



Grace Notes June 2024

Our Mission Statement:
To know Christ and to make Christ known

Grace Episcopal Church
106 Lowell Street
Manchester, NH



Important Announcement from Father Ed:

Beginning on June 9th, the 8:00 am liturgy will be restored at Grace Episcopal Church. For the summer, those coming to the 8:00 am service will be worshipping in St. Michael's Chapel. This simple celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist, with a brief sermon will be followed by coffee in the library. It is a "come as you are" service--from casual to dress--and readers and lay eucharistic readers will be assigned just before the service. We will also be restoring the "common cup" for this service as it is the normative practice of the Episcopal Church and an ancient practice of Western Christianity--one bread, one cup of blessing that we share. It is important to remind those who are not yet comfortable returning to the common cup that we believe that receiving only the bread or only the wine (receiving under one kind) is a "full and complete" communion. The 9:30 am will remain unmoved.



MILESTONES

Happy Birthday to the following June birthday celebrants!

2 Hazel Lisembee
11 Lissa Foote, Nicholas Girgus, David Murray
19 Carol Boire
20 Julie Turner
22 Mary Atwell
26 Mark Cleveland
28 Ken Kjellander
29 Gray Chynoweth, Kim Munroe-Swift
30 Pauline Bell

Please note: 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.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, Page 8

Hospitality Update

Please join the Hospitality Committee for a **summer barbecue/cookout** on June 23 after the 9:30 am service in the courtyard (or inside if it rains). The church will provide hotdogs and hamburgers with parishioners signing up for side dishes. Two sign-up sheets are on the Kiosk in the Great Hall: the first is for attendance (so we can obtain a headcount), and the second is for a list of side dishes from anyone who would like to share. This event was a great success last year and we are very excited to host the event again. **The congregation will also be inviting anyone interested in attending from the Pride Event on June 15th.**

Future Hospitality Events:

- July 14th Ice cream social
- September 8th Church Picnic
- November 24th Advent Wreath Making
 - Feb 22, 2025 Mardi Gras Party
- March 4, 2025 Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper
- March 14, 2025 St Patrick's day corned beef dinner

More details to follow as events get closer.

Have an idea for a hospitality event? Please send suggestion to Stephen Cornish (sccornish@comcast.net)





Grace Church will again be participating in **Manchester's Queen City Pride Festival**. The Pride Festival is Saturday, June 15th at Veterans' Park from noon to 6pm. We will have volunteers working our booth, in two hour shifts, offering free water and coffee to all. We will also have a table, collecting prayer requests from all who wish to ask for prayer. In the past two years we've been at Pride, it has been a fun, colorful and uplifting time; and a wonderful opportunity to make Christ know to people who have often been hurt in the past by organized religion.

We are also very excited to be participating in the parade this year! The parade kicks off at 11:15 and goes down Elm Street to Veterans' Park. ALL are welcome and encouraged to join us in the parade. Our goal is to share God's love with all we encounter and let Pride participants know that all are welcome at Grace Church.

If you would like more information about Pride, or to volunteer, please reach out to Father Ed, Cody Sears, or Moe Thomas.



Carol Cote: May Winner

Reader Challenge:

How carefully do you read the newsletter?
Embedded in one of the articles you will
find the secret code: **gnlt**
The first person to find the code and email
the editor will receive a ten dollar gift card
to Dunkin Donuts! Winners should wait
one year to compete again.



Sunday School update....

Looking ahead, I would like to hear from anyone interested in being a teacher or assistant teacher starting in September. Our lesson plans are drawn from the "Weaving God's Promises" curriculum that include discussion, fun activities and crafts revolving around an Old or New Testament story. Teachers are always paired with another teacher or assistant, and rotate assigned Sundays every 4-6 weeks throughout the fall and spring. Teens are welcome to volunteer to help the younger students with our craft activities that take place during our lessons.

Background checks are completed through the NH Diocese and Safe Church Training must be completed on line. All materials are supplied for class sessions and A-V equipment is also available in the classroom if desired for use to augment a lesson. Adults of all ages are encouraged to volunteer with our program. Our teachers will attest that they have been spiritually enriched and taught to view our faith in new ways by our bright, talented, and motivated younger church members. If you would be interested in being a part of our teaching crew, please contact me at lclwhnp@gmail.com or speak to me in person on any upcoming Sunday. *Linda Lassonde*

Moments of Parish Life



Pentecost Sunday
Grace Church was truly blessed with the Holy Spirit for Pentecost



Fr. Ed



Procession of Religious Education Students

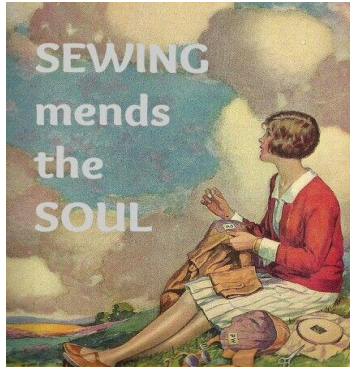


Flutiest Playing Prelude



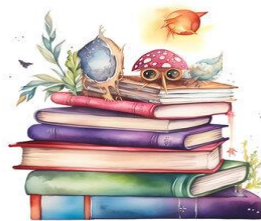
Religious Education Students Playing Chimes for Mass

O Lord Jesus Christ, who before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Ghost to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love. Book of Common Prayer



Sewing Group

The Grace Church Sewing Group has reconvened and meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (June 27) at 10 am in the Church Library. This is a gathering place for relaxed conversation and needlework of all kinds. Coffee, tea and a light snack are provided. Please join us! Bring your current project and plan to spend an enjoyable hour or two with friends. For additional information, contact Eileen Suckley 603-660-2424 or at Eralphs@Comcast.net



Grace Church Book Group

The Grace Church Book Group continues to meet at 10 AM on the third Tuesday of every month in the church library. All are welcome to attend. Our June selection is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

In the Fall, we will begin a brand new selection of intriguing selections from a variety of genres. Among our choices:

- We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter
 - The Salt Path by Rayner Winn
 - Emma by Jane Austen
- Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
 - Artcurious by Jennifer Nasal
 - The Spies of Shilling Lane by Jennifer Ryan
- My Remarkable Journey: A Memoir by Katherine Johnson
 - Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan
 - The Day The World Came to Town by Jim DeFede
- Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know by Malcolm Gladwell
 - Harlem Shuffle by Colton Whitehead
- The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg

Outreach Update

We have just received our 2nd consecutive \$10,000 Our Kids grant from the Diocese of New Hampshire to help us continue our work with refugee children. This year we are partnering with the Center for New Americans who will facilitate help from mental health professionals along with providing shoes for children. We will continue with enrichment activities. In addition, we received a grant from the Rotary Club in the amount of \$1300 for more work with refugee children.

Reminder: The Brookside Thrift Shop at 2013 Elm Street has been instrumental in helping to set up apartments for newly arrived immigrants and providing needed clothing. Everyone can participate by donating gently used items. They can be delivered to the shop from 9 to 1, Tuesday through Saturday or dropped off at other times in the containers located at the bottom of the ramp next to the Thrift Shop.

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Next Newsletter Deadline June 22