

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 162ND ANNUAL MEETING

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We believe that Grace Episcopal Church
is called by God to live the way of Jesus
through a ministry of reconciliation,
seeking to restore all people
to unity with God and each other,
through prayer, worship, spiritual growth,
witness and action.*

October 16, 2000

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

(For the year January 1 – December 31, 2022)

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Photos: Verne Becker and others

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING/ELECTIONS
February 12, 2023**

AGENDA

PART I (following 8:00am worship)

Opening prayer
Call to order
Appointment of Secretary
Appointment of Tellers
Report of the Nominating Committee/Polls open
Recess

PART II: (following 10:00am worship)

Return to Order
Approval of Minutes of Previous meeting (amendments if necessary)
Rector's Report
Warden's Report Financial report, Presentation of the Budget)
Vote on the Budget
Warden's Report (Property)
Music Ministry Report
Adult Spiritual Formation Report
Children/Youth Ministries Report
Election

Other reports found in Annual Report booklet

PART III:

Special Recognitions
Commissioning of Newly-Elected Members
Blessing
Closing Hymn
Adjournment

Minutes of the 161st Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church, held on Sunday, February 13, 2022

Interim Rector Tyler Jones opened the Zoom meeting at noon, with 50 parishioners online. The minutes of the 2021 meeting were approved. Kevin Faherty and Elizabeth Weber were appointed spiritual ushers, Sally Ann Mock recording secretary, and Elizabeth Weber virtual teller.

At the church were Kickie Fulmor, Rev. Tyler Jones, Molly MacQueen, Verne Becker, and Brandon Beachamp.

The following slate of nominees was presented:

Senior/Finance Warden (2 years)	Jeff McDowell
Junior/Property Warden (2 years)	Emily Nevill
Vestry Member (3 years)	Sally Cochran, Adrienne Langford, Sarah Styles
Vestry Member (1 year)	Paul Shusterman
Diocesan Convention Delegates	Carol Kepler, Roy Kepler
Diocesan Convention Alternate	Jim Cochran
2023 Nominating Committee	Kickie Fulmor, Joe Paskowski, Paula Spruck, Angela Metzler retiring Vestry members

No nominations coming from the floor, the slate of candidates was elected after one hour passed.

Rev. Jones thanked all the staff for their help during the year.

Senior Warden Kickie Fulmor spoke about the 2021 budget (money left to apply to the First Avenue capital fund and rectory renovation) and the 2022 budget - income, expenses, church trust fund, and bequests. She also mentioned the Boy Scout Troup 2 which was rechartered. She then presented the 2022 budget which was accepted on a motion from Jeff McDowell and seconded by Jim Cochran.

Junior Warden Molly MacQueen reported on the problems and work done during the year - water problems, clergy robing room, boiler problems, work starting at the rectory, maintenance on the church and rental buildings, and the successful parish work party. She thanked all who helped.

Organist & Choirmaster Brandon Beachamp thanked the COVID choir, especially Sally Cochran, for keeping things organized, and Jan Valentine for her assistance. There is a need to think about keeping the organ and piano in good shape. They are relying on fewer people to do more.

Adult Spiritual Formation (Verne Becker), Church School (Sandy Rodriguez), Senior Youth Group (Brian Murell) gave reports which were printed in the booklet.

Gifts were presented to the retiring Vestry; special recognition gifts were given to Karin Baere and Patty Hyland. The commissioning of new Vestry, diocesan convention delegates, and 2023 Nominating Committee members closed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a hymn and closing prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sally Ann Mock, clerk**

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PRESENTED FOR ELECTION AT THE GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

February 12, 2023

The 2023 Nominating Committee met by Zoom to discuss possible nominees for three open Vestry seats as well as nominees for delegates and alternates to the diocesan convention. Also discussed was the make-up of the 2024 Nominating Committee.

Committee members discussed a range of possible nominees and once we came up with a group of names of possible candidates, committee members were assigned to call these individuals to determine their willingness and eligibility to serve. It is with great joy that I am able to report that our requests were enthusiastically received and we were able to compile a slate of candidates reflecting the diversity that is Grace Church.

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the slate of 2023 nominees is as follows:

3 Full Term Vestry Members (3 years) Angela Metzler, Paul Shusterman, Paula Spruck

2 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention James Cochran, Sally Cochran

2 Alternates to the Diocesan Convention Adrienne Langford, Emily Nevill

2024 Nominating Committee Theresa Bergen, Liz Weber, Roy Kepler, 1 tbd

Blessings, Kickie Fulmor, 2023 Nominating Committee Chair

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES



Angela Metzler (Vestry Member)

My name is Angela Metzler, I am a special education teacher in NYC where I work as an instructional coach through the UFT Teacher Center supporting and mentoring educators. Born and raised in Germany, I went to the Waldorf school and attended the Christian Community in Dortmund. There I was both baptized and confirmed. With my two sons, Ben and Toby, I call Grace Church home. I have been attending the 9:30am service since my sons were little. In the fall of 2018, following a visit to the Colon Cathedral in Germany, we became weekly attendees. My eldest, Ben, who is on the autism spectrum, was in awe of the cathedral and decided that we needed a church to go to every Sunday. He chose Grace Church because he loved the building and enjoyed the services. Grace welcomed him and allowed him to be himself. Throughout the years, both my boys, Ben (12) and Toby (10), have become acolytes serving at the 9:30 service, attended Church School and participated in the annual Christmas pageant. In 2019, they had their Bread for Life celebration with Father Owen. Throughout the pandemic Grace was our home every weekend. The services in the garden became a place to safely connect with our community. I help with refreshments at the 9:30 service, work on the Christmas pageant, assist at Church School and the Junior Youth Group. I would like to give back by serving on the Vestry and continue to support Grace in every way I can.



Paul Shusterman (Vestry Member)

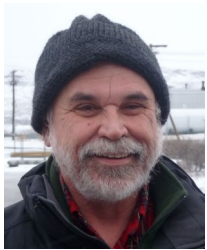
My family and I have been members of Grace Church since 2013, when we moved to Sparkill, NY from Cliffside Park, NJ. Prior to joining Grace Church, we were members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Cliffside Park, NJ and Church of the Messiah in Chester, NJ. My husband, Edward Van Sadlers, and I were both raised Roman Catholic but found the Episcopal Church to be warm and welcoming. We were married in 2008 in Trinity shortly after civil unions were

legalized in NJ. We have triplet daughters, Vivian Grace, Aria Belle, and Sidney Quinn, who were all baptized at Trinity. Our children have participated in Church School and youth programs at Grace since we arrived and I have been a member of Graceful Rainbows, the LGBTQ family group at Grace, when it was active prior to the pandemic. Outside of work we spend much of our time participating and managing our children's various extracurricular activities. I have spent the last 20+ years working in technology and currently work for KPMG as their global director of quality assurance. I am honored to have been asked to again serve as a Vestry member of Grace and look forward to serving the church and the community.



Paula Spruck (Vestry Member)

My name is Paula Spruck. My husband, Howard, and I moved to Nyack in 1980, and I joined Grace Church in 1988. I joined the Fellowship Committee soon after. We had a son Alexander in 1990 who was baptized and confirmed in the church. I joined the senior choir in the early 1990s. I have been involved with Grace's Thrift Shop for many years and I serve on the board of directors. I am presently on the garden committee and was on the Cabaret committee for GraceMusic. I have a background in business and had a shop, The Open Cupboard, in downtown Nyack. I feel my business experience would be beneficial as a Vestry member.



James Cochran (Convention Delegate)

I am a retired research professor at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. My wife, Sally, and I came to Grace Church in 2001 from a church in New York City. At Grace, I serve as an acolyte for worship services, take part regularly in Midnight Run and Men's Prayer Breakfast, and was an alternate convention delegate in 2022. In the past I have served on Vestry, on the Adult Spiritual Formation Commission, and as a substitute member of a Grace's Kitchen team.



Sally Cochran (Convention Delegate)

My husband Jim and I became a part of the Grace Church community in 2001, after 25+ years at our previous church. Since arriving at Grace, I have sung in the choir and am currently the choir librarian and have digitally catalogued the entire music library. I have served on Vestry, the finance and property committees, nominating committee and the search committee for the organist and choirmaster. I am a retired high school librarian and have a part time business as a high school theater costume designer.



Emily Nevill (Convention Alternate)

Grace Church has been my home for eighteen years. Grace is where I was confirmed, married, and had the joy of seeing my husband baptized. Grace is where I found a faith I could claim as my own. I'm currently serving as property warden, as well as on the Adult Spiritual Formation Commission, and as service minister and lector. I've previously served on the Transition Committee, Stewardship Committee, Vestry, the RenewalWorks Committee and as a delegate and alternate to the diocesan convention. I live in Nyack with my husband Jacob and our two ferrets. I'm employed as the adult services librarian at the Palisades Free Library. In my free time I enjoy cooking and reading. It would be a privilege to represent Grace at diocesan convention so that "the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16, NIV)



Adrienne Langford (Convention Alternate)

My name is Adrienne Langford and I live with my family in Valley Cottage. I work for The Salvation Army as the director of HR records and information systems for clergy in the Eastern Territory. I also moonlight as a librarian at the Valley Cottage Library and love reading in my free time. I was confirmed in 2002 at St Mary's Episcopal Church in Eugene, OR and have been attending Grace Church since moving to Rockland County in 2013. I am currently serving on the Vestry and have served on the welcome committee and with Team 6 of Grace's Kitchen. I am also a subdeacon at the 9:30 service and especially enjoy serving when my son is an acolyte. My husband and I were married at Grace in 2018 and my daughter was baptized here in 2021. Grace Church has such a special place in my heart and I am thankful for the opportunity to represent Grace as a convention alternate.



Theresa Bergen (Nominating Committee)

I've been at Grace with my family since the early 90s. I serve with my wife as co-manager of Grace's Thrift Shop, on the finance committee, and on the 137 First Avenue sub committee of the property committee. In the past I have served on the Vestry. I make contributions that tend to be practical... sew costumes for our circus, design and execute banners for Fr. Owen's installation, clean the oven at 137 First Avenue, and bring my deviled eggs to pot lucks. I've served on the nominating committee twice before... once as chair. I would be happy to do so again.



Roy Kepler (Nominating Committee)

My roots are in New City, NY, where I was raised by two loving parents who felt it was important to provide their children with a faith expression. Ours was Methodist. I grew up attending church and have served in numerous areas. Eventually, my passion became missions. My first out-of-country mission experience was in Haiti, where I would return 11 more times. I also led teams in Cuba, Russia, Belize, Panama, and Puerto Rico. I retired from Orange and Rockland Utilities after forty years. The outdoors is where I like to spend most of my time, and I have volunteered many hours to the Colorado Trail Foundation. I hiked - and completed - the 500 mile Denver to Durango Colorado Trail. I now reside in Fort Montgomery, NY, with my wife (Carol) of almost 56 years. We have two daughters and have been blessed with four grandchildren. I began attending Grace Church in January 2017, and was received into the church in June 2018. I attend the weekly Thursday Bible study, and participate in the worship ministry. I am very happy to be a member of Grace Episcopal Church.



Liz Weber (Nominating Committee)

I grew up at Grace. I was at youth choir rehearsal the afternoon of the Brinks robbery in 1982. I was confirmed here, served as an acolyte and was a member of the junior and senior youth groups. My husband and I married here, baptized our daughter here, buried my father here. My mother, Sondra Holt, is still an active member. I took a break from church — as many young adults do — during my 20s, but returned and became an active member. I have served Helping Hands, Adult Spiritual Formation, Fellowship, and Newcomers commissions. I was on Vestry from 2019-2022, and was on the Transition Committee for our recent rector search. Currently I serve Midnight Run, on worship ministry and I organize refreshments after our 9:30 service. Outside of church, I'm a journalist — for many years I was a food writer and editor, and am now an executive-level editor who oversees news features at The Bergen Record, The Asbury Park Press, The Journal News and other USA TODAY Network papers in New York and New Jersey. My husband, Greg Weber, has been studying Norwegian since he recently discovered his heritage through ancestry.com. Our daughter, Samantha, 11, is in middle school. She's an acolyte and a member of Junior Youth Group. She loves school, horseback riding, playing piano and clarinet, reading, playing video games, baking and telling jokes. I love reading, too. And doing crosswords, walking and running, attending the theater and dining at great restaurants. I'm honored to be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

REPORT OF THE RECTOR

February 2023

It feels a bit strange for me to be writing a “Report of the Rector” for a year when I had never even visited Grace Church before. But just because I was not your priest and you were not my congregation last year, that doesn’t at all mean God was not present with us, as our paths drew nearer and nearer together. I’m sure your parish leaders did a marvelous job of keeping you all informed as your rector search was progressing, viewed from their perspective. So, for my report this year, I thought I would share with you what it was like on *my* end, as I made my way towards your parish through much of 2022.

At some point late in the fall of 2021, I found myself on the (previous) website of Grace Church, Nyack. I have no recollection of how I got there, but the internet can be something of a rabbit hole that takes you places you never intentionally sought out. So it is with the internet, and so it is with God’s Holy Spirit, ever-working in mysterious ways. I immediately noticed there on your home page a video still of your interim priest, the Rev. Tyler Jones, an acquaintance I’ve known for many years. I wondered to myself, “What is Tyler doing *there*? I thought that he had just retired?” It was in that moment that I realized that he was not your settled clergyperson, but rather, your interim. And that meant that Grace Church was early in its process of seeking its next rector. “That’s ... interesting,” I noted.

For the next several months, I paid attention, and I listened, and I prayed. When you all published your parish profile in the spring, I read it, carefully. And then, I read it again. And again. I suppose I would label the feeling I sensed there, “resonance,” if there is such an emotion. And so, when the window opened for clergy to share their own information with your Transition Committee, I crafted my responses to your questions, I gathered and updated by data and bio bits, and I sent them all off to you on June 6.

Then, I waited. Grace was the only parish that I submitted those application materials to. So, I wasn’t casting a net of discernment widely out, and seeing what churches might bite (pardon the mixed metaphor there!). For me, this was just a story of Grace extending an invitation, and Dustin responding to it. And so, there was no pressure on my end to get a quick answer or decision. Your Transition Committee would review the applications, and take as much time as they needed to move on to the next step.

For me, that next step came on July 4, when I was invited for an initial Zoom interview with three members of the Transition Committee a few weeks later, on July 26th. After that meeting, summer life pretty much went on. The experience felt kind of like a giant game of ping-pong, as the “ball” moved back and forth from one side of the discernment court to the other, with Grace and Dustin taking turns volleying information to one another, carried by the winds of the Spirit.

Come August 15, the ball returned to my court. I received an invitation for another interview with the Transition Committee—this time with the whole group, and this time in Nyack. I arrived on September 13 for a whirlwind tour of the church and rectory, then joined the full Transition Committee for a conversation, all seated in a circle in the living room of the rectory. As perhaps you can imagine, my memory of the interview is something of a blur now, but I distinctly remember sitting right in front of the fireplace, quite literally “in the hot seat!”

Then, the ping-pong continued, as the Transition Committee members continued on with their work of deciding on their final candidates to recommend for Vestry consideration. About three weeks passed, when I heard from your Transition Committee chair that their work had now been completed, and that they had passed my name on to the Vestry. I then returned to Nyack on October 24 to meet with the Vestry for the first and only time. There were many questions and responses that night, all around the table in Patterson Hall. I recall there were also freshly-baked cookies, which is always a good thing.

At last, the ball was back in the Vestry's court, until they met on November 2 to make their decision and extend a call for Grace Church's next rector. As perhaps you can imagine, the evening of November 2 was a rather intense one for me as well. What had been said had been said. What had been heard had been heard. There would be no opportunity for additional information, or follow-up questions, or clarifications. Your Vestry had to prayerfully and faithfully make the call, on behalf of the congregation that had elected them for purposes just like this momentous one.

The following day, trying my best to keep my cool, I received an unexpected email at about 11:00am. It began, "The Diocese of New York requires a background investigation for all clergy prior to their employment, licensure, or acceptance in the Diocese of New York." "That's...interesting," I noted. Moments later, my phone rang, and it was your warden Jeff informing me that the Vestry had called me as the next rector of Grace Church.

So, that's what my experience of Grace Church, Nyack was like in 2022. It was a year filled with carefully reading lots of carefully-prepared information. There were lots of back and forth communications. Lots of talking, and listening, and gathering input from many voices. Lots of steps to take, one by one by one. Come to think of it, I suspect that might turn out to be my experience of Grace Church in 2023 as well! Moving ahead one step at a time, I couldn't be more pleased than to be here joining you together on The Way.

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GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL MUSIC REPORT 2022

My first service at Grace Church was for the wedding of Emily and Jacob Nevill on August 25, 2012 – a few weeks before the start of the choir season, a full schedule of Sunday liturgies, and before I was officially introduced to the parish. After the ceremony and as I was gathering up my things in the loft, I looked up and a formidable presence standing before me with a huge smile who simply said, “Welcome, brother. I’m Evelyn.” While Evelyn Lombardi is no longer with us, (although sometime I cringe imagining her looking down from heaven at a procession that is *way too close*) her spirit embodies my rich and wonderful ten years at Grace Church. Evelyn is a legend of Grace. While it is tempting to think of legends as simply tales and memories of the past, we are all legends in the making.

It is often difficult to see a legend (or legacy) from the perspective of those who are, in fact, building it. Our choir not only prepares anthems, psalms and service music each week, but they are also the musical legacy that connects us to our Anglican choral tradition. Our youngest children not only sing hymns and recite prayers (sometimes with *really* old language), but they are also the faith legacy that ensures our liturgical tradition has a future. The technicians and tuners not only tend to our pianos and organ so that they are in good working order, but they are also custodians of instruments that will echo in this sacred space for years to come. The thing about legends and legacies is that they are always bigger than just one person: they are about hopes, beliefs, and shared values.

We often hear “COVID changed everything” – and it did. But the past three years have also revealed how resilient, creative, and adaptative we can be when faced with the unknown. But the past three years have also illustrated how precarious our traditions can be when we rely on false assumptions of permanence. As I look to 2023 and beyond, these legacies of Grace need new Legends:

- children’s choir opportunities
- resuming the Parish Choir at 9:30am
- additional singers in the Grace Choir
- establishing an Organ Restoration Committee
- a renewed vision for GraceMusic
- promoting Choral Evensong as an outreach ministry

The thing about a legend is that we ascribe greatness where, in fact, the “Evelyns” of the world simply made a decision to act, to do, and to be the Church. What part do you play in the legacy of music at Grace Church?

*God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near.*
Hymnal 534

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Beachamp, Organist & Choirmaster
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GRACE CHURCH ALTAR GUILD

Being a member of the Altar Guild for some time is a job/calling I very much enjoy. I am not a singer nor a good reader of lessons, preferring to be in the background. The Altar Guild helped me be a more informed church person. You learn about the working around the altar, i.e. setting it up, seasonal/holiday changes, what elements are called, what the rectors need (and don't need or want). Altar Guild work is the type of job that, if done correctly, you are not noticed (which is good). When something is missing or misplaced, that is when you are noticed (which is not a good thing). Over the years the scope of work has changed but the fundamentals are always the same: to serve the rector, the parish, the church, and God.



Currently Larry Campbell and I are the ones who work on Saturdays to set up the altar and other areas.

On a personal note: I want to give a special thanks to Larry and Stephanie Campbell for polishing the silver and brass. And to Jim Sevier, Raymond Bergen-Fulmor, and all those who helped during the summer months getting the "church" set up in Memorial Hall.

Sally Ann Mock, Altar Guild President

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In addition to caring for the altar weekly, the Altar Guild is responsible for the Perpetual Flower Fund which pays for the weekly altar flowers and supplies needed to carry on our work. If you wish to have flowers on the altar annually in memory of a departed loved one, the fee is \$300. If you would like to have extra flowers on the altar one Sunday during the year the fee is \$30. The only time flowers are not on the altar are during the season of Advent (late November until Christmas) and the season of Lent when only greens are used. Contact me at samock34@aol.com for more information.

WORSHIP MINISTRY ROSTER

Beth Abrahamson
Karin Baere
Holly Bee
Yvonne Brown
Jack Burger
Jim Cochran
Pat Cose
Cindy Cox
Charlie Cross
Kevin Faherty
Kickie Fulmor
Heidi Hill
Patty Hyland
Adrienne Langford
Josh Langford
Carol Kepler
Rudolph Knight

Molly MacQueen
Valerie Mathews
Jeff McDowell
Debbie McGuinness
Lainie Murrell
Emily Nevill
Robert Parsekian
Tom Perry
Paul Richards
Lynn-Marie Schnalzer
Sally Seiler
Roger Seiler
Chris Sorensen
Elizabeth Sydor
Jack Turner
Claudia Uccellani
Ben Walker

Toby Walker
Liz Weber
Samantha Weber
Jan Valentine
Robert Valentine

We are grateful to all of our worship ministers for their faithful service.

We are especially grateful for their willingness to perform multiple tasks. With this third year of COVID, we are grateful for the return of many folks and the newcomers as well as the willingness to substitute at a moments notice.

Thank you for all you do.

Kickie Fulmor, sacristan
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FINANCE AND PROPERTY

REPORT OF THE FINANCE (SENIOR) WARDEN

2022 was an interesting year. We were still in the transition period between Fr. Owen's departure the call of our new rector. COVID was still with us, but its impact on our daily lives was receding and with experience and the benefit of widespread vaccines we have learned to live with it. Pastor Tyler was our interim rector until the end of September and through the rest of the year and first two weeks of January, supply priests – the Rev. Maxine Cleghorn, Rev. Alon White, Rev. Richard Gressle, Rev. Mark Hummell, and especially the Rev. Judy Ferguson led our Sunday worship services until our new rector joined us.

Thanks to the long and hard work of our Transition Committee so ably led by Beth Paskowski, we called our new rector, the Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge. Fr. Trowbridge and his husband John were our guests at our Lessons and Carols service and our first-in-three-years Advent party. Fr. Dustin began his ministry with us on January 16, 2023.

Operating Budget 2022

Grace Church's finance report for 2022 is a good one. Our pledge income was actually above what had been planned, always an encouraging sign. That is only one part of the good fiscal news. Several expense items came in substantially below what had been budgeted for. Our salary and benefits expenses assumed a new rector would join us in the summer – not paying medical benefits for six months was very helpful and paying supply priests in our last quarter also reduced salary and benefit costs. Our office expenses were below what was budgeted; we were allowed by the diocese to do conduct a self-audit and we did not fill a digital ministry position that had been budgeted for. Income from sources other than pledge; gifts, rentals (the HBO rental in particular), and PPP loan forgiveness greatly exceeded what had been anticipated. Expenses down, income up, we ended the year with a substantial surplus of \$72K.

Budget 2023

We are presenting a budget for 2023 of \$581,325. It is a balanced budget. Income for 2023 is based on pledges in the amount of \$322,130. (Thank you to Kickie Fulmor for leading our stewardship effort this year). We have good reason to expect substantial gifts of at least \$80,000 in 2023 and we will also make use of \$52,600 of the 2022 surplus. Additional income from the First Avenue properties, other rentals and investment income round out our income projections. Should income not meet expectations, or expenses exceed projections, we may draw upon more of the 2022 surplus.

As is obvious, our expenses for 2023 will be substantially higher than 2022. We now have a full-time rector and with that comes increased salary and benefits costs. We are providing modest salary increases to our church staff and increasing the hours our church sexton will be working in 2023. We did not prepay any portion of our 2023 insurance, so the full cost is shown in the 2023 budget. The diocesan assessment is a little lower than 2022 and we plan to pay it in full and on schedule. We have made modest increases in our music line (instruments are being used more), and we have included \$15,000 for the digital ministry function in the expectation that with our new rector in place, we will move forward with this effort. A few other small increases have also been made.

Diocesan Investment Trust

At the time of writing the final report for 2022 were unavailable. The report is further along in the published copy. You will note several items. First a line for the Rector's New Initiative Fund – this comes from a gift from Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati and is intended to provide Fr. Dustin seed money to use for any new initiative he might wish to start or enhance a mission of Grace. There is no time limit for when this must be started. Second, note a large increase in the major repair line – see below for the explanation.

Gifts

In April of 2021 a very generous member of the congregation anonymously donated a substantial sum to be used for facility repairs. As of the end of 2022, \$19,426.67 of that gift remained unspent. That balance has been moved to the major repair line in the special funds. That fund was started last year using \$6500 of the unexpended sabbatical funds that Fr. Owen did not use.

Ken Seeman (Jeanette Matthews' nephew) continued with his generosity, Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati donated substantial funds and a generous member of the congregation donated a very large gift to Grace. We are very grateful for their continued support and all who have donated to Grace.

Audit

The diocese once again allowed internal audits for parishes. The 2021 audit was completed with the help of Karin Baere, Cindy Cox, and Sally Ann Mock. The diocese has increased the threshold that mandate outside audits. As a result we will be allowed to do an internal audit for 2022.

Collection Counting

Karin Baere, Cindy Cox, Pat Cose, Charlie Cross, Kevin Faherty, Kickie Fulmor, Patty Hyland, Sally Ann Mock, and Emily Nevill continue to count after services. Thank you all for your service and thank you Pat for scheduling.

Finance Committee

We have benefited greatly from the members of the Standing Committee on Finance; Karin Baere our parish treasurer, Cindy Cox our bookkeeper, Kickie Fulmor, Theresa Bergen, Patty Hyland, Sally Ann Mock, Mike Growney, and Vestry members Adrienne Langford, Sarah Styles, and Karen Hughes. My thanks to all of you.

I also have a special thanks to Pat Cose. As a former warden and keeper of records she has been an extraordinary source of support and information to me all this year. Guess what we talk about? A lot.

Finally

We have every reason to be optimistic for 2023. We have our new rector, the Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge – he has already made a positive impact on our congregation and in the wider Nyack community. Attendance at all of our services have started to increase. Youth activity efforts led by Sandy Rodriguez, Jennifer Marracino, Brian Murrell, and Kristen Walsh are increasing. Music with the choir and Brandon is fully back. So, yes good reason to be hopeful.

Yet, we cannot become complacent. Expenses will continue to rise, and inflation will have its impact on our operational budget. We have been fortunate that we have some very generous friends. But to sustain ourselves for the rest of this decade and beyond we need to broaden and increase our pledge efforts and seek other sources of revenue.



Those are challenges I think we can meet.

Faithfully submitted,
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Thank You to our Transition Committee

We're grateful to all the members of our Transition Committee for their service that began in the fall of 2021 and continued through December 2022. From creating a parish profile and survey through reviewing and interviewing candidates, it's a huge job that demands dedication, discretion, and perseverance. Many, many thanks to all of them: Beth Paskowski (chair), Verne Becker, Roy Kepler, Valerie Mathews, Emily Nevill, Dillon Nittoli, Claudia Uccellani, Edward Van Sadlers, Liz Weber, Margie Winslow.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Operating Income and Expense to Budget
January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
OPERATING INCOME	491,029	429,042	61,987
INVESTMENT INCOME	438	500	-62
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER F...	50,866	62,163	-11,297
Total Income	542,333	491,705	50,628
Expense			
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	57,230	57,230	0
COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES	3,436	5,000	-1,564
MUSIC	1,478	2,500	-1,022
FINANCE	6,900	15,000	-8,100
OFFICE EXPENSE	21,948	28,350	-6,402
PROPERTY INSURANCE	25,791	25,442	349
UTILITIES	30,243	31,956	-1,713
TELEPHONE	1,866	2,300	-434
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	46,208	35,000	11,208
CLEANING SERVICE	18,239	18,500	-261
PROPERTY TAXES	1,607	1,608	-1
WAGES & BENEFITS	208,640	207,210	1,431
RECTOR'S MOVING EXPENSE	8,849	15,000	-6,151
CONTRACTORS	21,271	29,200	-7,930
MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT	5,700	6,675	-975
OTHER EXPENSE	75		
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUN...	10,734	10,734	0
Total Expense	470,215	491,705	-21,490
Net Income	72,118	0	72,118

Grace Episcopal Church					
Summary of Balances by Fund					
December 31, 2022					
	<i>Opening Balance</i>			<i>Net Income (Loss)</i>	<i>Closing Balance</i>
<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>1/1/2021</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>		<i>12/31/2022</i>
Operating	0	542,333	470,215	72,118	72,118
Prior Years Operating	22,771				22,771
Endowment Fund *					0
Endowment - Ministry	149,200	(18,119)	6,684	(24,803)	124,397
Endowment - Building	230,153	(27,950)	10,313	(38,263)	191,890
Endowment - Future	670,671	(81,447)	21,728	(103,175)	567,496
General Fund Interest Distribution					
Cropsey	693,582	(86,799)	15,000	(101,799)	591,783
Flower Fund	89,273	(1,440)	7,017	(8,457)	80,816
Social Ministries	72,205	10,874	16,003	(5,129)	67,076
Organ	28,575	5,238	0	5,238	33,813
K Braxton Fund	72,918	(9,125)	30,000	(39,125)	33,793
Columbarium / Garden	125,112	21,115	14,718	6,397	131,509
Cornerstone	9,920	0	0	0	9,920
137 First Ave Reno Repay	29,656	2,400	0	2,400	32,056
137 First Ave Reno Exp	(41,784)	0	0	0	(41,784)
Rental Properties	0	86,284	86,284	0	0
Grace Music	30,378	0	0	0	30,378
Memorial Fund	74,451	52,050	1,893	50,157	124,608
Piano Fund	1,080	0	0	0	1,080
St. Benedict	4,642	0	1,575	(1,575)	3,067
Youth Fund	15,774	0	296	(296)	15,478
Special Projects					
Grace's Kitchen	21,807	1,344	4,679	(3,335)	18,472
Nyack Hunger Coalition	595	0	0	0	595
First Ave. Capital Fund	23,893	2,400	0	2,400	26,293
First Ave. Renovations	40,000	0	6,278	(6,278)	33,722
Rectory Renovations	70,000	30,000	100,000	(70,000)	0
Church Major Repairs	6,500	0	0	0	6,500
ASF	6,834	0	0	0	6,834
Fun(d) Raising	891	1,380	1,105	275	1,166
Dora Reese Music Fund	10,000	0	2,925	(2,925)	7,075
5 Yr Plan to Pay Off Roof Loans	(32,200)	10,734	0	10,734	(21,466)
Air Conditioning	7,010	0	0	0	7,010
All Saints	(100)	1,030	(125)	1,155	1,055
Kitchen Reno 2021	29,285	0	0	0	29,285
Holiday Music (Funded by Flower)	(1,036)	0	0	0	(1,036)
Patterson Hall	633	0	0	0	633
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,922	0	0	0	1,922
Rector's Initiative		8,000	0	8,000	8,000
Sound System	133	0	133	(133)	0
Summer Mission Program	14,735	9,117	19,530	(10,413)	4,322
Sunshine Choir	183	147	153	(6)	177
Fellowship	900	718	0	718	1,618
<i>Less: Interfund Transfers</i>		(96,400)	(96,400)		
Total Church Assets	2,480,562	463,884	720,004	(256,120)	2,224,442
* Endowment Income Breakdown					
		<i>Ministry</i>	<i>Building</i>	<i>Future</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Interest/Dividend income		4,863	7,501	21,859	34,222
Capital Gains		(22,982)	(35,451)	(103,306)	(161,739)
Bequests and Contributions		0	0	0	0
TOTAL		(18,119)	(27,950)	(81,447)	(127,517)

2023 Budget - Income Section

Income	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
	359,748		335,619		332,084		322,130
Pledge	352,553	337,631	327,229	347,832	315,480	321,870	322,130
Prior Year Surplus							52,600
Transfer from Memorials for Maintenance							10,000
Plate	16,000	2,797	5,016	3,466	4,000	5,357	6,000
Gift Other Than Pledge	22,000	30,911	28,800	35,315	50,000	70,798	80,000
Circus Rent	500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery School	14,400	14,400	14,100	14,150	14,550	14,550	14,550
12 Steps	12,000	3,728	6,500	3,396	4,000	6,305	7,000
Other Rentals	8,000	1,170	4,000	2,930	3,000	34,138	9,000
Fundraising/development	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paycheck Protection Program 2020			44,490	44,490	26,012	26,012	
Diocesan Grant		9,000					
Thrift Shop	12,000	4,000	6,000	12,953	12,000	12,000	12,000
Transfer by Vestry Action	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Ministry Fund	6,231	6,231	6,350	6,350	6,684	16,997	6,952
Building Fund	9,614	9,614	9,798	9,798	10,313		10,776
1st Avenue	37,519	32,391	34,795	34,795	30,166	18,869	34,867
Op Surplus Prior Yr							
Interest Income	400	429	400	453	500	438	450
Total Income	512,218	467,302	502,477	530,928	491,705	542,334	581,325
NON PLEDGE INCOME	159,664	129,671	175,249	183,096	176,225	220,464	259,195

2023 Budget - Expense Section

Expenses	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Diocesan Assessment	56,104	42,078	43,439	50,679	57,230	57,230	56,305
Worship/Sacristan	600	260	250	142	250	152	250
Fellowship	1,000	285	400	819	1,200	864	2,200
ASF	1,200	1,139	1,300	634	1,200	1,199	1,200
Social Ministry	90	-	50	-	50	-	50
Stewardship	300	970	450	530	750	339	750
New Member	100	-	50	-	50	39	250
Youth and Church School	2,750	1,369	2,000	820	1,500	708	1,500
Pastoral Care	100	-	50	-	-	-	50
Music	5,000	35	2,500	825	2,500	1,478	4,200
Finance (audit, supplies & payroll)	9,700	11,376	5,000	1,206	8,200	1,260	800
Finance credit card fees				4,282	5,000	3,840	4,000
Finance interest on loans				1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Office Expense	18,000	18,054	20,242	22,701	28,350	20,801	25,000
Property Insurance	30,200	22,221	31,710	39,112	25,442	25,791	36,795
Utilities	27,000	33,814	30,400	28,702	31,956	30,243	28,000
Verizon - Phone	2,600	2,407	2,402	2,259	2,300	1,866	2,000
Maintenance & Repair	29,150	19,222	29,000	36,266	35,000	46,084	40,000
Cleaning Service	22,128	12,064	19,600	15,429	18,500	18,239	19,548
Property Taxes	1,457	1,457	1,460	1,476	1,608	1,607	1,656
Salary and benefits	270,095	270,395	275,899	238,834	207,210	208,640	300,536
Rector's Moving Expense					15,000	8,849	
supply (clergy/routine)	1,200	610	600	2,650	1,800	7,138	3,000
supply(organist)	750	-	300	675	600	250	600
Hospitality	2,294	396	1,000	-	1,000	1,255	3,000
Property Assistant	4,000	2,870	4,000	4,308	-	-	-
Security	3,500	3,000	3,500	3,250	3,500	3,025	3,500
Bookkeeper	4,000	3,535	4,000	4,200	4,000	3,903	4,250
Live Stream			3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	4,300
Digital Ministry					15,000	2,400	15,000
Continuing Ed	1,000	383	1,000	206	1,000		1,000
Ministry Development	1,300	1,741	3,175	3,121	5,175	5,310	3,100
Ministry Dev Other	1,000	530	1,000	446		375	375
Staff Development	500		500	400	500		500
Other- Funeral/Wedding	100		100			75	
Tr to Other - 1st Ave Cap				18,056			
Tr to Other - Rectory Reno				30,000			
Tr to Other - Roof Loans \$70k / 5 yrs	14,000	14,000	13,800	13,800	10,734	10,734	14,311
Tr to Other - Sabbatical							1,500
Total	511,218	464,211	502,477	530,928	491,705	468,794	581,325

First Avenue Property Budget

Rental Income 2023			
Property Address	Monthly rent	Comment	Yearly Gross
137 1st Fl	\$1,820	Lease renewal date 04/2022	\$22,250
137 2nd	\$2,200	Plan to section 8 \$2200 beginning May	\$17,600
141	\$1,950	Lease renewal date 04/2022	\$23,839
145 1st Fl	\$1,585	Mar-Mar \$1,585	\$19,020
145 2nd Fl	\$1,050	Set by Nyack Housing Auth \$902 & \$148	\$12,600
		TOTAL Income	\$95,308
		Expenses	
		Repairs	\$6,500
		Utilities	\$5,000
		137 Cropsey Loan Repayment	\$2,400
		Capital Reserves	\$2,400
		Taxes 2022 \$42,496 (1/2023 bills increased by 4% from 22)	\$44,141
		TOTAL Expenses	\$ 60,441
		NET INCOME TO OPERATING BUDGET	\$34,867

Grace Episcopal Church					
Garden Columbarium Accounts					
December 31, 2022					
	<i>Opening Balance</i>			<i>Net Income (Loss)</i>	<i>Closing Balance</i>
<u>Account Name</u>	<u>1/1/2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>		<u>12/31/2022</u>
Columbarium Trust	89,782	46,560	16,262	30,298	120,080
Garden Columbarium Operating	35,325	33,817	57,718	(23,901)	11,424
	125,107	80,377	73,980	6,397	131,504
		Dividends	Market Value	Net	
		3559	-16262	-12703	

PLEDGE STATISTICS - 2012—2023

Amount	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<519	41	41	39	33	33	39	34	29	32	22	22
520-1039	36	45	41	50	43	42	36	36	34	35	37
1040-1299	17	16	24	16	15	17	24	18	19	21	15
1300-1559	13	13	11	14	7	9	8	8	7	5	5
1560-2079	15	13	12	16	18	16	15	18	17	14	9
2080-2599	15	15	13	9	10	9	12	12	10	7	7
2600-3119	7	5	8	12	14	13	10	14	7	7	5
3120-3639	7	2	3	6	6	9	7	6	8	8	8
3640-4159	3	5	3	2	1	3	3	6	2	3	4
4160-4679	4	0	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	1	0
4680-5199	0	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	2	2
5200-6239	3	4	6	6	6	5	3	2	5	4	4
>6240	10	10	9	9	9	12	14	15	14	15	15
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Pledges	171	174	174	177	167	177	170	167	159	144	133
Increased Pledges	78	56	60	45	48	54	42	59	49	43	38
Decreased Pledges	15	21	17	25	28	17	25	17	25	23	24
New Pledges	15	18	18	20	12	23	21	13	15	18	10
Moved/ Deceased	17	10	5	8	4	7	2	14	6	19	2

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY (JUNIOR) WARDEN

“Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14). It has been a great joy as well as a great challenge to serve as your property warden during this extraordinary year. In the challenging times of caring for 150-year-old properties with decades of deferred maintenance, I try to remember that all this work is done for love – love of God, love of our beautiful buildings, and love of all the people who create this beloved community.

Rectory

Renovating the rectory from top to bottom was a tremendous undertaking which took the bulk of the year. Outdoors, new front steps were installed by carpenter Pontus Hanson. The Babbitt House sign was updated, and a shiny new brass mailbox and house numbers were mounted. Karin Baere and Molly MacQueen from the Garden Committee kept up the backyard garden and supplied the neighborhood with fresh tomatoes all summer. With the guidance of John Colgan and Karin, we engaged Bob Roach Gardening to clean up the old dumping area between Bradley Chapel and the rectory garage. The newly regraded surface stops rainwater from flooding Bradley basement.

Indoors, hardly a surface remained untouched. The walls, ceiling, trim, and third floor floors were all given a fresh coat of paint and the hardwood floors on the first and second floors were refinished. Nearly every light fixture was replaced with pieces that honor the historic nature of the house while pleasing modern sensibilities. Working on a 150+ year old home was not without its challenges – we learned to retrofit hardwired wall sconces with pull chains and spent hours scouring the internet for heating grates and bathroom mirrors to fit into oddly-shaped spaces.



In addition to the aesthetic updates, several important infrastructure projects were also tackled. The sloping floors on the first level were evaluated by an engineer who thankfully found nothing of concern. The steel supports that were installed in the basement several decades ago served to halt the shifting of the house, leaving the structural integrity intact.

Flashing was installed and stucco repaired on the west side of the house to stop water incursion. We added an attic fan on the third floor which will improve air circulation and decrease utility bills during the summer.

During the heavy spring rains, the basement flooded multiple times. Jim Walsh of Rock Solid Contracting excavated and replaced several bricks that were missing from the foundation on the northeast side of the house. He also found that large roots from the giant gum tree in the southeastern corner of the front yard were threatening the integrity of the foundation. The Village of Nyack does not make tree removal easy, but in October we removed the offending tree, as well as a hemlock and small dogwood that were in poor health. Per the terms of our permit, a new small tree will be planted in the spring.

Finally, we finished by gutting and renovating the crumbling kitchen. A few small tweaks to the layout made a much more usable workspace.

Sondra Holt’s advice on materials selection was invaluable in creating the beautiful new kitchen.





The Gilded Age

One of the highlights of the year was seeing Grace reprise her role as a 19th century church fully decked out on Easter Sunday for the HBO show The Gilded Age. Thanks to expert advice from Kevin Faherty and Theresa Bergen, we were able to secure a \$25,000 rental fee – double what we

were initially offered. Verne Becker, Jim Sevier, Kickie Fulmor, Theresa Bergen, Virginia Kosloff, Jan Valentine, Sally Ann Mock, and Larry Campbell all assisted in removing our 21st century accouterments and serving as liaisons to the film crew. Look for Grace to be featured in the opening episode of season two, which is expected to be released sometime in the spring.



First Avenue

Across the street on First Avenue we installed several new sections of gutters to keep water away from the houses. At 137 the 2nd floor became vacant and work is underway to ready it for a new Section 8 tenant. By renting to Section 8 tenants we will be able to maximize income by charging full market rent while also providing housing to some of those most in need. We were donated a home inspection for 137, which is invaluable in helping to prioritize maintenance tasks. Among other things, it told us to plan to replace the roof in the next five years. After the remaining repairs to 137 are complete, we will obtain inspections for 141 and 145 to gain a thorough assessment of those properties.

Church

The boiler under Bradley Chapel was known to be on its last legs and conveniently held out until the end of the heating season in winter 2022. Several plumbers advised against the original plan of connecting the Bradley system to the church boilers, and a new boiler was installed by Blend Air in October.

Water incursion is a perpetual problem at Grace. The clergy robing room roof required further repairs to stop leaking, and we had to replace a missing leader on the north side of the church to deal with flooding in the basement beneath the kitchen.



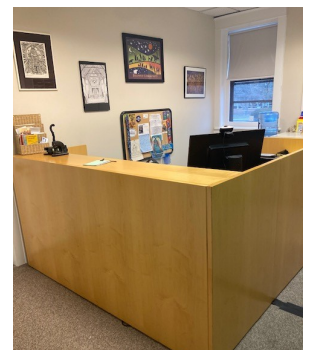
Organ Loft

Unfortunately the termites that were exterminated in 2020 did not leave us unscathed. We discovered substantial damage in the wall that supports the organ loft, as well as some further damage in the outside entry to the church. Initially we were advised that the structural integrity was compromised and we rapidly erected the support wall. you see today. Further investigation by a structural engineer indicated that the damage is primarily in the wood paneling rather than the support beams, but the full extent will not be known until that work commences. This will be a major project for

2023 and will need to be handled carefully to ensure that the organ remains free of construction debris. Many thanks to John Colgan, Win Perry, and Kier Levesque for their assistance in diagnosing the damage.

Offices

The end of the year saw a frantic overall of the main offices in advance of Fr. Dustin’s arrival. Thanks in great deal to a generous donation from Grace’s Thrift Shop and the time and expertise of Theresa Bergen, both the rector’s office and the main office received new paint, carpeting, and blinds. New-to-us furniture provided a much needed refreshment to the weekday face of Grace.



Thanks

The “credits list” for property in 2022 is almost as lengthy as the ones from an episode of The Gilded Age. The members of the Standing Committee on Property – Theresa Bergen, Sally Cochran, Kickie Fulmor, Heidi Hill, Kevin Faherty, Sondra Holt, and Sally Ann Mock – are a tremendous source of knowledge and encouragement. No matter how discouraged I’ve been feeling, my spirits are always lifted after our meetings. I would be truly lost without the support of our property team. I’m grateful for Facilities Administrator Virginia Kosloff’s efficiency and dogged persistence in dealing with contractors and village bureaucracy. Sexton Jim Sevier’s knowledge of maintenance matters and superior bargaining skills are invaluable. Raymond Bergen-Fulmor, sexton assistant, always brings helpful suggestions and comic relief. Verne Becker, security assistant, diligently locks up the buildings nightly and has an eagle eye for any problems. And what would we do without Thayer?



At home, my husband Jacob has been incredibly supportive and understanding when my mind and schedule are full of Grace. Thank you to each of you who have supported our physical assets in myriad ways. You help to make this a place full of God’s love.

Respectfully submitted,
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE 2022



The Grace Church Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee (MGCC) oversees the Columbarium, the stone niches located in the garden outside of Bradley Chapel, which are available for the immurement of the ashes of parishioners and members of the community. This year we held eight immurements. To date, 307 niches have been taken, with 38 niches remaining for purchase.

The MGCC is also responsible for overseeing the Columbarium grounds - the Memorial Garden. The Garden is a quiet place for relaxation and is for both church and community enjoyment. We perform the customary maintenance of the Garden and are also responsible for the seasonal plantings in the urns in the garden and on the church steps. After painting the low black iron fence that surrounds new bark maple tree, we are fostering the growth of the historic Washington Ivy that surrounds this tree.



We were grateful that the pandemic had eased enough so that, after a three year hiatus, we could once again hold our fall Garden Party, an opportunity for fellowship and for raising important funds to insure long term maintenance of the Garden. We also held the annual Mother's Day Plant and Bouquet Sale, which was well attended, although rainy.

At this time of winter we look forward to seeing our garden coming to life once again in the spring and to hosting these events in 2023.



Thanks to each of the members who served this year: John Colgan, Jennifer Giunta, Heidi Hill, Sondra Holt, Rod Langdon, Molly MacQueen, Sally Seiler, Chris Sorensen, Paula Spruck.



Karin Baere, Chair
Memorial Garden & Columbarium Committee

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH COMMISSION

Overview

The Youth Commission at Grace Church is responsible for oversight of the Church School, the Junior Youth Group (JYG), the Senior Youth Group (SYG), the confirmation class and other activities/programs targeted to children through 18 years of age. Sandra Rodriguez is the Church School director, Jen Marraccino leads the JYG, and Brian Murrell and Kristan Walsh lead the SYG.



Church School and Junior Youth Group

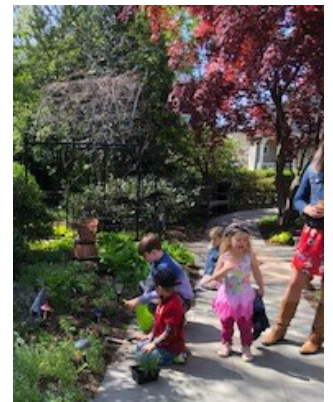
At this time, we have 12 children registered for Church School, which continues to take place after the 9:30am service. This year I am happy to announce that we also have a junior youth group, which has approximately 12 kids registered. All classes are being provided in-person indoors. The Church School kids continue to meet in Bradley Chapel, while JYG meets in the Fenton room. As always, we continue to monitor COVID protocols and follow CDC guidelines for indoor gathering.

Overall, the Church School strives to integrate its programs with the 9:30 church service. Church School lessons are generally based on the Gospel readings for the week, and follow the liturgical calendar. At the end of last year, we started using a new curriculum called StoryMakers. The StoryMakers curriculum is based on the idea that God speaks to us through Scripture, and that faith comes through hearing. As we read stories from the Bible, the children are asked to creatively explore the characters in each story, and image themselves in the stories, and how they would have felt. StoryMakers strives to tell “stories that kids will remember and carry in their



imaginations through the ups and downs of this life.” After using the initial sample materials that we were given, and due to the positive feedback from both the kids and their parents, this year I ordered some basic materials from StoryMakers. We will continue to use this curriculum, and integrate it with the *Lesson Plans That Work* curriculum that is put out by the Youth Ministries of the Episcopal Church.

Church School activities and lessons are also at times centered around current events and holidays. We started 2022 by talking about the Epiphany, and what it means to be baptized. On Palm Sunday the children participated in a Resurrection scavenger hunt, where they took turns reading passages from the Bible and looking for hidden objects that symbolize parts of each story. For Easter, the children were each given a mirror that said “You Are Loved.” I tried to make it a weekly activity during Church School to hold up our pretend mirrors either at the beginning of class, or at the end, and ask ourselves how we looked. Were we being our best selves? Do you see what God sees? The children were reminded each week that every day is a new day, a new chance to be your best self, and live as God wants us to live. Every week I try to come back to the theme of Community, and remind the kids that we are all part of this greater community, of God’s community, and that what we do, and what we say, and how we act matters.





This year, we once again kicked off our first day of Church School with the Blessing of the Animals. We had a great turnout as many parishioners as well as community members came to have their beloved pets blessed. We also collected donations of blankets, pet food, and towels for Hi-Tor animal shelter. The JYG also had a fundraiser where they sold homemade dog biscuits for Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue. Church School had an All Saints Day celebration, where the children did an activity centered on honoring their elders. Families were invited to listen to the children read aloud what they wrote about someone who inspires them. We also were lucky to once again have our Christmas pageant in Memorial Garden. The children from both Church School and Junior Youth Group spent several weeks learning and rehearsing to retell the story of Jesus' birth. Thanks to the help of this amazing Nyack community, the children were able to put together a wonderful production.



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Confirmation and Bread for Life

Thanks to Pastor Tyler, we were able to have a confirmation class last year. We had seven confirmands take part in the eight week program. Confirmation took place on June 14 at the Cathedral of St John The Divine in New York City. We did not have a Bread For Life class last year, but I am hopeful that we can have a Bread for Life class in the spring, as several families have expressed interest in this program.

What is Ahead?

We will continue to have in-person learning on Sundays following the 9:30am service, as long as it is safe to do so. JYG will also continue to meet after the 9:30 service. Already in 2023 we have had a service event for the Church School children in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. We will be making "Blessings Bags" that will be donated to the Nyack Homeless Project. We are also working on a service project with the help of the Nyack Pride Center that will benefit the Center for Safety & Change. We will also continue to look for volunteer teachers as our numbers increase. We know it has continued to be a difficult time for so many of us and we thank you for sharing your love and light with the children of Grace Church.

Junior Youth Group

JYG is going strong! The group of about 15 kids meets after the 9:30am service in the Fenton room most Sundays. We chat about the service, discuss topics important to the kids and being a good person. We have organized a few special events including bringing back Nightwatch, a Friday night of team building, scavenger hunt, ice-cream sundae making and more. We also organized a new interfaith youth activity prior to the Martin Luther King service at Pilgrim Baptist. Middle and high school students of various faiths talked about their traditions, holidays, similarities and differences and then made about ten dozen cookies for the Soup Angels community dinner at First Reformed church. All 6th - 8th graders are welcome to join us!



Senior Youth Group

The Grace Church Senior Youth Group (SYG) is for young adults of high school age. We meet on most Sundays following the morning services in Memorial Hall at Grace. We usually catch up on the events of the week, share a bit about what is going on in our lives and the world at large, and enjoy a game or two.

The group offers a forum to discuss any issues facing teenagers today and to aid in spiritual growth, as well as setting a foundation of community service. We serve in a variety of ways, seeking to put into action our desire to feed the hungry, clothe those in need, and care for our church family and the larger local and global community around us.



Over the past year, we have helped with Midnight Run, making sandwiches at Grace on Saturday mornings and also going into NYC to deliver food, clothing, toiletries and companionship to some of the unhoused population on the street. We helped prepare a local residence to serve as a home for a migrant family displaced from their homes. We served Sunday supper for those in need in our Nyack community, and baked cookies for Soup Angels. We also helped with the church's clean-up day and assorted painting and tidying up efforts around the church campus. We also make time for fun activities, including our annual ski day, hikes, and barbeques in addition to our regular meetings throughout the year.



For our annual service trip, in late June we travelled with a group to Puerto Rico, where we completed several projects at a local community school, including painting a mural in a communal space, repairing flood damage in the school library, and sprucing up the playground area with some painted spaces for games. It was very special to all of us to spend time too with the

kids who were there enjoying summer programs. They were so grateful for the work done by our group, and even lent a hand in some of the painting projects. Our group also enjoyed some well-earned time visiting the beach and sight-seeing in Old San Juan. We are making plans now for our 2023 service trip, so let us know if you are interested in participating (including adults, potentially as a chaperone or supporting the trip financially).



We do also engage in some light fundraising to support our ongoing activities, including financing for our annual summer service trip. These usually include hosting Sunday breakfasts, which offer a way for you as our church community to support us with donations. We are grateful for all of the support of Grace Church, which makes everything we do possible, including the participation of many of you in our activities, including parents, caregivers, and other adults who support in many ways. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement, mentorship, and service to our group serving as drivers, chaperones, and as a host of encouraging witnesses to our work.

Please let us know if you have suggestions for future events or are looking to get involved. We have an email distribution we use to keep our SYG family informed of weekly meetings and events, and post periodic updates on our Facebook page (search @GraceNyackSYG), which is open for the Grace family to follow throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Rodriguez, Church School Director (smrod74@yahoo.com)
Jenn Marraccino, Junior Youth Group (jenmarraccino@hotmail.com)
Brian Murrell, Senior Youth Group (bmurrell@deloitte.com)



BOY SCOUTS TROOP 2

The Scouts of Troop 2, Nyack, have been a part of our parish family for over 75 years. The Scouts and their leaders make a mark on our community in many ways. The Troop is currently led by Scoutmaster Ian Graham, Committee Chair James Feldman, and Chartered Organization Representative Michael Growney. The youth leaders are currently Chris P. as senior patrol leader (SPL) and Milo D. as assistant SPL.

COVID affected membership with a current roster of seven scouts and 17 adult leaders. Several scouts who have been less active did decide to pursue other activities and one scout reached 18 and transitioned from a scout to an adult leader. We did welcome one new scout during the year but no new Webelos bridged from Pack 2 during the year. This year Pack 2 has a Webelos patrol of five Cub Scouts that will be ready to cross the bridge into Boy Scouts in the spring. We are always looking for imaginative ways to keep scouts engaged and active. The good news is that we have resumed normal activities across the board.

We operate under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of American through the Rockland District of the new Greater Hudson Valley Council. We are financially independent and fully funded by membership dues and fundraising. Although a small troop we have dedicated core of ACTIVE scouts.

February: The Klondike Derby resumed as normal at Camp Bullowa (*rah rah* Bullowa) in Stony Point. It was well attended despite being postponed a day due to ice! The troop also traveled up to West Point to watch Army hockey in action.

March: Troop 2 was in attendance again for Pack 2's annual Pinewood Derby, helping the pack leadership set up and run the races.

April: Harriman Hike from St. John in the Wilderness to the Orak ruins.

May: Troop appreciation dinner for Grace Church. Wild West Camporee at Camp Bullowa (*rah rah* Bullowa). We rounded out the month placing flags at veteran's gravestones in Oak Hill Cemetery, and marching Nyack's Memorial Day parade.

June: Adult leaders attended the Rockland District recognition dinner where the troop's adult leaders were well represented, taking home several awards for service to youth through scouting. We resurrected our overnight Dutch Doctor hike in Harriman ... adults a little "rustier" than we were in 2019. We rounded out the month with our annual pool party and barbeque at West Nyack Swim Club with Jeff and Laura Wanamaker as hosts.

July – August: The summer was quiet this year with no activities, including breaking our 66 year run of summer camp at Forestburg Scout Reserve.

September: Right out of the gate we participated in the Camporee celebrating the 75th anniversary of Camp Bullowa (*rah rah* Bullowa). It was an honor to help recover the 50th anniversary time capsule and contribute to the 75th anniversary time capsule.

October: A quiet month for troop activities, but one of our scouts, Jack G., earned the rank of Eagle ... serendipitously ON his 18th birthday ... a nice "gift" for all his hard work!!

November: We were honored to have been invited not only to attend but help the veterans at the Willis Polhemus VFW Post #9215 in Upper Nyack retire flags on Veteran's Day. A special bonus was using the ceremonial fire pit constructed by Troop 2 alumnus Tyler Peterson as his Eagle project as part of the ceremony. Troop 2 also attended this year's Interfaith Service at Pilgrim Baptist on Tuesday before Thanksgiving ... *A Scout is Reverent.*

December: We were able to have our Turkey in Dirt Feast and day of cooking and fellowship in the outdoors, followed by a sleep over in Winter Cabin ... ending the COVID pause on overnights indoors. We were joined for lunch by the Webelos of Pack 2 for a hearty meal of roast venison. Dinner was turkey with all the fixings. All food prepared outdoors in pit oven, open fire and camp kitchen!

In service to Grace Church again this year Troop 2 constructed a life-size manger built with lashings and spars only, for the outdoor Christmas pageant.

And around town ... Troop 2 continues to actively serve the church and the community in multiple ways.

- Within Grace Church you will see Scouts helping with the following: Pack 2 Pinewood Derby; life size manger for the Christmas pageant
- Around Town: Placing flags at veteran's graves for Memorial Day; marched in Nyack Memorial Day parade; Retiring flags with Polhemus VFW Post on Veteran's Day
- Eagle Scouts: Jack G. – October 2022

This is all in addition to young people building character while having fun camping, learning outdoor and leadership skills. The goal is to develop future leaders that serve their communities putting the BSA mission in direct alignment with Grace's. *"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."*

Scout Oath ... On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law ... A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.



We thank Grace Church for providing the support and encouragement to do all that we do! You are having an impact in the lives of the young people in our community.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ian Graham, Scoutmaster**



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMISSION

In 2022 the Adult Education and Spiritual Formation Commission continued its mission to offer topics and resources that nurture the spiritual life and growth of the congregation. Thankfully, most if not all activities/ events resumed to meeting in-person. These included the following:

To start off Lent, ASF sponsored its annual Quiet Day on March 5 back at its usual location, the Chapel of St. John the Divine in Tomkins Cove, NY. The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy facilitated. Turnout was comparable to past years (15-20), and attendees felt the time was meaningful.

On March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 ASF conducted a series of Lenten supper discussions based on chapters from the book "The Church Cracked Open," by Stephanie Spellers. Soup, salad and bread were served.

On Sunday evenings during Lent (March 13, 20, 27 and April 3), Jan Valentine led Compline via Zoom — including music and readings from the saint of the day.

Last year's Discovery Group, led by Jeff McDowell, returned on May 15 after a COVID hiatus. The weekly book study series on "Jesus: A Pilgrimage," by James Martin, S.J. met from 10:15 to 10:55 each Sunday (between the 9:30 and 11:00am services), and included remote participants via Zoom.

A new Discovery Group also began in the same time slot: an informal Bible study based on the lectionary reading and using the devotional book "Disciplines," published by The Upper Room. Roy Kepler serves as moderator. Both groups continued until the end of June, and the Bible study picked up again in the fall. While attendance has been low, the experience has been uplifting for those present, and we hope for more participants in 2023.

On July 27, ASF sponsored a one-hour session of harp/poetry meditation in Memorial Garden, in which gentle harp melodies alternated with readings from scripture and poetry. The July theme was "good trouble," based on the late Congressman John Lewis's phrase.



On August 31, actress Roberta Nobleman moderated a reading of the play, "Lazarus," from the book "Shakeshafte and Other Plays," by Rowan Williams. The reading took place in Memorial Hall, and discussion focused on the topic of resurrection, and what resurrection means to us today.

On Sunday, October 16 ASF sponsored an afternoon guided labyrinth walk at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, NJ. About 20 Grace parishioners attended, and after listening to a brief introduction by facilitator Beth Lawrence, they

walked the labyrinth and shared afterwards what the experience was like. All agreed that the labyrinth can be a useful tool for prayer or meditation.

On October 26, Jan Valentine led a short time of meditation in the sanctuary with readings and harp interludes.



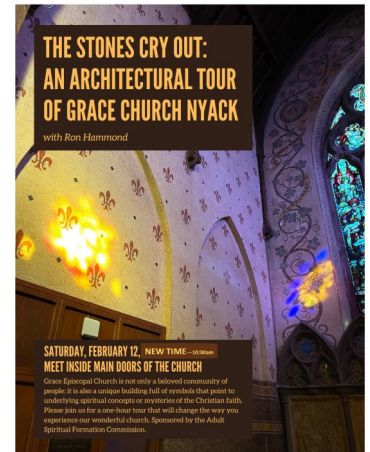
On December 14, actress Roberta Nobleman portrayed an elderly Virgin Mary retelling the nativity story from the first chapter of Luke many years later. The performance took place in the sanctuary and was well received.



On Saturday, December 17 at around noon, Ron Hammond conducted part two of his architectural tour of the sanctuary, focusing on the stained glass windows and the effects and meaning of light patterns filtering through onto the floors and walls. Well attended and well received, especially when a beam of light appeared on the chancel

floor almost exactly at the time Ron predicted.

After months of meeting via Zoom, Men's Prayer Breakfast, led by Jeff McDowell, resumed in person (with Zoom option) in the spring. The group gathered in Patterson at 8:00am on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for discussion, prayer, reflection, and bagels and coffee. Texts for reading and discussion were N.T. Wright's "Simply Jesus," the book of Revelation, and the "Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home." Men's Prayer Breakfast has been a Grace ministry for more than 20 years and is open to men from Grace and outside of Grace. For more information, contact Jeff at jffmcdwll@hotmail.com.



The Women's Spirituality Group, led by Jan Valentine, met monthly on Zoom to share concerns of the day, discernment, learning, and conversation. Meeting time is the last Saturday of the month from 10 to 11:00am.

Pat Reynolds continued to lead (via Zoom) Brown Bag and a Bible, a virtual Bible study on the Gospel of Mark, on Thursdays at noon with a repeat performance on Sundays at 2:00pm. To get the Zoom link, email Pat at reynolcw@gmail.com. The Bible study took a break for the months of December and January, but resumed on February 5, 2023, with the goal of unpacking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

In 2023, ASF plans to continue its monthly offerings, except during Lent, when it will conduct four weekly forums. It will also introduce additional prayer and meditation opportunities, and will continue its Sunday morning Discovery Groups following the 9:30am service. ASF's goal is to encourage spiritual growth and greater participation in spiritual practices such as Bible study, prayer and meditation, both individually and as a parish.

I want to thank all who have attended ASF meetings and/or assisted with events, especially Kickie Fulmor, Ron Hammond, Carol Kepler, Valerie Mathews, Emily Nevill, and Jan Valentine. Anyone who might be interested in joining the commission, or who has an idea for a forum topic, special event, or speaker, please contact Verne Becker or Jan Valentine.



Faithfully submitted,
Verne Becker, Chair
heyverne@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

The Fellowship Commission continues to be without a chair or formal membership. There is a great need for ongoing support from parishioners. If you would like to lead or serve on this commission, please reach out to Liz Weber, Pat Cose, or Jeff McDowell, who have been helping during this extended transition.

Coffee Hour has been active after the 9:30 and 11:00am services, as well as after the 10:00am summer service, for most of the year, using both Memorial Hall and the garden. Many thanks to Dillon and Gavin Nittoli who have handled set-up, coffee making, and clean-up starting in the summer.

A reception was held following the Easter Vigil service on April 16. About 75 people attended the outdoor service and picnic at Hook Mountain on May 22. After the service, attendees shared a meal of sub sandwiches, potluck sides, desserts, and fellowship. And there were activities and games for the children. A fun time for all, and a great opportunity to spend time with folks from all three services.



Our class of confirmands (who were confirmed at the Cathedral on June 4) and the choir and organist/choirmaster were honored at a special coffee hour in the garden on June 5.

On September 25, we had a farewell reception for Pastor Tyler Jones, our interim rector, following the 11:00am service.



Parish Hike: About 9 parishioners joined the annual hike in Harriman Park on October 23. Led by Tom Perry, the hike included exploration of the ruins of the ORAK mansion which was followed by a potluck supper in the parish hall of St. John's in the Wilderness.



Advent Party: The Advent Party was held on Sunday, December 4 following an afternoon service

of Lessons and Carols. Our incoming rector, Fr. Dustin Trowbridge, and his husband John Howell, joined us for this festive occasion. Thanks to the many parishioners who helped with decorating, serving, and clean up and brought side dishes and desserts to share.



Respectfully submitted,
Liz Johnson Weber, Pat Cose, and Jeff McDowell



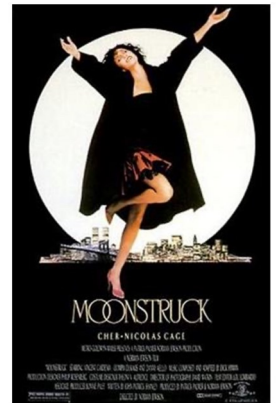
FUN(D)-RAISERS

The FUN(d)-Raiser initiative is intended to be a series of events and activities that bring together members of the Grace community – across age and service groups – to play, to laugh, to engage, sometimes to eat and drink, but to always enjoy each other’s companionship. And, to do so in a way that builds our church’s resources and allows us to assist other worthy causes.

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, FUN(d)-Raising re-started in April with “A Night Below the Alhambra” featuring tapas, wine, poetry, music, and Flamenco performed by Anna De La Paz. The proceeds of \$550 were donated to World Central Kitchen and to Anna in support of her upcoming program at Hopper House.

In October we held another dinner and movie FUN(d)-Raiser featuring “Moonstruck” and – of course – a Brooklyn-Italian inspired meal. The proceeds from the event, including a raffle and donations, totaled \$780 and were split between People-to-People and the FUN(d)-Raiser Fund.

The income to Grace from FUN(d)-Raisers is designated for supporting additional FUN(d)-Raiser events, at a minimum, but also for providing monies for “infrastructure” in support of programs at Grace, which has included purchase of the round tables and folding chairs.



During 2023 we hope to hold another movie night and welcome suggestions for other FUN(d)-Raisers.

Jeff McDowell & Pat Cose

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NEWCOMERS COMMISSION

2022 was another quiet year for our commission, but as more people began to attend in-person services and coffee hours afterwards were offered, the responsibilities and the pleasures of welcoming newcomers to our church were happily resumed.



Now, with Father Dustin in leadership and with the hope of continuing pandemic controls, our commission looks forward to resuming an active, vital, visual presence in the activities of Grace Church.

With thanks for the services of commission members Karin Baere, Cindy Cox, Linda Langdon, Adrienne Langford, Rudolph Knight, Joe Marraccino, Lynnette Marshall, Terence Rock, Elisabeth Sydor, and Liz Weber. We encourage all Grace Church members to join us in this role of welcoming others. Each time you are in church, make it a point to greet someone you do not know. Share time at the reception afterwards; introduce them to others. Whether someone is a newcomer or just new to you, the extension of hospitality is an opportunity to offer the hand of Christ.



Respectively submitted,
Sally Seiler
Chair, Newcomers Commission
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OUTREACH

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMISSION REPORT

The activities of the Social Ministry Commission have been back to more regular pattern this year. The spirit of our outreach not only continues, but has expanded thanks to many parishioners.

We resumed collecting non-perishable items that are donated to People to People. The collection bin remains in the narthex of the church for those willing and able to donate when attending church. During the week items can also be dropped off in the office. Of course direct monetary donations to People to People are also welcome and encouraged.



We are happy to report that Twelve Step groups returned to in person meetings on our Grace campus.

We continue to make bag lunches to feed the homeless in NYC each month for Midnight Run. New volunteers, groups, families and individuals are welcome and encouraged to participate. We continue to meet 10:00am in Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month to make approximately 100 bag lunches to be distributed.

In addition to our regular monthly participation with Midnight Run, the Social Ministry Commission also delivered over 200 pairs of hand warmers and 100 pairs of socks for Midnight Run. Donations in memory of Clint Taplin this year helped to fund this mission.



In June we had a table at the Rockland Pride Center Event. It was wonderful to see this event return for its 24th year for this family friendly event in downtown Nyack.

Our annual Giving Tree for the children at Nyack Center was again in the church entry this year for the holiday season. Parishioners contributed gifts to be distributed for Christmas.

In addition to the children of Nyack Center, we were also able to support other families in need that came to our parish attention with this project. Our thanks to our parish angel, Thayer Woodcock for her regular eyes and ears for those in need and to Paul Weiss for continuing to organize this. Of course a big thanks to each parishioner that took part.



In addition to our regular and ongoing outreach, a main focus this past year has been in helping a family from Afghanistan resettle in the United States. We have partnered with the not-for-profit organization, Hearts and Homes for Refugees. This interfaith mission has brought to light the plight of so many refugees and the needs both great (immigration & healthcare) and small (navigating a grocery store). This family came to us with most members speaking some English and yet needing compassion to navigate acclimating to a new country and all the nuances that entails. Our main focus, once our volunteers provided the family with a safe furnished home, clothing and food, is to support the family with ESOL classes, education, and when permitted, employment. Our budget and finance committee is committed to helping the family navigate full independence within the first year of arrival. Thank you to many of our parishioners for fulfilling the Amazon Wish List we created in order to provide them a home filled with new bedding, towels, kitchenware and more. A giant thanks to the following people for embracing this family and dedicating much of their time, energy and most of all compassion: Karin Baere, Heidi R. Hill, Sondra Holt, Molly MacQueen, Bonnie Parsekian, Robert Parsekian, Beth Paskowski, Kathy Sestak, Claudia Uccellani, Paul Weiss. If you would like to learn more, we continue to have ongoing needs on our healthcare sub committee, as well as for drivers.



NEW for 2023 - We are starting a Prayer Shawl program for the upcoming year and are looking for knitters to make shawls and blankets for parishioners dealing with an illness.

If you would like to hear more on any of the above initiatives, please contact Heidi R. Hill. It would be wonderful to have some new helping hands as we continue our current outreach and consider additional ways to serve those in need within our community and beyond.

Heidi R. Hill
Chair, Social Ministry Commission Chair

845 358-0950 or Nyack13@gmail.com

GRACE'S KITCHEN

It was with heavy hearts and a lot of thoughtful consideration that Grace's Kitchen leadership decided to end our breakfast program on July 7 with Team 3. What began as an idea of Rev. Owen Thompson blossomed into a wonderful community resource. We are so grateful to everyone who has served on a team, donated funds, or supplies. We have served almost 6,000 meals since the program opened in 2016.

The mission was to provide free, healthy and delicious breakfasts at Grace every Thursday, from 7:00 to 8:30am, 52 weeks a year, to anyone in the community in need. The program was run by ten teams of volunteers.

Thank you to Episcopal Charities, Resolution Runners, Grace's Thrift Shop, and our beloved Grace Church congregation, Nyack neighbors and friends. Over 300 people have volunteered to make breakfast, set up clean up and shop. Groups from St. Johns Church and Nyack Rotary had regular teams that served breakfast. Several families and youth groups participated on holidays like Thanksgiving. It has been a true community effort with Grace Church at the heart of it!

We hope to have to a next chapter of hunger support to our friends and neighbors. Thank you all for your loving and steadfast commitment to our community!

Kim Cross, Grace's Kitchen Coordinator





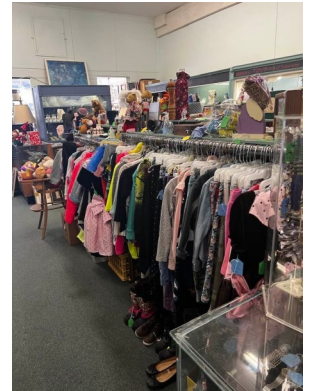
GRACE'S THRIFT SHOP

In September of 2022, as the opening of school approached and GTS volunteers were pricing our "Fall Clothing Line", we made the decision to lower our prices on clothing and household necessities. We did so because we were in an inflationary period, everything cost more and one of our missions is to be a source for good clothing that people can actually afford. The decision was not made with pencil and paper in hand or even on the back of an envelope but more in the dark and trusting that the light would appear. We are happy to report that we did not put ourselves out of business. Along the way we received a larger than usual number of deluxe items. At one

point we had 48 Waterford goblets in the window! We have come to think that the "affordable" pay the rent and the deluxe provides our Gifts.

Fun Fact: You may notice a line in the financial report *TV Fees \$600*. The TV show *FBI Most Wanted* paid us \$600 to turn our lights off overnight. They were spoiling a night shoot.... Gotta love those network shows! They have money to burn.

Our gift to community organizations totaled \$17,800 and our gift to Grace church is \$13,200. Plus *The December Gift*.... Traditionally the volunteers pick one of our charities to receive a larger than normal gift. Grace had not been chosen in about 20 years when we paid for a new floor in Patterson. This year we chose the refreshing of the office up to \$4500. To date, GTS has purchased new carpeting, blinds and a desk for the outer office. More is coming.



GTS is made up of the greatest group of volunteers ever and the incredible community that provides everything we sell. We always need more volunteers. Many current volunteers started their service by giving just three hours a MONTH... just one Saturday a month.

**Yours,
Theresa D. Bergen & Katharine M. Fulmor
Co-Chairs**

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Karin Baere*
Holly Bee*
Theresa Bergen*
Laurie Cozza
Raymond Bergen Fulmor*
Maxine Bernstein
Ann Bush
Stephanie Campbell*
Shirley Chalke*
Carol Curto
Catherine Cutbill
Barbara DeFrancis*
Elaine Dempsey

Faith Elliot
Kevin Faherty*
Kickie Fulmor*
Nancy Gentilello
Martha Graham*
Nancy Guglielmo
Michael Growney*
Jennifer Giunta*
Elaine Hinsch*
Joan Jansen
Karen Lettire
Sally Ann Mock,*
Mary O'Donoghue*

Christine Olszweski
Beth Paskowski*
Candy Pittori
Caran Pullen*
Jane Seamon
Sally Seiler*
Fran Sennas*
Barbara Sevier
Jim Sevier
Paula Spruck*
Carol Streichert*
Nancy Waack*

*Denotes Grace Church Member

Donations

ARC	Meals on Wheels	Sunday Supper
Center for Safety and Change	Murphy House (group home)	TOUCH
Habitat for Humanity Rockland	Nam Knights (Veterans all eras)	United Hospice
Health Lifeline Clinic	Nyack Center	Venture Foundation
Hearts and Homes for Refugees	Nyack Homeless Project (Coat Drive)	YMCA of Nyack
Helping Hands	Nyack Senior Center	Grace Episcopal Church:
Hi-Tor Animal Shelter	People to People	Food Cards, Midnight Run, Pledge
Homes for Heroes Veterans (Rockland)	Rockland Hospital Guild (Mental Health)	\$12,000, Senior Youth Group Service Trip, contribution to renovation of church office up to \$4500.
Kaleidoscope Center (Mental Health)	St. Ann's Food Cupboard	
Marydell Summer Camp	Saint Dominic's (Mental Health)	
Mazeppa Engine Co #2	Soup Angels	

Grace's Thrift Shop Financial Report

2022 Summary		
2021 Balance Forward	\$24,404.00	Contributions
Profit	\$36,095.00	Grace Church
Available	\$60,499.00	Grace Food Cards
Less Reserve	-\$17,000.00	Sr. Youth Group
Cash	\$43,499.00	Service Mission
Gifts	-\$35,500.00	Midnight Run
	\$7,999.00	Total to Grace
		Grace office*
		Gifts to Community Organizations
		\$17,800.00
		Total 2022 Gifts
		\$35,500.00

2022 Detail		
Income		
Sales		\$105,046.00
Less	Sales Tax	-\$4,141.00
	Consignment	-\$6,418.00
		\$94,487.00
Plus	Bag Fund	\$443.00
	TV Show Fees	\$600.00
Total Income		\$95,530.00
Expenses		
	Rent	\$38,400.00
	loan payments	\$3,200.00
	Utilities	\$3,541.00
	Cleaning	\$3,120.00
	Maintenance	\$2,082.00
	Supplies	\$2,840.00
	Paper Bags	\$1,718.00
	Masks	\$554.00
	vacuum cleaner	\$380.00
	Services	\$3,600.00
Total Expenses		\$59,435.00
Total Income		\$95,530.00
Expenses		-\$59,435.00
2022 Profit		\$36,095.00

PARISH RECORD 2022

Baptisms

Giulietta Grace Scerba	June 26, 2022
Emily Ann Colsey	June 24, 2022
Mayah Christina Coley	June 24, 2022
Grace Elizabeth Travers	June 24, 2022
Jack Patrick Velez	July 10, 2022

Confirmations (Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York, NY - June 4, 2022)

Alexandra Nicole DeVries
Carson James Graham
Arden McLaughlin
Tatum McLaughlin
Thomas Paul Murray
Mobolaji James Olateju
Morayo Morgan Olateju

Marriage

Renee Karen Roncace/Reed Alexander Parsekian	March 19, 2022
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Burials

Arthur Richard Banks, Jr. (2/2/22)	February 11, 2022
Brian-Paul Thomas (12/20/21)	May 7, 2022
Samuel Monroe (5/4/20)	May 21, 2022
Louise Mary Bohr (5/13/22)	May 23, 2022
Kevin Paul Egan (6/6/20)	June 4, 2022
Jeanette M. Matthews (1/28/20)	August 14, 2022
William Patrick Ingram (5/27/22)	August 30, 2022
Tanya M. Perez-Rock (8/21/22)	September 2, 2022
Bernice R. Fraser Georges (8/30/22)	September 3, 2022
Emma Leigh Goodwin (8/3/22)	September 4, 2022
John DeFillippo (7/25/22)	September 17, 2022
Karen Jane Kennell (7/22/22)	September 23, 2022

QUALIFIED VOTERS

PLEDGES FOR 2023

as of 1/18/23

133 pledgers

\$322,130 pledged

Karin Baere
Ruth Beck Baliotti
Debra Banks
Peter Bannon
Nigel Bark
Jo Ann & Paul Barnard
Brandon Beachamp & Doug
Reisinger
Verne Becker
Wendy Brown
Yvonne E. Brown
Jack Burger
Carolyn Cairns
Larry & Stephanie Campbell
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CLOSING HYMN



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



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