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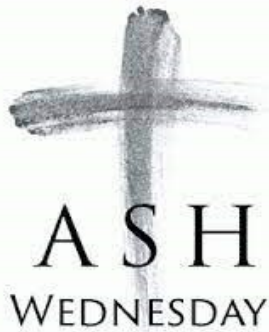
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SCENES FROM OUR 162ND ANNUAL MEETING - February 12, 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting and to all of those who worked to make it come together smoothly, including our Zoom technical team of Verne Becker, Kevin Faherty, and Liz Weber, and of course those who helped with refreshments, including Charlie Cross, Jeff McDowell, Pat Cose, and Sally Seiler.

Congratulations to our newest vestry members: Angela Metzler, Paula Spruck and Paul Shusterman, and a huge thank you to those whose terms have just ended: Kevin Faherty, Margie Winslow (& Paul Shusterman, who graciously agreed to serve a full three-year term at the conclusion of his previous 1-year term).



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00am

Noon

7:30pm

with the Grace Church Choir

Also available via livestream

DAILY LENTEN READINGS

RECOMMENDED BY THE ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMISSION

During Lent, many find it helpful to reflect on a brief passage of scripture each day. For this year, ASF is suggesting the daily readings from Episcopal Relief & Development, all centered on the theme of "Who is my neighbor?" You can access these readings in a number of ways:

Subscribe to receive a meditation each day in your email:

<https://episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/#subscribe>

Download the entire set of meditations to read on your computer or phone.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/#lent-pdf>

Pick up a printout of the meditations if you don't have a computer or phone. Limited copies available in the church office.



Grace Church Quiet Day 2023

A day of prayer, conversation, and silent reflection

IN PERSON with The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy

Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chapel of St. John the Divine, 170 Mott Farm Rd, Tompkins Cove

Cost: \$20 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Please register in advance by signing up in back of the church, or by calling or emailing the church office (parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org). A reduced fee is available for those who need assistance. Questions? Call 845-358-1297. Sponsored by the Grace Adult Spiritual Formation Commission.

About the Facilitator:



The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy is a Spiritual Director, Retreat Leader, Sacred Dancer and Episcopal priest. She has served in the Dioceses of Massachusetts, California, Utah and New York and is currently Priest Associate at Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck, NY. Her theology and spirituality is influenced by the Christian mystical tradition, Celtic Spirituality, Ecological (Creation) Theology and Feminist Theology. She has led four previous Grace Church quiet days.



Lenten Offerings

FROM THE ADULT SPIRITUAL
FORMATION COMMISSION

Lenten Quiet Day

Led by the Rev. Gwyneth Murphy
Saturday, February 25, 9:30 am to 3 pm
Chapel of St. John the Divine, Tomkins Cove
Cost: \$20, includes continental breakfast and lunch

What better time than the beginning of Lent to nurture our inner, spiritual life and gain some perspective? Join us for a Lenten day of quiet, in which we can strengthen or renew our awareness of God's presence within us.



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Spiritual Memoir: Writing about Our Own Sacred Moments and Journeys

Workshop led by Margie Winslow
Tuesday Evenings -- March 7, 14, 21, 28
7:15 to 8:45 pm, Patterson Hall

"Spiritual" can mean sacred, inspirational, transcendent, challenging, life-changing, or revealing moments in our lives. Participants will explore several ways to capture those experiences using some simple tools of memoir writing. No prior writing experience necessary.



Margie Winslow has published three award-winning memoirs and has taught Memoir Writing at The Learning Center, both at Long Island University and at the New City Jewish Center. She is a member of the Columbia Fiction Foundry and has participated in memoir writing workshops for the International Women Writers Guild and the Hudson Valley Writers Center. A professor emerita of Geology of the City University of New York, Margie has been a member of Grace Church since 1985.

Lenten Suppers

Theme: 4 Kinds of Prayer
Wednesday Evenings -- March 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30 pm supper, 7 to 8:15 program, Memorial Hall

After a simple supper of soup, salad and bread, we will focus on four types of prayer -- thanksgiving, praise, petition, and intercession -- one each week. There will be a brief introduction, followed by a hands-on activity that serves as a "window" to that type of prayer. There will also be time to reflect, share in groups, and actually pray. Our goal is to offer tools that allow us to experience prayer in a fresh way.

To register, call or email the church at 845-358-1297 or parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org



Join us!





CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS 2023

The church school kids spent the season of the Epiphany reading several of the parables of Jesus. We have continued our theme of looking inward to find our gifts, our light, and how we can share these gifts with others. In the spirit of sharing our gifts, the kids from Church School and JYG helped to make “Blessings” bags. We received a generous donation of toiletries from the Rockland

County Pride Center, including tooth brushes, body wash and shampoo. We also purchased socks to be used to fill the bags. The children also wrote notes of love and hope that were placed into each bag. With these donations we were able to make 50 bags that were donated to the Nyack Homeless Project.



Looking ahead, we are trying to rent the Sloop Clearwater this spring. The sailing classroom program is focused on environmental education, and can accommodate up to 40 children, 4th grade and older. I have been given some available dates and information regarding the sail. We are probably looking at a Saturday in May. If you are interested in your child participating in the program, please let me know as soon as possible, as we need to coordinate a date, and will need to book this sail within the next few weeks.

We are also hoping to have a Bread for Life program this spring, where the children will learn about Holy Communion and Grace Church, as well as bake Communion bread to be shared with the congregation on the following day. If you are interested in your child participating in this program, please let me know.

There is also the possibility of having a Confirmation class for any Junior/Senior Youth Group children 14 or older who are interested in being confirmed. Once again, if you are interested in this program, please let me know as soon as possible, as we will need to begin to planning.

Love and Peace, Sandy

PS: We are always looking for Church School teachers!
If you are interested, please reach out to me at smrod74@yahoo.com

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP—UPDATE

Our Senior Youth Group recently enjoyed our annual ski day at Mountain Creek. We are off for midwinter break but will be back with more planned activities soon.

Collection for our next Midnight Run is ongoing — if you have donations of warm clothing or packages of new socks/underwear please be in touch with Brian or Kristin.

[Brian Murrell](mailto:bmurrell@deloitte.com) (bmurrell@deloitte.com) and [Kristin Walsh](mailto:cmkwalsh@gmail.com) (cmkwalsh@gmail.com)



FROM THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Calling all Knitters: Would you like to take part in a new PRAYER SHAWL project?

We would love to have parishioners knit prayer shawls or blankets to be distributed to those in need of some loving care and prayer while dealing with an illness.

Please reach out to Heidi if you are a knitter and are interested in learning more. -Heidi :

845 358-0950 or Nyack13@gmail.com



Another in the Tales of The Shop Series

Are Mennonites the Thrifting Avant-garde?

Theresa Bergen

Have you ever been *vintaging* ? We think the word is the modern equivalent of *antiquing*. But it's used by the children and grandchildren of the folks who went *antiquing* (in what some think is the long ago past... at least it can sound that way).

I'm all for a robust language moving and evolving but not so sure how I feel about the ephemera and fashion of my childhood being the object of collectors. Sometimes when asked how I know something is Mid-Century Modern I'm tempted to say "because I was there" or "because we had one in my home"

How about *upcycling*? It's the idea of taking old things and turning them into something new and better. We used to turn old jeans into skirts or make our own clothes but this new practice goes far beyond anything so simple. Take the sleeves off a lace blouse and put them on a jeans jacket? Some of the resulting garments are quite nice.

And of course, there is just plain *thrifting* but now we see parent/child combos with the parent explicitly instructing the child in bargain hunting. We also hear things like: "keeps it out of the landfill". It reminds me of my aunt taking me to Klein's and instructing me in how to recognize a bargain.

All this leads me to a sign I saw in a Thrift shop in Pennsylvania... (I'm I the only one who thinks going to Thrift on a getaway weekend is fun?) The shop was run by a Mennonite organization that sounded like our Episcopal Relief & Development.... It was huge and two floors... 7th heaven. Scattered throughout the shop was this sign:



Personally I find 68 a little hard to believe but maybe they're counting clothing for a whole family?

Take the pledge at your Thrift.. Graces Thrift Shop.

CALENDAR

February 22 - March 22
2023

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00am Proper Liturgy/Imposition of Ashes
Noon Proper Liturgy/Imposition of Ashes (organ)
7:30pm Proper Liturgy/Imposition of Ashes (Choir)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00am-3:00pm Lenten Quiet Day
St. John the Divine, Tomkins Cove

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:30am Family Eucharist
10:15am Church School
10:15—10:55am Bible Study (Patterson)
11:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

BSA Pinewood Derby (Memorial Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:30am Family Eucharist
10:15am Church School
10:15—10:55am Bible Study (Patterson)
11:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
4:00pm Choral Evensong

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:15 ASF Presents: Spiritual Memoir #1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

ASF Presents: Lenten Supper # 1
6:30pm Supper
7-8:15pm Program

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

SATURDAY MARCH 11

10:00am Midnight Run (Memorial Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME/CLOCKS AHEAD
8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:30am Family Eucharist
10:15am Church School
10:15—10:55am Bible Study (Patterson)
11:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
1:00pm SCOF (Patterson Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:15 ASF Presents: Spiritual Memoir #2

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

ASF Presents: Lenten Suppers #2
6:30pm Supper
7-8:15pm Program

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:00pm Vestry (Patterson Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:30am Family Eucharist
10:15am Church School
10:15—10:55am Bible Study (Patterson)
11:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:15 ASF Presents: Spiritual Memoir #2

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

ASF Presents: Lenten Suppers #2
6:30pm Supper
7-8:15pm Program



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, March 5

The Second Sunday in Lent

Join us for this 45-minute service of choral music, prayers, scripture, and preaching, rooted in the Anglican tradition and bringing respite and inspiration to busy and challenging lives.

FUN(d) RAISERS—We Need Your Input!

Last year after our COVID break, FUN(d)-Raisers returned with two events. In April, we spent **A Night Below the Alhambra** with Anna De La Paz and her friends as they put on a performance of Flamenco and other traditional Spanish dances, music, and poetry. Those of you who were there will remember how spectacular the performance was. And yes, the food was Spanish-themed and enthusiastically consumed. Then, this past fall, we had **Dinner and a Movie** – featuring **Moonstruck** accompanied by a Brooklyn Italian dinner. Olivia Dukakis advised us all to “snap out of it”. COVID was starting to recede, so it was good advice.

Pat and I would like to get your feedback about possible FUN(d) Raiser events for this year.

It has been a few years, but we did a few “**Throwdown**” food competitions. The first was the Salmon throwdown – and those who were there will remember that despite our attempts to bribe the judges, both Joe Paskowski and I lost to Charlie Cross. We also did a hamburger throwdown and quite frankly I lost that one, too.

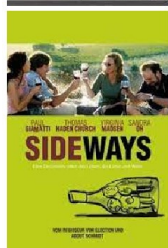


So, here are the questions:

Pat asked, “*isn’t it time to do a baking throwdown?*” Cakes, pies, cookies, who doesn’t love dessert? So, we want to know who would be interested in participating in a **Baking Throwdown**. Once we have an idea of interest, we will work on a date and format. Send feedback to us; or talk to us after a Sunday service.



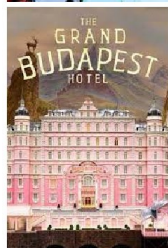
Our **Dinner and a Movie** series has always been fun. We did **Casablanca** with Moroccan cuisine and our local film expert Roger Seiler providing insights about that classic movie. We also screened **Popeye** with Carlo Pellegrini (who had been in the movie) providing tales from the set and the dinner featured – lots of spinach. An **American in Paris** with French Bistro right before COVID shut us down and then this past October’s **Moonstruck**.



These are movies we have been thinking about, along with the possible cuisine. So, if you would like to attend, rank order them.



- **Mama Mia** (starred Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Christine Baranski and others)
Cuisine – Greek
- **Sideways** – (starred Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church, Sandra Oh, Virginia Madsen)
Cuisine - Californian
- **Roman Holiday** – (starred Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn)
Cuisine - Italian – more precisely the cuisine of Rome
- **Grand Budapest Hotel** (starred Ralph Fiennes, Bill Murray, F. Murray Abraham, Saoirse Ronan, and more)
Cuisine – Austro-Hungarian



Let us know!

Jeff (jffmcdwll@hotmail.com) & Pat (pacose@msn.com)

Dear Pledgers,

Thank you all very much for pledging for this year - you have been very generous!

One hundred thirty five families have pledged \$327,230.

Thank you not only for your pledge but also for your commitment to our many ministries.

Thank you also to the folks who served or spoke on our stewardship committee: Pat Cose, Elaine Hinsch, Sondra Holt, Carol Kepler, Adrienne & Josh Langford, Molly MacQueen, Angela Metzler, Sally Ann Mock, Robert Parsekian, and Liz Weber. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Kickie Fulmor, Stewardship Chair

PLEDGES FOR 2023

\$327,230 pledged 135 pledgers

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

Ed & Mary Ceccolini

Shirley Chalke

Kate Chisholm

Diane Churchill

Sally & James Cochran

John & Beverly Colgan

Jean Connor-Tierney

Pat Cose

Cindy Cox

Charles & Barbara Cross

Zara & Stephen Crowley

Alison R. Crowther

Robert D'Errico

Barbara DeFrancis

Hilda DeLoatch

Diane Deveau

James & Virginia Dillon

Paul Dixon

Daphne Estwick

Kevin Faherty

Gerald & Marjorie Federico

Ruby Frae

Vickie & Fred Frelow

Jeff & Catherine Friesen

Katharine Fulmor & Theresa Bergen

James & Peggy Gilbert

Jennifer Giunta

Michael Growney

Don & Ronna Hammond

Ronald Hammond

John & Marsha Havrilla

Joe Heider

Susan Hendricks

Mary Herje

Heidi Hill

Elaine Hinsch

Robert & Phyllis Holgerson

Sondra Holt

Karen Hughes & Joy Barrow

Liz & Jon Huss

Patty & Jimmy Hyland

Sean & Amanda Hyland

Daniel & Myria Jean-Gilles

Robert & Samantha Jeffrey

Roy & Carol Kepler

Maeve Kinkead

Christine Klinger

Rudolph & Kimberly Knight

Alex & Tessa Kratz

Rod & Linda Langdon

Adrienne & Joshua Langford

Amy Lehman

Mia Leo & Dick Kuczkowski

John Loftin & Michael Pfenning

Molly MacQueen

Orville & Sally Mann

Marraccino Family

Mac & Judy Martin

Valerie Mathews

Meg Mayo

Heidi McCarthy & Edward Knyfd Jr.

Jeff McDowell

William McDowell

Debbie & Bob McGuinness

Carolann McGregor

The McNeill Family

Angela Metzler

Sally Ann Mock

Margaret & Bryan Murray

Lainie & Brian Murrell

Emily & Jacob Nevill

Sarah & Tom Nittoli

Mary O'Donoghue

James & Cindy O'Gorman

Kemi Olateju

Keith & Moriah Olsen

Bonnie & Robert Parsekian

Beth & Joe Paskowski

Martha Patterson

Carlo Pellegrini

Tom & Dalila Perry

Winston Perry

Karen Phelan

Sherrol Pollard

Karen Porter

Caran Pullen & Holly Bee

Alma Richmond

Sandra Rodriguez

Philip & Helen Scala

David Scharf

Lynn-Marie Schnalzer

Roger & Sally Seiler

Anna Shalom

Robert Sorensen

Arthur & Donna Soyk

Paula Spruck

David Starling

The Stinson Family

Bebb Wheeler Stone

Carol Streichert

Sarah Styles

Elisabeth Sydor

Joan M Szanto

Laurent Szanto

Charles & Lori Tauken

Dustin Trowbridge & John Howell

Claudia Uccellani

Jan & Robert Valentine

Edward Van Sadlers & Paul Shusterman

Kristen & Mike Velez

Nancy & Dietrich Waack

Kristin Walsh & Allyson Pifko

Barbara Wanamaker

Liz, Greg, & Sam Weber

Paul & Annie Weiss

Margaret Winslow & Joe Stennett

Thayer & Bruce Woodcock

Christina & Erik Young

ANONYMOUS 4

REPORT ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETROIT

Jeff McDowell

On Sunday, February 19, the Very Rev. Owen Thompson was the guest homilist at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit. The focus of Owen's sermon was the life and legacy of Fr. Absalom Jones, the first African American ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States.

Jon Woodcock, who lives in the Detroit metro area, and I were there for the service. I shared with Owen greetings from Grace. Owen reports he and his family are fine and that all of us at Grace remain in his thoughts and prayers.

A few photos of St. Paul's, Owen+, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry – the 11th Bishop of Detroit, Jon and me.



Ways to Help...



Join us in Memorial Hall at 10:00am on March 11 as we assemble meals to be distributed to the unhoused population of New York City through Midnight Run. If you are able to bring food items (ex: lunch meat, cheese, bread, cookies, etc.), **please email Heidi at nyack13@gmail.com** to make sure you are included on the list.



Please consider donating food to People to People. Our collection basket is in the entry to church for items that you bring with you on Sundays, or they can be dropped in the office during regular hours. People to People helps to put food on the tables of struggling families, children, seniors, veterans and so many of the most vulnerable among us. Please join in helping our neighbors. Some items you can donate are: tuna fish (in water), pasta, macaroni & cheese, dry or canned beans, oatmeal, cereals, canned vegetables and more. Thank you.

Grace Episcopal Church - Vestry Minutes:

December 15, 2022 [via ZOOM]

Present: S. Cochran, H. Hill, K Faherty, K. Hughes, J. McDowell, E. Nevill, S. Styles, M. Winslow
Excused: H. Bee, A. Langford, P. Shusterman

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes from the November vestry meeting were approved. ALL AYES.

Senior Warden's Report– J. McDowell

- Nominations open for 3 vestry positions as well as 2 diocesan convention delegations/2alternates and 4 members of nominating committee.
- Those who helped make Lessons & Carols and Advent Party so successful were thanked – there were roughly 85+ at the service and 125 at party. The organization and number of folks helped were noted – particularly clean up support.

• SCOF Report – J. McDowell

- SCOF minutes and November financial reports were circulated electronically prior to meeting. Bottom line is we're doing OK and will probably end year with surplus thanks to Gifts Other Than Pledge and \$25,000 received from HBO filming.

• SCOF Report and Financials were accepted as submitted. ALL AYES

- Email vote re DIT future fund drawdown to provide funding for several projects received 10 Aye votes electronically.
- Budget Committee update – There is presently a \$85,000 gap in proposed budget, which will need to be reviewed in January when it is clear how big the available surplus will be. Some 2023 items may be prepaid from 2022 surplus. 2023 pledges are about where we were last year at the same time. Need \$330,000 for budget, currently at roughly \$300,000. Jeff will be sending out pledge letters to former pledgers who have not yet renewed pledge for 2023. Discussion will continue in January. May need to rely more heavily on non-pledge sources of income.

SCOF Report – E. Nevill

- SCOF report was circulated prior to meeting and action items reviewed:
- Received quote from InterCounty for replacement of smoke detectors, which it is recommended every 10 years; ours are roughly 15 at this time. SCOP had also recommended replacement of fire extinguishers; SCOF requested delaying that expenditure until 2023. Suggestion is to delay total package so that other vendors can also be investigat-

ed. It was suggested the Nyack fire inspector might be able to recommend vendor possibilities. Current system is imperfect but functional.

- Leases for First Ave – two are up for renewal, expiring in March 2023. SCOP recommends that each tenant be offered 2 year lease with 2.5% increase first year and same in the second year. **Approved ALL AYES** Neither are Section 8 rentals. Lease on our Section 8 property is not yet due for renewal but we are working with Housing Authority to raise that rent. There was continued discussion re bringing rent up to market value. It was noted that both properties are held by long term residents and while movement will be made to raise rents, both apartments will also need work.
- Apartment at 137 First Avenue is currently vacant and it is proposed that it be rented as a Section 8 unit at full market value of roughly \$2200+, hopefully by March 1. **Approved with one abstention**
- Apartment at 137 needs to have new flooring installed. SCOP recommends accepting bid by Classic Touch for installation of new LVT flooring at cost of \$7490. **Moved and accepted ALL AYES.**

COMMISSION REPORTS

Music – S. Cochran

- Choir is preparing for Christmas Eve (11pm) service with pre-service music starting at 10:30am. We anticipate a few additional (returning singers) to augment the core group. Additional rehearsals are scheduled for 12/15 (cancelled) and 12/22 in preparation for Christmas Eve - weather depending. The Choir will be on break for Sundays 12/25 and 1/1/2023 however there will be organ music on both Sundays. There is also a 4pm service on Christmas Eve. Remaining Evensong services for 2023 are February 5, March 5, and May 7. As in past, evening services for Holy Week are assumed to be 7:30pm - at the Rector's discretion. Advent Lessons and Carols was a successful service with laudable efforts by the choir and service ministers. The combination of the service and the Parish Advent Party should be considered for future years as it benefits attendance at both.
- The organ was tuned prior to the 12/4 service with a repair to one key that was "sticking" (sound continued after the key was released). This problem continues to happen with increasing regularity as the key mechanism relies on magnets that,

over time, can slip or become covered in dust/particles. This highlights the age of the console (nearing 60 years) and the quickening pace of the aging of the instrument. Had the organ tuner not been able to fix the problem, essentially half of the organ would have been rendered ineffective as it would have been nearly impossible to avoid the one particular key that was sticking.

- Church piano was tuned prior to Thanksgiving and humidifier system was repaired. Memorial Hall piano was not tuned, as requested, as the piano tech could not locate a replacement caster and did not want to move the piano as it is partially resting on a wooden block. Jim Gilbert has shared that his daughter-in-law has a baby grand piano in good condition that she would donate to the church for the choir room. Jim indicated that he would pay for moving costs. Brandon will assess piano after Christmas to determine condition/quality of instrument.
- It was noted at the meeting that the scheduling model of L&C followed by Advent party worked well for attracting folks to both and it is recommended that it be continued in future years.

Scouts BSA – A. Langford

- Several scouts and their families attended the Nyack Interfaith Community Thanksgiving held at Pilgrim Baptist Church on 11/22
- Annual "Turkey in the Dirt" feast at Camp Bullowa was a delicious success! Scouts stayed at Camp Bullowa for the weekend (12/2-4) and prepared a wonderful camp meal of turkey, cranberry relish, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and fire roasted cinnamon apples! Cub Scouts helped dig the ditch to cook the turkey and many families joined meal.
- A holiday party for Troop 2 is planned for 12/22

Social Ministry Report – H. Hill

- Midnight Run continues each second Saturday of the month at 10:00am. New volunteers and helping hands are always welcome. Students looking for community service hours can also participate. On average, we have been making 100 lunches each time we meet. We are looking to expand our donations to Midnight Run to
- Clint Taplin will go to helping to fund our Midnight Run outreach.
- Grace parishioners volunteering with our Afghan family through Hearts & Homes for refugees have been busy helping the family navigate volunteer opportunities, clothing, resumes, ESOL classes, tem-

porary assistance, healthcare, job applications and more. In addition, we have enjoyed getting to know this lovely family and learning about each other's customs and traditions, even delivering a traditional Thanksgiving meal to their family to share.

- A big thanks to Thayer, Paul and Charlie for helping coordinate our annual Grace Giving Tree project again this year for the holiday season. We are grateful for the support of parishioners for your continued part in helping those in need.
- It was noted at the meeting that \$5000 had previously been approved in support of an Afghan family through CWS – they ended up going to NJ and only half of the amount was sent to them. COSM requests that the remaining amount go to Hearts and Home the local agency supporting this project.

Thrift Shop – K. Faherty

- Great news that Thrift Shop will be giving out \$35,000 to 30 groups including \$12,000 to Grace towards diocesan assessment, up to \$4500 for renovation of church office, and \$1000 to Hearts and Homes. Shop and sales are doing very well and thanks go out to all who donate. It was noted that beyond the monetary gifts the Thrift Shop provides a real service in offering low cost essentials – as an example, to the refugee family who were able to choose what they needed when moving into their new home.

Other Business

Folks were reminded of upcoming Christmas events including the Christmas Pageant which will again be outside in the garden.

The meeting closed with prayer and was adjourned.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite your memorial gifts for special flowers and decorations to enhance our festive Easter celebrations.

Envelopes will be available in the church on Sundays beginning in March or you may make a memorial gift via Giving Fire (<https://gecnnyack.givingfire.com/?fund=4577>) Please leave names in the comments section.



February 2023

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Retiring Class of 2024

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Heidi Hill
Karen Hughes

Retiring Class of 2025

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Paul Shusterman
Paula Spruck

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH NYACK
130 First Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960
The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge, Rector

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

9:30am Family Holy Eucharist

followed by church school

11:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Grace Choir)

(also livestream)