

## GRACE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

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### **Grace Church Needs One Diocesan Convention Alternate Delegate**

Every year Grace Church sends several delegates (representatives) to the diocesan convention. After following our by-law process, we still have one outstanding Alternate Delegate position available. The alternate delegate attends the convention, enjoys community and food gatherings, educational events and learns more about our diocese; however, as an alternate, does not vote on the diocesan issues in discussion.

**This year's convention is being held at the Westchester Marriott Convention Center in Tarrytown all day Friday and Saturday (Nov. 8th and 9th).**

If you have interest in becoming this alternate delegate, then please submit your name to our office administrator by September 20rd. If more than one person is submitted, a random draw will select the candidate.

### **Monthly Gratitude – ECW**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Melanie Jackson Walters (chairperson) and Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Church.

Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of this church.

For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of this church, its leaders and staff, and me. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation! Thank you. Fr. Chip

Irene Alves, Laura Auld, Marie Barrow, Gloria Chang, Cynthia Cole, Edyth Horne, Sylvia Howard, Judy Hutton Carole Lashley, Joyce Pickering, Monique Reynolds, Andrea Spencer, Shirley Spencer, Audrey Taylor

### **Creative Ways of Giving to Grace Church**

There are many ways in which you can support our parish. Most people think in terms of giving to the Sunday plate offering or making an annual pledge. And those are important. However, there are other ways to give; for example, your family could give non-cash items such as real estate, automobiles, fine art or publicly traded securities such as stocks or bonds. In addition, you may consider including Grace Church in your estate planning. Please know that any offering that you are able to give Grace Church is truly appreciated. You are important to Grace Church. If you have any questions, please contact our office. Thank you. Fr. Chip

### **TODAY**

**ECW Meeting** at 11:45 AM in the library.

**Ushers Meeting** to be held after the 10 AM service in the church

**Sunday School Registration:** If you have not already done so, please register your children today in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 AM service. For those of you who have done so, many thanks! As a reminder, ALL GRADE LEVELS meet next Sunday, September 22nd, concurrent with the 10:00 AM service.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Parish Hall today. Sunday School teachers are available to answer your questions.

### **Please Contribute to Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Relief Fund:**

To contribute, flyer on the back table in the rear of the church and can be downloaded in E-newsletter.

### **Our Grace Church Garden Won Best in Class!**

White Plains Beautification Foundation Inc. recognizes businesses, building owners and other institutions for their contributions in making White Plains beautiful each year in three board categories: Major Players, Local Shining Starts, Playing to the Crowd.

We are pleased to announce our Grace Church Garden was a finalist, taking the best in class in religious institution grouping in of Major Players category. Finalist and grand prize winners will be recognized on [www.wphf.org](http://www.wphf.org) website.

### **A Message from The Stewardship Committee**

Do you use your pledge envelopes? If you use PayPal, Zelle or other direct deposit methods and do not use/need your pledge envelopes please let us know. Please contact Charlotte Roberson, Chairperson, at (718)

862-9618 or [crobers8975@gmail.com](mailto:crobers8975@gmail.com). We will then be able to order fewer pledge boxes and save money for Grace Church. Please be aware that your pledge number will change.

### **Meals for the Louis Family**

Donna Louis will be having surgery later this month and needs help with meals while she recuperates. If you would like to provide a meal, send me your email address and you will be sent a link to the secure on-line signup sheet. If you do not have internet access, or want more information, please contact Melanie Jackson 914-235-2389 or [melaniejackson41@gmail.com](mailto:melaniejackson41@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **United Thank Offering:**

Give thanks for your blessings every day and put a coin in your UTO Box. Boxes are available in the back of the church.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **Adult Education Series: Episcopal 101 & Labyrinth prayer at 6:30pm in the parish hall.**

Fr. Chip is holding an adult education series over **three consecutive Monday evenings at 7:00 PM (September 9th, 16th and 23) in the library**. The series is entitled "Episcopal 101" and will include a quick review of the basic tenets of the Episcopal faith to include history, worship, faith, etc. The class is for young adults and mature adults.

**It is highly recommended that all participants purchase this book on Amazon.com or [www.churchpublishing.org/myfaithmylife](http://www.churchpublishing.org/myfaithmylife)**

Please don't let the title fool you, it's not just for teens. This book is considered one of the best Episcopal Confirmation resources within the Episcopal Church.

Please register for this class through Maria Campos at [mcampos@gracechurchwhiteplains.org](mailto:mcampos@gracechurchwhiteplains.org).

#### **God's Word for Today's World Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Wed. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> in Parish Hall**

A New BSF Satellite Discussion Group will meet, right here, at Grace Episcopal Church, on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm-8:45pm. There is no cost to join. Please contact [nycdw590@gmail.com](mailto:nycdw590@gmail.com) to register or for additional information.

**Acolytes Needed** - The Grace La Gracia Acolyte Ministry is always in search of new members to aid and assist the Clergy and Congregation in prayer, praise and worship. We welcome adults and youth aged 7 and up. Please contact Lauren Reid at [Lrrmink@gmail.com](mailto:Lrrmink@gmail.com) if you would like to join this vital ministry.

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** 12:10 PM DTM Concert at Grace -12:10 PM  
7:00 PM Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – Library  
7:15 PM NEW BSF Study Fellowship – Parish Hall

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Planned Giving Forum at 11:30 AM in the library

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** Join La Gracia in Celebrating the Central Americas Independence 5PM to 10PM  
Ticket information on the back table in church and in E-news

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** "Conversations of Grace" discussions during coffee hour.

**Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM Evening Service at St. Bart's. All parishioners are invited to attend. St. Bart's is located on the same block as the Post Road Elementary School on the corner of Prospect St. and Sterling Avenues. We're a block south of Route 22 on the North, a couple blocks away from the village of Scarsdale on the west, and two blocks from Lexington Avenue on the east

### **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> SAGE**

Our first SAGE Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm in the library. We will kick off the new year with a welcome back party. Looking forward to seeing everyone! New members are welcome! See Marie Barrow if you are interested. Much blessings! Marie Barrow

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** Blessing of the Animals 2PM to 3PM Rain or Shine In front yard of Grace Church. All animals are welcome! Must be on a leash or appropriate crate.



