

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

**Rally Sunday**

**10 September 2017**

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ann Walker Gaffney.*

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## **Sunday, September 10: Rally Sunday**

- 10:30 am Sunday School registration (Grace Court)
- 11:00 am All-Parish Holy Eucharist and Baptisms with Parish Choir  
***only service of day***
- 12:00 pm Parish Barbecue (Grace Court)
- 12:30 pm Bereavement Group (Colonial Room)
- 1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)
- 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

## **Monday, September 11**

- 3:30 pm Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Choir Room)
- 8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

## **Tuesday, September 12**

- 6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

## **Wednesday, September 13**

- 6:00 pm EfM (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon Group (Gym)

## **Thursday, September 14**

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

## **Friday, September 15**

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

## **Saturday, September 16**

- 10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

## **Sunday, September 17: Fifteenth Sunday After**

### **Pentecost**

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

*Coffee Hours immediately after 8 and 9 am Sunday services are hosted in Guild Hall, after 11 am service at the rear of the church.*

**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 the church), and on the Welcome Table, also at the rear of the church. 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 the church. 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.

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## **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.

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## **NEWS AT GRACE**

**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 Sawyers' 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](mailto:kim.lovejoy@gmail.com) or call 646-335-5080, evenings and weekends.

**Young Adult classes begin, September 24:** Led by Grace member Amanda Sawyers, the Journey to Adulthood program of Young Adult classes uses an engaging, discussion-based format to draw young people, Grades 5 and up, into thoughtful consideration about what it means to be a faithful adult in today's world. The Journey to Adulthood program is based on the key concept that "Personhood is a gift from God, but Adulthood must be earned." It encourages teens and 'tweens to explore all areas of their developing selves and to learn to connect their faith to all areas of life. The class meets during the program year, generally on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am in the Hope Library. To learn more about Journey to Adulthood classes, please see Amanda Sawyers.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 am 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](mailto: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, Micah, and Jonah

October 3: A focus on the prophets Zephaniah, Nahum and Habakkuk

October 10: A focus on the prophets Obadiah, Joel and Haggai

October 17: A focus on the prophets Zechariah and Malachi

**Rector Search — Telephone Interviews Underway:** September is “telephone interview month” for the Search Committee, as we start getting to know our candidates better in the first round of interviews.

For the next couple of weeks, we will continue to conduct phone calls with each of the candidates approved by the Bishop. 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](mailto:search.cochairs@gracebrooklyn.org).

**Get Connected with Grace Church e-News** by signing up at [www.gracebrooklyn.org](http://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](https://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](mailto:asilver@gts.edu). (2) For ongoing, non-confidential prayer concerns, fill in the 3-ring binder in the rear of the church, 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:** Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Seychelles, Indian Ocean, The Rt. Rev. James Richard Wong Yin Song.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints', Bayside; Chaplains to Military and First Responders; St. David's, Cambria Heights; The Garden of St. Mark, Bellmore; Primates of the Anglican Communion; The Racial Justice Committee; Zion Church, Douglaston.

**For Grace Church in This Interim Period:** For the clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, Search Committee, and lay leaders of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights in this time of transition.

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

**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; Richard Carrick; Jackie Hunsicker; Michael Rycheck; Judy Reeves; Peg & Terry; Allison Scott & family; Rose Beard; all who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey & Hurricane Irma.

**For those who have died.** *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.