

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

3 September 2017

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

Sunday, September 3:

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8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns
1:30 pm	AA Group (Choir Room)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, September 4: Labor Day

Parish Office and Parish House closed

Tuesday, September 5

6:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm	Hymn Sing (Choir Room)

Wednesday, September 6

7:30 pm	Al-Anon Group (Choir Room)
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Thursday, September 7

6:30 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:45 pm	AA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Gym)

Friday, September 8

6:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)
6:45 pm	Couples Group (Choir Room)

Saturday, September 9

10:00 am	AA Group (Choir Room)
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Sunday, September 10: Rally Day

10:30 am	Sunday School registration (Grace Court)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns <i>only service of day</i>
12:00 pm	Parish Barbecue (Grace Court)
1:30 pm	AA Group (Choir Room)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Coffee Hours immediately after all Sunday services are hosted in the Choir Room.

Welcome to Grace Church! Visitors and guests are invited to sign a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. If you are new to Grace, welcome! Attractive magnetic name tags are available for you to wear when you are at church. These are a huge help in helping us learn each other's names and in building community. If you don't yet have a name tag, fill out a Grace Contact Form (in the rear of Guild Hall), and on the Welcome Table, also at the back of Guild Hall. Name tags are not only for newcomers...we all wear them, including kids! *If you have a pacemaker, you should not wear a magnetic tag; we have an alternative tag for you.* Questions? Contact our Parish Administrator, Christian DeRuiter, in the Parish Office at 718-624-1850. **Children's Activity Materials and Bulletins** are available on the Children's Table in Guild Hall. Children are always welcome at worship. **Hearing assistance devices are available.** If you would like one, please ask an usher. **If needed, a Chairlift to the Guild Hall is available;** please ask an usher for assistance.

TODAY AT GRACE

Sunday Parking: Please note that Sunday parking for Grace parishioners is available at **44 State Street Garage (at the end of Willow Place)**. The hours are only on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm unless a holy day (such as Good Friday, Christmas Eve) is scheduled for another day of the week. Please drop off your car at the garage, bring the ticket to an usher for stamping, and give the stamped ticket to the valet.

Gentle Yoga will not meet today, September 3, but will resume next Sunday, September 10.

NEWS AT GRACE

The Parish Office and Parish House, and Grace Church School will be closed on *Monday, September 4* for the Labor Day holiday. For your information, the Parish Office is ordinarily open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, year round.

Rally Day is September 10:

We will celebrate Rally Day this year on Sunday, September 10, with an all-parish service at 11 am, including Holy Baptisms, with the Parish Fall Barbecue immediately following the service on Grace Court.

Annual Parish Fall Barbecue: The day of our Annual Parish Fall BBQ is fast approaching. As always, we would love to have your donations of salads and/or desserts, and we need half a dozen volunteers to help with the grilling of hamburgers and hot dogs. Please help make this event a fun one! To volunteer your grilling time, or to let us know what type of salad or dessert you will bring, please sign up in the rear of Guild Hall, or email Martha Bakos Dietz at mbdietz94@gmail.com or call 917-880-5653, or email Emily Horcher at ejhorcher@gmail.com or call 718-625-1586.

Grace Sunday School resumes, September 17: Primary Grades 2-4 will begin the Fall term with registration on *Rally Sunday, September 10*, from 10:30 am to 2 pm on Grace Court and weekly classes, beginning *Sunday, September 17*, from 10:30 to 10:50 am in the second floor classroom above the Choir Room. David Pitou, who faithfully organized the program in recent years, has turned over leadership to Kim Lovejoy.

In discussion with The Rev. Anne Richards earlier this summer, this year's goals are to:

- Encourage children's personal relationship with God and their place in Christian community in a way that transforms
- "Living the Good News" curriculum of Interactive and experiential classes structured around the weekly lectionary, activities that engage them in applying story to daily life, prayer and closing
- Welcome and retain children with positive experiences
- Serve continuing students, children graduating from Godly Play and visitors
- Engage families through parent participation as class assistant at least 3 times/year
- Build a regular program for Grades 5-7 with Amanda Sawyer's leadership

Call for Sunday School Teachers: Please consider joining our dedicated corps of Sunday School teachers. Three more teachers are needed to complete the roster. Teachers rotate as leaders and assistants and are supported by committed and enthusiastic parents. Training and support are provided for this vital role. *Please respond by September 17.* For more information, contact Kate Lovejoy at kim.lovejoy@gmail.com or call 646-335-5080, evenings and weekends.

Grace Church School Applications: Parish families interested in applying for admission to Grace Church School for the 2018-2019 school year may request an application online at www.gracechurchschool.org, beginning at *9 am on Wednesday, September 6, 2017*.

Completed applications are due **September 29, 2017**. Tours will be assigned once completed applications are received. Please indicate that you are applying under Special Consideration status as a Grace Church Parish Member. Special consideration eligibility does not guarantee admission to the school. For further information about special consideration eligibility, please contact Vivian Toan at: wardens@gracebrooklyn.org.

Announcing the 2017-2018 Children's Choir Schedule at Grace Church: Rehearsals for the 2017-2018 year will start Monday, September 11 starting at 3:30-4:15 pm in the Choir Room. The Children's Choral program is open to children ages 4-8. Children get basic tools in singing, to learn to enjoy singing, to learn about the church, the church year and to learn a wide range of fun music. Children sing at the 9:15 am family service as well occasionally at the 11:00 service. Children are encouraged to bring a friend. There is always a special treat or snack following the rehearsal. Parental participation is also encouraged. We want to encourage more participation with our children in our worship services.

A schedule for the year will be given out and emailed to families at the first rehearsal. For further information, please contact Paul Olson at 718-624-1850, ext. 20, or by email at paulrichardolson@aol.com.

I look forward to working with your children another year, Paul

Fall Bible Study Resumes, September 19:

Beginning on *Tuesday, September 19, 2017* from *10:30 am to Noon* in the Choir Room, Grace Church is offering a five-week seminar on the Minor Prophets. The seminar will be led by the Rev. Dr. Christian D. von Dehsen, a Lutheran pastor and biblical scholar, and will offer opportunities to explore the messages of the 12 Minor Prophets through study and lively discussion. The schedule for the seminar is:

September 19: Introduction to the historical context and a focus on the prophet Amos

September 26: A focus on the prophets Hosea, Jonah, and Nahum

October 3: A focus on the prophets Obadiah, Joel, and Micah

October 10: A focus on the prophets Zephaniah, Habakkuk, and Haggai

October 17: A focus on the prophets Zechariah and Malachi

Rector Search — Telephone Interviews Start Next Week: Although it's summer, when things are often more relaxed, Search Committee activities are moving right along! We have now confirmed all dates for the first round of interviews with each of the candidates approved by the Bishop. These interviews will be held by phone, beginning shortly after Labor Day. Following these calls, the Committee's next task will be to select from this group six or seven candidate for in-depth, in-person interviews.

The Committee is grateful for the prayers and support of the clergy, the Wardens, the Vestry and the entire parish throughout this important process of transition.

For further information, please contact the Search Co-Chairs, Vivian Harrison and Barbara Becker at search.cochairs@gracebrooklyn.org.

Get Connected with Grace Church e-News by signing up at www.gracebrooklyn.org. We send out an email to the parish every week. Also: **Follow us on the Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Facebook page** at www.facebook.com/GraceChurchBrooklynHeights.

GRACE CHURCH - A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

Do you have a prayer concern? In addition to offering Healing Prayer during our services, Grace provides two other ways to have people or situations prayed for: (1) For confidential or emergency prayer concerns, please email Anne Silver at asilver@gts.edu. (2) For ongoing, non-confidential prayer concerns, fill in the 3-ring binder in the rear of Guild Hall, and your concerns will be printed below and prayed for by members of the congregation. Names on the "Ongoing Prayer Needs" list will generally be removed after one month unless you indicate that the need is long-term. There is also space in the 3-ring binder to indicate if a name should be removed from the prayer list.

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of San Diego, California, The Rt. Rev. James Mathes
Diocese of San Joaquin, California, The Rt. Rev. Chester Talton and The Rt. Rev. David Rice.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Stephen & St. Martin, Brooklyn; St. Thomas', Brooklyn; Staff and Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries of LI; Church of the Redeemer, Astoria; St. Andrew's, Astoria; St. George's, Astoria; Canons of the Cathedral; All Saints', Bayside.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Patrick Owen Burns, Sr.; Bill Newbury; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Ben Bankson.

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Eric, Alejandra and Julio; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Julian Douglass; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Ron Ford; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Lori Pogharian Smith; Malcolm; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Chuck Jabaley; Mary Inwood; Jessy, Jade & Brian; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Juliana O'Brien; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Hope Boyd; Andrew Campbell; Patty; Julia Bates; Helen & Ralph Hills; Richard Carrick; Jackie Hunsicker; Michael Rycheck; Judy Reeves; Peg & Terry; Allison Scott & family.

For those who have died, including Rita Scott. *Rest eternal grant to them, O God.*

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: Brianna and Bryan. *If you are expecting a child or awaiting an adoption, and would like to be remembered in prayer, contact the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, extension 10.*

Preparing for Marriage: Evann Borgman and Tom Payne; Hilary Boller and Ben Aneff; Alexandra Weheda and Chase Killeen.

Preparing for Baptism: John B. Gaertner, Amelia Georgia Headley; Kai John Redick, Knox David Redick and Lawson Claire Short.

Upcoming Baptismal Date: November 5 (All Saints Sunday) at 11:00 am. To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.