

GRACE NOTES — August 2023

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL BALDWINSVILLE

JOIN US! WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM



Begin the Day

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Begin each morning with a talk to God,
And ask for your divine inheritance
Of usefulness, contentment, and success.
Resign all fear, all doubt, and all despair.
The stars doubt not, and they are undismayed,
Though whirled through space for countless centuries,
And told not why or wherefore: and the sea
With everlasting ebb and flow obeys,
And leaves the purpose with the unseen Cause.
The star sheds radiance on a million worlds,
The sea is prodigal with waves, and yet
No lustre from the star is lost, and not
One drop is missing from the ocean tides.
Oh! brother to the star and sea, know all
God's opulence is held in trust for those
Who wait serenely and who work in faith.



Grace Church welcomes Beverly, Joe, Laurel & Lucas Hannah



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN, ALLEN WOLF

Wow! What a busy couple of months!!

It has been wonderful to see everyone working together. We had a successful BBQ, hosted a band concert and an ordination.

Parishioners' willingness to participate and try new things have allowed us to continue positive and meaningful worship. It has also been a blessing to see the parishioners who have worked on cleaning up the church, both during the clean up day and on their own!

I am thankful that we have such a dedicated vestry, for their work and support as we navigated this time with supply priests and calling a new rector.

We are also very fortunate to have so many people that continue to do all the things that we don't see happening, but need to get done!

As we start a new chapter, it's important to remember that Father Joseph is only part time and it will be important for parishioners to continue with your ministries and support so that he can focus on his ministry with us and help us live into our mission as Grace Church.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN, BRAD PETTIT

The Vestry of Grace Church would like to introduce you to our new rector, The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah. (See following article). His enthusiasm for the Gospel and pastoral care, even only while on a half-time basis, impressed us during our interview.

Fr. Joe has a B.A. in Political Science from Allegheny College, a Masters in Physical Education from SMU and his Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology from The University of Maryland. After 33 years as Head Coach of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams at LeMoyne College, he turned his efforts to studying for the priesthood that culminated with his ordination last Saturday. We look forward to working together with "Fr. Joe" as we continue on our spiritual journey.



REFLECTION POOL, BY FATHER JOE HANNAH

Greetings, Grace!

Believe it or not, I have been familiar with Grace Episcopal Church since I was a teenager. At various times over the years I have run or driven by the church grounds, never suspecting that I would have the privilege of serving as your rector. There was even one year where I walked over to Grace to cool off after competing in the Baldwinsville Turkey Trot.

Grace is beautiful if you ask me! I am a lifelong Episcopalian who has recently retired from a long career as a college swim coach and adjunct biology instructor at LeMoyne College. Years ago I discerned a call to serve in the Episcopal Church and after my education and the required meetings and examinations I was ordained as a Deacon on December 17, 2022; and as a Priest on July 29, 2023 right here at Grace. I live in Liverpool with my wife Beverly, and we have two adult children, Laurel and Lucas. Central New York has been my home since my family moved here from Huntington, West Virginia when I was in first grade, *before* The Beatles made it big.

I like to preach the gospel of good news in a relatable way to the experience of modern life. Most of my sermons are “sprinkled” with aquatic analogies (like this one) and stories that I hope will complement our worship experience together. There are stories we can also share with each other; our stories of how and where we encounter God. It can be at any time of day while engaging in any activity. I would like to provide a forum where we can share these experiences in an environment of trust and respect. We are, like many churches, located in a community where people are “spiritual” but also skeptical of religion. It often seems like we are swimming against the current (last one, I promise). It is, however, a lovely community and Grace is fortunately right in the middle of it! The stories we share with each other can also be shared with people in the area around us as we enhance our connections with those good folks who may be searching for a spiritual home. It is always a good thing when people look forward to attending church. It gets noticed! This fall we will get to know each other and outline our path going forward. I look forward to meeting you beginning on August 6th.

Peace, Rev. Joe



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JULY

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Following his ordination at Grace on July 29th Father Joseph Hannah will begin the week of August 1st as our part-time priest.
- ◆ Grace Church has officially rejoined the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Brad Pettit and Laura Moreau will work on our upcoming stewardship campaign in the fall. Nancy Fredette will also assist as needed.
- ◆ The current contract with Head Start expires 8/31/23. We are working with them on their new contract.

BALDWINSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND SUMMER CONCERT



Despite the sweltering heat of the day, the Community Band Concert was attended by nearly 80 music lovers. The wonderful arrangements took us away with various marches, zippy tunes and even some theme songs from memorable television show anthems. Stewart's Shops came through with their very generous donation of ice cream sundaes to help serve the 41 band members and the nearly twice as many music lovers. It was a great way to spend a very warm summer evening and we even had a special guest join us, our soon-to-be next rector!



THE ORDINATION OF JOSEPH M. HANNAH

JULY 29, 2023 WELCOME FATHER JOE!



Blessings flowing.....

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Livestream Operator
and Virtual DJ
Please call or email
the office with your interest.
Training is provided.



SOWING, PLANTING, GROWING & COMMUNITY



The Garden of Grace has been rehabilitated this year, and the 9 beds are producing tomatoes, sweet peppers and herbs with cucumbers, squash, corn, sunflowers and other flowers on the way. Ruth Frey and Joy Pople didn't want to see the investment of two Eagle Scout projects and other



members of our parish lie unused. Joy is a mentor for a young woman with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who has been helping with the garden. Hopefully, some other mentors and those they support will be involved as harvesting gets underway. Extra produce will be delivered to a food pantry.

GIVE

Thank you to those who continue to support the church by bringing or mailing in your offerings. For those who prefer online giving there's a 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 for special efforts like Thanksgiving Meals.



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56TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ



A huge thank you to everyone that helped out with this year's annual BBQ. As always, I think one of the best outcomes of the BBQ is seeing so many parishioners come together not just to work hard, but for some great fellowship. While we did not sell out this year, it was a profitable fundraiser for the



church. After all is said and done, this year we made

around \$2,000. We already have some ideas about how to improve next year's BBQ. However, I, Allen, will need a named

BBQ Co-Chair to work with me to help tweak things and make the BBQ even more of a successful event!



BRICK DEDICATION

Grace celebrates our Commemorative Brick Dedication on Sunday, September 10th.

The bricks are dedicated in a ceremony following the service.



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.

JULY/AUGUST OUTREACH



The Outreach Ministry's July and August project is to collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for Baker High School's Bee Full program, which provides food for Baker High School students who may not have a sufficient amount of food for the weekend.

On Friday afternoons and before each vacation, students who are accepted by the program are given a bag of nutritious snacks to take home.

The cost is approximately \$600 a month with supplements from donations. Last year, Grace Church collected almost 100 jars of peanut butter. This was much appreciated since peanut butter is a relatively high-priced item, and is always in short supply. Let's see if we can beat that number this year! Photo Credit: Tetiana Bykovets
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