

## GRACE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2019

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### Monthly Gratitude Sunday School Teachers

We are all called to be teachers and learners with children, and we are especially grateful this month for the dedication of our Sunday School Teachers. They take the time to give our youth the lesson's love that helps them to mature in their faith and understanding. Their efforts are a great contribution to Grace.

Rudye Breach	Michael Heffner	Lauren Reid
Leigh Burton	Andrea Lacourciere-MacLeish	Cynthia Sangurima Brown
Linda Gallo	Donna Louis	Lyndsey Wall
	George O'Hanlon	

### 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

#### **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.

#### **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.

**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.

#### **Planned Giving "All that we are, all that we have comes from God (and will one day return to God)"**

*Our Mission: To establish a meaningful enough relationship with you, the Grace Church/La Gracia parishioner, to the extent that you would consider establishing a meaningful long-term financial relationship with Grace Church La Gracia.*

Planned Giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the thoughtful use of his or her personal wealth can make a considered choice about how to share it. Planned gifts are either outright gifts or deferred gifts. Please contact Michael Heffner to start (or continue) this conversation.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Book Club Update:** The Book Club resumes its regular monthly meetings on **Tuesday, Oct 8, at 7 pm** with a discussion of **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult. Meetings are held in the church library unless otherwise noted. Interested in the Book Club? Contact Karen Odom at [karenodom@yahoo.com](mailto:karenodom@yahoo.com) or just come to a meeting!

#### **God's Word for Today's World Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Wed. October 9th in the Library**

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.

### **Volunteers & Donations Are Needed for Columbus Day at Grace's Kitchen- Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

If you have an hour or two, between 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM, to help set-up serving or clean up, we will be happy to see you. Contributions of fresh fruit, salads, desserts, snacks and monetary contributions are always needed and welcome. Contact: Michael Heffner E: michaelheffner08@gmail.com Signup sheet on the bulletin board.

### **United Thank Offering In gathering Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>'s time to empty our Blue Boxes!**

The UTO donations will be collected on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> during all worship services. Please submit a cash or check for the amount you have collected in your blue box. Checks should be made payable to Grace Church and put "UTO" in the memo space. Place your donation in the Blue UTO envelopes that will be available. You may also turn in the Blue Box- this option is particularly for the youth. Thank you.

### **All Saints' Day**

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you would like to have any loved ones remembered that day, please send their names to Maria in the office so that we can print their names in the bulletin that Sunday. **We need the names no later than Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. You may also give a memorial gift to Grace Church in their honor. Checks should be payable to Grace Church and place "All Saint's Day Donation" in the memo space.

**In order to economize**, most of our parish communications are done electronically, whether through email or by being posted on our website. Some folks, however, do not use email. If you are one of them, or if you know of someone who is, please get in touch with the office to let us know, and make sure we have your name and current mailing address. That way when we send out information, we can have a special list of those who need regular mail. As a general reminder to everyone, please keep the office informed of changes in address, email, or phone number. Our desire is to communicate effectively, and lack of the proper information makes that more difficult. Thank you!



### **From Your Vestry: Some Good News**

- We have developed plans to reduce our administrative costs by over \$12,000 per year.
- Fr. Chip is working with Youth Leaders to develop a monthly 10:00 AM Sunday youth service to begin the third Sunday in October.
- BSF Women's weekly Bible study is going very well with over 20 in attendance
- Grace Church has received over \$600,000 from various entities in the past 8 months (Cappelli Foundation, City of White Plains, Lifting Up Westchester, Member bequests, other). A majority is going to building projects. We still have a deficit, but this is good news.
- We are preparing for the November 8/9 Diocesan Convention
- We are diligently working to better support our Altar Guild. A special thank you to Brinda Bradley.
- We are diligently working to support our Stewardship efforts. A special thank you to Charlotte Roberson and Cynthia Brown.
- La Gracia has an exciting new monthly learning event for members wanting a greater commitment to the church. There are 18 members signed up for this class.
- Fr. Chip has been meeting with the Diocesan Bishops. They fully support where we are and hope to go.
- La Gracia had a very successful fundraiser with proceeds going to support our entire church.