

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

15 October 2017

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

Sunday, October 15: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Children Acolyte Training/Refresher (North Room)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

10:30 am Bible Study (Choir Room)
4:00 pm Brooklyn Youth Chorus (Choir Room)
6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday, October 18

12:30 pm Brown Bag Lunch (Choir Room)
6:30 pm EfM (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Al-Anon (Gym)

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

10:00 am AA Group (Gym)

Sunday, October 22: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Young Adult Program
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)
5:30 pm Parish Celebration Potluck Dinner (Guild Hall and North Room)

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 on the Welcome Table, in 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. **Parents:** There is Staff-supervised Nursery Care offered from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Colonial Room, upstairs across from the kitchen. **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 on the Children's Table.** 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.

Acolyte Training/Refresher Class for Children: TODAY, *Sunday, October 15* at 10 am in the North Room, Jim Hagen will be facilitating a session geared to new Acolytes, ages 7 and up, during Sunday School. This will serve as both a class about liturgy and the Eucharist as well as an introduction for new acolytes. All interested acolytes and Living the Good News Sunday School students are welcome. Email Sarah Davies at with any questions at sarahmossdavies@yahoo.com.

Parish Celebration Potluck Supper, October 22: We're looking forward to our festive Celebration Potluck on *Sunday, October 22* at 5:30 *p.m.* We are excited to announce that music will be provided by Grace's best bluegrass band, featuring Grace members Katherine Slingluff and Andy Stuckey. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still a chance to volunteer to bring your favorite main, appetizer, or dessert. Sign-up sheets are available the rear of the church, or online, through a Google form: goo.gl/m52kFe. In general, we recommend people plan a dish that would be shared with around 10 people. Our Stewardship Co-Chairs, David and Jim, are happy to help with any questions at david.krych@gmail.com and jim.j.williamson@gmail.com. **Note that there will not be a Harvest Dinner this fall, so this is a great opportunity to share a dinner with the whole Grace community.**

Next Burning Books Group meeting, October 24: Burning Books is a group for the readers and book lovers of Grace Church and the neighborhood that has been meeting since the 1990s (no kidding!) Meeting every *fourth Tuesday* of the month beginning at 7:30 *pm* in the Choir Room, with break in December and for summer months. Our next book will be The Glass Castle, by Jeanette Wells. For more information, visit the web site or take a flyer from the rear of church.

Grace Church Stroller Group Halloween Brunch and Sock Drive, October 29: Halloween is around the corner, and we are thrilled to resume the Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Stroller Group events with a spooky Halloween Brunch and Sock Drive in the Grace Gym on *Sunday, October 29*, following the 9:15 am Family Service. Join other families with young children ages 0-3 for fellowship while learning about Grace's upcoming programs for children and parents. We will have a special Halloween craft for the children and plenty of delicious things to eat. We are looking for assistance with both set-up and clean-up and volunteers to bring food, so please let us know if you are interested in helping out. We will be collecting donations to benefit CHiPS (Community Help in Park Slope), so please bring cozy socks and toiletries for the seven young mothers and their infants who are sheltered there.

All Souls Book of Names of the Dead: A beautiful book is kept in the Chapel in October. You are invited to inscribe in this special book the names of those who have died in the past year. The book containing these names will be placed on the altar on All Saints Sunday, *November 5*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER

- **Jiu Jitsu as a Model for the Saint:** On *Sunday, November 5, All Saints Sunday, 9:15 am* Eucharist: Cameron Foster & Jim Hagen show how Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a parable for the Christian Life.

Also on November 5, All Saints Sunday:

- **Baptisms and Guest Preacher,** The Rev. Craig Townsend, at the 11 *am* Eucharist;
- **Sex and the Christian:** a program for kids 10 and up, 12:30 to 2:30 *pm*. Pizza served.
- **Wise Aging** has two more sessions: *Thursdays, November 2 and 9, 1 to 2:30 pm*, in the North Room.

Heights Interfaith Shelter 2017: One of New York City's most intractable problems is that of homelessness, but like all problems, ignoring it does not make it go away. Grace Church prides itself on being part of the Heights Interfaith Shelter – including Plymouth Church and Assumption Roman Catholic Church – which for over a decade has provided food and nightly shelter to up to 12 homeless men. This ministry is one where nearly each member of our congregation finds a way to participate. This can include preparing and delivering a hot meal for our guests and volunteer sleepers or coming in time to share the meal and remaining to spend the night. Our sign-up sheets are at the back of the church. Please help fulfill one of Grace Church's critical outreach missions by signing up to cook or sleep over. If you need other information, please contact Vicky Schippers at ybschippers@aol.com.

Tutors Needed: Tutors are needed for Grace's Tutoring Program, at Frederick Douglass Academy VII in Brownsville. Parishioners with a free afternoon a week work with small groups of high school students devising strategies to pass state Regents exams through the fall semester. Parishioners with a free afternoon a week work with small groups of high school students devising strategies to pass state Regents exams through the fall semester. Tutoring takes place at FDA VII, 226 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, which is accessible by the 3 train. For further information, contact Mark McIntyre at markmcint@gmail.com or 646-644-3261.

Rector Search — Live Interviews Now Under Way: Having completed our telephone interviews in September, the Search Committee is scheduling live interviews with each of the selected candidates. These in-person meetings will take place here at Grace, throughout October and November. Following all those interviews, the Committee will provide Bishop Provenzano, and then the Wardens and Vestry, the names of three final candidates for the Wardens and Vestry to interview.

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.

October 9 EBC Housing Rally, Grace Brooklyn Heights Chapter Report: Forty Grace parishioners rallied at City Hall in pouring rain on Columbus Day to force Mayor de Blasio to build senior housing and improve living conditions at New York City Housing Authority developments. The rally, organized by East Brooklyn Congregations, of which Grace is a member, drew more than 5,000 people to the gates of City Hall, where NYCHA tenants spoke of a lack of security, constant leaks into their NYCHA apartments, and a NYCHA management indifferent to tenants' needs. An EBC pastor told the rally that Mayor de Blasio had not committed to EBC's plan to build 15,000 units of senior housing on surplus NYCHA land. To keep pressure on the mayor, Public Advocate Letitia James told the rally she would hold a candidates' forum for all City Council Speaker candidates at St. Paul Community Baptist Church to ask them to commit to EBC's NYCHA plan. Any Grace member interested in attending the upcoming candidates' forum should contact Mark McIntyre at markmcint@gmail.com.

Do you enjoy flowers? Why not donate flowers on a particular Sunday to remember a loved one who has died or to give thanks for a special blessing? Sign-up sheets are on the Information Table in the rear of church. Memorials and thanksgivings are included in the Sunday bulletin's Parish News section.

Contemplative Prayer Group meets on *Tuesdays* at 7:00 *pm* in the Chapel. Please join us for a silent respite at the end of your day. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Lindsay Boyer (lindsay@lindsayboyer.com) with questions or just come by.

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 at 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: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Swaziland, in South Africa, The Rt. Rev. Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Commission on Addiction & Recovery; St. Paul's, Woodside; All Saints, Woodside; St. Thomas', Bellerose; St. Mary's, Carle Place; St. Joseph's Day School, Queens Village; St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor.

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; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; 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; storm victims in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Louisiana and Texas; victims of the earthquake in Mexico; victims of wild fires in Northern California; those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas; The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano; James Tan; Christopher Moran; Lily Jordan.

For those who have died, including Tom Picard, William Sheppard, Stephen Dindyal. *Rest eternal grant to them, O God.*

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: Helen and Ken. *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: Hilary Boller and Ben Aneff; Alexandra Weheda and Chase Killeen; Amanda Leach and Hayleen Rodriguez.

Preparing for Baptism: Katherine Elizabeth Diamond; James Randall Lester.

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.