

# GRACE NOTES—June 2022

## MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

Pentecost and Trinity bring us to the end of the church's annual cycle and begin the long, green, growing, season after Pentecost. In the northern hemisphere it's summer, and Central New Yorkers take full advantage of the long days. My favorite time of year is around the summer solstice when sunset is late, and the twilight lingers for a long, long time. I have many memories of time spent on the deck, patio or porch with family or friends, until the light finally fades, and one is surprised by the lateness of the hour.



The beginning of summer has always seemed full of possibility and adventure, whether the adventure of a trip to camp, cottage, cabin or hotel, driving or flying to an exotic, unfamiliar location, or the simple adventure of getting outdoors, even right near home. I hope you have the opportunity to take some Sabbath time with loved ones and enjoy the beauty and adventure of God's creation!

This summer my adventure will be to address a longstanding physical health issue. I expect to be away from the parish on short-term disability leave for six weeks or so, beginning June 15th. According to Episcopal Church polity, in my absence Senior Warden Barb Reeves will be in charge. Plans are in process to ensure Sunday worship and emergency pastoral coverage. Please pray for me, as I do for you, and I look forward to hearing of your summer adventures!

P.S. Take some pictures of your summer adventures!



## SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

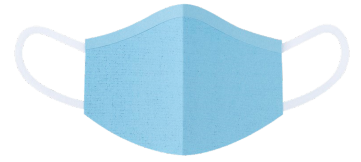


This year from **June 19th through Labor Day weekend**, we will **have a single service at 11:00 AM**. The 8:00 AM Sunday service and 12:00 noon Tuesday services will be suspended for the summer. On Sunday September 11th at 9:00 AM we will have our annual brick dedication service. Those who wish to attend an earlier (or cooler!) summer Sunday service might consider attending

Church on the Island at Papermill Island Amphitheater at 8:00 AM through August 30th, an earlier service at our neighboring Episcopal churches, or our live stream on Facebook. We believe that this schedule best balances consistency of service time with the challenges of finding supply clergy and preachers in the summer during Mother Cathy's short-term disability leave.

## COVID GUIDELINES

Until the end of the school year, Monday– Thursday 7:00 am-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 ajar during the services.



## MAY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Treasurer Dave Ferrari reported that the audit has been arranged and diocesan information packet has been received. Roy Clark has been in touch. NY Disability/Family Leave premium has been paid.
- A letter to the Foundation of the Diocese of Central New York requesting disbursement of funds for the grant for half of the church's share of the sidewalk cost was approved. \$5,570.00 is to be moved from our Seneca Federal Money Market account to our Seneca Federal checking account.
- June 12 is Ministry Mash-Up Sunday. One service at 9:00 AM. Come as a member of your church committee, and lend your voice and opinion to its mission and coordination with the other ministries.
- Mo. Cathy reported on a unique course she took entitled "Teaching Godly Play", a Montessori-styled program to bring children (and maybe adults!) into the world of Bible stories.
- Interviews are ongoing for a Communications Coordinator.
- The piano will be tuned prior to the scheduled June 18th recital.

## SUBSCRIBE TO GRACE'S EMAIL NEWS

Want the latest news? We send weekly *Grace Community This Week*, this monthly newsletter *Grace Notes* and periodic other notices. To subscribe from our website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and complete the subscription form. Be sure to reply to the email you receive to complete the process. Unsubscribing is easy, just click the notice at the bottom of any email we've sent you. Contact the parish office with questions..

**Sign up**

## CONGRATULATIONS JENNA !!

You may recall that Jenna Reese was unable to be confirmed due to illness when Bishop DeDe visited Grace Church in January. An earlier confirmation she might have attended was cancelled due to the bishop's illness. If all goes according to plan, she will be confirmed on June 22 at 7:00 pm at Christ Church Manlius. Please keep this faithful (and persistent) young woman in your prayers.

*Jenna will be going on a mission trip to Scranton, PA in July. Scranton has asked for preferably monetary donations to purchase "eating and cooking utensils, pots, pans, bowls, plates and can openers". Also, non-perishable food items. Please mark your contributions "Jenna".*

## BIRTHDAY PARTY AT GRACE!

On June 12, the Outreach Ministry will kick off our "Birthday Party in a Bag" project with a Grace Church Birthday Party during coffee hour after the 9:00 AM service.

For many families, even a modest birthday celebration for a child or other family member is a luxury they cannot afford. In the past, Grace has donated basic nonperishable foods to Baldwinsville Food Pantry, and this will be continued.

But this year the Outreach Ministry would like to do something a little extra for the Food Pantry. We would like to make available to families a "Birthday Party in a Bag." Each bag will contain the basics for a birthday celebration for a child or an adult. Starting Sunday, June 19, Outreach will have available extra-large zip top bags. We ask parishioners to fill each bag with the following:

- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 can of frosting
- birthday candles
- 1 paper tablecloth
- matching paper napkins and plates
- any other party supplies you think would be fun and fit your theme (such as party hats, balloons, favors)



We will collect filled Birthday Bags through July 10. We hope people will have fun with this project and come up with some creative themes for children or adults! Themes might include cartoon characters for children or color themes for adults.



## CLEAN UP DAY!



Check out the hard work of everyone who helped at our May 15 Clean Up Day! The Memorial Garden was weeded, trimmed and mulched. Old overgrown shrubs and trees were removed and some new ones planted. Everything was tidied up for the summer and the gardens look great! Special thanks to those who provided equipment and tools to make the work go fast,

and to Parish Life, who provided water for the workers and a delicious lunch. (and especially thanks to sandwich-maker Emma!)

Photos: Susan Allen



## ANNUAL BRICK DEDICATION

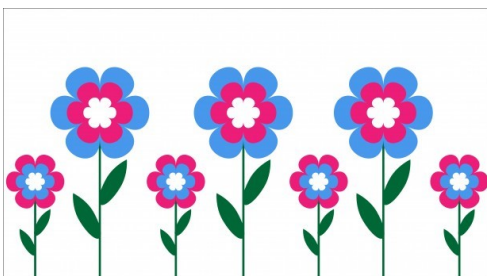


The annual brick dedication is scheduled for September 11, 2022. If you are planning to have a brick dedicated, you must order it by July 10, 2022. The cost is \$50. You can find the form on the church website. Click on “Parish Forms” on the menu, and then click on ‘Memorial Brick order form’. You can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



## COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS

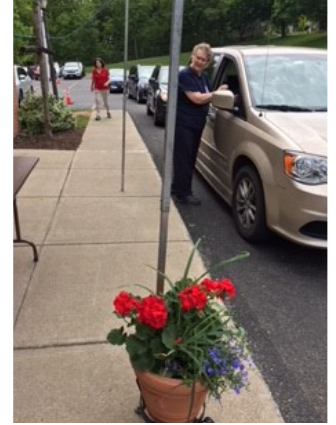
Interested in making some delicious treats after Sunday Holy Eucharist and talk for a bit? Sign up to host coffee hour in the Welcome Area near the entrance. If you can't do it alone ask a friend to help.



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 NEEDED

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 [Juniorwarden@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org](mailto:Juniorwarden@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org). Thanks in advance for all your help. — Allen



## 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 and serving Christ in all persons"*

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Parish Life Ministry has scheduled a group outing to the Syracuse Mets Stadium on Sunday, July 17, 2022. Game time is 1:05 pm, and ticket cost is \$10 per person for General Admission if we

have at least 15 people. Tickets will be \$4 more per person if less than 15 sign up. If interested sign up in the foyer or email Susan Allen at [skeetand-sue@yahoo.com](mailto:skeetand-sue@yahoo.com).

The stadium has many upgrades over the last 2 years, including activity areas for children, and a seating/eating area out in left field. Sign up by July 10, 2022; tickets must be paid for by July 15, 2022. If you have questions, contact Susan Allen at the above email address.



## THREADS OF LOVE



The Threads of Love Wednesday afternoon sewing group has concluded their work for this academic year. They will resume in mid-September. Since last September they have made 91 infant sleepers and 14 no-sew throws. The grand total for sleepers since the beginning of Threads of Love is 2140, a very grand number! Currently the sleepers are donated to Catholic Charities of Oswego County.



## SAMARITAN MEAL THANK YOU!!!



The Outreach Ministry would like to thank all those who helped make the April 24th Samaritan meal a success. The meal was served as a take-out, but clients could stay and eat their meal at the Samaritan Center if they so desired. Thanks so much to Grace parishioners for your generous financial contributions! And a special thank-you to our volunteers, Jeannie and Tom LaMere, Phyllis Begg, Joy Pople, and Sue

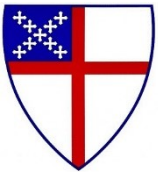
Allen, who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help feed the hungry.

Our next Samaritan Meal will be September 25th, 2022. Please mark your calendars. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact our Samaritan Meal Coordinator, Sue Purdy.

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Sunday June 5—8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Sunday June 12—9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Summer schedule beginning June 15:  
Sunday Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

## **WORSHIP**



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