



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 2019

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside
sironside@gracemadison.org



The fun part of September is the new school supplies, right? When you're little, it's crayons with the perfect pointed tip, the waxy fragrance of new possibilities, of things yet to be drawn.

Notebooks are pristine, filled with blank sheets of paper just waiting to be filled. New scuff-free shoes hold the promise of adventure. As you get older the supplies get more exotic, and for many parents right now, the days are like a scavenger hunt from store to store—seeking the precise combination of objects to launch your child into a new year of learning.

As the weeks go by, notebooks will be filled with the trials and errors of growth. Pointed tips of crayons will give way to the smooth shapes of creativity. And some crayons will snap in two! Shoes will bear witness to steps and missteps, gathering the sweat and grime of walking the path to learn new things. Which is exactly why we buy all these things and lug them home in the first place. It wouldn't be much of a year if by June the notebooks and sneakers were in mint condition.

The Christian life is no different. Our life together is not meant to stay pristine and flawless. Our

floors will be waxed and ready to welcome us to the fall, but it will only be a matter of time before the shine disappears. New bulletin designs are getting launched, but they will wind up in the recycle bin after worship, just like the old ones. We have a brand-new priest, but he is joyfully getting scuffs as the days go by. While I am still new among you, I assure you that I have tripped and stumbled and continue to do so on a regular basis.

Rowan Williams wrote:

"The gathering of baptized people is therefore not a convocation of those who are privileged, elite and separate, but of those who have accepted what it means to be in the heart of a needy, contaminated, messy world. To put it another way, you don't go down into the waters of the Jordan without stirring up a great deal of mud!"

So, my dear friends, I am excited to begin another program year with you, and look forward to seeing what mud may get stirred up along the way.

See you in church!

New Time for 'Last Chance Mass'

Beginning September 8, our Sunday evening worship service, "Last Chance Mass" will be celebrated at its new time of 5:00 pm.

Last Chance Mass remains a quiet, less formal service with readings, prayers, a reflection, and the celebration of Holy Communion before the weekend ends. As we begin a new school year, we are mindful that parents and children who cannot worship with us on Sunday mornings may wish to worship before dinner and homework, and all of us will be able to be home an hour earlier when the darkness of winter is upon us. All are welcome!



Rector's Forum

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

For the coming year, a monthly Rector's Forum on Sunday mornings will focus on worship, examining the ways in which we celebrate every Sunday, reflecting on our rich history, our current practices, and our life of common prayer and worship. The series begins on September 15, at 11:30 am.





ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Asa David Coulson
acoulson@gracemadison.org

It was a profound honor to preside at my first mass here at Grace on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). Having been ordained to the priesthood only days prior, this was an appropriate way to mark the ontological change we Anglicans celebrate in ordinations. It was also an appropriate way to more officially mark the beginning my ministry here among and alongside you as a priest. As we consider our new program year beginning this month, I am excited at the prospect of where the coming years could take us at Grace Church, and therefore in some sense, find an important lesson for us in the Transfiguration story.

When I was growing up in Maryland I would often spend much of my summer at Camp Pecometh, a beautiful camping and retreat center along the Chesapeake Bay, which was founded in the Methodist tradition. There, along the dew kissed morning shores, or in a canoe on the gentle crests of the rolling evening tides, I had some astounding experiences, with God, and with other people. I didn't want to lose that. In those moments I felt as if I could have stayed right there forever. I felt the Holy Spirit so strongly in that place that I wanted everything to remain the same, forever! I'd build

"Peter said to Jesus, 'Master it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one more for Elijah' – not knowing what he said."
Luke 9:33b

a little cabin, a tabernacle of sorts, along the shore and bask in the glory of what God had done in that holy place.

In the Gospel lesson for the Feast of the Transfiguration we find Peter, James, and John joining Jesus on a mountainside for prayer. During their prayer time they have a truly life changing experience: two messengers from the Hebrew Scripture appear, Moses and Elijah, who then talk with Jesus while the disciples look on in wonder. If that isn't enough, the three disciples also get to hear the voice of God, in a manner reminiscent of Christ's baptism, again affirming that Jesus is the Divine One.

What I find most relatable for us in this story is that Peter reacts much the same way I reacted at the end of every summer at Pecometh, the same way many of us react when we have a profound, life changing, religious experience: We want to stop right there, set up shop, and keep everything the way it is,

forever. We imagine that if we just refrain from changing anything then that holy, sacred, moment and experience will stay the same too. However, that's not what God wants for us.

If the disciples had built their little tabernacles and stayed on top of the mountain then the history of our faith would be quite different. If I had stayed in a little cabin along the shore, my journey wouldn't look anything like it does today. Rather, what the disciples did, what I did, what we all must do, is incorporate those sacred, holy moments into our life, and carry them forward into whatever future God has available for us.

As this Summer draws to a close, and the new program year begins here at Grace, I invite all of us to consider how we take the sacred moments, experiences, traditions, and expectations of our past in this holy place, and begin to live more fully into all the new opportunities and changes God has for us, and others in this community, in our future!

Ora et Labora, Asa+



Asa David Coulson was ordained by Bishop Scanlan, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, on July 23, 2019, at Saint James Church, Lancaster, PA. Photo left: Bishop actually doing the ordination. Above: Fr. Asa and Bishop Scanlan.



MUSIC AT GRACE

Dr. Anne Matlack

amatlack@gracemadison.org

Singing & Mental Health

Are you an adult who feels uncomfortable when singing? Dr. Anne wants to fix that! Please come and see her for three free private lessons on getting to know your own voice and how it relates to the hymnal. Meanwhile, the word “hymn” refers to the text. It is perfectly acceptable to stand and meditate on the text. These texts are some of the greatest poetry of the church, and picked to enhance the day’s lessons.

In June, I attended a wonderful CHORUS AMERICA conference in Philadelphia. The new Chorus America Choral Impact Study www.chorusamerica.org/resource/chorus-impact-study-singing-lifetime provides actual data on the status of choral singing (including churches) in the U.S.A. As well as interviewing two times as many singers as 2009, and replicating the data that singers are more likely to be good citizens (vote, give back, etc.). Important points in this year’s study include:

- Especially among older adults, singers are less lonely and isolated
- Singers show higher levels of tolerance and respect for diversity
- Singing has an important impact on good mental health

Parents, when you are making your hard choices for the fall, remember that choral singing gives us lifetime joy, and teaching our kids this skill at a young age avoids them reaching an age where they feel uncomfortable singing/matching pitch. Dr. Anne has NEVER met a seven year old she could not train! Also, church choir is not just another program, it’s not just something we do – it’s something we give. The kids truly lead the service, they help people worship, they help the other singers become better singers, they learn about the satisfaction of preparing something over the long haul. They put themselves where they can hear, taste and see the word of God, where they might be inspired, they might be bored, they might meet friends from a different school, they might sing a deep text which will stay with them forever. I am the most understanding of directors, because I would ALWAYS rather have you sometimes than never (see alternative rehearsal times). But the more you come, the more you will get out of it. In choir we learn from mistakes, and not to be afraid of them. This is a really important mental health lesson for our kids today, who seem to hold themselves to an impossible standard, and sometimes give up quickly if something is not easy or perfect at first. MUSIC gives our kids the gift of understanding process and perseverance.



EVENSONGS

Evensong, “evening song,” is a uniquely Anglican beautiful service combining the evening prayers of Vespers and Compline into one sung service. In 2015 the Grace Church Choirs sang “in residence” for a week at Winchester Cathedral. Our Fall Evensong will be Saturday, September 28, at 5:00 pm for the *Eve of St. Michael and All Angels*, allowing us to sing some of our favorite fun songs about angels!

Looking ahead, our Adult choir will sing Evensong for All Souls on November 2, and combined choirs will sing December 21 including Vivaldi’s *Gloria* with Chamber Orchestra.

Are you an instrumentalist?

Yes? There are lots of opportunities in our worship service to offer your gifts, from playing preludes/postludes to Taizé obligato parts. Make sure I know! Please email me!

Factoid: Grace Church now has a drum set that was donated by the Farrell family (thank you!) So, if you are one of those closet drummers but you don’t own your own kit—we have one for you to use! Contact me to talk about the possibilities. ~ Dr. Anne



This August, our week-long keyboard recitals—part of the *Baroque Orchestra Summer Festival*—had a wonderful student-performers day!

L to R: Maestro Robert Butts, young organists Annie Song and Rebecca Moore, flutist Mia Melchior; and teachers John Pivarnik and Anne Matlack.



Want to join the choir?

Talk to Dr. Anne about giving it a try!

Here's the schedule:

Adult Choir (*childcare provided if requested*)

Choir call for the 10:00 am Sunday service is 9:20 am

Thursdays 7:15-8:45 pm

School Choir I "Red Choir"—Grades 2-5—Fridays, 3:30-4:45 pm

OR School Choir I Alternate rehearsal—Thursdays, 7:00-7:45 pm

School Choir II "Blue Choir"—Grades 6-12—Fridays, 4:15-5:30 pm

OR School Choir II Alternate rehearsal—Thursdays, 6:45-8:05 pm

Daughters of Zion—High School Girls (*more challenge & a cappella rep*)

Thursdays, 6:00-6:45 pm

The Gargoyles tenors and basses—Boys Grades 7-12,

Thursdays, 8:00-9:30 pm, overlapping and following Adult Choir.

Chapel Choir—Ages Pre-K-Grade 1/2, Fridays at 3:30-4:15 pm

With our great team of leaders—Linda Bowden, Katie Hendrix



It's a HALLOWEEN Concert Year!

Saturday, October 26, at 7:00 pm

We do this family-friendly concert for the community every **other** year—so mark your calendars! This concert has a large following in the community. It's also a great year to join the school choirs and start with such fun music! The concert is family-friendly (yes, it's a LITTLE scary—but more pirates and pumpkins than monsters!). As well as being joined by members of Harmonium, we will also be joined by the New Jersey Youth Chorus' younger group, *Primo Coro*. ~ Dr. Anne

♪ Many thanks to all the summer soloists, who included Paula and Ted Roper, Matt Palmer, Elizabeth Monkemeier, Katie Hendrix, Grace van Cleef. Susan Goodman, Linda Bowden, Lindsey and Cathy Kellstrom, and Erik Donough (saxophones). Thank you!

♪ Claudia Sydenstricker attended the Royal School of Church Music course in Newport, RI; and Will Roper was activities director at the RSCM course at Kings College, Wilkes Barre, PA.

♪ Elizabeth Monkemeier, Katie Hendrix, and Dr. Anne helped with music at *Alternative to Violence Project Camp* at the Quaker Meeting in June, with a special visit from Mark Miller.



LOOK

Look for performances from

Daughters of Zion and

The Gargoyles at our

September 8 Parish Picnic!



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kelsey Wallace

kwallace@gracemadison.org

A Call to Community

In the questions posed and the promises made at each and every baptism we remind one another of the myriad ways we as a community strive to live out our faith both inside and outside the walls of the church. At each and every baptism we promise to love and care for, to nurture and to guide, to mentor and to teach our new sibling in the faith. Just as we as a Grace family make these vows to the newly baptized, a congregation once stood and wove the same promises around you and your family. As we prepare for the start of a new program year, we invite you to remember once again these vows and to prayerfully consider where God is calling you to embody them in our common life together. Whether it is supporting one another through the ups and downs of parenting, mentoring youth, spending time together at pizza compline services, or teaching our youth and children on Sunday mornings we hope you will answer the baptismal call to proclaim the Good News, loving God and neighbor, with a resounding "I will, with God's help."

For more information on the opportunities for mentorship and service please contact Kelsey at kwallace@gracemadison.org and/or Father Asa at acoulson@gracemadison.org

Pizza+Compline for Kids=the perfect combo

In October, we will begin our mid-week Compline for Kids worship service for younger kids and parents to **worship together**. On October 2, the first Wednesday of the month, we will gather in the kitchen at 5:30 pm to **make pizza with Fr. Asa**, do a craft while the pizza cooks, and eat together before the 6:30 pm Compline service.

Compline for Kids is a half-hour prayer service, with lots of opportunities for kids to lead. It follows the traditional order of the

Evening service, but uses kid-friendly prayers and songs for psalms and readings and has a short, interactive homily. Come for either or both events. *Contact Fr. Asa with questions.*



W O R S H I P



Sunday SCHOOL

Sunday, September 15, 10:00 am

This year Sunday School for all children will take place during the 10:00 am service. Our entire community, including the **Sunday School children, will begin worship together in church**, then following the Collect for the Day all children will follow their Sunday School teachers into Nieman Hall. Children and teachers will return to the church prior to the Holy Communion. More details to come during the Parish Picnic on September 8.

Be sure to register your children, forms are available online.

Please contact Kelsey, Mother Susan or Father Asa with questions.

Confirmation Kick-Off Night

Sunday, September 29, 5:45 pm

Parents and students (8th grade and up) should register and plan to join Fr. Asa following the Sunday Evening Mass for a pizza dinner and to hear an overview of the expectations, curriculum, and other plans for this year's Youth Confirmation program.

Students must register online by September 26. The registration form is available at our website: www.gracemadison.org/worship/confirmation

Contact Fr. Asa with any questions.



Murder Mystery Night

The Dinner Detective Show

Saturday, September 14

Join us on September 14 at 6:00 pm for a hilarious night of whodunit fun with the award-winning professionals of the Dinner Detective, and enjoy a delicious three-course dinner. This exciting show is a \$95 value elsewhere... our tickets are only \$75! We will also be having a 'Wine Pull', a Tricky Tray of Gift Certificates, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Seating is limited, so get your tickets soon! Please return ticket forms and payment to our office, or buy tickets on-line at www.gracemadison.org, then click on the Online Giving button.

Please support this fundraiser with donations of wine (\$15 or over) or gift certificates/gift cards (\$25 or over) from your favorite stores, restaurants, beauty salons, etc. by September 12. We are happy to accept direct donations or do the shopping for you!

Please contact Ruth Deane at redpod4@gmail.com about gift certificates or Jennifer McCulloch at j4galmom@gmail.com or 973-615-3515 about wine donations.



Wine Tasting & Mini-Auction

Saturday, November 16

Come sample fabulous wines from Madison Wine Cellar (and stock up for the holidays) as you dance the night away to the best of the Beatles! We will also be having a fabulous, high value mini-auction! Tickets are \$30 and available online: go to www.gracemadison.org, then click on the *Online Giving* button; click on the "Choose One" drop-down box; and select one of the 'Wine Tasting' choices.



If you are interested in helping out with this fun event, or would consider donating auction items, please contact Jennifer McCulloch at j4galmom@gmail.com or 973-615-3515.



Men's Fall Retreat

October 4-6

Grace Church has a very long history of hosting weekend retreats every two to three years for the men of our parish. These retreats offer a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, as well as thoughtful discussions and reflection in a low-key environment; the participants frequently come away with a real sense of spiritual growth. We are still pondering our specific retreat discussion theme, but you can anticipate honest and interesting discussions which stimulate reflection around how our faith (such as it is) informs our "real life" behaviors and relationships (meanwhile, we also drink beer and eat pretzels and potato chips). This year's retreat will take place from Friday evening, October 4, until Sunday morning, October 6, at the Stony Point Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY (in the Lower Hudson River Valley about one hour from Madison). Total cost for two night's accommodations (double occupancy) and all meals is \$240 per person. Whether you have participated in a retreat with us before or would be a first-timer, we hope you will consider joining us the first weekend in October. For more information, please ask Father Asa, Mike Ling or Geoff Brooks.

For info about retreat center:
www.stonypointcenter.org



Parish Picnic!

*Sunday, September 8
after the 10:00 am service*

We will provide the food and drinks, as well as music and a bounce house. Please plan to attend and join the festivities! Bring a friend!

We'd love volunteers to help:

- * set up
- * bring a side, salad, or dessert
- * help with the bounce house
- * clean up

Sign up on the sheet in Grace Lobby, or sign up online:
www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DADA92DAB9-its

Thank you!

*Laura Norwalk Bendelius
& Melissa Waterstredt*



Kick-off Sunday

Sunday, September 15

Our program year officially begins with Sunday School during the 10:00 am service as well as a backpack blessing (students, bring your backpacks!) and a Forum with Mother Susan after the 10:00 am service.

Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 22

The beginning of the program year is a perfect time to learn about all the different groups that make Grace Church run. Interested in serving during a worship service? Like to arrange flowers? Or welcome visitors? You can learn how you can help during a special coffee hour before and after the 10:00 am service, in Grace Hall. The ministry groups will have information and people to answer your questions. Your time and talents are an important way to support our church and put your God-given gifts to work!

Peace March

*Thursday, September 19
5:00-7:00 pm*

Join us for a collective community expression of solidarity, unity, and peace. Meet at the Holy Family Chapel of College of St. Elizabeth. We will march together to downtown Madison. *More information on our website.*



Madison's Street Fair!

Saturday, October 6

Celebrate our hometown and downtown on Bottle Hill Day. Grace will have a booth—we welcome your ideas for activities. In the past, we provided information about Grace Church, our activities and ministries, handed out balloons, and offered face-painting. Most importantly, parishioners were able to meet and talk to people about Grace Church.

Please sign up to help set-up our booth in the morning, represent Grace Church for an hour or two, participate in some fun activities, and take it down at the end. Look for the schedule and sign-up sheet in Grace Lobby. Thanks!

~ John Garde



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6

All are invited to bring their pets (stuffed, real, or a photo) to 10:00 am worship on **St. Francis Sunday**, when we remember the saint who honored all animals.

Note: The services held at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm will be "pet-free." There will not be Children's Chapel or Sunday School that day.

MILESTONES



Congratulations to **Stephen Pelliconi**, son of Debbie and Jed Pelliconi and grandson of Elizabeth and Brian Smith, who graduated from Kinnelon High School this June. Stephen is excited to attend the University of Delaware this fall where he will major in accounting. We are proud of all his accomplishments and continue to wish him the best as he begins his new journey.



Kevin Beimfohr of Mountain Lakes, son of Janet and Larry Beimfohr and grandson of Brian and Elizabeth Smith, graduated from Bryant University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in accounting. At Bryant, Kevin played four years of D1 lacrosse. He will be pursuing his master's degree in finance and accounting from the University of Bath in England.



Catie Gilhuley traveled to Scotland with The Capital District Youth Pipe Band to compete in *The World Pipe Band Championships* held in August in Glasgow. The band, consisting of youth from NY, NJ, VT, PA, VA, FL, and MA, beat out 20 other bands in their division to become **World Champions**. While in Scotland the band took second place at the *North Berwick International Highland Games*, and participated in the annual *Piping Live Festival* in Glasgow.



**Arranged
with Love**

Here's to the women who weekly create beautiful flower arrangements for our altars. Each of them finds joy and pleasure in the task and we of the Grace congregation thank them.

Take a moment to recognize Sue Nixon, Stacy Wilde, Melissa Honohan, Jackie Jacoban, Angela Finlay and Judy Honohan. Flower Guild's the name, arrangements are our game! We'd love to have you join us! ~ *Judy Honohan*

WITH THANKS

The **Hospitality Committee** would like to recognize and THANK the following people for generously donating their time this past year. Coffee Hour and other Events can only continue when we have the help of others. We are grateful for your support and look forward to adding more names to the list.

Randi and Scott Albiston
Bruce Bensley
Geoff Brooks
Ruth and Phillip Deane
Diane DuBrule
Angela and John Finlay
John and Allison Garde
Judy Honohan
Melissa Honohan
Kristin Kaldor
Mark and Kathy Kellstrom
Michael Ling
Anne Matlack

Jennifer McCulloch
Dora Monserrate
Barb Montague
Kirk and Sue Nixon
Ed and Wendy Nunn
Margie Paul
Heather Pflug
Eleanor Rawitz
Ted Roper
Mark Sacher
Evangeline Tross

If you are interested in **Hosting** Coffee Hour (not shopping, cooking, baking or bringing your own food) please contact me, Heather Crimmins-Fraser at hcrimmins23@gmail.com or Barbara Hughes at jtehughes@aol.com
We appreciate your help!
~Heather and Barbara

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Thank you SO much to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's VBS a success! It takes a village and we couldn't have done it without you. ~Kelsey Wallace



BUILDING & GROUNDS

Summer of Progress in Pictures



The Priest Associate's office is painted a light blue.



The porte cochere gets a new apron of pavers in a cool design.



A new retaining wall and bluestone steps have replaced the old railroad tie construction, and new railings have been installed.

POTLUCK



First Friday

September 6, 6:15 pm

Dr. Anne presents

Robert Shaw: Man of Many Voices

Come for potluck and then enjoy the documentary "Robert Shaw: Man of Many Voices" about legendary choral conductor, Robert Shaw, for whom Dr. Anne sang. The 70-minute documentary will be followed by a short Q&A session. More information, see www.robertshawthefilm.com.

BOOK GROUPS

Men's Book Group

The Men's Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at member's homes. The September book discussion will be *Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller on September 17, at 7:30 pm. Contact Bruce Rudin with any questions and at brucedora@verizon.net for directions or questions.

Women's Book Group

Monday, September 16,
at 7:00 pm in Nieman Annex

Join the discussion on *Pachinko* by MinJin Lee. *Pachinko* is a vivid, immersive multigenerational saga about life for Koreans in Japan. All are welcome! ~ Joan Nolan
perchance1@verizon.net

OUTREACH



Linda Bowden and Melissa Honohan cleaning tables.

Lend a Hand

Every other month, Grace volunteers provide food and staff the Community Soup Kitchen at Redeemer Church in Morristown. Our next "Grace Day" is Tuesday, October 15, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Would you be willing to help serve lunch at ? Sign up on the sheet in Grace Lobby to help out or to provide some food. If you have questions, or are interested in becoming certified for food preparation, contact with Kirk Nixon at kirknixon1103@gmail.com.



Sue Streater, Paul Lemaire, Peggy Oakes, Cindy Barilla and Laura Lemaire on the serving line.



Kit Cone with the newly installed Kit Cone "Acolyte Cubby Cabinet" which was built by Michael Cullen.



Our 2019 Office Angel Crew! Photo by Bruce Bensley.



Financial Update

This report covers from January 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

Total Income:

Budgeted Amount: \$ 453,887

Actual Amount: \$ 386,427

Actual Amount is Under Budget: (\$ 67,460)

Pledges continue around 78% of the budgeted amount, and Plate is hovering below 64%. A shortfall of the Pledge income shortfall represents almost all (\$64,238, or 98%) of the underrun. Plate Offerings are also below the budgeted amount by \$2,719.

Total Expenses:

Budgeted Amount: \$ 576,918

Actual Amount: \$ 550,225

Actual Amount is Under Budget: (\$ 26,693)

Net Ordinary Income: \$ 386,427

Total Expenses: \$ 550,225

Net Ordinary Income: (\$ 163,798)

Endowment Income Applied: \$ 84,457

Net Income: (\$ 79,341)

Summary: We are currently running a deficit, which each month is growing larger. **Without an increase in pledge income, we will not be able to continue to offer and support the various ministries of Grace Church at their current level.** Even as we edge past the halfway point in the Program Year, we are waiting on the receipt of a number of pledges which have traditionally been received sometime in the first quarter. The Vestry is monitoring both income and expenses, and, currently considering adjusting the budget.

HOLY DAYS

Saturday, September 14: **HOLY CROSS DAY**

8:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Saturday, September 21:

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Monday, September 30: **ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 6: **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** (*Observed*)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your leashed or contained pet for a blessing.

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Our next baptismal date is All Saints' Sunday, November 3, during the 10:00 am service.



Online Giving is here!

Online giving is now available. You can find the link on our website —gracemadison.org—in the top right corner. You simply create an Online Profile and log in. You can set up recurring pledge payments.

Gifts of stock or securities

If you are going to make gifts of stock or appreciated securities or gifts from shared employer funds, please let us know. We will provide tax documents and help in any way.

From your Wardens, Vestry and Finance Committee.



Try Tai Chi

Beginning September 9, instructor Brian Coffey offers Tai Chi and Qi Gong classes on Mondays in Grace Hall.

Beginners: 9:30-10:30 am

Participants will learn the easy and graceful Sun Style form (or choreography) of Tai Chi.

Beyond Beginners: 10:30-11:30 am.

Instructor Brian Coffey has been teaching Tai Chi since 1994. Contact Brian at (908) 647-1563 or maher.coffey@verizon.net to register.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	5:00 pm	"Last Chance Mass" (<i>Note: new time</i>)
Mondays	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer, Rite II
Tuesdays	9:00 am	Morning Prayer, Rite I
Wednesday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer, Rite I
	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer, Rite II
Thursdays	7:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, <i>light breakfast following</i>
Fridays	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer, Rite I
Saturdays	8:15 am	Morning Prayer, Rite I

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon., Sept. 2		Labor Day— <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Sept. 5 and 6		Choir Rehearsals Commence
Fri., Sept. 6	6:15 pm	First Friday Potluck; <i>Dr. Anne on Robert Shaw</i>
Sun., Sept. 8	11:00 am	Parish Picnic <i>Bring a friend</i>
Sat., Sept. 14	6:00 pm	Murder Mystery Night & Tricky Tray
Sun., Sept. 15		Kick-off Sunday! Our program year begins!
	10:00 am	Sunday School Starts; Back Pack Blessing
	11:30 am	Monthly Rector's Forum
Thurs., Sept. 19	5-7 pm	Peace March, <i>College of St. Elizabeth</i>
Sun., Sept. 22	<i>morning</i>	Ministry Fair (ministries & interest groups)
Sat., Sept. 28	5:00 pm	Evensong— <i>St. Michael & All Angels</i>
Sun., Sept. 29	5:45 pm	Confirmation Kick-Off & Dinner
Wed., Oct. 2	6:30 pm	Compline for Kids (pizza-making at 5:30 pm)
Fri-Sun, Oct. 4-6		Men's Retreat, Stony Point, NY
Fri., Oct 4	6:15 pm	First Friday Potluck
Sat., Oct 5	10 am-5 pm	Bottle Hill Day <i>Grace has a booth!</i>
Sun., Oct. 6	10:00 am	Blessing of The Animals
Sat., Oct. 26	7:00 pm	Halloween Concert
Sat., Nov. 16		Wine Tasting and Mini Auction

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Mondays	9:30 am	Tai Chi, <i>Grace Hall</i>
2 nd Monday	7:00 pm	Mindfulness for Adults, <i>Senior High Room</i>
Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Craft Guild, <i>Library</i>
3 rd Tuesday	7:30 pm	Men's Book Group
3 rd Tuesday "even" months		'Grace Day' at Community Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays	10:15 am	Women's Meditation & Centering, <i>Library</i>
	noon	AA (Men's Group), <i>Grace Hall</i>
2 nd & 4 th Wed.	7:30 pm	Survivors of Suicide, <i>Library</i>
Fridays	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Waverly Restaurant</i>

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4 MADISON AVE, MADISON NJ 07940

PHONE: (973) 377-0106

www.GraceMadison.org

GraceMadisonNJ@gmail.com

Clergy and Officers

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, Rector
ext. 112 sironside@gracemadison.org

The Rev. Asa David Coulson, Associate
ext. 113, acoulson@gracemadison.org

John Garde, Warden
jgarde@mccarter.com

Evangeline Tross, Warden
evangeline.tross@gmail.com

David Gates, Treasurer
david.forest.gates@gmail.com

Vestry

Heather Crimmins-Fraser	Dora Monserrate
Mike Cullen	Kirk Nixon
Ruth Deane	Laura Norwalk
Barbara Hughes	Bendelius
Michael Ling	Ed Nunn
Jennifer McCulloch	Sam Partridge

Parish Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack
Choirmaster and Organist
(201) 274-4617
amatlack@gracemadison.org

Katie Hendrix, *Asst. Conductor and Children's Choir Assistant*
kehendrix7@gmail.com

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir Director*
LindaBowden49@gmail.com

Kit Cone, *Senior Verger and Sacristan*
kccone@gracemadison.org

Kelsey Wallace, *Children's Ministries*
kwallace@gracemadison.org
ext. 115

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*
mkostial@gracemadison.org, ext. 110

Susie Harris, *Communications*
sharris@gracemadison.org, ext. 111

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*
okhublall@gracemadison.org, ext. 118