



MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

Strange Faith, Generous Faith

What peculiar, anxious, difficult times! This year has been a strange and wild journey, and we aren't done yet. But even in such times, the faith and generosity of the people of Grace is clear. We follow a God who chose a strange way to triumph – not power but vulnerability; not grandeur but humility. And our strange faith in our peculiar times has resulted in – Kindness. Care. Generosity. Connection. Kindnesses and connections like the contacts made with parish members, particularly those alone at home for the long days of spring. The kindnesses of phone calls, errands, dropped-off groceries and treats, and the generosity of those who continue to contribute to outreach efforts on behalf of our neighbors and the ministry of the church. Also the myriad ways in which individuals have figured out how to safely accomplish needed tasks, like yard work, contributing to the food pantry, and even polishing the brass. We are indeed the stewards of God's manifold grace because we give to the world from what we have received.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

Very shortly you will receive a annual pledge brochure and a letter from our Senior Warden Please receive it and consider prayerfully how, in this coming year, you will discover and use the gifts you have been given to help our church this year. How will you hear the Gospel call to seek and serve Christ in all people, and respond with generosity?

VESTRY– ARE YOU CALLED TO LEAD?

The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management. Management includes such tasks as: budgeting, establishing and enforcing policies and procedures, establishing action plans, maintaining property. Leadership includes such tasks as articulating and communicating the vision for the future of the parish, generating enthusiasm and “buy-in” from the congregation, and as needed, taking responsibility for ensuring ad hoc or permanent committees carry out their assigned work.



Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- Vestry meetings monthly, plus additional meetings as needed;
- Committee work;
- Vestry retreat;
- Regular attendance at worship services;
- Support congregational events.;
- Exercise confidentiality and practice healthy, honest, open communication patterns in the parish.

Qualifications

- Eighteen years of age or older;
- Baptized; (wardens must be confirmed)
- Active member of the parish who is regular in worship attendance and contribution of time and talent and treasure.

OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- After many months of conversations with the family member from the original organ money donation and maintenance funds from more than 50 years ago, the Vestry has been able to address how some of the excess funds earned over the years can be used. The organ maintenance fund will always be protected for that use but excess will be transferred to a renamed account for other music needs/wants as agreed by the donor’s family. Our thanks to Bill Mercer for all his help in this endeavor.

- Our Stewardship campaign is in progress and you will be receiving your pledge information in the mail soon. Our times are very, very different this year but you have all been very generous to maintain your pledges. We hope that you can be just as generous in the new calendar year as budgeting for the unknown (Covid-19 related) will become extremely challenging.
- Our Head Start Lease is in place and we were able to secure a slight increase in that revenue.
- Snowplowing contract has been signed.
- With Rosemary Coyne's resignation as Treasurer, we will need to fill that need. If you have some skills in that area and are interested, please call Mo. Cathy.
- We are in need of two Wardens and two Vestry members for 2021. If you have always wondered about the workings of the church and can help out in this capacity, please contact any current member of the Vestry or Mo. Cathy.

SERVICES AT CHURCH WITH CHANGES

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month:

8 AM Rite 1 online service

9:15– 10:15 Forum online

11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2 in church with music

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month:

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 in church

9:15– 10:15 Forum online

11 AM online service with music



DIOCESAN CONVENTION WORSHIP

Sunday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m.,

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe will lead an online Convention worship service for the entire Diocese. Everyone in the Diocese is invited to attend via Zoom. The worship service will also be live streamed to the diocesan Facebook page for wider participation.

There will be no Zoom or in-person parish worship on the 15th

THANKSGIVING EVE HOLY EUCHARIST

Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m.

"Come, ye thankful people, come."

Join us for Holy Eucharist as we give thanks to God for the bountiful resources we share and for those who cultivate and care for the earth and its treasure.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

GRACE SUNDAY WITH ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

November 29 online at 9:00 AM

Join us as we begin a new liturgical season with a service of Advent Lessons & Carols, and dedicate our 2021 annual pledges for the mission and ministry of Grace Church.



VIRTUAL CHOIR

Do you love singing and want to show the church your voice? Well you are in luck. We would like to have a virtual choir for part of our virtual Advent Lessons and Carols service on November 29. If you are interested please contact Jeff Wise at: Music@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org



SAMARITAN MEAL

The Executive Director of the Samaritan Meal wants to thank us for our generous support of the meal program at the Samaritan Center. We donated \$400.00 to help provide nutritious, well-prepared and dignified meals daily,. She thanks the Grace

Church Community for our presence in their lives during these challenging times.

Our involvement makes it possible to offer a place of safety, hope and opportunity to individuals and families struggling with hunger and poverty.



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

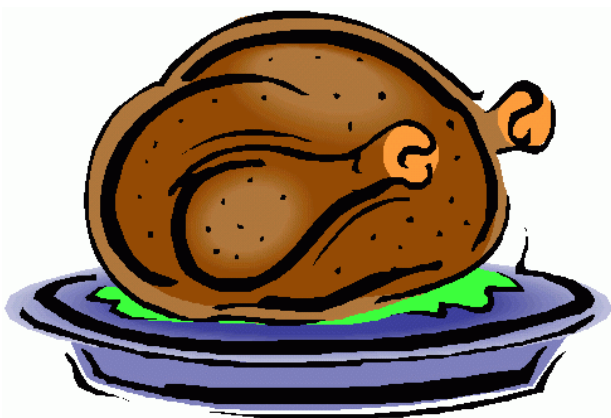
The Outreach Committee is asking for some help in putting together ten baskets for a Thanksgiving dinner for the Head Start families.

Between now and November 15th, the last day to bring any of the items to church, you can sign up to bring the item you have selected.



When you sign up to bring an item on the sheet in the Welcome Area, just print your name and phone number. Just remember that the item must be in before November 15.

When you are ready to deliver the item you have signed up to bring, you can bring it during any of the in-person services or during church hours. When you drop off during church office hours, go to the side door and Cate will assist you.



The frozen turkey and pies should be placed in the downstairs freezer. The gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" and delivered to the office.

When the items are dropped off, please either check the item off or have Cate do it.

Thank you for your generosity!

Outreach Committee

Here are some of the items needed to complete the Thanksgiving Baskets:

- 20 lb. turkey
- Bag of Stuffing
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- Bag of potatoes
- 2 jars turkey gravy
- 1 family size frozen pumpkin or other pie
- \$20 gift card to a local supermarket



A BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you to those who continue to support the church by mailing in your offerings. For those who would like to make a gift without having to write a check and use the postal system, please consider giving online by clicking

the green button on the home page of our website that says, "Give." It is an easy and safe way to give to Grace.

GIVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to begin scheduling liturgical assistants for our Sunday in-person Holy Eucharist services, but we don't want to assume previous volunteers will be attending. For each service we need one person (or persons who live together) to read two lessons, the



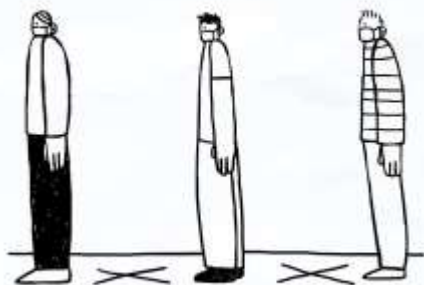
psalm and the prayers of the people. We will send your readings to you in advance. Also needed are ushers for these services, especially to help those who have not attended previously, and to help open and close windows. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH

If you are planning on scheduling an event at church, make sure to contact the Parish Office to make sure you are not double booking the space, that it is limited to the proper number of 50 people inside and/or outside and to only one hour. Groups of 6 or less may meet in the Parish Center or Parlor. Larger groups meet in the undercroft. As a



reminder, it is required that you keep a contact list of everyone who attended, and make sure that all high-touch surfaces are sanitized after the meeting. Windows should be partially open to provide ventilation.



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Tuesdays at 12:00 NOON

2nd & 4th Sundays 8:00 A.M.

1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 A.M.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:00 A.M.

1st & 3rd Sundays 8:00 A.M.

ZOOM WORSHIP



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