

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9 September 2018

Sunday, September 9: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Guild Hall)
9:00 am Core Values Discussion
(Classroom #2)
9:15 am Family Eucharist (Guild Hall)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
(Guild Hall)
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Monday, September 10

6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Choir Room)
8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

Tuesday, September 11

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

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

Friday, September 14

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
7:30 pm Couples Group (Choir Room)
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Saturday, September 15

10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, September 16: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost — Rally Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School Forum (North Room)
11:00 am All-Parish Holy Eucharist
with Parish Choir (Sanctuary)
only service of the day
12:00 pm Parish Fall BBQ (Grace Court)
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Please join us after each service for fellowship, coffee and refreshment 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 worship. 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 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 adhesive for you.* Questions? Contact our Parish Administrator, Christian DeRuiter, in the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

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 Guild Hall. 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 validated 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.

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Core Values discussion today. Thank you to all who participated in the Vestry Retreat discussion on July 29. Thank you for your thoughtful input and ideas. We like to say we are a church of "radical welcome, faithful worship and compassionate service." Or are we? We want to hear from you. As Grace moves forward with our new Rector, the Congregation is invited to participate in these discussions of core values.

The next session will be held today *Sunday, September 9* after the *8:00 am* service in *Classroom #2* (across from the Men's Room in the Parish House). Discussions for the 9:15 and 11:00 am services will occur on dates still to be determined. All are welcome regardless of which service you regularly attend.

NEWS AT GRACE

Grace Sunday School forum, Sunday, September 16. Calling all Sunday School teachers, parents, grandparents, stroller group members and ANYONE in the congregation interested in hearing about Sunday School at Grace Church. Christian formation for our children and youth is a vital part of our role at Grace. Come hear about our vision for expanding Sunday School programming! Come add your ideas and feedback! Come willing to learn and support! This gathering will happen *on September 16, Rally Sunday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the North Room.* Hope to see you there!

Annual Parish Fall BBQ, Sunday, September 16 on Grace Court. In order for the entire Grace Church community to come together on that day, we will have only one service at 11 am. Please help us make this event a successful one on Sunday, September 16. We ask EVERYONE who is able to bring a side or dessert, especially given that we have invited the Brooklyn United Marching band (drumline), bringing us an additional 12-20 teenage hungry teenage boys to feed. A signup sheet is in the rear of Guild Hall.

Please contact Emily Horcher at ejhorcher@gmail.com or Marilyn Grant at Marilyn.prycegrant@icloud.com to let us know what side or dessert you can bring. We will also need volunteers for grilling and cleanup.

Grace Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 23

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 23. We invite the parents of those children attending Sunday School to attend the first day with their child for an orientation to Sunday School to better understand what your child will be learning this year.

The Godly Play Pre-K-1 program will begin the Fall term with *registration this Sunday, September 9* in the rear of the Guild Hall and on *Rally Sunday, September 16* along Grace Court. Weekly classes begin at *10 am on Sunday, September 23*, on the stage in the Parish House Gym. Please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org for more information.

Primary Grades 2-5 will begin the Fall term with *registration this Sunday, September 9* in the rear of the Guild Hall and on *Rally Sunday, September 16*, along Grace Court. Weekly classes begin on *Sunday, September 23*, from *10 to 10:50 am*, in the second floor classroom above the Choir Room. Kim Lovejoy will lead this program. Please see Kim Lovejoy after service or contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org for more information about the Living the Good News program.

The 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

Young Adult classes begin September 23

Mary Jacobus, who will lead the Journey to Adulthood program of young adult classes uses an engaging, discussion-based format to draw young people, 6th grade 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 at 10 am in the Hope Library. To learn more about Journey to Adulthood classes, please see Mary Jacobus, or contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org. Parents are invited to attend the first Sunday School class along with their children on September 23 for an orientation for both the "Living the Good News" & "J2A" classes.

Episcopal Church 101 formation classes begin, Sunday, September 23. Deacon Bernie is delighted to welcome you on an adventure into learning more about the Episcopal Church. Whether you are a long-standing member of Grace Church looking for a refresher on Episcopal Church history, theology and worship, or a relative newcomer, Episcopal Church 101 is for you.

Classes begin at 10 am on *Sunday, September 23*, in the downstairs *Classroom #1* (just off the Gym in the Parish House). Whether you are a long-standing member of Grace Church looking for a refresher on Episcopal Church history, theology and worship, or a relative newcomer, Episcopal Church 101 is for you.

What is the Episcopal Church? What makes Grace Church an Episcopal church? Why do we worship in the way we do? Where does it come from? How does one become an Episcopalian? What does it mean to be a member of an Episcopal church?

We will be reading Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices (Forward Movement, 2018), by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. It is available in print and e-book from Amazon.

Rector's Tuesday Bible Study will resume on *Tuesday, October 2*, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Choir Room.

The Study of Christian Themes and Symbols in Southern Literature, led by The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson, begins October 3. In an era of religious and cultural pluralism in America, the study of southern writers continues to grow with a renewed sense of intrigue and discovery. In this class, we will study the works of three southern Christian writers in an effort to discover the power and use of Christian symbols in literature. We will seek to understand the presence or seemingly absence of God, the role and purpose Christ and the unifying work of the Holy Spirit as experienced through these important pieces of literature. What role, if any, does the faith of the writer play in each work? For instance, Flannery O'Connor was a devout Roman Catholic and used her numinous religious experiences as the cornerstone for many of her books and letters. So, then why does many of O'Connor's writings reflect an existential understanding of the Holy? Lastly, it is my hope that each participant will be able to experience the presence of the Holy in new ways as a result of having read these profoundly spiritually-insightful writings. This course will take place each Wednesday evening during the month of October in the *Hope Library*, from 7 to 8:30 pm.

I would encourage participants to read each book ahead of class as we will launch into discussions at the beginning of each class.

October 3: Flannery O'Connor, Wise Blood (Chapters 1-7)
October 10: O'Connor, Wise Blood (Chapters 8-14)
October 17: Walker Percy, The Moviegoer (Chapters 1-3)
October 24: Percy, The Moviegoer (Chapters 4-Epilogue)
October 31: Ernest J. Gaines, A Lesson Before Dying

If you have any questions or wish to register for the course, please contact the Church Office at (718) 624-1850, ext. 10.

Save the Date! Institution of The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson as 15th Rector Sunday, October 21. The Institution of The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson as the 15th Rector of Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, will take place *Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 4 pm*. Festive reception to follow.

Grace Church School Applications: Parish families interested in applying for admission to Grace Church School for the 2019-2020 school year may request an application online at www.gracechurchschool.org, beginning at 9 am on *Wednesday, September 5, 2018*. Prospective parents should note that the school recognizes the importance of diversity in its student body.

Completed applications are due September 28, 2018. Tours will be assigned once completed applications are received. Please indicate if you are applying under Special Consideration status as a Grace Church Parish Member (early notification and commitment, if offered a place). Special consideration eligibility does not guarantee admission to the school. Grace Church School is committed to making pre-school a viable option for all. Financial Aid is available for students from Twos through Pre-Kindergarten and is awarded based on need and availability of funds.

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 <http://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: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Rev. Daniel Deng Bul Yak.

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

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that this congregation may not just preach our faith, but live our faith; that we may not just proclaim the Good News, but BE the Good News; that we may not just profess love for our neighbors, but reach out in love to our neighbors, not holding ourselves apart from those in need, but embracing them as our sisters and brothers.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Sandra Bajor; Ginny Lindle; Eleanor Wedge; Mary Sue Ballou.

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Kathy Engstrom; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Mary Inwood; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Andrew Campbell; Jennifer Wallick; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Karl Steinbrenner; Dennis Christian; Dr. Terry Gillian; Suzanne Cadarette; Mariel Chetcuti; Carly and Kay; Andrea & John; Enneke; Susan; Claude Scales; Jason Freier.

For those who have died, rest eternal grant to them, O God; and for those who mourn.

Preparing for Marriage: Justin Bonus and Sri Lanka Hillery.

Preparing for Baptism: Meritt Brown; McVey Copeland; Emily Dyson; Everly Healy; Charles Johansen; Harper Jones; Julian Kraus; Caspian Larson; Waylon Parker; Duncan MacRae-Ruml; Calvin Rider; Sarah Rider; Silvia Rider; Amelia Seligsohn; Darcy Sise; Henry Sparrough; Charlotte Sytsma.

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: Medora and Hiram. *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, ext. 10.*

Upcoming Baptismal Date: To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.