



GRACE
Episcopal Church

October 2022

Service Times

Holy Eucharist, Rite II on
Sunday at 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I on
Wednesday at 7:30 am

Bible Study on
Wednesday at 11:00 am

Prayers for Healing on
Wednesday at 12:00 pm
with bag lunch following

THE MISSION OF GRACE CHURCH

*Gather in Christ, grow in
faith, and love our
neighbors*

THE VISION OF GRACE CHURCH

*Be a home where people can
connect with their faith,
to be in harmony with self,
others and God.*

The Way

Friends,

The arrival of October means that I have been serving as your pastor for a full year. Thanks be to God! Personally, it has been a time characterized by tremendous growth, and an exploration in learning just how faithful the Lord is. In the moments (and there have been several) of perplexity, He has time and time again proven more and more powerful, more abiding, more loving. In this time you have all proven yourselves patient and warm. It is a privilege to serve among you and to be priest at God's altar in this place.

This month is one of the more poetic ones. Cool days, changing leaves, and the signs of the harvest especially make the Delaware Valley all the more picturesque. The autumn though is traditionally associated with death, the passing away of the fruitful earth before the Winter. It is like mourning on Good Friday: we know that the story will end with life and the triumph of the spring, but we first have a ritual of decay, albeit one that looks pretty on a greeting card or as a puzzle. Life, death, and rebirth. It is an ancient cycle. We find it throughout the world's myths. But it was finally found true in the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is Lord of All, and even the changing seasons reveal it!

As of writing, our parish Bible Study of the Epistle to the Hebrews has now concluded and we are taking a brief recess as we prepare for our next study of Holy Scripture. Having tackled this theologically rich sermon, we will next be exploring the equally rich Gospel of John. This Gospel is a challenge for many. It is foreign in so many ways. The vocabulary, the imagery, the structure, it's all so different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke. I guarantee though that this is the kind of challenge you will want to sign up for. Holy Scripture is an adventure, a journey into the riches of the loving God who reveals Himself to us, and especially in His living Word.

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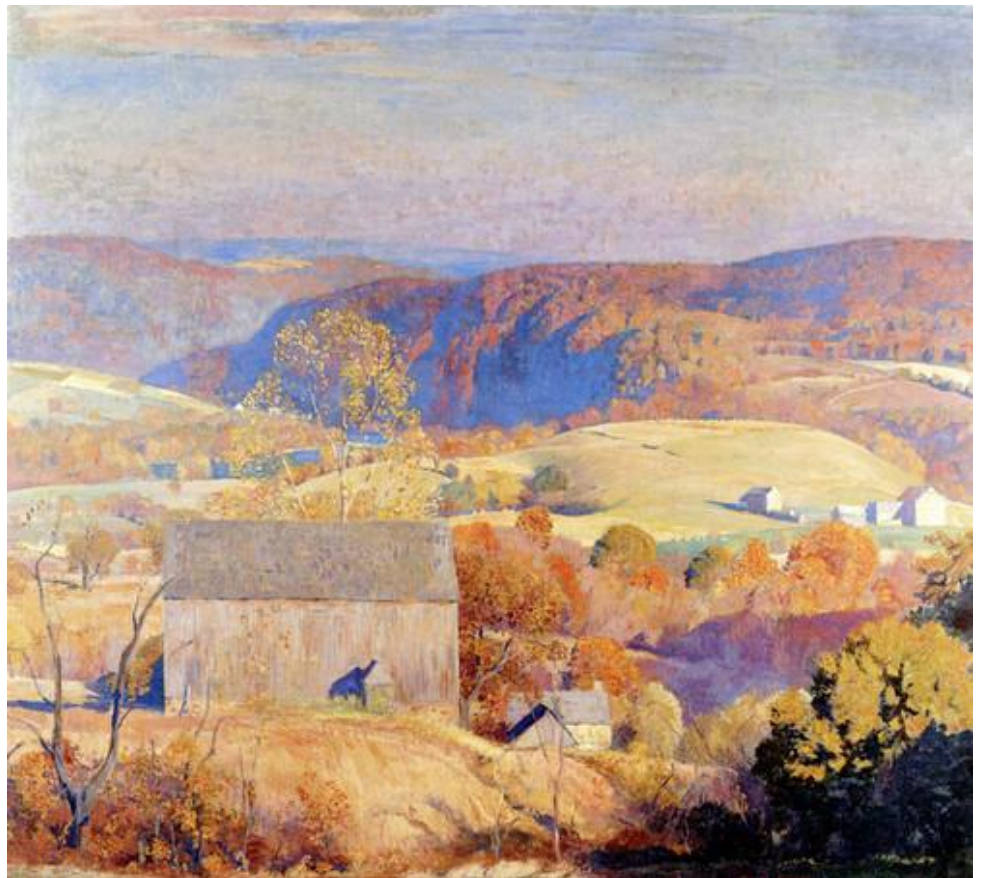
Articles for the November edition of *The Way* are due to the office by Monday, October 24, 2022.

All articles should be emailed to the Parish Administrator at gracechurchsec@verizon.net.

Looking further ahead, or perhaps not really all that far, before we know it we'll be at the beginning of the next Church year. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, it will be a mad dash to Easter before we know it! With the time remaining in this year, let's drink deeply of living water. Perhaps reflect: what new things did the Lord reveal to you? What seeds did He sow that you hope will come to fruition? Where did you fall short? And what requires attention? Now is the right time to begin to consider this sort of question. Together let's all then wait on God and see just what He envisions for us in this next season. I am certain He will again be found faithful and no hopes of ours will be found wanting. You all remain in my prayers. Faithfully, I am,

Your Friend and Pastor,

The Rev'd John M.W. Conner



October 2022 Calendar

October 2

11:00 am Worship

October 5

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

October 8

12:00 pm Baptism

October 9

11:00 am Worship
Parish BBQ
12:30 pm ECW Mtg.

October 10

11:00 am Bible Study

October 11

7:00 pm Property Mtg.

October 12

12:00 pm Noon Prayer

October 15

12:00 to 6:00 pm
Hall Rental

October 16

11:00 am Worship

October 19

7:30 Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg.



October 2022 Calendar continued

October 22

Diocesan Convention

October 23

11:00 am Worship

October 26

7:30 am Worship

11:00 am Bible Study

12:00 pm Noon Prayer

October 29

11:00 am to 3:30 pm

Theme Luncheon

October 30

11:00 am Worship

November 2022 Calendar

November 1

All Saints Day

November 2

7:30 am Worship

11:00 am Bible Study

12:00 pm Noon Prayer

November 6

Daylight Saving ends

11:00 am Worship

November 8

7:00 pm Property Mtg

October, 2022 A.D.

Kalendar and Intentions

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

1. S. Terese of the Child Jesus, V & D
2. **Pentecost XVII** Pro Populo
3. Feria
4. S. Francis of Assissi,
5. S. Faustina Kowalska, V. Share the message of Divine Mercy
6. S. Bruno, P.
7. Our Lady of the Rosary
8. BVM on Saturday
9. **Pentecost XVIII** Pro Populo
10. Feria
11. S. John XXIII, Po.
12. Feria
13. Feria
14. S. Callistus, Po.& M.
15. S. Teresa of Jesus, V. & Do.
16. **Pentecost XIX** Pro Populo
17. S. Ignatius of Antioch, B. & M.
18. S. Luke, Ev.
19. Feria Episcopal Indigenous Ministries
20. S. Paul of the Cross, P.
21. Feria
22. Feria
23. **Pentecost XX** Pro Populo
24. S. Anthony Mary Claret, B.
25. Feria
26. Feria Walsingham Shrine
27. Feria
28. Ss. Simon and Jude, Ap.
29. BVM on Saturday
30. **Pentecost XXI** Pro Populo
31. Feria

Anglican Curiosities

In some of the Kalendars in our Communion we also find being observed:

October 19th: Henry Martyn, P.

October 26th: Alfred the Great, K.

October 29th: James Hannington, B. and Companions, Mms.

November 2022 Calendar continued

November 9

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

November 13

11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm ECW Mtg

November 16

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

November 19

9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Holiday Bazaar

November 20

11:00 am Worship

November 23

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

November 24

Thanksgiving Day – Office
Closed

November 27

1 Advent
11:00 am Worship

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE DITTY BAG PROGRAM

Did you know that 90% of everything that comes into this country arrives by cargo ship? During the holiday season, The Seamen's Institute assembles Ditty Bags to give to the seafarers who arrive in our port during the holiday. They are away from their loved ones for months at a time, and their lives can be lonely and dangerous. The ECW is asking for any donation from the list below to help this program. A box marked "Ditty Bags" will be in the parish hall for your donations. If you want to make a donation but are unable to get to church, call Beverly Stoltz, 215-480-0391 to arrange for a pick-up. Monetary donations are also welcome. Put a notation "Seamen's Institute" on the check. All donations must be at church by Sunday, November 6, 2022. Thank you for your help.

Hats & scarves in dark colors

Work socks, work gloves

ChapStick

Nail clippers

Razors

Shaving cream

Playing cards

Hand lotion

Toothbrush, toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo

Comb

Pens & writing paper

Mini-sewing kit

Hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops

FULL SIZES, PLEASE FOR TOILETRIES

The ECW of Grace

LAY READERS & CHALICE BEARERS

We would like to have some additional Lay Readers & Chalice Bearers for Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please plan to join Fr. John on Sunday, October 9 at 10:30 am for a brief workshop. This workshop will also be a refresher for those who are currently serving.

November 2022 **Calendar continued**

November 30

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

December 2022 **Calendar**

December 3

9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Advent Retreat

December 4

2 Advent
11:00 am Worship

December 7

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

December 10

2:00 pm ECW Christmas
Luncheon

December 11

3 Advent
11:00 am Worship

December 13

7:00 pm Property Mtg

December 14

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

BAZAAR BASKETS

The ECW is asking each parish family to make and donate a themed basket for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th. The basket should be worth \$30 or more, a few suggested themes are Christmas, movies, Thanksgiving, etc. If you are not able to get out and make a basket, you can send in \$30 (checks made payable to the ECW) and members of the ECW will make up baskets. All baskets are due by Thursday, November 17th and any monetary donations need to be sent in by Sunday, November 6th.

THEME LUNCHEON

The Theme Luncheon will be Saturday, October 29 starting at 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. As you start your fall cleaning you may come across some slightly used or new items that you haven't used, please consider donating them to our Theme Luncheon. Please mark on them Theme Luncheon and put them in Classroom 1. We will collect things until October 2, 2022.

Sign-up sheets for the Theme Luncheon are on the bulletin board in the hallway. There is one for table hosts and one for those wishing to attend.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PRIZES/DONATIONS

Do you have a favorite hair stylist, auto mechanic, or any other business that you patronize? If so, please consider asking the proprietor if they would like to contribute a service or an item to be used as a prize during our upcoming Bazaar. Maybe a gift card or free pass to an event? Please see Cathie Miller or Sue Horger to provide the business's contact information, and we will take care of the rest. Thank you!

December 2022 Calendar continued

December 18

4 Advent
11:00 am Worship

December 21

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

December 24

Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Worship

December 25

Christmas Day
10:00 am Worship

December 28

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

MARY'S CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous support of Mary's Cupboard food pantry.

Below is a list of items that are currently needed.

Canned peas
Spaghetti o's
Canned Chicken
1 lb bags of white rice
Tissues
Paper towels
Clothes washing detergent

We have a LARGE quantity of peanut butter so we will not be in need of any. Thank you.

Any questions contact *Sonja Norton* 215-946-7559.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 – Parish BBQ
October 22 – Diocesan Convention
October 29 – Theme Luncheon
November 19 – Holiday Bazaar
November 24 – Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
December 3 – Advent Retreat
December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
December 10 – ECW Christmas Luncheon
December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent
December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24 – Christmas Eve service at 5 pm
December 25 – Christmas Day service at 10 am

Vestry Leadership

Senior Warden:

Bob Miller (215) 788-2972

Junior Warden:

Leon Horger
(215) 788-0720

Treasurer:

Langhorne Tax &
Bookkeeping

Building Treasurer:

Al Van Dine
(215) 943-1572

Clerk of the Vestry:

Cathie Miller
(215) 788-2972

Ministry Teams

Communication:

Sheron Drennen

Pastoral Care:

Doris Laino

Vestry Members:

Dennis Hickey,
Leon Horger,
David Jackson,
Bob Miller,
Edgar Seely,
Al Van Dine,
Joan Vurlicer.

PRAYER LIST

Just a reminder that the Prayer List in the Sunday bulletin is for those who have an immediate, short-term need. These names will be listed in the bulletin for four weeks.

The Prayer List in the newsletter and Noon Prayer bulletin will contain the names of those who have a long-term illness. The names on these two lists will be removed after two months if no new information is provided (in writing). All prayer requests must be in writing and must be submitted by Tuesday morning to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Sheron Drennen

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER

Alice	Mark
Brian	Mary
Dottie	Michael K
Gerry	Mildred
Jim	Oleg & family
Joan	Pat
Joe	Paula E
Kelly	Shirley H
Marcia	Shirley S
	Walter

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

12 - Aidan Habas
21 - Lisa Birnbaum

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

6 – Robert & Barbara Briegel
10 – Stephanie & Frank Schwendeman
29 – John & Cheryl Tranotti

