

# The Reflection Pool

## By The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah

In the Acts of the Apostles the lifestyle of the members of the young “Jesus Movement”, which would eventually become the Christian church, was a communal one. They sold their possessions, pooled all of their resources, and gave to each member according to their need (Acts 2:42-47). Please be aware that I am not talking about communism! It was simply the best way for the fledgling believers to thrive in those circumstances at that time in history. As you can imagine, all communication was personal. Discussion and debate were conducted directly. Current events were presented in a “town hall” format. When decisions were made everyone could offer their input. Last but not least, they broke bread together. They were a true community. Here’s my question: what modern structure(s) make information and services instantly available to anyone at any time of the day, facilitate communication, and yet make achieving a true sense of community extremely difficult? That make in-person contact seemingly obsolete? One answer could be Data Centers. They are proliferating.

A data center has been proposed for the town of Lysander, and in what I believe is a wise move, the town board is looking at placing a moratorium on construction to give folks more time to study the impact. Almost everyone loves the internet, has a “smart” phone, and can spend many hours doing things both useful and not with their devices. Ironically, we can “interact” with the world in “the cloud” while being in physical isolation. The people in the book of Acts would think they were beset by constant visions! Separating the good from the bad would be the trick. People around the country are starting to push back against the corporations that want to finance the data centers in much the same way that schools are restricting the use of cell phones in a learning environment. Some aspects of modern life, such as the internet and the data centers that provide its power, make it so difficult for us to be present, in real time, for each other. People are looking for a balance.

Data centers can be noisy; they use massive amounts of water and electricity to cool and power their equipment. They emit toxins into the air and have an overall negative environmental impact. They usually do not have the overwhelmingly positive economic impact that they advertise. It is also true that they are not built near the homes of the wealthy. Finally, the centers focused on Artificial Intelligence use up to twenty times more power than older facilities. Don’t get me wrong. I use the internet both for work and socially. I am not advocating a return to a totally agrarian society. I do, however, think it is “very meet and right and our bounden duty” to come together as a community and ask the tough questions. Drive on Route 31 through Clay. At the Micron site some see progress. Some see devastation. Our communities are changing and we need to speak up while we have the chance.

Peace, Fr. Joe

### April Vestry Highlights

- Grace directory photos will be May 17 and May 31
- Vestry approved the Vision committee's request to replace the carpet on the Altar
- We have renewed our membership with the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce

Dear Sue & Parishioners -  
 Thank you so much for collecting for the Bee Full Pantry again. Our students will have plenty to munch and snack on over break thanks to your generosity. I've enclosed photo's of our delivery so you can see what you made possible.  
 Catherine



Holy Week, Easter and a Baptism



*Foot washing on Maundy Thursday*



*The newly Kindled fire at the Easter Vigil*



*Welcoming Madeline Hannah Stogsdill  
into the household of God on Easter Sunday*



## Have you liked our Facebook page?

If you haven't visited our new Facebook page yet, you should check it out! It's easy to find—just click the link at the top of our website or the link in TWAG. Don't forget to like and follow our page too!

If you have picture from events, you can send them to Sarah Alamond at [Sarah.alamond@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.alamond@gmail.com) with a subject line of "Grace Pictures" or you can text her pictures at 315-751-1049.

You can also sent pictures to the office at [Office@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org](mailto:Office@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org)



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Remember! Drop off of items for the Rummage Sale will happen tomorrow morning, March 28th from 10am-12pm at Grace Church!

## Rummage Sale

Grace Episcopal Church  
110 Oswego Rd.  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Friday and Saturday  
April 17 & 18  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Categories

- ✓ antiques
- ✓ collectibles
- ✓ baby accessories
- ✓ books
- ✓ small appliances
- ✓ small furniture
- ✓ clothing
- ✓ jewelry
- ✓ toys/games
- ✓ musical instruments
- ✓ sporting goods
- ✓ farm/garden items
- ✓ tools
- ✓ household items
- ✓ plants
- ✓ We will not accept electronics—monitors, tvs, computers, et.

#### \*Payment Methods\*

Cash  
and  
Local checks only

#### Community Donations

Donations from the community will be welcomed at Grace Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 28th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**SATURDAY JUNE 6TH**

**11-3 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT**

**DRIVE-THRU AND EAT IN!**

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**SLOW-COOKED CHICKEN OVER THE BBQ PIT,  
SALT POTATOES, BAKED BEANS,  
ROLL WITH BUTTER, AND DESSERT.  
\$15.00 FOR A HALF-CHICKEN MEAL**

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# 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. There are people who watch, but it is not always there!

We need several more volunteers to help keep our services consistently streamed.

Little technical experience is needed.

One camera and an iPad is all the equipment that is used.

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please email the office and when we set up a time to do a training. Thanks!

Office@

GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org



Thank you to all who donated the many items for the Outhouse Project. They were delivered to the B'ville Food Pantry on 4/29. This is another great way to help our neighbors.



## Edwin P. Lewis Memorial Scholarship

The Edwin P. Lewis Scholarship is awarded to a parishioner who is:

- A) A graduating high school senior who has been accepted as a full-time student at a 2 or 4 year college or vocation school, and
- B) A Confirmed member in good standing (regular in attendance, and has contributed regularly to the life and ministry of the parish) on our parish list. If you are not sure if you are in good standing, contact Fr. Joe.

It is a four year scholarship while in attendance at an accredited institution. These years must be taken consecutively, and the student must maintain at least a 3.0 (B) average on a 4.0 grading system. Each year the award winner will be required to submit a transcript of grades to verify continued eligibility, and an account of continued participation at Grace Church, campus ministry or other religious activities in order to receive subsequent annual awards.

It is to be emphasized that this scholarship is an AWARD which recognizes and encourages Christian life and work. This may be seen in the criteria listed below. It is not primarily a scholarship given on the basis of financial need, or to recognize academic achievement.

In making its selection, the committee will focus on the following requirements:

- \* The applicant shall be a confirmed member the Episcopal Church.
- \* The applicant shall have demonstrated a commitment to Grace Episcopal Church by regular attendance, active participation in church events and in activities organized for charity.
- \* A first time applicant shall be completing his/her senior year of high school with a four year grade average of 3.0 (B) or better or its equivalent..
- \* The applicant shall be of good character and high moral standards.

If you are eligible, and would like to apply for this Award please contact the church office for an application as soon as possible.

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### Worship

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Alternating Holy Eucharist Rite 1 & 2

Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah

[Rector@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org](mailto:Rector@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org)

Wednesday 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

Deacon Rev. Linda Murdock

### Office

Allen's Scheduled Office Hours    Tues 5:00—7:00    Wed 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

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