



Grace Notes

*Our Mission Statement:
To know Christ & make Christ known*

September 2018

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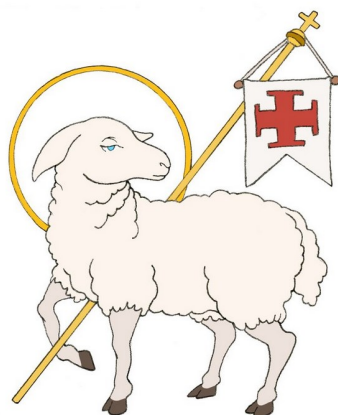


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Note from the Wardens

It has been a hot and busy summer. We hope everyone had a relaxing and restful time. We have enjoyed working with Reverend Poppe, asking many questions of his prior experiences. We have picked up several new ideas and once Reverend Marjorie is back we will brainstorm with her and the vestry.

We would like to thank all those who have helped us this summer during Reverend Marjorie's sabbatical especially Reverends Poppe, Knight, Albom, and Matthews.

We completed a successful year at Grace House with City Year and now new students have moved in to start their year.

We also have a fall Vestry retreat to further discuss the mission statement with guidance from ECF.

Special thanks to Marlene who helped with scheduling and problem solving. (We had a squirrel and young bird who had summer residence with us as well, see the Property notes for further details.) Also thanks to Bruce, Emory and JP Pest.

We hope everyone returns energized for an exciting fall season of events.

Linda and Amy

Grace Church Property Committee

WELCOME BACK FROM SUMMER!

I've talked about the work required in the Church Steeple in the past. An important piece of work was done during the summer. The Miville Construction Company built an interior deck in the steeple that will allow for safe work on the louvers that need repair. We are waiting for updated quotes to do these repairs. One of the repairs is to reinforce the beam at the top of the louver opening on the south side. The other repair is to fix the louver on the north side (the piece of the louver that was hanging out of the steeple has been removed).

Linda Heath, Gary York, Hank Gagnon, Brent Stagnaro, Allan Knight, Emory Freethey and others have been working diligently to bring the Grace House up to snuff for this year's tenants. The work included carpet replacement, painting, overall cleaning of the basement and some miscellaneous repairs.

The Church has had some uninvited guests over the summer. A brouhaha occurred when a bird was stuck in the exterior open space of the Church between the Nave and the Choir Room. I was able to catch the bird within a few minutes. The bird is a healthy, undamaged, but young herring gull. It was released to “Wings” in Henniker where the owner will raise it for a few months and release it back to the wilds of Manchester.



Earlier in the summer a squirrel took up residence in the Nave. This was a pious squirrel who attended one of the services, but just couldn't sit still. I was not able to catch the squirrel after a week of trap setting, but while J.P. Pest Service was here for a routine inspection, they and Emery were able to corner the squirrel and catch it.



I hope everyone had a great summer. Any questions regarding these or any other issues may be directed to Bruce Thomas.

Bruce Thomas, Chairman

Reflections

and thoughts

Interpreting Labels

Depending on one's perspective, labels and phrases can be interpreted differently. This is one of the problems with reading some Bible passages and not being fully aware of the setting or context or translation. One sample passage is Genesis 5:27 that states that Methuselah died at age 969. I've always wondered about that and finally decided that it could have referred to lunar cycles rather than full years. If you divide 969 by 12, which is the approximate number of lunar cycles in a year, then Methuselah would have died at about age 80, which is still pretty impressive for his time.

I sometimes ask people the following question: "If someone went to an event on a hot day and paid extra to get a seat out of the sun, would that be considered a shady deal?" Getting shade on a hot day can be a good thing, although the term "shady deal" could have a negative interpretation.

I have several drawers of tools in my workshop, and each is labeled in such a way that I can always find what I need. Most people might look at the labels and wonder what they meant, but if you think about the wording, the labels do make sense. People involved with using tools, or people with a word-play sense of humor might appreciate them. In the space below, I have printed a list of some of the labels. Following that, I have printed a list of the contents of the drawers. See if you can match the contents with the labels. The actual matchings are given on page 10.

1. Clout and leverage
2. Adhesium (several isotopes)
3. Bor-r-r-r-ing

4. Steel beaver teeth
5. Jaws and shear terror
6. Euclidian work surfaces
7. Torque tools for witches
8. Past tense of see

Now here are the contents in scrambled order.

- a. Pliers and scissors
- b. Hex wrenches
- c. Chisels
- d. Hammers and crowbars
- e. Saw
- f. Contact cement and epoxy
- g. Drills and bits
- h. Planes

I hope you did well.

Dick Feren

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Thank You from Sandi Albom

Dear Grace Church Family,

It was such a wonder-filled day to be with you on Sunday July 15th. As always, thank you for your extraordinary hospitality. Nobody does it like Grace! I wore the far-from-“ordinary”-time green stole this Sunday. I was so happy to tell all that commented on its beauty that it came from my spiritual home and family!

Blessings to all!

Love Sandi

31st Annual Apple Country Craft Fair

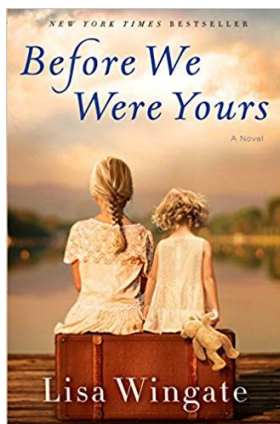
St. Peter's Apple Country Craft Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 8th (9:30-4:00) and 9th (9:30-3:00) at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, corner of Peabody Row and Mammoth Road in Londonderry. 70+ juried crafters from all over New England will display their handmade art-work including pottery, glass work, handmade jewelry, textiles and much more. St. Peter's Bistro will host homemade baked goods, coffee, a grill table. There will be live music and the ever popular Junk for Jesus Sale and crafter raffle. What better way to enjoy the last days of summer than a stroll through the Apple Country Craft Fair.

Book Group

All parishioners and friends are welcomed to join the Grace Book Group. The gathering and pot-luck lunch are the third Tuesday of each month. The September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18 at noon in the Church library. For the September meeting the group will be reading and discussing TWO books.

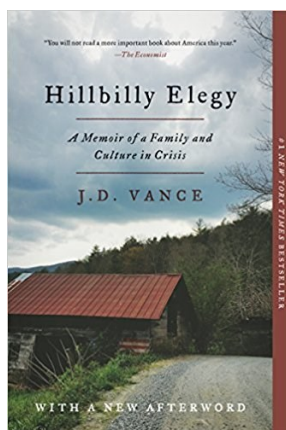
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. New York Times best seller. For readers of *Orphan Train* and *The Nightingale* comes a “thought-provoking [and] complex tale about two families, two generations apart . . . based on a notorious true-life scandal.”

Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. Our own Susan Tonnar’s family has history in this scandal. This will be an interesting novel. We hope that Susan will join the discussion.



Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.

A deeply moving memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, *Hillbilly Elegy* is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.



National Ataxia Foundation

Ken and I continue to support the efforts of the National Ataxia Foundation and their efforts to support research for a cure for ataxia.

The 2nd Annual New Hampshire Ataxia Walk 'n' Roll will be held Saturday, October 6th, Registration at 9 a.m., Walk at 10 a.m. We will *Soar to Cure Ataxia* at The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire in Londonderry. We invite you to Walk 'n' Roll with us. No registration fee - Donations only. You may donate online, (contact Jill Porter: jilleporter@comcast for a link) by check or by cash (give directly to Jill or by mail). You may tour the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire as well. Please note the poster on the wall in the Great Hall. For additional information contact Jill Porter, jilleporter@comcast. We look forward to your support, whatever that may be. — Jill & Ken Porter



New Hampshire Walk n' Roll To Cure Ataxia

The Ultimate Finish Line...A Cure for Ataxia

Saturday, October 6, 2018

9am – Registration

10am - Walk n' Roll

**Aviation Museum of NH | 27 Navigator Rd
Londonderry, NH 03053**

www.ataxia.org/walk/newhampshire

For more information contact
Douglas Place | douglas.place@comcast.net

All Proceeds benefit the National Ataxia Foundation Tax ID # 41-0832903



2018 Grace Church Knitting Retreat

The 2018 Grace Church Knitting Group retreat will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 9am to 3pm in the Great Hall at Grace Church. A simple lunch of soup and bread with a beverage will be served. This event is open to all crafters, not just knitters. Please join us for this annual gathering of fiber and fellowship at our own Grace Church.

Please contact Linda Chamberlain at douglas.chamberlain@comcast.net or Karen West at knwest@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend. We do ask all attendees to bring a finger food that can be shared by all.

Bring your handwork and show off your completed items! Bring yarn or needles you no longer want and it will find a new home on our swap table. Please contact Linda or Karen with questions. We can't wait to see you there!!

Wednesday Bible Study Group

Comparative Religion: Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad

On Wednesday, September 12, the Bible Study Group will begin a new series of videos and discussions centered around four major world religions -- Confucianism, Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam -- presented by Dr. Mark W. Muesse, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Asian Studies at Rhodes College.

Confucius, the Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad are among the most important and influential persons in history. They are remembered for the examples of their lives, their insights into the human condition and the nature of ultimate reality, and the religious movements they inspired. It would be difficult to name another set of four persons who have more deeply affected so many human lives.

In this course, we will examine these four figures both separately and comparatively in an effort to grasp the essential features of their lives and teachings and explore the factors that contributed to their greatness. We will attend to the similarities and differences in their messages, in the patterns of their lives, and in the ways they impacted their followers and the rest of the world.

The class meets on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Grace Church Library. All are welcome! For more information, contact Lyn Marino (ciamarino2@gmail.com or 603.801.3565).

Milestones

Happy Birthday to the following September birthday celebrants!

3	Andrew Cline	18	Karen Grant
4	Mark Anderson	19	Justin Otto
5	Alycia Miner	20	Jill Porter
6	James Everett	21	Olivia Phipps
8	Doug Chamberlain		
	Andrew Fox		Barbara Hermann
13	Kaitlin Taylor	27	Sue Critz
14	Bruce Thomas	28	Sandi Albom
	Joan Holleran	30	Rob Fox
	Isaac Gioseffi		Genevieve Turner
	Marie Sisson		

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

Fall Schedule

Two services will resume at 8 and 10:30 am on Sunday, Sept. 16; Church School will resume on Sunday September 16 at 10:30 am Regular Office hours will resume on Tuesday September 18 – 9am-3 pm Tuesday through Friday.

The Office will be closed Labor Day, September 3rd and Tuesday September 4th.

Reflections and Thoughts *(continued from page 6)*

Reflection answers: Actual matchings of tools and labels.

1-d; 2-f; 3-g; 4-c; 5-a; 6-h; 7-b; 8-e

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 9th

11:30 – 2:00

Tom and Chris Steven's House

632 N. Bay Street,

Manchester, NH 03104



Hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers will be provided. You bring your beverages and please bring either a side dish or dessert to share — and your chair!!

Games and pool available

IMPORTANT

Please bring the pool safety items that may be needed.

VESTRY MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Present: Valerie Anderson, Gail Austin, Amy Brumfield, Richard Feren, Hank Gagnon, Linda Heath, Edward High, Nancy Johnson, Ken Kjellander, Linda Lassonde, David Roy, Matthew Serge, Eileen Suckley

Speaker Phone: Steven Botana-Gumbs

Excused: the Reverend Dr. Marjorie Ann Gerbracht-Stagnaro

Guests: Bruce Thomas, Gary

York

The meeting was opened with prayer by Nancy Johnson at 7:00 PM. We then proceeded with the reading of the Norms.

VOTE: A motion to accept the Clerk's Report was made by Hank, seconded by Dave, and was carried.

Gary and Bruce presented information about the current fire alarm system and what is needed in our fire alarm system to be code compliant.

Our current alarm system (it is not a security system – only fire) was installed in 1989. It

has had some issues and expensive repairs. The Fire Department has stated that the red external box is going away; they are going to a wireless radio signal system. We must update our system to comply before this happens by 2021. The closer we go to 2021 the more expensive the system becomes.

We have had problems with the fire panel. We may need to have a remote antenna to get the signal through the stone walls.

There are three options for which quotes are being requested are as follows:

- Exchange panel with new electronics
- Change panel using existing devices (i.e. strobe lights, panel station, etc.)
- Change entire panel (voice intercom system has to be interfaced or replaced

The Property Committee recommends that we go with option 3.

Our current devices are analog and are grouped into zones. The new systems are now adjustable and have remote an-

nunciator panels which report exact location of trouble or fire.

A layout of the placement of all the speakers and detectors has been developed. It will be brought to the Fire Department for approval before any system is installed. The Fire Department will also test and send signals to know if we need an antenna or wiring throughout. Gary stated that all plans will be submitted to the Fire Department for approval prior to acceptance and installation.

The guarantees for the systems are one year. We would need a service contract for yearly monitoring. We would need an annual inspection.

Gary is receiving quotes from BK Systems, Hampshire Fire, and Tyco. Gary will oversee the installation of the alarm system. Gary requested that we not make public the current quotes that he had received because it would impede his bargaining position. The Vestry went into a closed session to discuss the financing of this improvement.

The Vestry asked if there were any other major expenditures

looming. Bruce stated that the steeple repair will be needed. We must fix the louvre as well.

Dick had not closed the May financials. He will close the May and June financials before the July Vestry meeting. He reported that pledges were down significantly – even though the endowments will help financially it did not make for a lively church. He also reported that in the last few weeks people have designated money for the steeple repair. Gail suggested that a special fund be set up for steeple repair.

Amy reported that Christine had sent out email describing RSA 292-B:4V(a) which would allow us to use 4% of the value of the assets.

VOTE: A motion to adopt the provisions of New Hampshire's Uniform Prudent management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) RSA 292-B:4V(a) with respect to the Addition endowments was made by Amy, seconded by Hank and approved by the Vestry.

The Memorial Garden plaque has run out of space. A new

matching plaque will cost \$1300. The current cost for inclusion is \$200 and is recommended to increase to \$300. It was suggested the funds in the Joan Barr Smith Memorial Fund be used for this plaque.

VOTE: A motion to approve the expenditure for the new bronze plaque and the use of the funds from the Joan Barr Smith Memorial Fund for this purpose as well as increasing the inclusion cost to \$300 was made by Eileen, seconded by Ed and approved by the Vestry.

The Endowment Committee requested that the Vestry provide how we would like to see the funds used. Amy will collate the suggestion provided by the members and send it to the Endowment Committee.

Marlene has researched the replacement options for the safe and filing cabinet and has determined that we fix the safe for \$125 and plug the hole in the file cabinet for a cost of \$66.75.

Mike Andres will start as our new Deacon in September. We will be purchasing two

stoles for him.

Sandi Albom will be preaching on July 15th. Nancy reported that she did not have the gifts for Sandi Albom – the Wardens will look into this issue. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting coffee hour.

There will be a public hearing concerning signage.

VOTE: A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Valerie that we approve that Rev. Marjorie use 2 weeks of her 4 weeks' vacation and that we roll over the other 2 weeks to next year. The motion was carried.

Kersten Matera is interested in taking over the newsletter.

When sharps are found on the campus, they are to be put into our sharps container. The container is in the office – locked. The fact that sharps were found on campus should also be reported to the police for tracking purposes.

A packet of information "Supporting Sanctuary" was given by the UU Church. They are willing to come in and present a power point presentation. Jane reported that she has 22 people that will help. A few of our Vestry members feel that they are being harassed concerning this topic.

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