

GRACE NOTES — June & July 2023

JOIN US! SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM



MAY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Nancy Fredette and Barb Reeves will be our delegates to the Diocesan Convention Oct 21, 2023. Ashley McNamara will be the alternate.
- ◆ Office hours for our Communications Coordinator, Maria Jackson, will not be reduced over the summer but will continue at 16 hours/week.
- ◆ Bob Wright and Tina Santy will be helping with treasurer duties.
- ◆ Grace Church is rejoining the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Grace Church will be an evacuation site for Elden Elementary School.
- ◆ All are encouraged to check the diocesan website <https://cnyepiscopal.org> for upcoming events.



Volunteer Opportunities

Livestream Operator
and Virtual DJ

Please call or email
the office with your interest.
Training is provided.

The Song of the Potter

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Turn, turn, my wheel! Turn round and round,
Without a pause, without a sound:
So spins the flying world away!
This clay, well mixed with marl and sand,
Follows the motion of my hand;
For some must follow, and some command,
Though all are made of clay!
Turn, turn, my wheel! All things must change
To something new, to something strange;
Nothing that is can pause or stay;
The moon will wax, the moon will wane,
The mist and cloud will turn to rain,
The rain to mist and cloud again,
To-morrow be to-day.

GIVE

Thank you to those who continue to support the church by bringing or 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. You may also contribute in this way for flowers, or to special efforts like Thanksgiving Meals.



56TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ



It's that time of year when we need to cook some juicy chicken, tasty beans and salt potatoes served with a roll and butter and home baked dessert.

We need all hands on deck to help fire up the best BBQ yet! Volunteers are needed for baking, cooking, grilling, taking orders, packing, cashiering and setup Friday and cleanup on Saturday.

- The BBQ is an important fundraiser for the parish.
- It's a way for the parish to connect with our local community.
- It is a great time to reconnect with your Grace Church family.
- We have done much work to streamline the BBQ, but it still takes a lot of help.

Do you need any more reasons to help at the BBQ? Walk-Ins are always welcomed. Even if you haven't signed up, please come join us! Thanks in advance for all your help to make this event a success!



BRICK DEDICATION



Grace celebrates our Commemorative Brick Dedication in September. Bricks are engraved with a name or message, and installed around our flag pole. There are 3 lines with a maximum of 14 characters per line, including spaces and symbols. On Brick Sunday, September 10th, the bricks are dedicated in a short ceremony following the service.

Brick order forms are available in the Welcome Area and due to the office by July 16th, 2023.

The donation for each brick is \$50/brick. You may pay by check made payable to Grace Church or through the green GIVE button on our website home page.

PARKING PERMIT 2023-2024 SEASON

Parking Pass application information for 2023-2024 is scheduled to send via email on August 1st. Active Grace parishioners and those with a connection to the parish have priority if their application is received promptly. Applications will only be received online this year.

For non-active members, the parking pass fee is \$100 for the school year. Look for general application information on our website beginning on August 12th. Applicants will be notified via email late August as to whether they secured a "Parking Permit". We will schedule the distribution of passes the last week of August as we collect the "fee" and paperwork from each student.

Senior Recognition



Emma is graduating from Baldwinsville and going to Niagara University in the Fall. There will be cake on June 25th to celebrate. We will miss her on Sunday's at Grace, but there will be some extra cookies to share :)

Allen & Stacey Wolf



**The 56th Annual
Chicken BBQ
will be held on
June 3rd**



Sign up

We need your help with services in church. Will you volunteer to assist us? We are in need of Lectors to read the first lesson and psalm. We email you the reading a few days prior to the service. If so, please contact the Parish Office.

Also needed are volunteers to run our livestream at the worship services. No particular technical skill is needed, although familiarity with a touch-screen is helpful. Training and resources will be provided. There is a sign up sheet for services through the summer in the Welcome Area so we can plan accordingly. Thank you for taking the time to assist during this transition.

BALDWINSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND SUMMER CONCERT

SUMMER FUN.....

Mark your calendars for July 26th at 7 PM as we welcome the band back for a summer concert. The concert will be held indoors so no need to bring those lawn chairs. Just bring your friends and family, relax and enjoy the music. Stewart's Shops has once again agreed to provide ice cream sundaes for the event. With gratitude we look forward to being at Grace Church for an evening of music and ice cream with you.

Let's hear it for the band and Stewart's!

JUNE OUTREACH

Reaching Lost Souls, Inc.

The objective of Reaching Lost Souls, Inc. organization *"is to assist homeless veterans with basic needs and to help them navigate and leverage veteran services in their area."*

They *"go out into the community and find the veterans and provide service to them and their family's needs and distribute weather-appropriate clothing"* and needed items.

They *"provide information regarding services in the area to help - connect them with the Vet Center, Clear Path for Veterans, and different county services and housing options."*

HOW WE CAN HELP

Provide New Items Needed:

Clothing: socks & underwear — men & women, bras

Toiletries: sanitary pads, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, soap bars

There is a collection area in the Welcome Area for the above items.

Due by June 25, 2023

For more information go to: <https://reachinglostsoulsinc.org>

Grace Contact: Sue Purdy



Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau Summer Give-Away

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

The BVC would like to introduce a new program. We are expanding our Christmas Bureau program to include a summer give-away. We will be supplying families that qualified for our Christmas Bureau program the opportunity to reserve a box of non-perishable food items and a bag of summer fun gifts.

We will be holding a drive at the BVC office on Loop Rd on June 3rd to collect the specific items needed.

Please "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook for upcoming information.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please call Lauri @ 315.727.5435 or the BVC office at 315.638.0251



COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

TUES 8:00 AM—4:30 PM WED 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM THURS 8:00 AM—11:30 AM

Please call the office in case there have been changes to Maria's schedule



**MAY 7TH
SPRING CLEAN UP...
Thank you!**



THOUGHTS OF THE SENIOR WARDEN

The vestry has been working very hard figuring out all the things that are normally carried out by a priest and ways to accomplish those tasks.

Maria is working tirelessly in the office creating all the printed communications and coordinating all the information coming through the office.

We have countless volunteers helping out on a daily basis.

Even with all that effort, please continue to be patient and know that there are many people doing jobs they are not used to doing. Things might slip through the cracks, things might take longer to accomplish or be done differently. Some things might not be able to get done. It's important to remember that what needs to be done will be accomplished, as it's intended to be. As we pray for our church, God will answer those prayers not always with what we want, but with what we need.

People are working together, trying new things and moving forward.

The vestry is also working hard at what next steps are for our parish and will be sharing soon the work we have been doing.

Keep taking care of each other and we will continue to do God's work as the people of Grace,

Allen Wolf
Senior Warden

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

The smell is in the air. The smell of spring, of fresh cut grass, of flowers coming into bloom, the smell of change, and the aroma of chickens roasting over charcoal. Yes, it's that time of year for the annual Grace church Chicken Bar-B-Q come June 3rd.

As we as a congregation come to gather to join forces to have a successful B-B-Q, your vestry is working hard in their search process to successfully find a new rector for Grace. This is not something we to rush into blindly, but with thoughtfulness, prayerfully and patience.

So as we go about this task we ask for your support and prayers that this will be brought to a successful conclusion in reasonable time.

Brad Pettit
Junior Warden

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You are Welcome Here!

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

WORSHIP WITH US



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