



Grace Notes

December 2015

January 2016

Grace Episcopal Church

From the Rector — Rev. Dr. Marjorie Gerbracht-Stagnaro

On October 30th, 2015 Grace Church received a letter from a total stranger, an inmate in Valley State Prison, Chowchilla, California. Patrick, the letter's author, described himself as a born again Christian, an "indigent" (his words, not mine) without family. I was impressed Patrick declared his faith beliefs AND loneliness so openly and honestly to a church community he had never met.

After introducing himself Patrick made a request. Could our parish mail him a writing tablet, 40 stamps, and 40 envelopes to help him pursue a Bible correspondence course? Patrick wrote, *"I am very diligent to study and to increase my faith and the depth of my relationship with the Lord. The Lord is continually showing me that God created me to have a deep, abiding faith."*

The letter arrived in the midst of a busy week, I couldn't send a care package containing all Patrick's requests. I thought, *"I can't do it all, but I can do something small."* So on behalf of our parish I wrote Patrick a note and enclosed 10 forever stamps.

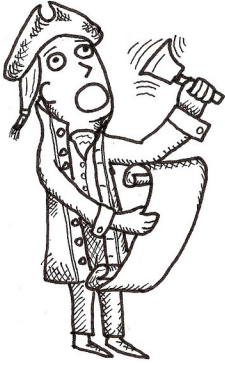
Today another letter arrived from Patrick. *"Dear Grace Church, Greetings and blessings to you all. I am writing to you today to say thank you for the gift of stamps and the wonderful blessing of it. I am truly thankful for your responding to my need. The stamps came at just the right time. I was finishing up my study and essay on The Book of Job and have been praying for help so I may send off my lesson. You were the answer to my prayer and I am thankful for that. All praise and glory go to God the Father for His continual watch over us all. I look forward to the day when I can join you all in praise and worship to our Lord, Christ Jesus. Again, thank you and may our Lord keep you close to Him, forever wrapped up in his loving arms."*

Friends, remember you don't need to do it **all**. You can do something **small**. Call a loved one who is grieving. Write a letter telling someone you how they have blessed you. Help out someone in need. You don't have to change the whole world. Just claim a small piece of it in Christ's name.

Indeed, God sent something big in a small package - a babe in a manger.

In this Advent season, may the Lord show us that God created us to have a deep, abiding faith that small things matter, give peace on earth, good will toward all.

Marjorie+



NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE

In order to ease up on the stress that occurs around the holidays, the DECEMBER and JANUARY newsletters have been combined. We are mindful of elections and will publish the slate of officers with voting instructions in a blast e-mail to the congregation as well as any other important information that may surface.

Our weekly Sunday leaflets, as usual, will also reflect important information. The deadline for the February newsletter will be January 15. Please try to get your articles in by that time as it makes it

very difficult to format when last minute items have to be included. Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING: January 31, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M. BETWEEN SERVICES! FESTIVE BRUNCH!

Holiday Schedule

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from **December 24 until January 5**. There will be no Morning Prayer between Christmas and New Year's. It will resume on January 5. There will be no Sunday School on December 27 or January 3. It will resume on January 10.

Grace Church Soup-a-Thon

Do you have a fabulous soup recipe that you would like to enter into the competition? Would you like to be a judge by trying all the soups that are entered. If so we have the event for you. Grace Church will be holding our first Soup A Thon on **Thursday, January 7th** at 6:00. If soup making is not your thing then you can sign up on the kiosk to bring bread or dessert. This will be a can't miss event!

VESTRY MEETING - Wednesday, November 18, 2015

The Vestry meeting of Wednesday, November 18th was opened with a prayer and the reading of the Norms.

The Vestry signed Christmas cards for the church's staff.

The Clergy Report and the Rector's Report were reviewed and accepted by the Vestry.

Ed presented the final August financial report as well as the September and October financial reports. He noted that July and August have always brought in lower funds and we have had a number of repairs this year which have increased the current deficit amount. He reported that October, although still showing a deficit, showed an upturn (people have been catching up with their commitments). The Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Ed presented to the Vestry a breakdown of various accounts. The amount remaining in the Property account will be used up. He recommended that we allocate \$20,000 to be used in the Property account from the other accounts (now in money markets that have been restricted for use in maintaining the church). This was accepted by the Vestry.

Rev. Marjorie presented a revised facilities use fees guidelines. The fees had not been revised since July, 2011. The Vestry did approve of the changes and recommended that we review the fees annually. The guidelines were accepted by the Vestry.

The Vestry approved the Lay Licensing for the Diocese for the following: Sandra Albom, Sally Douglass, Linnell Krikorian, Jill Porter, and Thomas Suckley.

The Vestry had a discussion about the length of the All Saints' service. There were 275 names read at that service. The Vestry thought that the service's length was not excessive and the reading of the names went well. They suggested that the sermon could be shorter on that day.

Rev. Marjorie reported that the nomination committee consisted of Dwight Simmons, Anne Harvey, Nancy Ann Feren and Rev. Marjorie. She reported that we need to replace 2 members to the Vestry (Jill Porter agreed to stay on the Vestry) and 3 people for the convocation/convention. She requested that we send names of candidates to the committee by Tuesday.

Lauren reported that her company contributes to the United Way and she had attended a meeting at Serenity House where they discussed topics about Overdose Deaths. She reported that Funeral Home directors and

Staff are currently overwhelmed with the number of people that they have to attend to. She also told us that it was reported that many victims don't get claimed. The problem arises of where to bury them. She will get more information as to what is currently done and what is needed so we can determine where we can help. For the time being she requested that we keep all the people in our prayers.

The Vestry had a lengthy discussion about the Children's Service and Sunday school. The parishioners had been notified that we would be discussing those issues and had been requested to send/call their thoughts and/or issues. The phone calls and e-mails that Rev. Marjorie and/or the Wardens had received were reviewed by the Vestry.

Sunday School issues that were discussed are as follows:

- How to staff

- We will be needing a new Sunday School leader

- We need to have a larger number of teachers

- Should we have a paid staff Sunday School leader

- What is done at other churches – program and times of church services

- How and who should develop the curriculum

- What should the calendar be – what days of "vacation"

Children's Service issues that were discussed are as follows:

- Number of children at the 10:30 service has decreased

- General number of attendance has decreased at 10:30 as well

- How to modify the children's behavior at the service

- The format of the service

- Should we continue with children's service

General topics that were discussed are as follows:

- How to serve the children

- How to serve the adults

- How to get more volunteers

- How to inform our parishioners about the Bishop's message (Jesus Movement)

- Church attendance in general

The Vestry will think about these issues and discuss them further. We need more ideas and people.

The St. Nicholas pageant will take place on December 6th.

Dick reported that the bank that we do business with now requires that we have a "Corporate Resolution" to open and close bank accounts.

The Rev. Allan Knight delivered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted Nancy Johnson, Clerk

Reflections AND THOUGHTS

Look for Common Ground Listen for Love

I think it is safe to say that all people have different opinions about a variety of issues. Sometimes the differences are large, and sometimes they are minor. I have been a part of Grace Church for almost 50 years, and have heard many complaints about differences of opinion. One that struck me early was when a parishioner complained to the Rev. George Werner (our rector from 1968-1979) that it was wrong to spell Christmas as XMAS. Fr. Werner's response was basically "An X is like a cross, and a cross is the symbol for Christ, so it's OK." His point was to look for commonality rather than difference.

One powerful example of the value of searching for the common ground was in an article in the Christian Science Monitor (Dec 23, 2013). It was titled Common Ground; Common Good, and described how two former enemies (one a priest and one an imam) in Nigeria were able to forgive and come together. Nigeria is half Muslim-half Christian, and the two men gradually reconciled their differences through a mutual exploration of the deep commitment each had for his scripture.

I think it is better when people start from what they share rather than emphasizing or focusing on where they differ. Having a narrow personal agenda can often be unproductive. There are always people who object to or question various aspects of the church service, but recently the wardens and vestry have taken the approach of meeting with these people and explaining some of the reasons for the things they object to, and addressing questions or concerns. These meetings have provided both sides with a better perspective of the other, and a better sense of what is shared.

When people have a discussion and pay attention to each other, it is better than an argument. It has been found that when someone knows their words are being listened to, it is felt to be an expression of love. If discussions include respect and love, they will go further.

Dick Feren

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Book Group

Monthly potluck lunch sessions begin at noon in the Parish Library.

Questions? Email Anne Lake ASL03104@aol.com

December 15, 2015	No meeting
January 19, 2016	<u>All the Light We Cannot See</u> , Anthony Doerr
February 16, 2016	<u>Felicity</u> , Mary Oliver
March 15, 2016	<u>Go Set a Watchman</u> , Harper Lee
April 19, 2016	<u>The Boston Girl</u> , Anita Diamant
May 17, 2016	<u>Wonder</u> , P. J. Palacio
June 21, 2016	<u>We are Not Ourselves</u> , Matthew Thomas

Heifer Farm Holiday Open House

Heifer International, 216 Wachusett Street, Rutland, MA

December 5, 6, 12 & 13, 2015 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Creating memories, giving thoughtful gifts and enjoying good food are all part of our holiday seasons. Heifer Farm invites you to a special event with a **Living Gift Market** so you can honor family and friends with a purchase of an animal gift that will share joy. Take home a special gift card and your photo with a goat! Warm yourself with hot chestnuts at the bonfire; take a hayride; enjoy delicious homemade soup, baked goods and hot cocoa. Before you go, decorate a gingerbread cookie or stop in the Shop@Heifer for fairly-traded gift items, books, jewelry, and Heifer items. Enjoy free admission with a canned good donation which will be given to the Worcester County Food Bank. We greatly appreciate your support! For more information, call 508-886-2221, email heifer.farm@heifer.org.

Cards for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

December 27—January 10

Once again, parishioner Richard Gesner will be collecting holiday cards for St. Jude's. Donated cards will be recycled and made into new cards and sold to raise money. There will be a donation box at the back of the church between the Sunday after Christmas (12/27) through the second Sunday in January (1/10). Richard is also looking for someone to take over this mission in 2016 as he plans to move to Florida this coming spring. Anyone interested in picking this up may speak with him.

A Message of Excitement and Hope By Linda Garrish Thomas

A Reflection on our new Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

With excitement and renewed hope I greet the installation of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry! I have been reflecting on Presiding Bishop Curry's proclamation of our Church's work as the "Jesus Movement." He sees this Movement as we, the body of Christ, the people of our church, "seeing ourselves as a movement - a Jesus Movement - rather than as an institution (because) Jesus showed us the way to live." I knew listening to him at his installation and today reading an interview with him in the Yale Divinity School's Fall 2015 *Reflections* (he is an alumnus '78), that he would be leading the Church and us on a journey that takes us boldly into the future. At the same time this journey takes us into the streets of our communities in order to truly understand Jesus' message and God's people - Jesus' movement - his walk.

My journey in faith is largely a reflection on my walk through life trying to answer - what would Jesus do and how does my faith inform my life? I listen to Marjorie's sermons on Sundays and take them as challenges. After all, sermons are not supposed to make you feel comfortable but uncomfortable. Discomfort is what makes us move, change, question, act, learn and grow as individuals and as a community of faith.

So what does the Jesus Movement mean to us? Well, in the interview Curry says Jesus "inaugurated a movement to make God's dream happen. To see ourselves this way changes everything . . . The movement serves life. There is no life in serving the institution." And further, "A congregation that lives only for itself will die by itself. A congregation that lives for God and others will live. . . Where truth is found, God is there." And isn't that what Grace Church is doing right now? Looking for God and God's call to us in all the right places? Like the laundry, the shelter, in the park and neighborhoods, working with our Sudanese brothers and sisters, giving to the children of prisoners, mentoring, comforting, and knitting.

Perhaps it is speaking out or naming names or acting to make change when something is unjust and contrary to Jesus' movement in life and death. Maybe it's collecting warm socks for people living homeless or hats and mittens for those in need. Yet it also means uncharted waters, unfamiliar places to walk and work in Jesus' name. It means walking the walk, responding to the challenges in God's call to us.

Finally, we are all on this journey, this Jesus Movement. As Bishop Curry said, "The challenge is always to hear the radical call of Jesus to turn the world upside down - that is, to set it back right side up again! We'll know we're on the road toward that when real love is seen and experienced as the practical law that liberates our lives." This is just the message I needed to get excited and hopeful again - that together we can make positive changes in a world that right now just doesn't seem to value all lives equally, and by it's silence or inaction allows innocents to suffer and die. We have an exciting journey ahead! Welcome Presiding Bishop Michael Curry!

2016 Stewardship Campaign Update

As of November 1, we have received 65 pledges for a total of \$154,398. The 2015 pledge amount was \$184,074. We are behind schedule, but it's not too late to send in a pledge form! It is useful for us to understand how much we can budget for various projects for 2016. Your pledge dollars pay the salaries of Marjorie Gerbracht-Stagnaro(our Rector), Mark Cleveland (our Choir Director), Ken Grinnell (our Organist), Marlene Thompson (our Parish Administrator) and Emery Freethy (our Sexton.) Your support pays for the heat, light, bulletins, Sunday School materials and everything else that makes this place run. Everything we have has been given to us by God. If you love being a member of this congregation of followers of Christ, then joyfully giving back some of what we have been given by God makes sense. If you have pledged your support for 2016, thank you. If you have not yet done so, please consider it. A pledge form is on the next page. You can it in the offertory plate on Sunday or mail it to the Church office.

By Christine Anderson, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.

- A one-time gift pledge of \$_____ for the year, to be paid in the month of _____

Please send your completed pledge form to :

***Stewardship Campaign
Grace Episcopal Church
106 Lowell St
Manchester, NH 03101***

Optional request for further information:

- I/We are interested in making a separate gift (in addition to the pledge above) toward _____ . Please contact us about having this conversation.
- I/We are interested in receiving information about Planned Giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a living will or will, etc.). Please contact me/us about this.

Grace Episcopal Church Annual Stewardship Campaign Pledge Certificate for 2016 offering back to God

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home telephone/cell:

Email address:

In gratitude for all that God has given me/us and in the awareness of all that God is calling Grace Episcopal Church to do in Manchester and in the Diocese and the World, I/we would like to return a portion back to God through Grace Episcopal Church. I/We understand that this gift is a symbol of our gratitude for life, love, health, food, shelter, talents – indeed all that we have and all that we enjoy. And so.....

I/We hereby pledge a total gift of \$ _____ during the next calendar year of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

(I/We realize that in the event of a financial problem in 2016, we can adjust our pledge by calling the Rector)

Payment Options: (A weekly pledge is very helpful in our financial planning)

Please check only one of the options:

- A weekly pledge of \$ _____ per week, totaling \$ _____ for the year
- A monthly pledge of \$ _____ per month, totaling \$ _____ for the year

Taizé 2016

A pilgrimage for those aged 15-21 — led by the Rev'd Jay MacLeod

23 June - 6 July 2016



What is Taizé?

Taizé is a Christian community in central France. Young adults from all over the world journey to Taizé and stay for a week. They enter into the rhythm of community life -- gathering together for Taizé's unique worship and joining young pilgrims for bible study, meals, workshops, practical tasks, and relaxation.

Why go?

Going to Taizé is an opportunity to reach out to the wellsprings of faith through prayer, silence and searching. People often discover, or rediscover, a new meaning for their life.

How does it work?

Hospitality is offered by the Brothers who have made a lifelong commitment to follow Christ in community life, in celibacy, and in simplicity. Food and lodging are very basic.

What else will we do?

We shall tour London, Paris & Dublin, explore Ireland, and be inspired by Saints Alban & Brigid.

How much will it cost?

We're hoping to keep the cost (including flights) under \$2,800. Fundraisers (eg sponsored night hike) will help.

What do I do next?

Check out the Taizé website, email jay-macleod@mac.com to register interest, and make a \$500 deposit by 15 Dec.



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Thu 23 June Depart Boston at 6 pm on Aer Lingus 136 for Dublin and AL152 for London

Fri 24 June Arrive Heathrow, tour London, stay at London youth hostel for 2 nights

Sat 25 June Focus on Saint Alban with a visit to his city, abbey and shrine; evening in London

Sun 26 June Eurostar train to Paris, guided city tour, HGV train to Macon, bus to Taizé

A week at Taizé is an opportunity to seek communion with God in prayer, singing, silence and reflection.

- * Sharing questions and hopes with other young people
- * Praying together with music and silence
- * Standing back to see our lives in the light of the Gospel
- * Looking at the Church in a new way.

Each day, brothers of the community introduce a Bible reflection followed by a time of sharing in small groups. In the afternoon, workshops deepen the relationship between faith and life. Accommodation is in large tents.

Sun 3 July Bus to Lyon Aeroport and Aer Lingus 553 to Dublin; Dublin Youth Hostel for 2 nights

Mon 4 July Guided tour of Dublin includes Trinity College, Book of Kells and Chester-Beatty Library

Tues 5 July Focus on Saint Brigid with visits to Kildare, Clonmacnoise and stay at Glenstal Abbey

Wed 6 July Depart Shannon on Aer Lingus 135, arriving in Boston at 1:25 pm

The Rev'd Jay MacLeod is Rector of St. Andrew's Church in New London. He has led three pilgrimages to Taizé and will be joined by at least one female leader. Taizé 2016 is open to young people aged 15 - 21.

Places are limited to 20, and a \$500 deposit is due by 15 December 2015.

Walking with God

My dear friends in Christ,

Last month I may have left some of you may be wondering why I didn't seek community with the Sisters of St. Anne back in my early twenties. My answer to that very question came as I walked with God through the Convent's outdoor Stations of the Cross pictured below. It just wasn't time for me to make such a commitment. Instead, I heard God asking me to return home and have a family. So I did just that. Now, some 45 years later I continue to walk that same path with God . . . this time discerning the ministry



of the diaconate. It amazes me how things make so much more sense at this point in my spiritual journey. My longing to bring spiritual care back into nursing practice and promote a healthy sense of wellbeing for all God's people has become not just a goal but a true passion.

Tomorrow, I will hopefully find time to walk these lovely and well cared for Stations of the Cross again and on Tuesday I will join with a group of spiritual directors and companions in a Practicum centered in scripture and contemplative prayer.

A Contemplative way of being is the true spirit of The Bethany House of Prayer. It is certainly a privilege to be among so many gifted and prayer-filled people here at Bethany and to learn how to companion and walk beside others in their faith journey in a more compassionate and open way.

In that same spirit I wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving, a Contemplative and prayer-filled walk through Advent and a Holy Christmas, In Friendship and in Christ,

Maryan Davis (candidate to the diaconate)

Congratulations to the Rev Allan Knight, who has been elected to the Lamprey Health Care Board of Directors. His experience as both a priest and a patient will make him a valuable asset to the group.

Dear brothers and sisters at Grace Church,

As many of you know, I spent last year at the Deaconess Anne House, the Episcopal Service Corps' site in St. Louis. Between the residential life and working as a community organizer, it was an intense and formative year. Six other young men and women lived with me, and we prayed and sang hymns every morning in our living room, then each went to work at local non-profits. We developed a Rule of Life—based on St. Benedict's monastic Rule—to guide our behavior and manage the operation of the house. I went to the Episcopal Service Corps because I believe in the power of peers to support each other in being consistently good people, when every member of the community strives to be their best self.

I also had the opportunity to work as a community organizer, helping young students get clear about their purpose and influence policy. They were able to win \$60,000 to make their local park safer and won policy changes to reduce the school suspension rate. The deepest change, though, was that the students transformed from being angry and apathetic to empowered and motivated.

The Episcopal Service Corps almost perfectly reflects my vision for the Church. It is a driver of self-reflection and integrity powered by the intimacy of its community. Where its members work in the world, they often provide physical sustenance, but they also help raise children who are deeply affected by empowerment and mentorship, a form of love many rarely receive.



A member of the Episcopal Service Corps is marked with

How does the tiniest of seeds grow into the greatest of shrubs? How does the Church transform society into the Kingdom of God? The members of the Church, with each other's support, help the people around them become their best selves, or even transform institutions to support raising a generation that runs over with love.

This year, Grace Church, East Concord will be creating an institution that will do that. It will be launching the newest Episcopal Service Corps site. I'm very, very excited to take part in helping it launch and will be worshiping regularly in East Concord. I want you to know that I love you and miss you and that we're still part of the same body, although I'll be in another congregation. Would you please pray for me and the success of the Episcopal Service Corps? I, in turn, pray for you, that, whatever your vision for the Church, you are able to powerfully embody it. No matter what, we are always united in cultivating the Kingdom of God.

Love, Chris Potter

Grace Church Property: A Blessing and a Challenge

By Dick Feren

Over the past 175 years, Grace Church was started and has grown. We now have the church itself, which is a beautiful building, some attached structures which include the chapel, choir room, Great Hall, classrooms, offices, and library, as well as the building next door known as Grace House. We can do many things including festivals, celebrations, meeting space for many different groups, and using Grace House as a residence for City Year workers.

Having all this property is a wonderful blessing, but maintaining it is a challenge, especially when much of it is over a century old. During the past couple of years, you may have heard about a variety of property projects and expenses, including Grace House upgrades, and refinishing our floors. You may also be aware that we are on a tight operating budget. If so, how can we do all that we need to do to maintain our property?

We have several resources. One is an account called Maintenance Reserve that is budgeted for at a rate of \$250/month (\$3000/yr) and has been accumulating for several years. The rule of thumb for using it is for emergency or unexpected projects costing \$2,000 to \$3,000 or more. Another is an account with Bank of America called Parish Improvement Fund. The money in it came from a bequest, plus a couple of years of surplus income. The intent is to use it as determined by the Vestry for projects that could improve the Grace Church parish and the building conditions. Also, for several years now, some parishioners have given directly to the Property Fund, or to some specific property-related item, such as Grace House work. Here is how this has played out over the last couple of years.

Two years ago, the Palace Theater moved out of Grace House, and we lost the income that was used to maintain it. Along comes City Year, and we got residents whose rent replaced that from the Palace Theater. But, to make the building ready for more residents, we needed to do extensive renovations. The money to do it was provided from the Parish Improvement Fund, and it will start to be paid back now that we have even more City Year residents and the rental income exceeds our expenses.

In 2013, Rev. Marjorie thought our floors needed to be checked and possibly refinished. A flooring company came and looked at the floors. They said that the floors needed to be done right away, or it would be much more expensive to refinish them if we waited. Flooring work has been done each of the last three years. Maintenance Reserve helped provide the funds for the work.

During 2015, it was noticed that paint was peeling on the interior walls of the Great Hall. The problem was water seeping in from outside, and the exterior brickwork needed to be repointed. In addition, it was found that there were other areas on other parts of the church buildings that also needed re-pointing. Then there was a broken pump that needed to be fixed so the building could be heated. And to top it off, literally, one of the chimneys on Grace House needed to be repaired, or it would have fallen off.

Here is a summary of categories and expenses for the last year and a half: flooring for \$5,444; plumbing for \$3,500; roofing for \$1,700; outside masonry for \$8,700; inside walls of the Great Hall for \$4,500; Grace House interior work for about \$27,000; and the Grace House chimney for \$3,500. All of these come to a total of about \$49,000.

To pay for these, we were able to do the following: use the Maintenance Reserve Fund which had about \$18,000, borrow \$25,000 from the Parish Improvement Fund, and use money in our Property Fund which people have been donating to for several years at a rate of \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year.

For future Grace House work, we expect about \$3,500 to \$4,000 per year from parishioner donations earmarked for it. To repay the Parish Improvement Fund, we expect approximately \$16,000 per year from City Year rent. When the Parish Improvement Fund is repaid, some of the Grace House income will be used for additional work. For work on the church and attached buildings, we have budgeted \$3,000 per year from Operating and some parishioners pledged to give Property about \$3,500 per year. The Vestry has also approved using up to \$20,000 of accumulated Property money up until the end of 2016. Over the next 3 to 5 years, we have estimated property expenses of \$30,000 to \$40,000, which we should be able to handle.

We are blessed to have all these buildings and facilities, and we are also blessed that people have had the foresight to plan for such emergencies, including the people who had pledged for property with nothing specific in mind. Because of prior planning, we have the resources to do what we need to do.

MILESTONES

Happy Birthday to our December & January birthday celebrants!

<u>December</u>		<u>January</u>	
3	Livvie Dufresne	1	John Yen
4	Carole Blenkinsop		Rebeka Beek
	Justin Posnanski	2	Charles Rousseau
	Ann O'Rourke		Anne Milne
5	Cheryl Thomas	3	Carolyn Richmond
		10	Lydia Adams
9	Mary Sargent	12	Patrick Gillick
10	Ryan Douglas	14	Leona Thomas
	Charlie Woodbury	15	Sara Everett
	Taylor Rogers	16	Caroline Wyatt
11	Caroline Stenbeck	18	Ken Porter
12	Martha Manley	20	Ulla Damon
	Jeff McIver	21	Cindy Tuttle
		23	Sue Gordon
13	Bernie Tonnar	24	Betty Arel
14	Miclana Linares		Brooks Stantial
	Gray Chynoweth	25	Hank Gagnon
		27	Linda Jacobson
		28	Mary Blevens
15	Nancy Stantial	29	Nancy-Ann Feren
16	Michelle Garneau		Charles White
21	Kathie-Ann Day	30	Melissa Roy
	Nancy Girgus		James Fox
23	Liz Jestude		Brooke Tuttle
	Paige Tuttle		
25	Kelly Farragher-Paras		
26	Destiny Lee		
27	Carol Cote		
31	Benjamin Chandonnet		

If you don't see your birthday listed that means that we do not have it. Please call the office so that your special day can be acknowledged.

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 830

Other Milestones—Burial: Paula Balboni, November 30, 2015

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