



NEWS AT GRACE

Docent-led Tour – Today, September 1, there will be a docent tour after the 11:00 am service. The tour will begin in the church at 12:15 pm.

Many Thanks to our Summer Musicians 2019 – Many thanks go to the following people who participated in the summer choir. Their voices greatly added in leadership and beauty to the services throughout the summer months at the 11:00 am service. Harriet De Ceunynck, Martha Eckfeldt, Pat Magnuson, Anne Silver, Patricia Woodard, Judy Burns, Dolly Moon, Susan Bluhm, Barbara Becker, Ben Bankson, Steve Smith, Warren Chase, Marcos Cáceres, Patricia Kavanagh. Deepest thanks to Judith Hancock and Miriam Daly for playing at our services in July while Paul Olson was on vacation. Thanks to all of you who supported the August Hymn Sings. There was a wonderful weekly attendance and great spirited singing. We received great support from the community too. Special thanks for presenting various topics at these sessions go to, Rev. Erika Meyer, Patricia Woodard, and Jacque Jones. - Paul Richard Olson

Evening Prayer will now be held on Tuesday-Friday, and will resume on Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 pm.

Rector's Forum – A Harvest of Learning and Inspiration. Please hold the date for a Rector's Forum on **September 22, at 10:00 am** to share thoughts and reflections on the LIFT summer reading selections. The Reverend Dr. Allen Robinson will lead a discussion of the book *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. What do the summer reading selections teach us about how to “practice the way of love in the pattern of Jesus” and rise to the national challenge of racial bridge-building?

If you haven't read the book, there's still plenty of time. Read the primary book, *America's Original Sin*, or any of the other summer book recommendations and join us on **September 22**.

Follow this link for more details about the summer reading recommendations <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/LIFT-Summer-Reading-Recommendations.html?soid=1103542047083&aid=cqgkHOT69LQ>

Multicultural Day Meeting - Are you/your family/parents or grandparents from another country? (Australia, China, Ecuador, England, Guyana, India, Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Norway, Panama and South Korea.) *Is your country represented?* Don't be left out. Join us on **Sunday, September 29, 10:00 am-11:00 am** in the **North Room** to plan the inaugural Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Multicultural Day. Festivities are scheduled for Sunday, October 20th with an awesome worship service at 11:00 am, followed by a spectacular international food festival with live music in the Guild Hall. For more information, contact Denise Young Farrell (dlyfarrell@gmail.com) or Allison Robinson (a.robinson2@verizon.net).

Stroller Group – Please mark your calendars. We will host the first Stroller Group potluck brunch of the season on Sunday, **September 29th**, immediately following the 9:15 am service. Stop by for fellowship with other parents of young kids at Grace Church and make a new friend, or three. **Who:** Parents with youngsters (generally pre-K and below, though older siblings are welcome to join in on the fun). **What:** Welcome back potluck brunch. We will have a fun craft for the little ones and plenty of space for them to play. **Where:** The gymnasium. **Why:** We are blessed to have many wonderful young families and we want to make sure we all have the chance to get to know each other. We welcome any and all potluck donations you can share. The Genius link to sign up will be available soon. If you'd like to be added or removed from the Stroller Group listserve, please reach out to Anne (annecarson@gmail.com). Thanks!

Stroller Group Committee (Anne, Helen, Jenny and Shannon)

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Holy Land 2020 Update (June 12-23, 2020) – Our planned Holy Land trip is underway with great anticipation and excitement! Here are the next phases:

If you will be sharing a room during the trip, please email our Parish Administrator, Ms. Takisha Brown, the name of your roommate. You may email her at: parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org. Please make it a priority to get your roommate's name in to Takisha as Qumri Pilgrimages, our Guide, is now reserving rooms for our stay in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Territories.

Now is the time to pay the initial deposit of \$500.00. You should address the check to Grace Church with "Holy Land Trip Deposit" in the memo line. Please forward your deposit to our Financial Secretary, Ms. Sandra Joseph and she will credit your account accordingly. Please try to have all deposits in no later than Monday, September 30th.

Our next planned Holy Land meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 13th from 10:15-10:45 am in the North Room**. I will have additional information regarding the final cost of the trip, travel and accommodation and other current up-to-date information.

Please make sure that your passport is current and that it is at least valid 6 month from the time we return to the USA.

There is still room for those who are interested in going to the Holy land but have yet to make a commitment. Shortly, I will make the remaining available space to others within the Diocese of Long Island and other friends and family members of parishioners. There are only 30 total slots for the Holy Land so if you're interested, please let me know.

The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

Escape the Great Indoors! - Scout Me In. Boy Scout Troop 213, active in Brooklyn Heights for more than 50 years, is actively recruiting new scouts. Boys and girls aged 10 1/2 to 18 are invited to come to a meeting to experience what we do. You will learn outdoor skills, develop leadership qualities, and much more. We are an active troop that hikes or camps at least once a month. We meet weekly at St. Francis College on Thursday nights from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. For more information, stop by, or contact Scoutmaster Rich Kelley 917-576-1310; (richkelly@nyc.rr.com). *Troop 213 does not discriminate based on race, gender, or sexual orientation.*

Becoming Beloved Community: Sacred Ground - In response to key themes that have emerged from Grace's ongoing Core Values inquiry, we are developing a new **Becoming Beloved Community** initiative. In the near future, you will receive a letter with more detailed information concerning this initiative. One of the pieces in **Becoming Beloved Community** is **Sacred Ground**, the Episcopal Church's exciting new film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. You will hear more about **Sacred Ground** during the announcements in church on Sunday. In the meantime, for more information, please visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>.

Do you have an announcement for Grace Notes and the Parish News? - If you would like to submit an announcement for Grace Notes and/or our Parish News, please send all information to the Parish Office (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) no later than **5:00 pm** on **Wednesday** of each week. Submissions that do not meet the deadline will be published the following week. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Are you a volunteer at Grace? Our new volunteer hours are **Tuesday-Thursday** between the hours of **10 am-12:45 pm** and **2:15 pm-5:00 pm**. To schedule a time to utilize office space, please reach out to our Parish Administrator at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org or call our office at 718-624-1850 x 10 to set up an

appointment. Please be mindful that the Parish Office is **closed Monday-Friday from 1:00 pm-2 :00 pm**. Thank you in advance for helping us to transition into becoming more effective in every area of ministry.

Interested in participating in or receiving a bi-monthly newsletter? Who are our high school or college bound students at Grace? Any alumni attending Grace? Anyone moving away or individuals moving to the neighborhood and attending Grace? Having an exhibition (graphic art, sculptures or photography)? Where will it be? Published a book lately? Any book signings? Vacation rentals? This publication could help us get to know each other better and engage in dialogue. Hope you will consider this format. If interested please contact Charlotte Thorp at (charlottethorp718@gmail.com).

Get Connected with Grace Notes by signing up at www.gracebrooklyn.org. We send out an email to the parish every week. Also, be sure to **follow us on both our Social Media accounts. We can be found on Facebook** (<http://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchBrooklynHeights>) and **Instagram** (@gracechurchbrooklyn).

BAPTISMS AT GRACE

At Grace, we baptize up to seven candidates, usually during an 11:00 am Sunday service of Holy Eucharist. For further information, or to obtain a Baptism application, please contact the Parish Office.

2019

September 22 (5)
November 17 (5)

2020 (all open)

February 23
April 11, Easter Eve
May 31, Pentecost
September 27
November 22