 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

304 North Main Street, Elmira

Webinar/Liverpool: Wednesday, October 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

via Zoom webinar (<https://zoom.us/j/724852981>) or

attend in-person at the diocesan office (limited to 10 individuals)

1020 7th North Street, Liverpool



"THE WOODPECKER MIGHT HAVE TO GO!"

BEST WISHES to Margaret Houck as she completes her work as Grace Church's Office Manager on September 19!

Margaret was one of the first few people with whom I corresponded before I moved to Baldwinsville. When I arrived, I was devastated to find that Margaret was away! I rattled around the office for a few days, reading notes left for me by Mother Kathy Corley, and trying to figure out where the light switches were located. It was only upon Margaret's return, that I could *really* get going.

As I found out then, not much happens around here without Margaret being somehow involved. She has been not only the office manager, but the institutional memory of Grace Church for a long time, and I suspect we won't really understand how much she has done for us until she is no longer here as the voice on the phone, or email or note. I will miss her both as a colleague and friend, as I'm sure many will.

We have begun a search for a new parish administrator and hope to hire Margaret's successor soon. Please be patient both in the meantime and while the new person begins. Margaret is a tough act to follow!

JULY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Vestry approved a transfer of 20K from our Key Bank Money Market account to a Key Bank 11-month CD with an interest rate of 2.20% at the suggestion of our Treasurer.
- ◆ The updated figures for the Chicken BBQ reflect a NET Profit of \$6,394.06.
- ◆ Continued fundraising discussions. Cancelled/Postponed the “Trunk & Treasure Sale” event for August due to lack of participation. Vestry will try to do this again in the Spring of 2020.
- ◆ Vestry voted to move all of our Unified Investments through the Diocese to “long term” investments for a potentially higher rate of return on our money.
- ◆ Building Use Agreements have been completed with our Knitters and Spinners.
- ◆ Mo. Cathy updated the Vestry on her week at the Congregational Development Retreat in Canandaigua at the Notre Dame Retreat House.

AUGUST VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ We are in good financial condition.
- ◆ Our annual audit is completed.
- ◆ There will soon be a new and safer ladder for use inside the church.



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To stay current with what's going on, subscribe to Grace's email news. From our website click "News", scroll to the bottom of the column, and click on the church sketch. Provide your information, and be sure to reply to the email verification--registering is a two-step process. Unsubscribing is easy, just click the notice at the bottom of any email we've sent you. Contact the parish office with questions.

NINE FIFTEEN/TUESDAY FORUM Beginning September 29 & October 1. The Challenge of Jesus video series with Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan. View and discuss Dr. Crossan's exploration of the matrix of Jesus' unique time and place. Learn about the multi-faceted connections between Greece, Rome, and the Jews that shape our understanding of Jesus today. Sundays at 9:15 a.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room on the lower level.



Prayer Mailbox

Prayer requests that have been put in our new prayer mailbox will be read during the Prayers of the People. Please keep the needs of our neighbors in your prayers.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Our September collection culminates with a Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m., Sunday, October 6 at Grace Church. You can bring in your pets, or pictures of them, for a blessing, followed by treats for pets and their humans.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

“Pet Project” To Benefit HumaneCNY

HumaneCNY is an animal shelter located in Liverpool, which seeks to better our community through kindness to animals.

Their mission: To provide our community with an animal shelter that shows compassion and respect for life by following a no-kill philosophy and by striving to provide the cats and dogs entrusted to their care with permanent, loving homes. They have been the advocate and caretaker of homeless cats and dogs since 1966.

HumaneCNY is now back into their newly renovated building at 4915 Taft Road. While the shelter was being renovated, they adopted out nearly 500 animals from their small temporary shelter. Now that the renovation is complete, they hope to adopt out many more animals than ever before. But they need our help with their “Stock the Shelter” campaign. This year during the month of September, Outreach is again asking parishioners to bring in any of the following:

- Trash bags
- Cat litter
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Bleach and cleaning supplies
- Baby wipes
- Cat food, wet or dry
- Dog food, wet or dry
- Leashes and collars
- Pet toys
- Used but clean blankets and towels



GARDEN OF GRACE

As you can see from these pictures, the garden behind the church has been growing nicely. Thanks to Sam Raponi of PEACE and Joy Pople, Ruth Frey and a couple of others from Grace Outreach, the gardens have been tended and watered all summer. Head Start children were able to harvest some peas, radishes and lettuce before summer vacation. Joy has also taken some produce to the Baldwinsville Fool Pantry. The tomato and squash plants are continuing to produce and we also hope to have some miniature pumpkins to give to the Head Start children when they come back in September.



A THANK YOU FROM THE JOHNSON'S

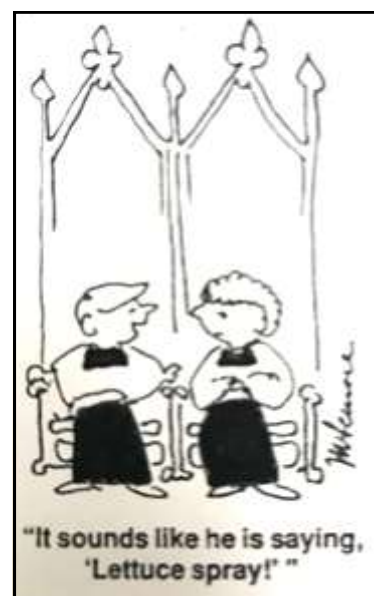
Dear friends at Grace,

Bob joins me in thanking you all for your prayers, cards, flowers, and your loyal assistance in helping us for the past many months. The food dishes were always deeply appreciated. I especially want to thank those who gave us needed help at a short notice. Words fail me to tell you just how much we appreciate all you have done for us.

We thank you for the church service acknowledgement of our 65th wedding anniversary. The flowers are beautiful and we are enjoying them.

We miss being active members of Grace and miss seeing you all. Grace has always been a wonderful church family.

Fondly,
Betty





THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for your support and friendship over these past 20 years serving as parish secretary. It has been a joy to minister with you and you will continue to be in my heart as I venture into the next step in my life.

Margaret

SAMARITAN MEAL

Our last Samaritan Meal for 2019 is next Sunday, September 8. We need volunteers to help prepare, serve & clean up after the meal.



COFFEE HOUR HOST!

Make and serve coffee, a cold drink and treats after the 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist services. Can't do it alone? Ask a friend to help or call the parish office. Signup in the Welcome Area at the church entrance.

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. Flowers 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 \$40 per Sunday and two families can sign up for each week. Contact the office or go to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.



Website: GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Tel: 315 635 3214

110 Oswego Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

HOLY EUCHARIST

Starting September 22

Sundays - 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays - 12 Noon

First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4 p.m.



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