

GRACE NOTES—October 2021

MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...

- James 1:17



Dear People of Grace,

Every giving campaign begins with gratitude. I am grateful for your generosity – for the grand acts that you have accomplished this difficult year, for the single acts of love and kindness, and for the unseen work you have done in the service of God and our church community. Thank you!

Our annual giving campaign this year focuses on our gifts; not just on the things we wrap with paper and bows, and not the things we put in envelopes or give from our bank accounts, but all of the gifts that we give throughout the year. We frequently talk about Time, Talent, and Treasure when we discuss our gifts, without really focusing on the power of each of those elements. I am grateful and aware of the ways in which you have given all three, and today I want to focus on your time.

Time, they say, is the greatest gift, because it is a gift that we can't replace. When we give of our treasure or our talent, they come from renewable streams, to some extent. But time, once given, can't be taken back or reclaimed. This is why I am inspired by the ways that you give of your time to this community. Whether these gifts of time are measured in hours spent running a ministry, participating in our services, or vol-

unteering in the community, or in minutes spent on the phone or in person reaching out to each other, taking care of each other, this community is generous with its time!

In his timeless work, *The Little Prince*, Saint-Exupéry says, of the Prince's tending of his beloved rose, "It is the time you have spent on your rose, that makes your rose so important." Our church is that rose, tended gently and blessed abundantly by the effort, love, prayer, and time you give to Grace.

In this season where we uphold our gifts, I hold you up in light, love, and leadership. Over the coming weeks you will be hearing more about our gifts from our leadership, in our liturgy, and in our common life together. You are a gift, each of you, and you are gifts to each other and to a world in need of our love; certainly blessed with every perfect gift that comes from God above.



SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- In the financial report it was noted that our student parking permits are doing well.
- As requested, parish membership/attendance statistics and record-keeping were discussed. Our Sunday attendance numbers are recorded as directed by General Convention and include attendance in person, via Zoom, and via Facebook. Parish records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials are kept in registers stored securely. Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) year-to-date is about the same as 2020 average.
- The air purifier was purchased and installed in the conference room making it usable for meetings. Thanks to Ash



for the research and Mo. Cathy for executing the purchase and installation.

- A thank-you gift card was issued to Rosemary Coyne for her many years of service as Treasurer.
- The November Diocesan Convention will be via Zoom. Our two confirmands will be Jenna Reese and Emma Wolf.
- We are preparing a diocesan Ministry Grant application to include wiring the church and undercroft for internet to allow more stable and flexible livestreaming, adding two additional Mevo cameras and stands, and to provide WiFi for groups using the Undercroft (including enabling Zoom participation from that location).
- Our insurance claim resulting from the sump pump failure during record rainstorms has been approved and a check will be arriving soon.
- This year's Annual Giving Campaign theme is "Every Perfect Gift"



Every Perfect Gift 

ALSO NOTE

C.N.Y. Art Guild Show and Sale—
October 2-3 Aspen House, Radisson.

Grace leads Syracuse Home Worship—
October 17

All Saints Sunday – November 7

Diocesan Convention— November 13



THREADS OF LOVE

Our long-time sewing group has a new project. Local hospitals have moved to swaddling newborns, so the fleece sleepers made for so many year are no longer needed there. Instead, the group is making no-sew (ironic, huh?) double-layer blankets out of the same kind of fleece used for sleepers. The group can now meet again in the Conference room due to the recent purchase of an air purifier for that space. Take a look at these cute blankets!



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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 send an email with your name, email and mobile phone number, or sign up in the Welcome Area or contact Sue Purdy. Deadline is October 3. We are very pleased that the \$250 cost of the meal has been more than covered by generous donations. Excess money received will go towards our 2022 meals on 2/27, 4/24, and 9/25 . Thank you, again!

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!



THANK YOU!

This summer's Tai Chi class sponsored by Parish Life collected 15 bags of food, 27 cans of food and \$50 for the Food Pantry. The instructor was thanked with a Stewarts gift card.



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...

Rest eternal grant unto Barbara Allen and Paul Cooney, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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.



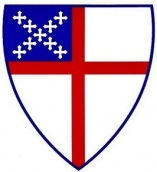
SCHEDULING A MEETING?

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

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WORSHIP

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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