



Grace Notes

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Our Mission Statement:
To know Christ & make Christ known
Grace Episcopal Church
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Rector's Reflection: #COVID19blessings

If you are an member of Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, perhaps you have noticed from time to time the use of a symbol called the hashtag. The hashtag looks like this: # and is often placed in front of a run on list of words that embody a title, thought, or emotion. The hashtag craze began on Twitter in August of 2007. However, I did not understand it until 2010 when my BRF (Best Rabbi Friend) explained how to use the hashtag symbol over a ladies lunch. And since that moment of enlightenment I have embraced the use of it on a semi-regular basis on my Facebook account.

Since the start of our SIP (Stay In Place) time I began using the hashtag #COVID19blessings on Facebook. When something wonderful and grace filled happens - the gift of food, a card, or the kindness of my children, I post a picture on Facebook and then write #COVID19blessings. Interestingly when you use a hashtag phrase on Facebook you can click on that phrase and see if anyone else has used the same hashtag phrase.

Currently there are roughly 100 #COVID19blessings posts on Facebook. I represent about one-fifth of them. On days when this SIP time gets me angry or sad, I work on thanking God, sometimes publicly, sometimes privately for what I do, rather than what I don't have. I even have begun listing my COVID-19 blessings in my monthly Rector's Report. For example, since COVID-19 time began I have had more movie nights with my children, learned lots of new prayers and explored many liturgies, have learned how to make homemade dumplings and boba teas, completed the 2020 Census, found more time to knit, begun cleaning out my garage, and have embraced the power of three: pruning, raking, bush trimming in my garden.

This stay at home time is hard. Yet still I pray every day we find time to lift up our lives to the Lord and share with our Creator the blessings we have.

With love,
Marjorie +



Letter from the Wardens

Dear Parishioners,

We are living in an uncertain time. We obviously do not know who does or does not carry the COVID-19 virus, so we are assuming everyone is now positive – as far as exposures to others.

With this in mind and to protect those at church who the Vestry have deemed essential during this Shelter in Place time, all those who have business at the parish campus must contact the office first. Please contact Marlene Thompson, our Parish Administrator, via e-mail or by calling the parish office well in advance of your visit.

We understand our parish volunteers are essential as well. All those who enter our church campus, essential or not, should wear a face mask to help protect the others around them (realizing that the mask itself is only a small part of protection and that distancing is most important), given the possibility that you may be an asymptomatic virus carrier or early in your infection and so without symptoms.

Overall, the pandemic is not going away anytime soon. We must continue to protect everyone, at least until there is an effective vaccine available, with careful hand hygiene, face masks, and physical distancing.

So please, **CALL BEFORE YOU COME** to the church building!

Thanks,
Dr. Amy Brumfield and Christopher Messier
Parish Wardens

Stewardship in a Time of Crisis

“Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in God and not be afraid.”
Sometimes when I want to absorb a concept or believe something I am struggling to believe, I repeat the same statement over and over in my head, like a mantra. These days, this is my mantra. Like many others, I struggle to not be afraid.

Remembering all that I have to be thankful for helps me. I am healthy. I have a loving family and good friends. I have a roof over my head and I do not go hungry. All of these blessings are gifts from God, given freely and not earned.

It is important to me to continue giving back to God by financially supporting Grace Church. It is an act of worship, an acknowledgement that all I have and all I am is a blessing from God. I am returning to God that which has been given to me by God.

Logically, I know this time of crisis will pass. I know we will move forward to a new normal. I resolve not to live in fear, fear of illness, fear of not having enough. Giving back to God with my ongoing financial support of Grace Church is one way that I can outwardly be not afraid.

Christine Anderson

Compline

Some of you are aware that I have been holding Compline services on the Grace Church FaceBook page. However, I don't think everyone knows, and some of you may be asking, "What is Compline"? Well Compline, also known as Complin, Night Prayer, or the Prayers at the End of the Day, is an ancient prayer service that is held at the end of the day. It is the last of the part of the Daily Offices, or prayer services that are intended to be said every day, also known as the "Hours". These are designed as a way for us to pray throughout the day. The other services, or Offices, are Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, and Evening Prayer. The English word compline is derived from the Latin completorium, as compline is the completion of the working day.

Compline is a short service of confession, scripture, and general prayers, as well as an opportunity to add your own petitions and prayers. It is meant to be a calming and peaceful service, to quiet your soul before bedtime. Compline tends to be a contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace. There can be a reflection or sermon, in deacon school we took turns leading all of the Offices and we were required to preach at each one. The other night I was invited to attend an online Compline service from a Church in Connecticut where a former classmate was giving a sermon. They actually went all out for this service with a bell being rung to start it off, calling people to Compline, to the whole service being sung by 2 different people. You won't find me singing the Compline services. I try to keep it simple, but hopefully, still meaningful. While all the daily Offices can be led by clergy or laity, Compline is especially designed to be led by laity, and is easy to follow.

I've been getting into the schedule of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:30. I always try to post an event on the Grace FaceBook page at least a day before so people are aware. All you need to do is go to the Grace FaceBook page to join in. You can follow along with your Book of Common Prayer or just listen. You can also add your prayer request through the chat. I hope you can join me sometime for the Order of Compline.

Deacon Mike Andres

Acolyte Ministry

When I first visited Grace Church as a senior in art school some years ago, I was instantly enchanted by the liturgy. Being raised Lutheran I was no stranger

to the idea of the liturgy, but I was unaccustomed to the sacred beauty of vestments, chanting, and incense that Grace Church incorporated so spectacularly. It enthralled me right away. Still, despite my admiration for this new and awe-inspiring form of worship, I knew I had a lot to learn about Grace and the Episcopal Church in general. So, while on my journey to conversion, I mentioned to Mother Marjorie my interest and curiosity about the liturgy. Not missing a beat, she suggested with abundant enthusiasm that I join the acolytes. I of course hesitated. I'm one to slowly dip my toes into the water as it were, but she encouraged me to jump right in. So, because of her, I did, and I've never looked back.



It's been an unbelievable experience. Through acolyting I've made many friends, and better acquainted myself with Grace Church. I also learned not only about the mechanics of worship but also of its magnificent symbolism. I just appreciate worship that much more now. It feeds me spiritually to carry the cross at the start and end of worship. It feeds me to carry candles that help to illuminate the Gospel while it's read aloud. It feeds me to ring the altar bells when the bread and wine are consecrated. And, it feeds me to swing the thurible on high feast days, reminding me that our heartfelt prayers rise up to God like the most fragrant incense. It's just brought me so much joy over the years.

I pray that Grace is able to open her doors someday soon, so that we can all be together again. When that wonderful day inevitably arrives, consider joining me and the other acolytes. One myth that I would love to dispel is that it's only for kids. Sure, I believe it's of the greatest importance to encourage young parishioners to be acolytes, but I think it enriches worship that much more to have people of all ages serve The Lord together in that important way. Pray on it. It's enriched my life. Perhaps it can for you too.

Andrew Freshour

My (Prolonged) Spring Break!

What have you been doing over this last month of enforced solitude? It surely has not been easy, especially when you live alone or have additional problems to contend with. Some of you know me, but in case you don't...I am a regular 10:30 am service attendee and sing (?) in the choir. I also have recently been elected (coerced, dragged, volunteered) to the Vestry – and what a fun time we

have been having! Some know me as a regular contributor to coffee hour goodies (along with Linda Lassonde or with Pat Fennelly and Valerie Anderson). Others know me as Dr. Schuman and I still work, but have been practicing part-time telemedicine since 2018 – I guess I was ahead of the curve!

Introductions aside – finding ways to contend with being unable to visit with real live people has been an interesting challenge. Zoom is our new best friend – we all should have bought stock in that company! Who knew? So, Zoom Vestry Meetings on a more than regular basis, special subcommittee meetings, Planning and Finance meetings and finally, worship meetings, have become the new norm – thank you Amy and Marjorie! Thanks to Marlene and Emery for keeping the background work going.

Keeping occupied is costing my diet severely – exercise has become walking to and from the refrigerator! Well, not entirely; I try to walk outside as well. I walk in circles in my house to keep up my steps, a sure sign of impending insanity! I have travelled out to Lake Massabesic Audubon Center to walk their trails, but it has been a bit crowded for complete safety. I am participating in a virtual hike of the Appalachian Trail with Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center which is helping to keep me motivated to move. I also have cleaned a lot more than usual, even windows! Yikes! Madness!

My music lessons continue, although we are in virtual land there as well. Zoom music lessons have been working well. (Beware, I may invite you all to my first recital. Bwahahaha!) I am learning to play the oboe. All things being said, why would you pick something so hard, Gail? It's my modus operandi. Never take the easy way out! So, if you are getting bored, contact the Manchester Community Music School and sign up for the lessons of your dreams!

I also have been practicing many recipes in order to prepare for our first live, in-person coffee hour when we can begin the return to normal (easier for some than others). I have been baking and cooking and sharing with my friends, both from church and outside of church. I bring goodies to my former clinic office at the Elliot and to the church office -- when Marlene will let me in! Some of us have regular Zoom dinner meetings and share bread, cake, soup, and dinner recipes. I even hosted an Easter Dinner Party on Zoom. This is one way to see people and chat all together. Try it, you'll like it, and you can get a version for free.

As Vestry members, we have been trying to contact parishioners to check on them. Please let us know if you need any help. I keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Please pray for us as well as we try to guide our parish through this crazy time. Sorry to leave you, but—I need to remove the peanut butter and chocolate chip banana bread from the oven. Stay safe, my friends.

Gail Schuman

Our Walks in the Woods

Getting outside checks many boxes for me. It allows me to get fresh air, exercise, connect with nature and the new emergence of spring, engage with different smells and sounds, combat stress and anxiety, break up the day, and chat with my kids about how they are feeling with the current state of things in their world. We have shared many impromptu meaningful discussions during our walks in the woods.



As we all struggle with the current stay at home order we have made it a goal of ours to try and end our “school day” by 12:30, eat lunch together, and pick a local hike during which we can move our bodies, connect with nature and get some fresh air. We recognize that when we pick a hike we need to be very selective about which trails to occupy and explore. We are mindful of picking a hike that we suspect few, if any, other people will be on in order to respect the appropriate social distancing when out in the woods. As much as my kids love hiking trails that end at a summit (we enjoy the view from the top of Mount Major as much as anyone does) we also know that a popular trail such as Mount Major or Mount Monadnock would be *way* too populated to hike and going there would be irresponsible and impossible to maintain appropriate social distancing. According to the NH State Parks website they are requesting that all visitors continue to follow COVID-19 precautions including hand washing, limiting group size (to smaller than 10 people), picking a hike close to home, and maintaining social distancing. The state parks are still open and so long as everyone respects the requests to follow the precautions the parks can continue to stay open. The Turner family actually have not hiked in any of the state parks during this stay-at-home time as we have been seeking “walks in the woods” that are much closer to home.

The list below includes the hikes we have completed since mid-March. They are all within a 20 minute drive of Manchester and often have interesting features such as a lake view, beaver dam, or interesting bridges, streams, waterfalls or rock features. I’d like to highlight the fact that the majority of my hikes with the kids have been at low peak times. Many of these hikes would be too popular on a weekend (especially if there is good weather) therefore, we have been going during the early afternoon (1:00 or 2:00 pm) on weekdays. On occasion we still encounter someone on the trail and we deliberately walk off the trail and stand in the woods until the other party has safely passed. We are always friendly and say hello with a wave but are very respectful of the appropriate social distancing. Also, as much as my kids love petting dogs, we are mindful just to say hi to the dogs without touching them.

The hikes listed below are in no particular order. Many of them are in Auburn along Bypass 28 or along Manchester Road (Route 121). You can also download an app for free called AllTrails that has many of these trails listed. The app is helpful because it has a GPS feature. You can open the map of your hike and it shows your location in case you come to a junction and are not sure where to go. I am also happy to help you locate the trailheads to any of the following hikes via a phone call or text (603-703-4068). Happy trails! Stay safe and be well ~ Julie Turner

Hikes:

Battery Point (Auburn, NH) is a 3.7 mile loop that is flat. On AllTrails it is called "Lake Massabesic Trail"

Currier Point (Auburn, NH) is a 1.6 mile loop that is a bit overgrown. We hiked in from Fire Road #50 also called Prestons Field. The kids loved the sense of adventure as we dodged vernal pools and bushwhacked a bit, but the tip of Currier Point was a reward as it seemed like a 'secret location' and the kids really loved it. We also found a snake and a cool crayfish on this hike that took it up a notch.

The Pinnacle (Hooksett, NH) is a 1.1 mile loop trail in a forest setting. It has a summit of sorts with a view of route 28 in Hooksett near LaValley Farm Stand and the Hooksett library.

Fire Road #55 also called Phillips Way (Auburn, NH) a short, flat hike along lake Massabesic. We hiked in about 0.75 miles and turned around to hike back out.

Fire Road #28 also called Sheep's Nose (Auburn, NH) is a 1 mile loop located on the right side of the road as you head South on Bypass 28 in Auburn. It has one of those orange and yellow barricades with a sign. We loved this one as you can hike off the fire road at the end and explore the "sheep's nose" point that is surrounded with the beauty of the lake. We found a cool lean-to in the woods and watched a loon go diving for fish the day we hiked there.

Fire Road #25 also called Browns Island (Auburn, NH) is the same hike as Fire Road #28 above - just a separate access point. Also located along Bypass 28 South.

Kimball Pond (Dunbarton, NH) is a 2.4 mile loop trail that has a boat launch and fishing access as well as plenty of signs of beaver activity (dams, lodges and chews).

FOMBA trails (Friends of Massabesic Bicycling Association) (Auburn, NH) is a system of flat trails on which we rode our bikes. You could hike here as well. Look them up online for trail details.

Fire Road #29 also called Folsoms Tavern (Auburn, NH) is a flat walk in the woods that eventually connects to the Audubon center trails or Battery Point listed above. We just walked in about a mile and turned around and hiked back out.

Massabesic Audubon trails / Milne Pond (Auburn, NH) is located in Au-

burn, NH. Park in the lot and crossover behind the building to the left to access the trails. The building and facilities are closed but there are plenty of trails to access along with vernal pools to poke around in and bird boxes in the field to spot plenty of songbirds.

Pulpit Rock Conservation Area (trailheads in Bedford and New Boston, NH) is a 3 mile loop trail system with streams, waterfalls, an old mill and interesting rock features. Avoid during high traffic times - this area can get busy.

Manchester Cedar Swamp (Manchester, NH) is a 1.6 mile loop trail system with 3 loops to choose from (rhododendron loop, woodland loop, cedar loop). This hike contains cool bridges, cedar swamp features and a sprawling rhododendron forest!

Uncanoonuc Mountain (blue dot trail up and down) (Goffstown, NH) is a 1.5 mile up and back hike with beautiful views on downtown Manchester. There are many trails that access the top, but we always hike up and down the blue dot trail by parking near the old Uncanoonuc Mountain perennials garden shop and take the trailhead from Mountain Rd.

Some Thoughts on COVID-19 vs AIDS

An article in the Boston Globe on Monday April 13 says that the growing number of the COVID-19 cases could soon lead to hard choices for health care providers. The article further says that state (Massachusetts) guidelines to help hospitals decide who would get a ventilator and other life-saving care, would potentially harm the most vulnerable: indigenous, black, latinx and other communities of color; elders, immigrants, asylees, and refugees; and those who are undocumented, uninsured, incarcerated, homeless, poor, or living with a disability.

This pandemic recalls for me the years I spent doing bedside nursing at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, on the AIDS Unit. We knew the risks, and we knew how to keep ourselves safe. Dr. Anthony Fauci was the infectious disease specialist then, too; he made sure that we all were well informed, as new information became available.

Many of our patients came from the streets or from prison; others from affluent neighborhoods. All these folks were cared for until there was no more that could be done for them. And, they were treated equally, whether it was a white man who was infected by a blood transfusion, or a prostitute who shared needles. We could hug our patients without fear. We wore gloves only for tasks such as changing dressings. Visitors could come and go at will.

COVID-19 is far more overwhelming, and it is far more easily transmitted. Everyone is at risk, while AIDS had very specific risk factors: personal contact with blood, engaging in unprotected sex, and sharing needles with an infected person.

Today’s pandemic is stretching everyone to the limits. Thousands have died; millions have been infected. There are possibly hundreds of thousands of undocumented positive cases, never tested.



What can we, as individuals, do? We can self-isolate. We can pray for those who are sick and dying, and for those who are caring for them. With proper precautions, some can volunteer to help others by distributing food, donating blood, or making masks.

It appears that we may be dealing with this virus through the summer, and into fall. Scrabble, Netflix, gardening, reading. Staying in contact with others. Eventually it will be over. God willing, we will listen to the experts, and heed their warnings. May God be with us, and those we love.

Jane van Zandt

Parish Book Group

Our Grace Church book group has decided to continue to meet during these SIP (Shelter In Place) times with the help of Zoom. If you are interested in attending our next book group meeting, please contact our parish office so you can be placed on our Zoom, Book Group list serve.

Our next book group meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19th at 12 noon. We will be discussion a book written by our very own Nancy-Ann Feren titled *Not Your Average Travelers: 40 Years of Adventures in All The United States National Parks*.

On Tuesday, June 16th at 12 noon our parish book group will be discussing *Olive Ketteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.

If you would like to get ahead on your reading for future book group gatherings, here are some other books to indulge in during this season of stay in place.

The Book Woman of Trou-



blesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Educated by Tara Westover
Green Dolphin Street by Elizabeth Goudge
The Dutch House by Ann Pachett
But Few Are Chosen by Michael Connolly, Richard Olive, and John Tuohy
Before and After by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate
Women Rowing North by Mary Pipher
The Red Ribbon: A Memoir of Lightning and Rebuilding After Loss by Nancy Freund Bills
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Much love and happy reading,
 Marjorie +

Thoughts and Reflections

A Place Where People Fit

We all have different gifts, and can use them to do God's work. I wrote this poem in 1997 as a way of illustrating that.

Joe is kind and strong and knows
 so much about his friends (and foes).
 Bill is skilled at building a shelf
 but knows little of people, including himself.
 Joe is always cheery and bright;
 Bill can fix anything and make it right.
 Joe wonders at friend Bill's technical skill.
 Would Bill teach me? I could ask if he will.

Bill smiles at the praise, pleased with the thought,
 but then he asks Joe: "Could you tell me what
 it is you do that helps you to know
 so much about both friend and foe?"

Joe ponders a moment. "It seems," says he,
 "that it just comes so easily,
 I never thought about it much.
 But how about you, Bill, with tools and such?"

"Hmm," says Bill and considers aloud
 the thought in his head and turns it about.
 "I don't think much on my tools and work.
 They come easy to me. It's almost a quirk."
 Then a worrying thought inside Bill's head--
 he has to finish a job for Fred.
 So as they part for another day,
 Joe heads home, turns and waves.

Bill waves back from his workshop door,
stands and thinks a little more.
“Joe always knows so much of me,
plus parents, wife, and family.
So many people, and he knows them all.
At any time he can recall
so much about each and every one,
and doing it, he has such fun.
But I with people have such a chore;
I talk a bit and struggle for more.
In dealing with people, I feel like a fool;
why can’t people be more like my tools?”

“Tools are easy to sort and find,
and easy to organize in my mind.
I know chisels, from type to blade;
painting brushes, both style and grade.
The carbide tip on this special cutter
will go through oak like a knife through butter.
These staple pliers have a curving claw,
and over there is a ripping saw.
Several power tools I see,
each with its own personality...”

...And then Bill thought “I think I know
what it is that’s special about friend Joe.
In his mind with all his wit,
Joe has a place where people fit.”

Dick Feren

Thankful For Our Staff

We are grateful for our essential staff and volunteers who are coming to our parish on a regular basis to do deep cleaning (the floors have never looked better!), answer the phone, send updates, and construct Zoom invitations out to the parish at large. Special thanks to our Wardens, Parish Administrators, Sexton, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Parish Counters, and Clergy.



Recipe and A Story

Our son, David, who has been dealing with a stay-at-home order since early February in Hong Kong suggested that in addition to our daily hikes, I might consider writing some stories about our family's recipes and food mishaps. This sounded like a much better idea than cleaning the house. I hope the following story will make you laugh.

I started baking at an early age and—what a surprise—usually made cookies. In 1955, when I was 8 years old, a friend and I baked cookies all summer and sold them to our neighbors. Grace Church was planning a Capital Funds Drive to raise \$100,000 for a new organ, a new kitchen, sliding dividers for Sunday school classes, and the heating plant. In the fall we presented our cookie profits as the initial gift to the fund drive.

We had baked lots of cookies but one day's effort was the most memorable. My mother left us at home with my grandparents while she drove to Goffstown to pick up my father from work. When they got back, we were still struggling. While I know the recipe must have said "sift dry ingredients", I read it as "sift all ingredients". Picture trying to sift butter and eggs along with the flour and sugar! My poor father had to finish the job—with never a word of complaint!

During the current pandemic, I was invited by Janet Mills, former Grace Church parishioner, to join a chain letter by email "Quarantine Recipe Exchange". I almost always turn down such requests but decided to do it this time. Ironically, one of the first recipes I received was for:

DoubleTree Signature Cookie Recipe

Makes 26 cookies

½ pound butter, softened (2 sticks)
¾ cup + 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
¾ cup packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs
1 ¼ teaspoons vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
2 ¼ cups flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
Pinch cinnamon
2 2/3 cups Nestle Tollhouse semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 3/4 cups chopped walnuts

Cream butter, sugar and brown sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer on medium speed for about 2 minutes.. Add eggs, vanilla and lemon juice, blending with

mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, then medium speed for about 2 minutes, or until light and fluffy, scraping down bowl. With mixer on low speed, add flour, oats, baking soda, salt and cinnamon, blending for about 45 seconds. Don't overmix. Remove bowl from mixer and stir in chocolate chips and walnuts. Portion dough with a scoop (about 3 tablespoons) onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper about 2 inches apart. Preheat oven to 300° F. Bake for 20 to 23 minutes, or until edges are golden brown and center is still soft. Remove from oven and cool on baking sheet for about 1 hour.

Cook's note: You can freeze the unbaked cookies, and there's no need to thaw. Preheat oven to 300°F and place frozen cookies on parchment paper-lined baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake until edges are golden brown and center is still soft.

My note: I think I made mine too small because I got 37 or 38. This may also be why they were so crisp. I also did not use parchment paper, just put them directly on the baking sheets.

A few weeks ago I found the following recipe in the *Manchester Union Leader*.

Maple Glazed Nuts

2 1/2 C mixed nuts
1 T butter
1/4 pure maple syrup
pinch of kosher salt (I used whatever salt I had)

Line a baking pan with parchment paper and set aside. Add butter to frying pan and set over medium high heat. When the butter is melted, add the syrup and stir together, then add the nuts and remove from heat. Stir well to coat the nuts. Spread the nuts in an even layer on parchment lined baking pan and sprinkle with salt. Place in a preheated 275 degree oven and bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool before serving.

Nancy-Ann Feren

Jasmine Grace Fiandaca Visit Postponed

Due to the Stay at Home order, the visit from Jasmine Grace Fiandaca scheduled for May 3 has been postponed. We will let you know when it is rescheduled.

Easter Collage



Milestones

Happy Birthday to the following May birthday celebrants!

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|----|----------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Eric Gagnon | 17 | David Roy |
| 5 | Linn Krikorian | 18 | Edie Cummings |
| 6 | Lyn Marino | 19 | Dottie Koch |
| | Louis Hudon | 20 | Yar Leek |
| 7 | Jude Lassonde | | Mike Andres |
| 9 | Carter Beck | 23 | Fiona Stagnaro |
| 10 | Tim Lassonde | | Michael Duffy |
| 14 | Dwight Simmons | 24 | Christopher Messier |
| 15 | Ruth Young | 30 | Robert Garneau |
| | | | Quinn Turner |

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

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 – or if we have it wrong, please let us know that also.

Other Milestones:

Deceased: Janet Knab, March 29, 2020
Emil Boire, Jr., April 11, 2020

May the souls of Janet and Emil , through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.



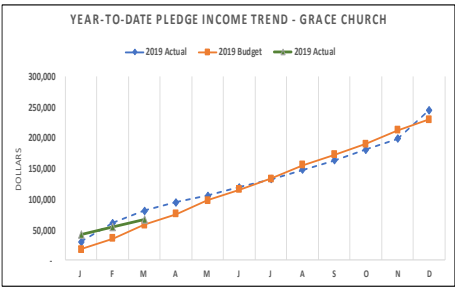
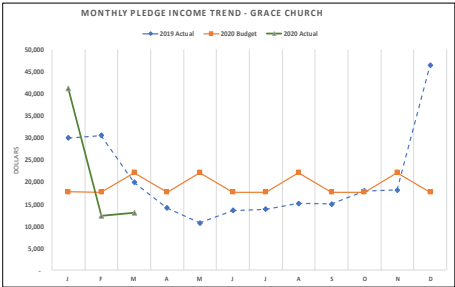
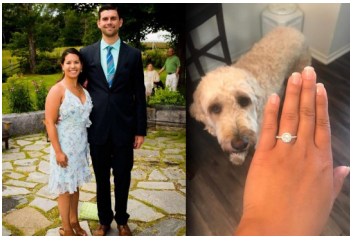
Eric and Crystal Cartier, former Grace Church parishioners, celebrate the birth of their third daughter, Kora Grayce Cartier. Kora was born April 13, 2020 at 3:01 am. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 6.3 ounces and with a length of 21.25 inches.

Cards of celebration can be sent to:

The Cartier Family
307 Salmon Creek Drive
Hilton, New York 14468

Best wishes to James Everett (son of parish-ioner Terry Everett) and Jess Lacourse on their recent engagement.

Pictured: Jess and James and their dog Brady



We appreciate your generosity in giving to Grace Episcopal Church. Your timely pledge will help us with our on-going expenses.

Vestry Meeting Minutes can be found on our website under What's Happening/Vestry Meeting Minutes or by clicking on this link:

<http://gracechurchmanchester.org/whats-happening/vestry-meeting-minutes/>

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