

GRACE NOTES—November 2024

THE REFLECTION POOL

Halloween is to some extent a “kickoff” to the holiday season. It won’t be long before our calendars will be filling up with holiday related activities centered around Thanksgiving and Christmas (for those of us who are Christians). This year there is an added element of tension and anxiety as we enter the month of November. Early voting has yielded a record turnout, and by the time the election ends on November 5 many of us will be “strung out” waiting for the results to be tabulated. The potential for anger and frustration on both sides of the political spectrum is quite high. In the gospel reading for November 3, Mark 12:28-34, we are given the “Cliff Notes” version of God’s commandments. We are to love God with all of our being, and we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. How timely is that !? It’s almost as if Mark could foresee how contentious our politics can be. It is also true that we don’t want to deny our neighbors any good things that we would not deny ourselves. That would include peace of mind and the right to live without feeling threatened by those who disagree with us. It is not always easy, but through prayer, practice, and acts of forbearance, we need to unify in our communities and as a nation. As a community of faith I hope we can lead by example. Take a deep breath everyone!

It is much more fun to think about the Turkey Day Race sponsored by the Baldwinsville Kiwanis. How glorious it will be to run through the cold and damp, pushing our bodies to the limit of endurance, and crossing the finish line in pain, cramping up, and triumphant! No? Perhaps just enjoying the day any way you see fit and spending time with family and friends is even better. There are many, unfortunately, who experience the holidays in a different fashion. Sadness, loneliness, and loss can be particularly shart at this time of year. We reach out to them whenever we can. There is no lack of GRACE in this place! Peace, Fr. Joe



This Sunday!



YOUR INVITED!

HARVEST BRUNCH

NOVEMBER 3RD
AFTER THE
SUNDAY SERVICE

All
are welcome!

RSVP TO:
OFFICE@GRACEEPISOPAL
BALDWINVILLE.ORG
OR CALL THE OFFICE
315-635-3214
BY OCTOBER 27TH

LIVESTREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Livestreaming is a way for parishioners not able to come on Sunday to stay connected to our Sunday worship.

It is also a way for people to see what a service at Grace is like.

Little technical experience is needed. One camera and an iPad is all the equipment that is used. If you have questions or want to see how it works let us know!

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GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org



COOKIE WALK



COOKIE WALK NEWS

Sunday December 8th we will be hosting our annual Cookie Decorating Day!! To prepare for this, we are looking for anyone interested to start baking Sugar Cookie Cut outs (trees/mittens/circles/stars/gingerbread men/hearts/holly leaves/stockings/bells/snowmen/candy canes) and if you start baking now, you can freeze them...giving you lots of time to bake your more specialty Christmas Cookies later this fall!!

These cookies can be left undecorated and delivered to the church by 9 or 10 am on 12/8. Here are two recipes that are tried and true from the kitchen of our own Jeannie LaMere!

Sugar Cookies:

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 1/2 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Cream the sugars and butter together. Add the oil; blend in eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Sift together the flour, cream of tartar and baking soda. Add to the sugar mixture, beat again. Chill dough for at least 6 hours. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Roll dough 1/4 inch thick and cut into shapes. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Decorate after cooling

Gingerbread Cookies:

- 2/3 cup (1 stick plus 1/2 TBSP) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup dark molasses
- 3 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Cream butter and sugar together. Add spices, salt, egg and molasses and beat well. Sift together the flour and baking powder and baking soda. Add to butter mixture and beat again. Chill dough for several hours. Heat oven to 350 degrees, roll dough 1/4 inch thick and cut into shapes. Bake 8-10 minutes.

COOKIE WALK DONATIONS:

Hello all! We wanted to have something to ask of our Non Baking friends here at Grace! For the Cookie Walk event we will be raffling off a Lottery Tree! We are looking for donations of lottery scratch off tickets of any amount to be brought to the church or even mailed in. Please put your lottery scratch off tickets in an envelope with Cookie Walk Lottery Tree on the envelope and we will have someone available to collect them at every church service. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

PET BLESSING

Treats ready for the playful pets!



Lots of barking,
petting and
blessing was
had!



VESTRY MEMBERS NEEDED

Are you called to lead? The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management. As a vestry member, together with the rector and wardens, you will be expected to manage and lead. Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- ☞ Vestry meetings (1x per month, plus occasional additional meetings as needed)
- ☞ Committee work (usu. 1x per month)
- ☞ Vestry retreat (annual)
- ☞ Regular attendance at worship services
- ☞ Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult ed. programs, etc.
- ☞ Diocesan meetings, as necessary
- ☞ Annual meeting
- ☞ Exercise confidentiality and practice healthy, honest, open communication patterns in the parish.

Qualifications

Eighteen years of age or older;

Baptized; (wardens must be confirmed)

Active member of the parish who is regular in worship attendance and contribution of time and talent and treasure.

Please prayerfully consider your calling to this important role.



COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR
ALLEN'S SCHEDULED OFFICE HOURS

TUES 5-7 WEDS 6-?

Hours may change without notice

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OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- September vestry minutes were approved as read.
- Treasurer Tina Santy filed the September financial report, which was accepted. Vestry will meet to get the 2124 budget in shape. The 2022-2023 audit is started;
- Barb Reeves will contact the Baldwinsville District Office to find to whom to direct the question of unauthorized school parking that is encroaching upon those partaking in our church functions.
- Snowplowing will be conducted by Northeast.
- The purchase of a new monitor to replace the broken office one at @ \$200.00 was accepted.
- We now have 19 student parking permits/spaces.
- Fire extinguisher inspection reported that we are good for this year, but not for next. We will have to have eight tested and two more replaced then.
- Our new sign will be lit up shortly.
- Upstate NY International Near-Death Experience has asked permission to use our building as a venue for meetings five times a year, from 6-9 PM. Maybe April 1. Nothing decided.
- Remember to satisfy the Turkey Day wish list.
- November 3 is Stewardship Sunday, the Harvest Brunch, and All Saints' Day.
- Next meeting is November 21, 2024. Note change of date.



GBCC TRICK OR TREAT



Preparing and handing out the candy at the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat.



Preparing to serve up a delicious coffee hour after the Sunday Service.



Thanksgiving Bags 2024

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in collecting enough nonperishable food to help twenty Baldwinsville families put together a Thanksgiving dinner.

Sign up is in the welcome area and donations are due by November 10th.