

Grace Notes

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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
(A Member of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries)



MARCH 2017

Pastoral Thoughts from The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak
... and Canine Thoughts from Cinder

The Joy of Companionship

The joy of companionship is often experienced in many different, and, sometimes, unexpected ways. The encouraging presence of God's Holy Spirit; the camaraderie of family members and friends; even the friendly presence of a stranger, and the special company of pets and stuffed animals are all varied types of companionship that bring comfort and joy.



I have recently rediscovered the unique delight that a furry, four-legged little friend can bring. Let me introduce you to Cinder, my six-year old 'puppy,' who is now a new member of the society of pets that belong to the BCM community.

I have known Cinder since she was truly a puppy because she used to belong to my in-laws. Sadly, my mother-in-law died a couple of years ago, and my father-in-law is facing a time of significant transition. On account of the changes in his life, he is no longer able to keep Cinder. In a moment of sheer spontaneity, Scott and I had jumped at the opportunity to adopt her. Cinder is proving to be a blessing in a small package. I now like to refer to her as my personal trainer since I can no longer use any excuses not to walk every day—a healthy, God-given habit that I very much enjoy, but, a practice that I was beginning to neglect.

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Cinder is getting used to living in Delaware. She has already met a few of you, members of the BCM, and, she can't wait to make more friends. Cinder has even attended her first Diocesan Convention.

I am grateful for the blessing of companionship in its varied forms. I am in awe of the close presence of the Holy Spirit with us. I am grateful for the people, and for the other sentient creatures that have, either been part of our lives in the past, or are currently keeping us company. Such a blessing is purely a wonderful gift of divine grace.

Faithfully,
Ketlen+



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

Counters:

3/5 Linda Helie, Tom Marshall
3/12 Nancy McCormack
3/19 Paul & Lil Miles
3/26 Bob McCormack

Ushers/Greeters:

3/5 Amy Diamond, Clark Gregg
3/12 Matt Bailey, Richard Fengl
3/19 Paul Miles, Margaret Palmatary
3/26 Linda Helie, Janet Poplos

Lectors/Communion Assistants:

8:30AM Service

3/5 Pat Markovic
3/12 Christine Gill
3/19 Barb Krieger/Alan Gill
3/26 Pat Markovic

10:30AM Service

Amy Diamond/Arianna Bailey
Richard Fengl/Sandy Tonjes
Sarah Long/Tom Marshall
Don Sparks/Paul Miles

Altar Guild:

3/5 & 3/12 Gail Haley, Arlene Nikaido-Lung, Nancy Craig
3/19 & 3/26 Jean, Tim, & Judy Young; Barb Krieger, Alan Gill, Carol Mazzenga, Barb Krieger

If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please arrange for a substitute and then call or email the Church Office with your replacement. Thank you for serving.

MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1	Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer, 10AM—Calvary Ash Wednesday Midday Service, 12 Noon—Grace Ash Wednesday Evening Service, 7PM—Ascension
Thursday, March 2	Creative Call, 7PM
Sunday, March 5	Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10:30AM—Rev. Chris Grocery cards available
Monday, March 6	BCM Communications, 6:30PM—Grace Place
Tuesday, March 7	BCM Lenten Supper & Study, 6PM-8:15PM—Ascension
Saturday, March 11	BCM Council meeting, 8:30AM—Ascension
Sunday, March 12	Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10:30AM—Fr. Ed
Tuesday, March 14	BCM Lenten Supper & Study, 6PM-8:15PM—Calvary Spring Flea Market Planning Session, 6:30PM—Grace Place
Wednesday, March 15	BCM Worship: Taize Service, 7PM—Calvary April Newsletter deadline
Thursday, March 16	Vestry, 7PM—GracePlace
Saturday, March 18	BCM Seminar: Myers-Briggs Follow-Up, 10AM—Parish Hall
Sunday, March 19	Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10:30AM—Rev. Ketlen Grocery cards available
Tuesday, March 21	BCM Lenten Supper & Study, 6PM-8:15PM—Grace
Friday, March 24	Spring in Talleyville—Brown Bag Concert—12:15PM
Saturday, March 25	Altar Guild meeting & luncheon, 9AM
Sunday, March 26	Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10:30AM—Rev. Chris Friendship Commission meeting, 11:30AM
Tuesday, March 28	BCM Lenten Supper & Study, 6PM-8:15PM—Ascension
Friday, March 31	Spring in Talleyville—Brown Bag Concert—12:15PM

From the Office

Hi, friends! We hope that our new monthly newsletter format is clear and easy to follow. The deadline for articles is always the 15th of each month, and the newsletter will go out the last week of the month. Next month we'll have our Holy Week schedule, information on the BCM Earth Day celebration, and more details about the Spring Flea Market. There is always a lot going on here at Grace!

Fondly, Twyla

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks for all who attended the Annual Meeting. It was a great turnout and a great opportunity to recognize the hard work that is being done at Grace, as well as the fine people doing it.

It was great to recognize Diane Wegner and Barbara Krieger for all they've done to jump in and create a fundraiser for the church. Over the past 3 years they have raised over \$3600 through the sale of the grocery cards. It was also a special honor to recognize Walt Schoenleber for all the years of service he has given for the Cemetery Committee. His work as the Treasurer has kept our records in good hands through many generations. Paula's beautiful painting of the cemetery was a great gift for such a tremendous service.

I hope that everyone will take me up on my request to help Grace determine its path in the coming year. It is my hope, as Senior Warden, for us to determine ways that we can contribute to the BCM and our own success. Please extend yourselves to assist and be willing to participate in any way that you can. You are my family and I want your help to make others feel the warmth and generosity that I feel as God leads us in this place.

Best Wishes,

Tom Marshall
Senior Warden

The Search for a Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Search Committee is now at the heart of its work: reviewing the applications of the 50+ candidates for our next bishop. We thank you all for your input, suggestions and engagement through the surveys, Town Halls, and development of our diocesan profile.

Critical to the integrity of the process is confidentiality. The Search Committee is dedicated to a process that: secures the confidentiality of the applicants; is respectful and pastoral in our interactions with each of them; and is one in which we hold each other on the Committee in prayer, have open and respectful conversations and exploration, and trust in the work of the Holy Spirit. Our target date is to produce a slate of three to five nominees to the Standing Committee in early May. You won't be hearing much from us between now and then.

We ask you to pray for us during this time of discernment. We ask you to pray for the candidates, who have already invested their time, soul work and emotional energy into this process. If you are a deputy to the electing convention in July, we ask that you familiarize yourself fully with the profile, especially "who we seek." We ask you to pray for our Diocese, as we look forward to this next chapter of our common life together as People of the Way.

Thank you for your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Martha Kirkpatrick and Mr. Steve Boyden
Co-chairs, Bishop Search Committee

Vestry Highlights

December 2016, January 2017 meetings

DECEMBER meeting:

- Treasurer: Report accepted, with status appropriate for the period.
- Property: Report accepted.
- Stewardship: 62 pledges reported; 84% congregational giving, totaling \$126,056—this is 88% of the proposed 2017 budget.
- Craft Fair Update: Approximately \$2,000 was made from the craft fair.
- An Alcohol Policy for Grace was requested by the Diocese. A document was created and accepted.
- Mark Foulsham is to be recognized for his ten years of service at Grace as our organist/choir master. Cathy Diamond will coordinate a surprise reception on January 7.
- Rev. Ketlen report: She discussed concern within the BCM about the lack of collaboration between the parishes. Efforts to increase involvement will be necessary.
- Treasurer Replacement: Rev. Ketlen & Tom discussed a meeting held with a bookkeeper. The treasurer role will be split between a volunteer treasurer from the congregation and a paid bookkeeper to handle check preparation and record keeping. Estimated cost of a paid bookkeeper is between \$3,000-\$3,600 per year.
- Nominating Committee: Three candidates for Vestry: Linda Adams, Amy Diamond, and Lynn Porro. Paula Hartzell recommended a representative from the 10:30AM service.

JANUARY meeting:

- Treasurer: Discussion on the deficit from 2016—income from outside groups offset the less-than-usual amount from pledges.
- Property: Discussion on ways to spend excess window funds, with ideas of replacing old hallway windows and/or waiting for recommendations from Energy Audit.
- Cemetery update: Tree work on church grounds is completed.
- Stewardship Update: To date, 64 pledges were received for a total of \$125,816. Follow-up letters and cards will be mailed to those who have yet to pledge.
- Holy Cow Update: Debriefing meeting will be on January 22 and February 19. Report to follow.
- Wooden Sign & Flags: Department of Land Use is requiring us to submit drawings of the location of the Adventure Camp sign and obtain a permit for it. Going forward, if other vendors wish to use flags along Rt. 202, they will need to obtain the proper permits to do so.

GRACE VESTRY MEMBERS:

2018: Amy Diamond, Nancy Craig, Tom Marshall, Sam Williams

2019: Jean Burton, Charlie Hannagan, Paul Miles, Sandy Tonjes

2020: Linda Adams, Lynn Porro



Grace Parish Cares

The importance of prayer is affirmed throughout the Bible. As a church, we are committed to pray, as it brings us closer to each other and to God. Our joys and celebrations, our concerns and sorrows—they are important to us. Please sign the prayer list on the table outside of the sanctuary or call the church office to add your petitions to our prayer list, or to get a name on the Prayer Chain, you can also contact Tom Marshall.

March Birthdays:

March 4	Karyn Osmundson
March 6	Diane Wegner
March 8	Christine Gill
March 8	Nathaniel Long
March 9	Stephan Lehm
March 13	Tom Marshall
March 21	William Fengl
March 25	Darrell Long
March 25	Amy Perkins
March 26	Linda Helie
March 29	Hank Dzielak
March 30	Nancy McCormack

March Anniversaries:

March 7	Michael & Lynn Porro
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In our Country's Service:

We keep Michael Mariner, Steven Michael Pascal, and Sean Williams close as they serve our country away from home.

Shut-ins:

Bill Hearn, Connie Mead,
Ethel Phillips, Margaret Wood

We are praying for . . .

Richard Purchase	healing	Edie Realey
Paul Philipson	incarceration	Eileen LeClerq
Mary Langrell	health issues	Joan Roberge
Suzanne Roberge	health issues	Joan Roberge
Mr. Hart and family	health issues	Arianna Bailey
McIntosh family	bereavement	The Miles family
Amy	operation	The Schoenlebers
Mandy	surgery	The Fengl family

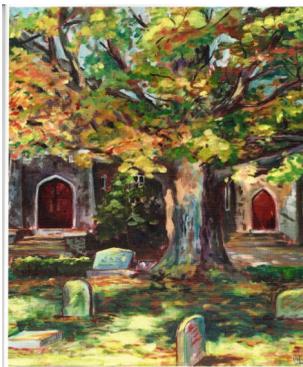
Sorrow shared is halved, and joy shared is doubled. (*Swedish proverb*)

OUTREACH NEWS



Join the **"100 Club"**. As you know we collect items for the **ditty boxes** throughout the year, so that we can wrap our goal of 100 boxes every December. We have been doing this for many years and it is much appreciated. This year several people mentioned that they would like to concentrate on one item for the collection. Bring in 100 pencils or 100 pairs of socks or 100 combs, etc. So we are creating the **"100 Club"** for those who want to focus on one item and collect that throughout the year.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board that lists the items for the boxes. Sign up to bring in "100" of one of them. Please talk to Tom Marshall if you have any questions.



Through the help of Paul Miles, we now have notecards of Paula Hartzell's painting "Traditions" available for sales. They are 5x7" notecards in packs of 5 with envelopes for only \$12 (limited time special price). The entire purchase price goes to the Marshall Fund of Grace Church, established to assist parishioners with special medical costs. Please designate Marshall Fund in the Memo line on your check. Contact the church office or Paula Hartzell.

Emmanuel Dining Room

One of our important areas of outreach at Grace is EDR. We provide a meal once a month to homeless or needy people in the area of Walnut Street in downtown Wilmington. Grace volunteers prepare this meal 10 times per year (the other 2 months, we use reserve). I am getting ready to make the new schedule which begins in November. Please consider giving 2 hours of your time to help make our macaroni and ground beef casseroles. We need 4 people per session, but 3 can do it. Am asking for 2 hours (or less) of your time to prepare this entrée'. Let me know—thank you.

Cathy Diamond



What's Goin' On?



FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

The Grace Altar Guild is taking a deep breath following the busy holidays. We would like to thank all the members of the parish who helped with the Greening of the Church on Sunday, December 18th. It was wonderful to have so many hands helping to set up and decorate. A special thanks to the youth who did the ladder climbing chores. The flowers were extraordinary this year, and for that we must recognize the many talents Carrie Fayda brings to the Guild. All the participants worked together to make sure this Christmas season was beautiful, serene and spiritual for our celebration of our Savior's birth. Thank you to everyone who joined the Altar Guild in the Greening.

We are looking forward to the New Year as we organize and renew.

Barb Krieger

"SPRING IN TALLEYVILLE"

CONCERT DATES: March 24, March 31, April 7
12:15PM—1PM

All concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch and join us for a musical celebration of spring! Punch and coffee are provided.



**Episcopal
Relief & Development**

Healing a hurting world

This year Grace Church will concentrate our Lenten efforts on sponsoring medicine kits to African community health workers. Kits are \$15 each, which will provide medicines and training for parents to recognize illness symptoms in their children.

ERD donation envelopes are available in the church hallway. Donations for ERD are accepted throughout Lent until Easter Sunday. Simply place your donation envelope in the Sunday offering plate, or place it in the Office mail slot in the choir room. Checks are made payable to Grace Episcopal Church (noting "ERD donation" on the memo line).

Thank you for donating to this worthy cause as a part of your Lenten discipline.

Looking Ahead . . .



GRACE EPISCOPALCHURCH

Saturday, April 29, 2017

8AM to 2PM

{RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 6}

Put the date on your calendars! There will be sign-up sheets available soon for all of the jobs that we will have—this is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! If you want to rent a space, they are \$20 each—registration forms are in the church office and will soon be in the church hallway.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 24– Friday, July 28

5:30—8:30PM (dinner included)

*I'm really excited about this year's program—**Hero Central** uses music, science, crafts, and games to help kids discover their strength in God!*

Please let me know how you are able to help—we need activity leaders, group leaders, and dinner coordinators.

Registration opens at the end of April—more information then!

Blessings,

Brenda

btgirlsnc@verizon.net



BCM NEWS

BCM Lenten Supper & Study "Mary: The Yin of Jesus' Yang"

For the five Tuesdays in Lent, a light meal begins at 6PM, followed by presentations from 7-8:15PM led by Paula Hartzell and the BCM Clergy. There will also be children's activities.



March 7	Ascension
March 14	Calvary
March 21	Grace
March 28	Ascension
April 4	Calvary

Jesus Christ is the center of our faith. Mary, his mother, has been the reflection of Jesus since the earliest days of the faith. Scriptures put her at the cross and at his first miracle. And yet, she is both ever present and elusive in our understanding. Join us as we explore how Mary became the means through which the Christian faith has expressed its understanding of Jesus as Christ. We will examine Mary in scripture, Western art and through our shared experience, focusing on developing understandings of Christ that shaped Mary's story. A guided activity will help you shape your own sense of what Mary means in your faith. Registration is requested, either with the church office or Paula Hartzell at (302) 428-1223 or pwhartzell@gmail.com. Can't attend every week? Let us know to help us plan.





PRAYER AND PERSONALITY

How Who You Are Affects How You Pray

Saturday, March 18, 2017
 10:30AM – 2:30PM (lunch included)

Sponsored by The Brandywine Collaborative Ministry

Location: Grace Episcopal Church

Instructor: The Rev. Christopher Chamberlin Moore

Cost: \$25

Do you sometimes wish you could have a richer spiritual life? Do church and conventional forms of prayer sometimes leave you cold? Do you often feel that there is a wealth of spiritual insight always just beyond your grasp?

Perhaps the problem is that you have embraced a one-size-fits-all style of spirituality. The fact is, there are as many kinds of spiritual practice as there are individuals, and there is one or more suited to exactly your personality and spiritual type. In this one-day Saturday program, sponsored by the Brandywine Collaborative Ministry and open to all interested persons, we will use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, as well as lively classroom discussion and presentations, to explore alternative forms of spiritual practice to find one or more exactly suited to you.

The instructor, the Rev. Christopher Chamberlin Moore, is the author of three books on vocation and spirituality, and has led religious conferences for clergy and lay people around the country and abroad. Chris is on the clergy staff of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministry in Wilmington.

To register, please send a check for \$25 to cover food and materials made out to GRACE CHURCH, and earmarked "Prayer and Personality", and mail it to: Grace Episcopal Church, 4906 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803, Attn: Twyla Evitts. For additional information, access the BCM website, at www.BCMde.org. (For those who have never taken the Myers-Briggs, there will be a preliminary session from 9:15 to 10:15 immediately preceding the program itself).

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The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak, Covenant Rector
The Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Pease Jr., Assistant to the Rector
The Rev. Christopher Moore, Assistant to the Rector

Worship Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 8:30AM—Chapel
10:30AM—Choral Service

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**“We are a tree of life rooted in God’s love
branching out to embrace all.”**

**“Our mission is to be a wellspring of
spiritual sustenance, providing support for
faith, friendship, and service.”**

