

# GRACE NOTES—May 2022

## MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

I was recently reminded that our “new” church sound system was dedicated five years ago this month. Gifts in memory of John & Pat McFall, Alan Sward and other departed members of Grace Church paid for the system which was designed and installed by DCI Sound of Skaneateles. It was designed and built as a relatively straightforward system to amplify speech, with an FM loop add-on for use with T-coil equipped hearing aids or small receivers with earphone. This system replaced one that had served for many years, but was no longer repairable.

At the time it was dedicated, this new sound system seemed very high-tech. No one could have predicted that it would be foundational to our live streaming efforts prompted by a global pandemic.

After the resumption of alternate-week in-person services in 2020, we began experimenting with a Facebook live stream. The first efforts using a smart phone were not so good due to the combination of masks and compensating increased volume of the sound system. The reverberation in the church distorted the sound badly. DCI helped us find a clever and not-very-expensive solution, using the FM loop that feeds the devices for the hearing impaired. One small piece of equipment and a couple of cables, and we could feed sound from the mics directly into the smart phone via the sound system.

We have continued to use this setup, switching out the smart phone Mevo cameras controlled by an iPad. (Some of the additional costs were taken from memorials, and most from a diocesan ministry grant). We now have a pretty respectable and definitely audible live stream for parishioners at home or away, and for anyone else who wishes to attend our services online.

Some gifts are like that. Beyond their initial usefulness, five, ten, twenty, fifty years down the road, they may turn out to be exactly what is needed. Those who are remembered, and the donors of the gifts often never know the effect, and could not possibly have imagined it.

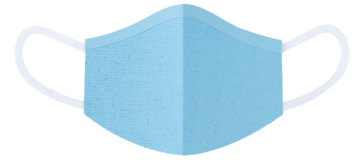
The same is true of our own efforts as Christ's hands and feet in the world. We will likely never know the impact of most of our efforts. We may never see the people whose lives have been changed for the better. But our efforts do matter. Circumstances may provoke us into doing things we never thought we'd need to do, and taking on challenges for which we feel ourselves unequipped, but our efforts to spread Christ's love in the world are always holy work.

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## COVID GUIDELINES

Monday– Thursday 7am-3:30 pm, masks are to be worn entering the building and moving about the building. Once you get to your location, masks are optional for those vaccinated, required for those who are not. Outside of school hours masks are optional for those vaccinated and required for those who are not. Please maintain physical distance for the ones who must/choose to wear a mask. If you are sick please stay home. There are hand sanitizer and masks available in the Welcome Area, and windows and doors will be



## APRIL VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Audit due by September 1st to be completed by Roy (Chip) Clark of D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP (the firm recommended by the diocese).
- Financial Giving Statements will be going out in May
- March financial report accepted
- The fund necessary to augment the sidewalk construction, over and above those allocated by the Diocesan Foundation will come from the church's Capital Improvement Fund.
- Committee/Ministries Structure is in discussion. We are aiming to clarify and structure the vital church ministries. All congregants are urged to participate. There will be a large group discussion on June 12.
- Diocesan Convention will be held in Syracuse, November 11-12, 2022. If anyone is interested in being an alternate delegate, contact Mother Cathy.

Also a remind, any parish member are welcome to attend the Vestry Meetings. They are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Unless stated otherwise.

## SIDEWALK

The Village of Baldwinsville has installed a new sidewalk across the front of the property. The project has been planned for a few years, but was finally (and quickly!) executed. Thank you to the Foundation of the Diocese of Central New York for a grant funding half of the cost to Grace Church.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Wow! What a blast from the past. This picture is from a Chicken BBQ. Remember what year? Who's in the picture? Try and remember this chicken BBQ if you could, see how much the time has changed, and how we do things today.



## MEALS ON WHEELS THANK YOU!

### *Our Mission:*

*We, the Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels association inspired by the spirit of caring, welcome with respect and compassion all people. We, dedicate ourselves to excellence as we care for the nutritional well being of those who request our services. Our nutritional ell being of those who request our services. Our nutritional service is providing balanced meals, an essential component for many people so they can remain in their homes and community. We, strive to be a people of Vision, responding with enthusiasm and integrity to the needs of all in an every changing health environment. We, accept this mission with true commitment.*

*With Sincere Appreciation Your Gift of is Gratefully Acknowledged.*

*Thank You!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chittenango and Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe for coffee, donuts and a blessing of your bikes before your Saturday morning ride. Saturday, May 7th at 9 am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 204 West Genesee St. in Chittenango.



## CLEAN UP DAY!



Parish Clean-Up Day is May 15<sup>th</sup> after a single service at 9 a.m.. Bring your work clothes and any tools that will help with the clean-up activities. There will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area that include a list of what is hoped to be accomplished. There are outdoor needs, like always, and a short list of indoor cleaning jobs that you could help to complete. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP RESOURCE GROUP

New in 2022, our Church Leadership Resource Group will meet every other month to share ideas and tools for leading your congregation. This group is open to all parish leaders: staff, clergy, wardens, vestry members, and other volunteers.

The next session on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 p.m., will explore a congregational development model called “**Gather-Transform-Send.**” This model proposes that the primary task of a Christian congregation can be described this way: “The unique purpose and work of a congregation is to gather those called by God into Christ’s body, the Church—a community of transformation of mind, heart, and action—and to send these same people into the world both to be and to act as God’s loving and transforming presence.”

Please REGISTER for the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtc-ppjkiJHtdes8bWpin7cMI0xq4uHnAV>

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## ANNUAL BRICK DEDICATION

The annual brick dedication is scheduled for September 11, 2022. If you are planning to have a brick dedicated, you must order it by July 10, 2022. The cost is \$50. You can find the form on the church website. Click on "Parish Forms" on the menu, and then click on 'Memorial Brick order form'. You can also pick up a form at the church office.



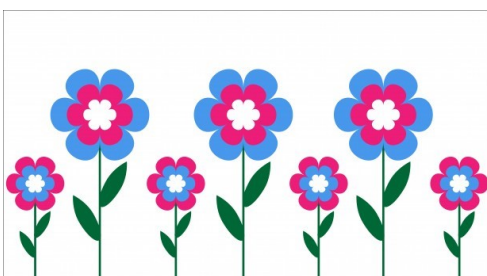
## SYRACUSE HOME WORSHIP

Next Syracuse Home worship is Evening Prayer had been change from May 1 at 3 pm to May 29. Readers, singers, musicians, and people to help residents with the bulletin are all needed. Please speak to Mother Cathy if interested in helping out.



## COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS

Interested in making some delicious treats after the 8 am or 11 am Holy Eucharist and talk for a bit? Sign up to host coffee hour in the Welcome Area near the entrance. If you can't do it alone ask a friend to help.



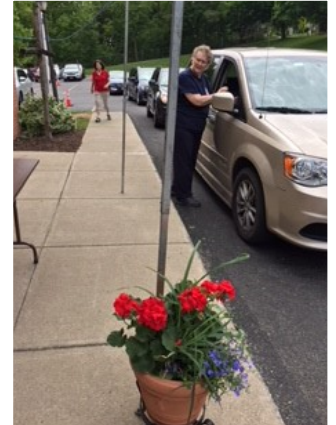
Decoration sponsorship is \$50 per Sunday (our cost recently increased). Decorations are available to take home after the 11:00 AM service. On Sundays when we worship at Syracuse Home one arrangement is usually brought for residents to enjoy. For more information contact the parish office.

## BBQ HELP

This year's 55th BBQ is on Saturday, June 4th. The BBQ is a major fundraiser and **we need a lot of help** to keep things running smoothly. The BBQ is a great time to reconnect with your Grace Church family. Along with the usual volunteers, we need increased help to keep up with our drive thru demand! Sign up posters are in the front of the church or you can email me and I can add you to our list of helpers. Thanks in advance for all your help.

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## SPEAK FAITH

St. Francis has been attributed with the saying, “preach the Gospel at all times; use words if necessary.” Our Bishop reminds us that in these times of great change and struggle, using our words to speak our faith IS necessary. At the same time, how many of us struggle to find the words to speak the faith that is in us?



Speak Faith is a safe environment to explore our faith and get courageous sharing it. Five group meetings will focus on the Bible, how we talk about God, Anglican history and identity, and faith and justice. In each session we'll go deep with a guest teacher and reflection in small groups. Between sessions we'll stay connected through prayer partnerships, personal study, and fun activities.

Speak Faith is a great opportunity for all Episcopalians to get to know and engage their faith in a deeper way, and can also be part of teen and adult preparation for Confirmation and Reception.

We meet online on Saturdays in 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, this month it's May 21

## TUESDAY FORUM

Join us beginning May 3rd at 1:00 PM to read and discuss former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams' book, *The Sign and the Sacrifice: The Meaning Of The Cross And Resurrection*. In this book, Williams explores the meaning of the cross and the significance of Christ's resurrection, discussing what these events meant to Jesus' followers in the early years and what they can say to us today. Copies may be obtained from the parish office for \$15 or from your favorite bookstore. A Kindle version is available on Amazon.

## EASTER BASKETS FOR HEAD START MUCH APPRECIATED

Thanks to the great response from Grace parishioners to the Outreach Ministry's call for Easter basket items, we were able to fill 20 Easter baskets! Generous parishioners provided chocolate bunnies and other candy, story books, coloring books, crayons, sidewalk chalk, stuffed animals and other toys. Many people donated 20 of each item so that



we could put one in each basket. There were also many "extra" items which were given to Head Start Staff to be distributed to some of the larger families. Outreach members met to assemble the baskets on Wednesday, April 6, so that Head Start could have plenty of time to see that the baskets were delivered before spring break. Thank you from the Head Start Staff as well as the Outreach Ministry for helping to give so many children a wonderful Easter treat!



## AN EASTER THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter services run smoothly! Altar Guild, brass polishers, Eucharistic ministers, flower arrangers, hospitality-providers, lectors, live-streamers, musicians, ushers all contributed to make Grace Church shine. Thank you!



## MINISTRY MASH UP! - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

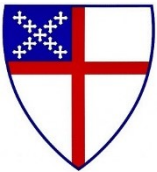
It's time to reimagine the ministries at Grace. On Sunday, June 12th there will be one service at 9:00 AM, then we will be meeting in ministry groups to discuss ways to adapt our ministries to function in a more focused and purposeful way. This important work will help Grace continue to follow its mission,

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

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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  
Tuesdays Forum 1:00 p.m.



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