

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

16 July 2017

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God, and in honor and memory of Dorothy Pearson, by Mary Elson.

Sunday, July 16: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, July 17

1:00 pm Summer Book Group
(North Room)
6:45 pm AA Group (Choir Room)

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 pm NA Group (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 19

7:30 pm Nar-Anon Group (Colonial Room)

Thursday, July 20

6:45 pm AA Group (Choir Room)

Friday, July 21

6:00 pm NA Group (Colonial Room)
6:30 pm Couples Group (Choir Room)

Saturday, July 15

10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, July 23: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Coffee Hour (Choir Room)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
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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.

NEWS AT GRACE

Summer News About Our Buildings - Everyone Please Read: This summer, we are taking measures to make sure Grace Church is a secure place for everyone in our parish community, as well as for our friends and neighbors who use our spaces for recovery groups and other purposes. We all want Grace to be a welcoming place. We also want it to be a safe place. We are aware that there are far too many keys to our buildings circulating in the community and neighborhood, and that there have been a few potential security lapses and entries by persons not authorized to be in the buildings. All of these are simply commonsense measures for a large church in a city that welcomes many people in the course of a day and evening.

The Hicks Street entrance is now the ONLY entrance and exit point for all persons entering our facilities. The Grace Court doors will no longer be an entry or exit point weekdays and Saturdays. They will be used for emergency exit only, except of course on Sundays. Signs are posted on the Grace Court doors to alert people to come to the Hicks Street door for entrance.

All of our recovery groups and church groups have responded graciously to these changes and agree that having unlocked doors every evening is unwise. They have thus arranged to post a group member at the door for the time of their meetings, or will post a sign with a cell phone number for group members seeking entrance to call if they are late.

We are also working with our school to manage these changes in such a way that the transition goes as smoothly as possible.

This is a culture change for all of us, and I appreciate your understanding and patience as we go through this transition. We will get the kinks straightened out as we go along, I promise.

Many thanks are owed to our Junior Warden, Kate Rock, for the time she put into researching solutions and connecting with our recovery groups; and to Christian DeRuiter, our Parish Administrator, and to Felipe Guerra, our Head Sexton, for carrying out this transition.

See you at church.

Anne+

(The Rev.) Anne Richards
Interim Rector

Summer Book Group in July: “Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life” by Richard Rohr: “There is much evidence on several levels that there are at least two major tasks to human life. The first task is to build a strong ‘container’ or identity; the second is to find the contents that the container was meant to hold. The first task we take for granted as the very purpose of life, which does not mean we do it well. The second task, I am told, is more encountered than sought...” (p.xiii)

On four Mondays in July, we gather to informally discuss this book about the Christian spiritual life by acclaimed writer Richard Rohr of the Center for Action & Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One of Rohr’s guiding paradigms is that of “falling.” Ongoing spiritual growth is most often experienced when we are open to our life’s challenges, rough edges, lack of control, mistakes, and suffering. Always, Rohr’s emphasis is on spiritual depth and joy.

The group is co-led by longtime parishioner, teacher, and fellow traveler Jane Parkerton, and Interim Rector Anne Richards.

Mondays, July 17, 24, and 31, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the North Room. For our next meeting on July 17, please read Chapters 1-4.

News from Godly Play – Parents, please read! Godly Play is our Sunday School curriculum for children in their pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade years. It’s magical! Although it may seem far off, we are already planning for the Godly Play 2017-2018 year. We have a great group of dedicated volunteer teachers who teach every Sunday from September through mid-June. **This year, we are asking that every parent of a child in Godly Play also participate by being a volunteer assistant in the class from 10 to 10:55 am at least 3 times during the year.** We have more and more kids coming, and we need everyone’s participation and help. Assisting means helping keep the kids focused on the lesson, helping with snack and craft time, or directing kids to bathroom breaks. This is a great way to be involved in your child’s Christian education and to support our dedicated teachers. To sign up to help, contact Jen Murdoch at jmurdoch0805@gmail.com. We will be in touch with all Godly Play families in the fall to follow up on this.

Rector Search – All Applications Are In! June 15 was the deadline for the “Receiving Names” portion of the search for the 15th Rector of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights. The Search Committee is pleased to report that there has been an extremely robust response to the position postings.

The Committee has been reviewing all applications as they’re received, and will soon wrap up its deliberations on which applicants are suited to move forward in the Search process. The immediate goal is to identify 12 names for submission to Bishop Provenzano. Upon the Bishop’s approval, the Committee will contact each of these 12 applicants to initiate the first phase of the interviewing process.

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.

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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: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ottawa in Ontario, Canada; The Rt. Rev. John Holland Chapman.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Caroline Church, Setauket; St. Mary's, Shelter Island; St. Anselm's, Shoreham; St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown; Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Brooklyn; St. John's, Southampton; Church Musicians.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Ann Gaffney; Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Patrick Owen Burns, Sr.; Bill Newbury; Jacob Connor; Joseph Hoplamazian; Michael Ruski; Eric & Frances Harrison.

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Joan Rycheck; Russell Rycheck; Diosdado Hernandez; Marian Pryce; Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Eric Huato, Alejandra, 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; Cat Schaefer; Mary Inwood; Jessy, Jade & Brian; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Lotte Jaeger; Kevin Kretz; Juliana O'Brien; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Hope Boyd; Andrew Campbell; The Nixon Family; Shlomo & Esty; James Ragsdale; Anita Wylds; Gee Smith; Ann Wilkerson; Herman Kluge; Steve Loving.

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.

Preparing for Baptism: Kai John Redick, Knox David Redick and Lawson Claire Short.

Upcoming Baptismal Dates: September 10 (Rally Day) and 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.