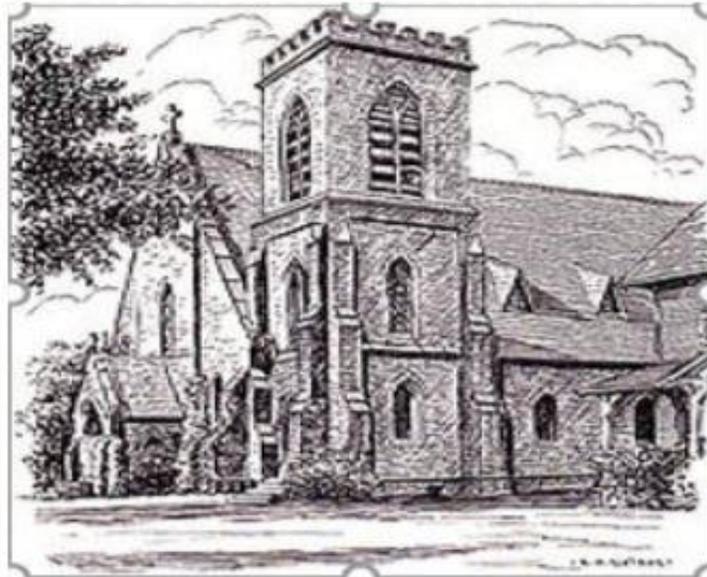


Christ the King
Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2020 10:00am
Online Service
Facebook/YouTube



“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Grace Episcopal Church

336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, *Bishop*

The Rev. Charles B. W. Hamill, *Rector*

The Rev. Judith A. Cowper, *Pastoral Associate*

Christina Burnham, *Minister of Music*

PRELUDE :

Celebration

David H. Hegarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 397

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Nun danket alle Gott

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA *all say*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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THE WORD *of GOD*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE:

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

JESUS IS OUR KING

Post Green

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Opening our hearts to him,
Singing alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus is our King!

**Create in us, O God,
A humble heart that sets us free
To proclaim the wondrous majesty
Of our Father in heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Opening our hearts to him,
Singing alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus is our King!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles B.W. Hamill

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE Form II (pg. 385, BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant says

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie and Judy, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family

Services, the AA and DBSA groups that meet at Grace Church, the Early Head Start Program, Boy Scout Troop 51, Alex Treser and Cru Ministry, The Rev. Stacey Kohl and Christ Church Norwich, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. Pray for this gathering and for all ministers and people.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. I ask your prayers for all the first responders, medical professionals and scientists who are battling this pandemic. I ask your prayers for an end to the oppression of racism and for God to touch the hearts of those who hate others created in His image. Pray for justice, peace, and wisdom.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, We pray for: Kate, Kent, Chad, Myra, Mark, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Lennart Nicholson, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrío, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Sophie, Len Pass, Jon-Scott, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Marla, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Penny, Jane, Marsha, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Tom, Bjorn, Laura, AJ, Tony, Michelle, Nathaniel and Tanya Burnham, Erin, Jim Donahue, Brian, Bernie, Sandee, Sue, Veronica, Dianne Hunt-Mason, Ronnie Sundheimer, Beth, Billy, Rosalie Isele, Emily, Patrick Roderick, Ray, Bob Antoniac, Cam, Nina, Reina, Shaine, Peggy Schaumburg and Ed Courtney. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially George Maynard ... and anyone else who has died during this viral pandemic. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Let us also take a moment to give God thanks for the blessings, recoveries, and victories that we have received and shared in during this difficult time.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 360, BCP)

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (pg. 361, BCP)

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *the people say*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY Give Thanks

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 481

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

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**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!**

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE: Jesus Shall Reign

CONTINUING PRAYERS

We ask your continuing prayers for others in our diocese and for those in our parish family who are serving in the armed forces. Please prayer for:

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic. The health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church.

The leaders of the nations, for those in the service of our country: Travis Board, J.C. Glick, Dornn Harris, Christopher Parham, Joshua Rinier, Nathaniel Burnham, Daniel Martin, Christian White, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randal, Daniel Kronz, Tom Cote, Branden Peace and John Christensen and crew.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: Nov 22– Nov 29

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-2pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch: TO-GO Food Only!
	6-8:00pm	DBSA Support Group (parking lot)
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Grace porch/Merrill Hall or Zoom)
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Church Offices Hours:

Monday- Closed, Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 AM– 1:00 PM

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Julie Peace	10 am
LECTOR:	Ben Stosse	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Gretchen DiGiannantonio, Steve North	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Bunnie Lubs, Joan Trczinski	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Betty Jo Stosse	

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.*

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill
Minister of Music, Christina Burnham
Parish Administrator, Liz Keirstead
Digital Communications Director, Kate McKinney
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden, Matt Stosse
Junior Warden, Kate Mason
Treasurer, John Kennedy
Clerk, Julie Peace
Clerk Pro Tem, David Condren
Vestry Members: Cathy Auger, Dale Schneider, Alan Buroff,
Carly Trask-Kuchta, Robert Mulvihill, Cherie Suhie

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ON-GOING SERVICES NOW AT GRACE CHURCH!!

Saturday Night at 4:00PM INSIDE Grace sanctuary

NEW TIME! 3rd Service

Evening Prayer (Holy Communion only 1st Saturday of month)

Please bring your own Book of Common Prayer

Masks and social distancing will be implemented

(If there is a warm Saturday we will meet outside)

Sundays at 8AM and 10AM

All Congregation Welcome (Will Follow Safety Protocols!)

A return to our traditional time slots for services, with Holy Communion done in a new format and somewhat limited social distance seating. Overflow seating is provided in Merrill Hall, where service are live-streamed onto TVs.

The 10AM service WILL CONTINUE to be live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube for those who can't make Sunday services in person.

For more information, contact Pastor Charlie at 860-388-0895 or by email at gracechurchrector@gmail.com

**PLEASE NOTE: The Wednesday Healing Service
has been cancelled through the end of 2020**

Women of Grace Invitation to New Book Study into Advent

On Friday October 23, The Women of Grace began using Life Change publication to study Philippians until Advent. At that time they will move on to an Advent lesson called "All Earth is Waiting" by Katie Dawson. The group will meet outside Fridays at 10am on the porch at Grace if the weather is nice. If there is bad weather, the meeting will move to Zoom online. For more information and questions, contact Kathy Bartus by email bartuskab53@aol.com or Christina Burnham at whh1773@rocketmail.com. Or you can contact the church office for more info at 860-388-0895.

Study and material resource needs!?

If you need any resources either for prayer, study or even material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie at the office, **860-388-0895**, or go to our website, **GraceOldSaybrook.org** and click on the “**COVID19**” menu item for more updated info and resources.

Altar Flower Memorials

Just a reminder that though we haven't had in-person, in-sanctuary worship together in a long time, the Altar Guild is still accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to “Grace Church Altar Guild” in memory of loved ones. For more information please contact Barbara Bowie by email at **coljim95@gmail.com** or Betty Salldin at **bettysalldin@sbcglobal.net**

Sunday and Holiday Sermon CD's and Grace Church Newsletters...

If you are interested in sharing or hearing the sermons again, you can order a CD with any Sunday's Sermon from our Digital Media Communications Director, Kate McKinney. In addition to our CD ministry, would you like to receive an email (digital) version of our monthly newsletter with updated events and pastoral notes and letters? For more info on the getting on the newsletter email list or to order CD's with the Sunday Sermons, email Kate at **gracechurchdigital@gmail.com**, leave a message for her at the church phone, 860-388-0895, or catch her after the 10am service on most Sundays.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line is back!

We have a wonderful heritage of prayer. In the 70s, a Prayer Line was established at Grace. Now, after a few years' hiatus, the Prayer Line is up and running and again.

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Barbara Bowie). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins!

The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00 am to 8:30 pm**. Typically, the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00 pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately.

We are so grateful to have this ministry active again. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Puzzles for Prisoners

The men at Allendale prison in Fairfax, SC can use some gently used (or new) jigsaw puzzles to get them through this extended time of lockdown because of COVID-19. Volunteer program facilitators have not been permitted inside the prison since early March of this year.

You can help minister to the men during this challenging time by donating your used (or new) jigsaw puzzles and/or by writing cards and notes of encouragement. You might also want to see if your family members or neighbors have puzzles they'd be willing to donate.

Contact Julie Peace at wpeace@snet.net or **860 391-2215**. She will answer any questions you may have and will ship your cards, notes and puzzles to Allendale.

P.S. Meredith Kronz (The Rev. Charlie Hamill's mother-in-law) and Julie Peace and two other volunteers co-facilitate a Christian Book Club at Allendale during normal times.

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

We will continue to accept non-perishable food donations throughout the fall and winter. The basket will remain outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of foods they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, typical food needs include soup cans, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice and cereal. In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

The Giving Tree 2020

Grace Church will again participate in The Giving Tree program this coming Advent season! The Giving Tree and tags will be in the Merrill Hall foyer **beginning the first Sunday in Advent, November 29th**. When purchasing a gift card, please be certain to attach the receipt/gift receipt to the card— this ensures that the purchase has gone through and there are no problems for the recipient when shopping.

It is important that a **gift card/receipt is given directly to a specific person** versus leaving it under the tree. **Those people would be:**

Father Charlie, Julie Peace, Parish Secretary Liz Keirstead, Parish Sexton Sherry Schiavone or Bunnie Lubs.

The **deadline** for the returning gift cards/receipts is **Sunday December 13th**, the third Sunday in Advent. As the holiday shopping fast approaches, perhaps you might consider doing your Giving Tree shopping during the Black Friday weekend.

If you are presently not attending services due to Covid-19 and you would still like to participate in our annual Giving Tree program, you can choose a business, purchase a gift card/receipt in any denomination and contact Bunnie Lubs for drop off.

The various businesses include but are not limited to- Famous Footwear, Kohls, Marshalls, TJ Max, Walmart, Ulta, Stop & Shop, Big Y, BJ's, Costco Shop Rite or any of the outlet stores in Westbrook or Clinton.

The green tag is really just a reminder to purchase a gift card. You can participate even if you can not stop by to take one off the tree! Please feel free to contact **Bunnie** at **860-304-2828** to arrange for a gift tag/gift card drop off or any other questions.

Thank You!