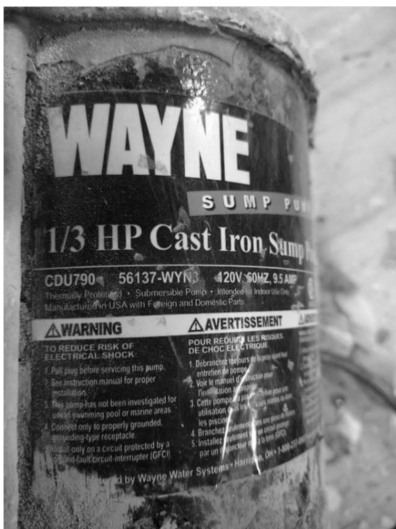


GRACE NOTES—September 2021

MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

One of the terrific things about Grace Church is how people respond to the needs of parish members — even when those members have been gone from the pews for a very long time. This pandemic has resulted in peculiar situations where proper funerals had to be delayed, sometimes for more than a year. But still, parish members show up to honor the person who died, and out of respect for their families. In my position I also see what goes on before and after the service. People show up, even on one of the last summer weekends, to dig the grave for ashes in the Memorial Garden, to do a little weeding there, so it looks nice, to help with Altar Guild tasks, to help open up the church, to provide a cool drink for funeral-goers on a warm day, and to then reset the church for Sunday worship.



Our recent record-breaking rains also demonstrated how parish members also can be relied on to take care of our lovely church building. While on vacation in August I received a text from Head Start that the Undercroft had water all over the floor. A message to Allen and Tom resulted in vacuums for the floor, and the discovery that the sump pump had failed. Tom and Lou replaced it right away—just in time for another big storm. Upon noting that the elevator was not

operational, we had the vendor come and replace a switch damaged by the flood, in time for the beginning of the school and program year.

Also hidden in plain sight are the Outreach projects. When you bring your contributions to church, Outreach committee members collect and deliver them, making sure that they aren't in the way for events like funerals. Parish Life also worked hard on a community-building concert, only to be thwarted by the rise in delta-variant Covid-19., but already has said "maybe later" and is planning for Harvest Dinner (fingers crossed that it can happen!) There are others too, like faithful counters, the treasurer and assistants, finance committee members, vestry members, carers who send notes and cards to the shut-in, and many, many phone calls, rides, and errands done for friends and siblings in Christ. These things may not seem like heroic efforts, but are at the core of a community's life together, and of immense value to those affected.

Thank you for all you do!



AUGUST VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The financial audit was completed and letter indicated that everything was in order. The audit results were approved by the team.
- During the heavy rains of TS Fred the sump pump in the undercroft failed. It was replaced and is functioning properly. There were concerns regarding the elevator after the flooding. The elevator stopped and we decided to call for a repair specialist to come out.
- The last piece of equipment for live streaming arrived. Now we need to get more people trained moving forward.
- We decided to purchase an air purifier to make the conference room usable. Went
- HERO Act document on our safety plan in the event of an-



- Memorial garden plaque addition approved. (This is the plaque on which the name “ribbons” are attached).
- Agreed to obtain a gift card as a thank you for Rosemary's years of work as Treasurer.
- Still interviewing for the parish administrator position.



A BIG BELATED THANK YOU!

At our first ever Annual Meeting via Zoom last January, the vestry intended to recognize Rosemary Coyne for her many years of service as Treasurer, and to present her with a gift. In the flurry of things-to-be-done (all of them by email or phone or Zoom), the vestry dropped the ball. We apologize for the delay, and presented Rosemary with a gift at the 9:00 AM service on August 29th. You can watch it on Facebook— the presentation to Rosemary begins about 34 minutes into the video.



OUTREACH PET PROJECT



“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.

This year during the month of September, Outreach is again asking parishioners to bring in any of the following:

·Bleach

Hand soap

Laundry detergent, dryer sheets

Trash bags

Paper towels

Corrugated Cat scratchers, all sizes

Cat food, especially Purina Naturals Dry Cat Food and Purina Kitten Chow

Dog food

Cat litter

Pet toys

Used but clean blankets and towels

Postage stamps

Or consider a tax-deductible donation as an alternative to bringing in items. Anyone interested in doing this can send a donation to:

HumaneCNY

4915 West Taft Road

Liverpool, NY 13088



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Our September Pet Project collection culminates with a Blessing of the Animals, **4:00 pm, Sunday, October 3** at Grace Church. You can bring in your pets, or pictures of them, for a blessing, followed by treats for pets and their humans. Invite your pet friends and their people!



SAMARITAN MEAL

Good News! We are again able to volunteer at Samaritan Center. We are looking for 10 volunteers (16 or older, 14-15 if accompanied by an adult at a 1:1 ratio) to help with limited in-person dining on October 10th, 12:30—3:00 pm. According to Samaritan Center's new protocol, each volunteer's name, phone number and email must be provided to Samaritan Center 1 week prior to the meal (Sue will do this). To volunteer, please complete the sign-up sheet at this [link](#), or in the Welcome Area or contact Sue Purdy. Deadline is October 3. We are also funding the \$250 cost of the meal. We have received \$155 toward this, our final meal of the year. To contribute, send a check with the memo "Samaritan Meal" or do-



nate through our website by clicking the large green "Give" button, and selecting "Samaritan Meal".

Thank you, again!



EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT — HURRICANE IDA

On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief to make a gift today.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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jars of Peanut Butter were collected over the summer for Baker High School's "Bee Full" program! Thanks to your generosity, kids won't go hungry!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in helping with services in church? Volunteers are needed to read lessons, psalm and prayers of the people. Contact the parish office. Also urgently

needed are volunteers to run our livestream at the 11:00 service. No particular technical skill is needed, although familiarity with a touch-screen is helpful. Training and resources will be provided. Contact Mother Cathy or Ash McNamara.



REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD...

Due to the pandemic and related travel concerns, some parish funerals were postponed to late summer. Please keep in your prayers the families of Gail Kozikowski, Edith Rogers & Corey Gregory, JoAnn Kinane, Evelyn Mercer and Julius "Jay" Jensen. Many thanks to all who helped prepare for their services!

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HAVE YOU SEEN US ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK?

Grace Church is now livestreaming to Facebook for our 11:00 AM in-person Sunday services. Can't find our Facebook Page or YouTube Channel? Click the social media icons in the header and footer on our website GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.



SCHEDULING A MEETING?

Are you planning on having a meeting here at Grace Church? As a reminder as we begin to have more in-person meeting, please ask the parish office to schedule a meeting and location (e.g. parish center, undercroft, parlor, conference room). If you are planning a meeting or gathering please contact the office to be put on the calendar by email at office@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org or by calling (315) 635-3214.

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WORSHIP
Beginning September 19
Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite 1 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite 2 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays 12:00 NOON



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