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Grace Church Compline Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting at **7 PM on Monday through Saturday**

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Sunday Morning Prayer Service

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Camp Scholarship

The ECW is offering
–one \$200 Camp Washington Scholarship.

If anyone is interested in applying, please contact Joanne Roach at 860-688-8091 or at jrtoothfairy@aol.com.



If you were born in May or June and your name is not on our list, please notify Bonnie at 860-688-1232 or bonnie@gracewindsor.org.

May: David Rogers (02), Joyce Addo (03), Matthew Carpenter (06), Cristina Martinez (09), Paul Cassarino (12), Cynthia Winchester (16), Travis Schuman (18), Robin Homer (23), Alice Epps (29), and Oliver Thrall (31).

June: Carly Matthews (01), Scott McOmber (07), Paul Senk (12), Ann Beaudin (13), Kyle Ali (14), Katrina Woodhouse (17), Taylor Davis (18), Frank Bill (21), Carol McOmber (23), Albert Ilq (24), Lilian Hutchinson (26), Melissa Rickard (27), John Paul Beaudry (29).



Thank You for Keeping Up Your Pledge

Our treasurer, Larry Young, would like to thank everyone for keeping up with their pledges.



Memorial Day



A Day to Honor and Remember Those Who Died for our Country!

Memorial Day was formerly called Decoration Day and began during the Civil War where citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. In May 1868, General John A. Logan, who was the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30th should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the Civil War. Americans quickly adopted the idea of Decoration Day and the first year over 27 states held some form of ceremony and at Arlington National Cemetery over 5,000 people were in attendance. In 1882 Decoration Day was officially renamed "Memorial Day".

When America entered World War I, the tradition was expanded to include all those who died in all American wars. According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday and was moved to the last Monday in May in 1971.

Several states claimed that they were the first to celebrate Memorial Day (Decoration Day) - Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; Carbondale, Illinois; Columbus, Mississippi; Columbus, Georgia, Waterloo, New York as well as several others. In the end, President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 signed legislation declaring the tiny town of Waterloo, NY was the "official" birthplace of Memorial Day.

Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day

Memorial Day Updated: History.com; Updated: Apr 3, 2020; Original: Oct 27, 2009

Memorial Day – American Holiday, The Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica, Updated: May 4, 2020

The Red Poppy – A Symbol of Remembrance

In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a physician with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields". Its opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders. This poem has been used at numerous ceremonies and has become one of the most famous works to come out of World War I.



Moina Michael read "In Flanders Field" in the pages of *Ladies' Home Journal* in the November edition. Being inspired by that poem she wrote her own poem in response – "We Shall Keep Faith".

As a sign of this faith, and a remembrance of the sacrifices of Flanders Field, Moina Michael vowed to always wear a red poppy; she found some red batch of fabric and made blooms for herself and her colleagues. After the war ended, she returned to the university town of Athens, and came up with the idea of making and selling red silk poppies to raise money to support returning veterans.

Michael's campaign to create a national symbol for remembrance—a poppy in the colors of the Allied nations' flags. In mid-1920, Georgia's branch of the American Legion adopted the poppy as its symbol. Soon after that, the National American Legion voted to use the poppy as the official U.S. national emblem of remembrance in September 1920.

Pruitt, Sarah. *The WW1 Origins of the Poppy as a Remembrance Symbol*
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PLEDGING IN HARD TIMES

First quarter giving statements did not go out in April – we could not work inside the office, plus who needed to be reminded with the crisis the country is in? We will plan on a 2nd quarter statement by email and will figure out a way to send paper copies for anyone who doesn't have email. Meanwhile, if you need a statement for any period, just let Connie or Miriam know and we can send an individual one from the software program we are using at home.

Pledging is going well! Please be aware that our treasurer, Larry Young, goes to the office regularly, opens mail and records all contributions on a spreadsheet which he sends to Jan Lawlor. Jan then records our pledges in our software program, Realm, so everything is credited to the proper person and account. Larry then makes deposits of all checks received, at least once a week.

If you are giving to the gift card appeal for the Windsor Food Bank, from now on, please write the check to Grace Church and put "FUNDit for Outreach" on the Memo line. Mail the check to Carol Flanagan, 20 Cornfield Rd., Windsor, Connecticut 06095. This way, your account will be credited with the donation (previous FUNDit purchases were an exchange of goods so they could not be counted as donations). We will go back and be sure that previous checks received will be entered as donations. A plus is that your gift to FUNDit, through Carol Flanagan, for Food and Fuel, is a way to help hungry families and still have the contribution credited as a gift on your Realm account, but not to your pledge.

We all know how important it is to honor our pledge for this is truly our only source of income at this time. It is totally reasonable to assume that all of our circumstances right now are not the same. We know that you will want to do what you can to keep our general operating fund up so bills can be paid. Grace Church understands that if you need, because of personal situations, to "take a break". God understands even more clearly our situation and will bless our giving and, as needs dictate, our taking care of ourselves at this time.

Stay healthy, safe, and let us find new ways to be generous Christians with our time.

Connie Hegarty and Miriam Rogers
Stewardship



FUNDit for Outreach

Since we are unable to purchase Fundit Gift Cards during coffee hour for our personal use, Carol Flanagan has come up with a great idea to help those who need help purchasing food during this pandemic crisis through the Windsor Food Bank. If you would like to participate in this Outreach program, please send a check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and **mail it to Carol Flanagan at 20 Cornfield Rd., Windsor, CT 06095.** Please write "FUNDit for Outreach" in the memo line. Thank you Carol for coming up with such a wonderful way we can help others during these trying times.

Celebrating Paul Cassarino's 98th Birthday

On Tuesday, May 12th, we celebrated Windsor resident and WWII veteran, Paul Cassarino, on his 98th birthday with a drive-by parade with fire trucks, sirens, columns of cars balloons, signs, lots of waving, and honking horns. The parade was organized by Karen LaClair and Tammy Girard along with members of Grace Episcopal Church. The drive-by parade was lots of fun.



1st Row: Lt. Col. Paul Cassarino (Ret.) and Colonel Brian S. McCullough (Maintenance Commander of the 145th Airlift Wing)
2nd Row: The Rev. Harry A. Elliott, III (Fr. Chip, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church), Bridgett M. Serino and Irma Nelson
3rd Row: Anthony Serino

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Cassarino is part of the greatest generation. At twenty-two years old, he served in World War II with the 447th Bomb Group of the 8th Army Air Corps. He flew in the crew position of Navigator, on a B-17 Flying Fortress Bomber. The Flying Fortress was primarily employed in the daylight strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets.

This campaign helped secure air superiority over the cities, factories, and battlefields of Western Europe. It softened enemy strongholds in preparation for the invasion of France. The B-17 dropped more bombs than any other U.S. aircraft in World War II. Exemplifying the Core Values of Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do, Paul flew thirty combat missions over Germany. The significance of that number speaks volumes about his character. Successfully completing twenty-five missions was your ticket home.

Like many veterans, Paul lights up when speaking about his military experiences, but when speaking of his wife, he lights up even brighter.

The Core Value of Integrity resonates within Paul. At ninety-five years old, he is a delightful “young” man. He shared with me that in 1945, he married the most beautiful woman he has ever known and that she took his breath away for the next sixty-nine years. He lost Phyllis to Dementia. Twice a day he drives himself to the cemetery to visit her grave to read to her passages from their Bible, tell her how beautiful she is, that he loves her and how he misses her.

(Thank you to Tammy Girard for this history)

In case you were wondering: Things at Grace are not standing still.

The Race and Reconciliation Committee hopes that when the church reopens, we can present the panel discussion with Andre Rochester and Zulynette. Last Friday, the diocese's Racial Justice Resource Coordinator, Kelli Ray Gibson, presented an informative and inspiring panel discussion via Zoom. Panelists discuss the prevalence of racism relevant to health disparities particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic, the history of white supremacy, and civic involvement opportunities. Several members of Grace's committee attended.

Building and Grounds Strategic Planning Subcommittee: To gain necessary information for moving forward the vestry and the SPCB&C Subcommittee had decided before the shut-down to obtain updated condition assessments of our two buildings. Fr. Chip has now given us the go-ahead for James Vance and Associates to do this work as long as they follow guidelines for social distancing and masks. Don't be surprised if you see them walking around and climbing up lifts to inspect the roofs, etc.

Submitted by Marcia Hinckley

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Windsor, Connecticut
March 10, 2020

Call to Order

Attendance

Present: Fr. Chip, Larry Young, Ian Rickard, Andrew Hutchinson, Ken Roach, Marcia Hinckley, Carol Devine, John Devine, Susan Burgdorf, Deb Hutchinson, Robert Dynak, Deacon Denise, JoAnne McLeod, Mary Wyse, Carol Blais, Bill Harvey, and Chuck Drake.

Absent: Max Kuziak, Karen Tiemann, Lou Lamphear, Gail Ladany, Dixie Lamphear, Carole Worm, Lois D'Emmanuele, Steve Bethke, and Gabby Hutchinson.

1. **Opening Prayers**

The March 10, 2020 Vestry Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by The Reverend Harry (Chip) Elliott with an Opening Prayer.

2. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Addition:

- 8. New Business
 - a. Sponsor Two Children to Camp Washington

Deletion:

- 7. Old Business
 - e. Gravel (completed)

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes, as written, from the February 11, 2020 Vestry meeting.

4. **Wardens' Reports**

Senior Warden Ian Rickard reported that he had a wonderful holiday on his recent trip to England. He noted how diverse the population in London is and how well everyone seems to get along. He felt that was of particular significance in light of Grace's conversations on diversity. Ian also commended Father Chip for his initiatives around safety concerning the Coronavirus. He felt that we have become an example to other churches. Ian stated that it would be prudent for the Church to provide a list of folks who would be willing to assist all those who may have to go into self-quarantine because of the virus; shut-ins may need food, supplies or a friendly voice on the phone. Father Chip said that he would ask our Parish Administrator, Bonnie Yosky, to send out a whole parish email to ask for volunteers to help with that endeavor. Father Chip also noted that the Food Pantry is available as a resource to those shut-ins who need food.

Father Chip went on to say that the only people who will receive communion from the common chalice are Father Chip and Deacon Denise; everyone else will be handed a disposable cup by chalice bearers wearing gloves. Hand sanitizer and Kleenex has been placed at the end of each pew. If someone does come down with the virus, all in contact with that person will be asked to self-quarantine for two weeks. Father Chip stated that we need to encourage the more mature in our congregation, especially those with pre-existing medical issues, to stay home from Church.

5. **Committee Reports as Needed**

- a. Buildings and Grounds

Father Chip stated that there was no new information to report. Bonnie has been doing a great job of renting out the Church for a variety of activities.

b. Strategic Planning

Chairman Ken Roach reported that within two weeks there will be a Strategic Planning Meeting.

i. Building and Grounds

Marcia Hinckley reported that Katrina Woodhouse and Dave Stender have been doing a wonderfully thorough job of interviewing all parties who use space in the Church; they have been asking how the space is currently being used, what more they feel they would like from the space and what they would like to see done with the space in the future. After gathering this information, prioritizing will take place. Marcia stated that the committee would like to know what their scope is and how many years into the future they should plan. Father Chip stated that the time frame is fluid as far as determining when things will happen. The Condition Assessment will help to provide clarity as to when tasks should be accomplished. A discussion took place regarding an addition that had been studied about twenty years ago.

ii. Mission and Ministry

Deb Hutchinson reported that the committee has been moving forward steadily and she predicted that their documents will be completed and given to the vestry by the beginning of the summer. She reported that under Sister Lorraine's guidelines, goal 1 was to grow our numbers. The committee sees that goal as more than increasing people in the Church; they interpret it as spreading the Word and being relevant in the community. They have established a Welcome Committee and they have established a rubric for usher training. The target date for these initiatives is Easter but they have been testing components of the initiatives already. A welcome packet for new parishioners has been designed and needs to be vetted. Deb stated that they are hoping to have the wardens meet with the committee chairs so that the initiatives can be discussed. Taping Father Chip's sermons is an ongoing goal. Goal number 2 was to work on the liturgy. They are looking at the feasibility of having the 5th Sunday be a creative Sunday. Connie Hegarty is looking into using a Celtic liturgy and have students sing. Another idea is to have senior acolytes act as greeters and read the psalm. Deb also reported that they would like to revisit having a Saturday worship service several times a year. She stated that the subcommittee hopes to be done May 31st.

c. Outreach

Deacon Denise reported that the next Outreach Committee meeting will be held on March 15th. There are a couple of Food Pantry fundraisers. Geri Harvey is selling Color Street Nail Polish Strips for \$12 a set, 4 for \$40. A donation of \$5 is being made to the Food Pantry for each package sold and Geri's vendor, Liz Miller, will generously donate \$2 each for the first 50 sets ordered. The Food Pantry has also been selected to participate in a food drive from 8 am to 6 pm at Stop & Shop on Cottage Grove Rd, in Bloomfield sponsored by Stop & Shop, NBC-TV and Telemundo TV. Food and monetary donations will be collected. The Rummage Sale will be held on May 9th. Church School students will be asked to represent Grace Church in the Shad Derby Parade in May. Deacon Denise also stated that she is looking for someone to volunteer to be the new chairperson of the committee. More members are also needed to serve on the Outreach Committee.

d. Food Pantry

Carol Blais reported the Food Pantry totals for the month of February. There was a total of 277 families served which represented 240 adults, 131 children and 102 seniors 65+. The pantry has distributed 19,130 lbs. of food which equates to 15,941 meals. Following Carol's report, a conversation took place regarding an upcoming meeting with representatives from the Town of Windsor and the library.

6. **Financial Reports**

Treasurer Larry Young distributed the Revenue and Expenditure Summary by Fund through February 2020. Larry explained that this report was abbreviated and different from other reports in that he noted

how much income had been distributed into and spent from each fund. In the Fund Balance Analysis and Cash Reconciliation through January 31, 2020 report, he noted the adjusted cash balances for each fund. Larry also noted that more new pledges have come in that were not in the budget; this helped to increase out Operating Fund.

7. Old Business

a. Tuttle House

Father Chip reported that the upstairs sink and toilet are not draining correctly in the Tuttle House.

Some of the electric outlets and lights are not working properly. Father Chip is working on finding a plumber and an electrician to look at the projects.

b. Diversity Training

Marcia Hinckley discussed the possibility of cancelling the program scheduled for March 18th which will feature two artists who will display their artwork as a vehicle for discussing diversity. Marcia stated that an invitation to attend the program was extended to First Church (because of our partnership with them on diversity issues) and to members of the Human Rights Commission. Marcia stated that a decision on cancelling will be made as more information is released regarding the spread of the Coronavirus.

c. Condition Assessment/Accessibility Study

Marcia Hinckley reported that Jim Vance is aware that the roof of the Church has more leaks. He will complete a condition assessment of the Church buildings, (Church and Tuttle House) for a cost of \$24,160. He will complete an accessibility study for a cost of \$8500. Marcia stated that Paul Senk completed a review of the accessibility issues of the Church property and submitted his findings in a letter and presentation to the Building and Grounds Committee. Marcia will send Paul's letter to the vestry so that they can review it. Jim Vance has said that since Paul's review was so thorough, he will incorporate Paul's information into his study and, as a result, the quoted cost for the accessibility study was a reduced amount. Marcia made a motion for the vestry to contract with Jim Vance and Associates to do a condition assessment and an accessibility study for a total cost of \$32,660 to be funded from the Tuttle Unrestricted Fund. The motion was seconded.

A lengthy discussion followed the motion. Marcia explained the parameters of the studies. The potential reimbursement from grants for the studies and/or for any required repair work that needs to be completed was brought up. The importance of completing the studies prior to any decisions by the Strategic Planning Committee was also debated. The motion was voted on and it passed unanimously.

d. Organ

Father Chip reported that the speakers above the choir are no longer working. Mark Child would also like to purchase new sets for the organ which would enable him to access more music and sounds. He volunteered to use a portion of his \$1000 payment for the organ repairs to split the cost of the speakers and the organ enhancement with the Church. A discussion took place regarding how much money is remaining from the amount set aside for the organ repairs. The vestry had voted to spend up to \$6000 for the initial organ repairs and \$6500 was collected from parishioner donations for a total of \$12,500. \$7100 was spent on the repairs leaving \$5400 still set aside for the organ. Comments by vestry members indicated that the remaining money should be spent on the organ enhancements and the choir speakers. It was noted that the original motion for the organ referred only to repairs to the organ and not the enhancements currently under consideration. A motion was made and seconded to add the word 'enhance' to the original motion so that the motion would read "...to repair and enhance..." The motion was voted on and it passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Sponsor Two Children to Camp Washington

Marcia Hinckley made a motion for absent vestry member Max Kuziak. The motion was to provide scholarships for two children to attend Camp Washington this summer for a total tuition cost of \$990 to supplement the \$100 per child given by the ECW. A discussion took place regarding how much the scholarship amount should be per child. Andrew Hutchinson will discuss the camp with church school

students to determine the amount of interest. A motion was made to postpone the original motion until the next vestry meeting.

9 **Questions and/or Comments**

- A question was asked regarding when new Church directories would be published. Father Chip stated that a new one will be published soon. A discussion took place regarding having a photo directory. Father Chip stated that he has had several companies approach him regarding photo directories and he will look into it.

10. **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

With no further business before the vestry, Father Chip made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried, and Father Chip led the vestry saying the closing prayer.

JoAnne McLeod, Clerk

Attachments: Fund Balance Analysis and Cash Reconciliation-January 31, 2020; Revenue & Expenditure Summary by Fund-January through February 2010.

May 2020

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10 Morning Prayer 11 AM Zoom Meeting	11 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	12 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	13 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	14 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	15 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	16 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting
17 Morning Prayer 11 AM Zoom Meeting	18 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	19 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	20 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	21 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	22 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	23 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting
24 Morning Prayer 11 AM Zoom Meeting	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	26 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	27 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	28 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	29 Compline Service, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting	30
31 Morning Prayer 11 AM Zoom Meeting						

June 2020

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God's love through
worship, education,
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Dates to Remember

- If there is news you feel should be included in the Chronicle, please let Bonnie know by e-mailing your announcement to:
bonnie@gracewindsor.org
- Please submit any information for the Chronicle by the 15th of the month.