

The Reflection Pool

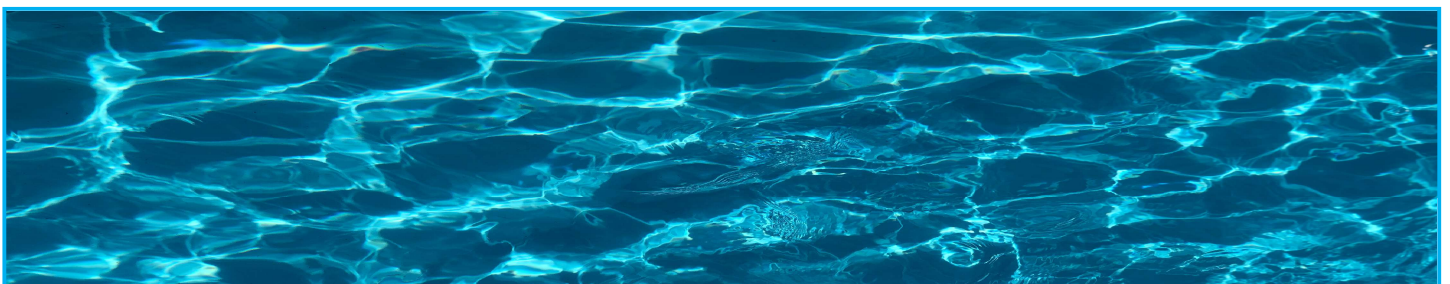
By The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah

Transitions. Sometimes I think that our lives are measured by how well we manage our transitions. Everyone in our community is experiencing the transition from summer to fall. While out on the road this week I saw cars whizzing by me absolutely filled to the brim with STUFF as students head off to college and families exchange their inevitable goodbyes. Embedded in those goodbyes are changes from adolescence to adulthood and the feeling parents have when they become “empty nesters”. The highway was also filled with SUVs and trucks pulling campers and big campers towing cars (which really slow you down on a two lane road) as people either close up camp or get away for one last summer fling. The weather is of course changing. The nights are cooling off, folks are starting to think about where the jackets and sweaters are stored, and anyone with a large garden is gleefully sharing extra zucchini or cucumbers with neighbors and friends. In Jesus' time, and in agricultural communities all over the world, the seasons around the planting and the harvest were the most important times of the year. In much of the world they still are!

There are transitions, however, which are emotionally charged and far from difficult for people to navigate without help. Transitions from health to sickness, from living independently to needing assistance, and from comfort to need, are all around us. That is where the Holy Spirit urges us to act. There are broken relationships and the loss of loved ones that definitely involve change but are not bound to any season. Transitioning from summer to fall, from baseball to football, or from strawberries to pumpkins, is mostly fun. As we approach Labor Day and (for some of us) the end of vacation and the start of school, we need to keep the “tough transitions” people experience foremost in our hearts and minds. I believe we will reach out wherever we can.

Peace, Fr. Joe

Trivia Question: If the Episcopal Church were to be put in charge of the butter sculpture at the state fair, what would it look like and what would be its title?



Summer Vestry Notes

Vestry Approved to move money from miscellaneous fund raising to Outreach fund for sack lunches.

A safe for the counters has arrived and will be installed.

The parish directory is being finalized and will be ready for distribution in September.

Our yearly audit was completed and the Safe Deposit box at Seneca Federal has been audited.

The vestry recieved a Thank You Card from Emma W. for recieving the Lewis Scholarship.

OUTREACH

The mission of outreach is to help the community outside of Grace Church, helping our neighbors in various ways. There are many folks in need and a multitude of groups, organizations, etc that provide help. If anyone in the parish is aware of a particular need or a "cause" close to your heart and would like us to consider providing help, please contact one of us.

Also, if anyone is interested in being part of our outreach group or would like to attend an occasional meeting, we meet at church on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3 pm. All are welcome to discuss ways to help our neighbors.



Parish Life Upcoming Events

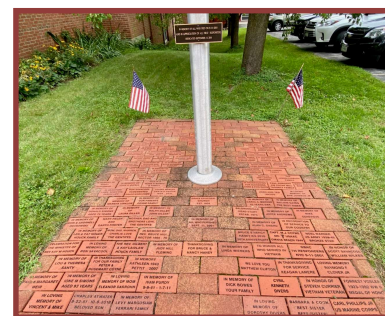
Brick Dedication Sunday/potluck brunch-

September 20, 2026 following the service. Parish life will provide the ham. Starting September 6, 2026, please sign up in the foyer for attendance and additional side dishes.

CPR class- End of September- Date TBD

Information and questions about wills, trusts, and estates. Sign up in foyer or using the link in TWAG.

Led by Connor Hamilton. October. Date TBD.



Edwin P. Lewis Memorial Scholarship

We are extending the application for the Lewis Scholarship. As there was no graduating senior applicants, we are now able to award a 1 year scholarship to one parishioner that is attending college and meets the rest of the requirements. Deadlines for submissions are September 21st. Please reach out the office for an application or more information.



WANTED!

VESTRY MEMBERS

ARE YOU CALLED TO LEAD?

The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management. Management includes such tasks as: budgeting, establishing and enforcing policies and procedures, establishing action plans, maintaining property. Leadership includes such tasks as articulating and communicating the vision for the future of the parish, generating enthusiasm and “buy-in” from the congregation, and as needed, taking personal responsibility for ensuring ad hoc or permanent committees carry out their assigned work.

Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- Vestry meetings (1x per month, plus occasional additional meetings as needed);
 - Vestry retreat (annual);
 - Regular attendance at worship services
- Support congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education 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.

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO ANY VESTRY MEMBER
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

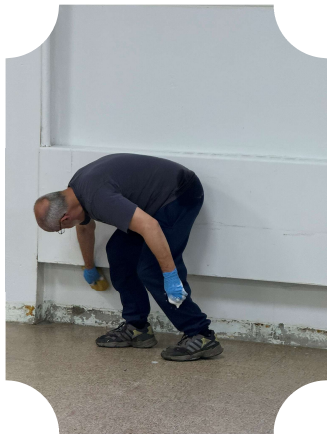
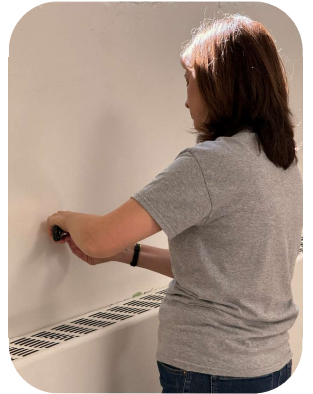


A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped make the BBQ such a success! It was awesome to see everyone working together! The chicken dinners were excellent and much fellowship was had.



Summer at Grace!

Putting a fresh coat of paint on the undercroft and a baptism!



Back to school church reminders.

We still need volunteers to consistently livestream the services!

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



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 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



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Intro

All are welcome! On Sundays, join us for a family-friendly service of Holy Eucharist is at 9:00 am. On Wednesdays, we offer morning prayer at 10:00am. Find our livestreams on our YouTube page at @graceepiscopalchurch7521

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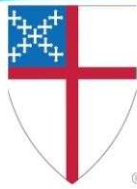
This last Sunday was joyful and a little bit sad for the [#GraceBaldwinsville](#) family. We happily welcomed baby Adalyn into our community of faith, and worshiped with her... [See more](#)



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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Important Info & How to



Clergy

Rector: Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah / 315-935-4198 / rector@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Deacon: Rev. Linda Murdock / 252-658-0273 / deacon@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Staff

Communication Coordinator: Allen Wolf / office@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org / 315-635-3214

Sexton : Cathy McClain **Organist :** Phill Sterling

Vestry

Wardens : Senior Warden -- Stacey Wolf / seniorwarden@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Junior Warden — Tina Santy / juniorwarden@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Vestry Members: Laura Moreau, Skeet Allen, Cindy Adamowsky, Nancy Fredette,

Ken Souser, Adam Zaczowski

Treasurer: Tina Santy -- finance@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Clerk: Jennie LaMere -- vestryclerk@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Office Hours:

Allen's Scheduled Office Hours: Tuesday 5-7 Wednesday 6-8 Hours may change!

Church Address: 110 Oswego Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027 / Phone #: 315 635 3214

Website: GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

How to reach the office for Prayer Requests, Altar Flower Donations and to Publicize an Event.

- Links to on-line forms are included in the weekly email.
- There are forms in the welcome area that you can fill out and leave in the box on the sign up table.
- You can call the office at 315-635-3214 or email office@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.

Deadlines

Requests for additions to TWAG, our weekly email newsletter are due by 5PM on Tuesday.

Flower requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Altar Flowers

Flowers can be donated in memory of or in celebration of. Donation cost is \$40 per Sunday. You can submit flower payment by putting it in the Sunday collection plate or online at our website by clicking the green give button. Be sure to note it as flower dedication.

Mission

Statement

To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

TWAG

Did you know that TWAG stands for This Week at Grace, our weekly newsletter?

Calendar

The church calendar is on our website. Please check the calendar before scheduling an event and let the office know of any calendar changes to posted events.

Thank You!

Bulletins

You can find the weekly bulletins on the website by clicking on the bulletin tab at the top of the page.

Sign Ups

The sign up sheet for lectors, readers, live streamers, and hospitality hosts can be found on the small table in the welcome area.

Website www.GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Go to our website to sign up for our E-news (TWAG) at the bottom of the page. Donate or pay your pledge by clicking the green give button. Find links to our Facebook and YouTube pages at the top right hand corner of the website. View the calendar and find useful information about things at Grace. See the weekly bulletin and Grace Notes. Find out about upcoming events. Find contact information.

Edwin P. Lewis Memorial Scholarship

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

- A) attending an accredited institution.
- 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.

This is for a one year scholarship while in attendance at an accredited institution. The student must maintain at least a 3.0 (B) average on a 4.0 grading system.

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.
- * 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.

Worship

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

Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah

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

Please note that hours may change!

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