

Grace Notes

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(A Member of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries)

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Pastoral Thoughts from The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

A Modest Gift of Renewal!

The exquisite flowers that made Church of the Ascension, Calvary, and Grace look absolutely gorgeous on Easter Day contributed to the joy our congregations felt as we praised God together in our respective sanctuaries on this special day of Christian remembrance and hope. The abundance of flowers also makes me think of the great blessing that we receive from God through the gifts that come to us from the earth. It is evident that the earth, more than ever, needs us to bless it with our loving attention and diligent care. Hence, on the first Saturday during this Eastertide a small group of us gathered at Church of the

Ascension to worship and clean up a stretch of public land near the parish as well as other hard-to-reach areas on the grounds of the church.

The group gathered at 9 a.m. to first enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared by Chrissie Lockwood. At 9:30 a.m. Father Chris Moore led us in worship and by 9:45 a.m. we were on our way with gloves and bags



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in hand to do our part to clean up a small corner of God's beautiful earth. It was also a fitting contribution on our part to the celebration of Earth Day.

Our group felt a great deal of satisfaction as we filled up several bags of trash and recyclable items. Another gratifying part of the morning, at least for me, was the appreciation that two persons who live in a nearby neighborhood expressed as they walked by and saw us in action. This spontaneous expression of gratitude on the part of two strangers made me realize how our seemingly small effort to clean up a patch of land was actually a tangible way for us to bless our neighbors.

Easter is about renewal, and the restoration of the earth, even in the most modest of ways, relates to God's deeper promise of resurrection. Easter blessings to each and everyone, and may our alleluias be about celebrating the signs of renewal that God brings to us in the present, and about the sure promise of the fullness of new life that is yet to come.

"Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!" (Psalm 150:6 NRSV)

Faithfully,
Ketlen+



VESTRY MINUTES—March, 2017

- Treasurer: Report accepted.
- Property: Tom is working on getting permit for wooden sign along Rt. 202. Fumes in Parish hall are coming from the chimney. A request has been made to use the wall heaters and not the main heater.
- Cemetery report accepted.
- Treasurer Replacement: Discussion about filling position with both volunteer and paid positions. More information is coming soon.
- BCM Updates: The BCM will be sending a logo and five slogan choices for feedback via Survey Monkey. Youth leaders are organizing a "Stone Rolling" bowling event for April 15. Rev. Ketlen is asking for people to be involved with BCM Outreach Committee.
- New business: Working on options of using electronic sign to advertise Adventure Camp, Chesapeake Crabs, and Farmer's Market. Looking at taking automatic electronic payments for offerings. A BCM Pentecost service and picnic will be held here at Grace—looking for help.
- Renovation Projects: 1) expanding the hallway between the main church and chapel. 2) Looking into fixing up the studio apartment attached to the Rectory for renting. 3) Discussion on remaining Diocesan funds.

MAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

Counters:

5/7 Nancy McCormack
 5/14 Linda Helie, Tom Marshall
 5/21 Sandy Tonjes, Matt Bailey
 5/28 Paul & Lil Miles

Ushers/Greeters:

5/7 Amy Diamond, Clark Gregg, Paul Miles
 5/14 Matt Bailey, Richard Fengl, Margaret Palmatary
 5/21 Jim Fagley, Bob & Nancy McCormack
 5/28 Linda Helie, Paul Miles, Margaret Palmatary

Lectors/Communion Assistants:

8:30AM Service

5/7 Pat Markovic
 5/14 Christine Gill
 5/21 Barb Krieger/Alan Gill
 5/28 Pat Markovic

10:30AM Service

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

Altar Guild:

5/7 Jean, Tim, & Judy Young; Barb Krieger, Alan Gill, Carol Mazzenga
 5/14 & 5/21 Carrie Fayda, Lil Miles
 5/28 Gail Haley, Arlene Nikaido-Lung, Nancy Craig

Vestry Lock-Up:

5/7 Sam Williams
 5/14 Amy Diamond
 5/21 Nancy Craig

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.

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

MAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 2	Christian Education meeting—7:30PM, Grace Place
Wednesday, May 3	BCM Worship: Morning Prayer—10AM, Calvary BCM Staff Meeting: 10:45AM-1PM, Calvary Grace Church Office closed until 1PM
Saturday, May 6	(Rain date for Spring Flea Market) Spring Sidewalk Sale—8AM-12PM, Calvary Spring Tea—2-4PM, Ascension
Sunday, May 7	Holy Eucharist—8:30 & 10:30AM—The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak Grocery cards for sale Coffee Hour Celebration for Bruce & Lynn Phillips
Thursday, May 11	Creative Call—7PM, Parish Hall
Saturday, May 13	Market Fair—8AM-2PM, Ascension
Sunday, May 14	Holy Eucharist—8:30 & 10:30AM—The Rev. Chris Moore Mother's Day Breakfast—11:30AM, Parish Hall
Wednesday, May 17	BCM Worship: Taize service—7PM, Calvary
Thursday, May 18	Vestry—7PM, Grace Place
Saturday, May 20	BCM Trip: Glencairn Tour
Sunday, May 21	Holy Eucharist—8:30 & 10:30AM—The Rev. Dr. Ed Pease Grocery cards for sale
Monday, May 22	Church Office closed
Tuesday, May 23	Article deadline for June/July issue of "Grace Notes"
Sunday, May 28	Holy Eucharist—8:30 & 10:30AM—The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak

CHAPEL & CHURCH SCHEDULE



May 7 - June 4:

Two services, 8:30AM in Chapel, 10:30AM in Church

June 11 - September 3:

One service, 9:30AM in Chapel

September 10 - at least through September 24:

Two services, 8:30AM & 10:30AM - both in Chapel

OUTREACH NEWS



Episcopal
Relief & Development
Healing a hurting world

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT: Thank you to everyone who donated—we collected \$680 for the medical kits that are given to the medical workers in Africa. Your gifts are very much appreciated.

The **Ditty Box “100 Club”** campaign is going well—check out the bulletin board and sign up for saving up “100” of an item for the year. Just sign the list or let Tom Marshall know what item you want to focus on, he’ll “reserve” it for you. Thank you.



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to all who participated in the Flea Market preparation and the day of the event. It was a great success and since it is one of the two major fundraisers for the church during the year, and it’s great to have so many take an active involvement in it. Beautiful day and many thanks to all.

On May 7, we will be having a special coffee hour after the 10:30am service to express our thanks to Bruce Phillips, who has served voluntarily as Treasurer for so many years. He and Lynn will be moving to downstate Delaware and we will miss them. Bruce has dedicated many hours of service to Grace and the BCM, and we will be eternally grateful. Please join us if you can to celebrate the contributions that both have made to our church.

We begin our ice tea socials in June after the 10:30am service. Please sign up to help with this delightful gathering after service. It will either be in the choir room or outside under the trees near the parking lot, depending on the weather. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall.

Please gather your non-perishables for our May 21st Ingathering. This will be out pre-summer gathering for the Claymont Community Center. During the summer months, the stock level gets low while the need continues, so we try to help them stock up before the summer months. Please bring your bag of non-perishables and leave in the hall between churches. During the summer we will have baskets near the altar and ask you to drop off your donation on the way to Communion to keep us all aware of this constant need in our community.

Tom Marshall
Senior Warden



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.

May Birthdays:

May 3	Kathryn Lyons
	Arlene Nikaido-Lung
May 6	George Dallas
May 8	Susan Fengl
May 12	Elena Fayda
	Andrew Raab
	Katherine Raab
	David Lyons
May 18	Amy Diamond
May 21	Abigail Golden
May 22	Greg Golden
May 24	Logan Fields
May 25	Jennie Heckscher
May 28	Mary Collica
May 30	Nancy Craig

May Anniversaries:

May 2	Charles & Frances Allmond
	George & Marilyn Dallas
May 18	Richard and Susan Fengl
May 19	John & Mary Langrell
	Tim & Brenda Trageser
May 22	Don & Leigh Sparks
May 25	Jon & Donna LaRue

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

Sorrow shared is halved, and joy shared is doubled.

(Swedish proverb)

Prayer List

We are praying for . . .

Suzanne Roberge	health issues—cancer	Joan Roberge
Richard Purchase	healing	Edie Realey
Tim Trageser	broken foot and healing	Grace Church
Gardner Powell	healing from surgery	Margaret Palmatary
Carol Beckett	eye problems	Joan Roberge
Barbara Brown	health issues	The McCormacks
Richard Purchase	healing	Edie Realey
Zac, Bob & Joe	healing	Edie Realey
Jack Runkle	health issues	Janet Poplos
Easterbrooke family	bereavement	Clark Gregg
Fire victims in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, & Colorado	loss of life and property	Mary Ann Marshall
Caroline Allen	leukemia and chemotherapy	Amy Diamond
Tim Snyder	surgery	Amy Diamond
Chuck McCabe	lung problems	Doris Cummings
Jaclyn Koveleski	lupus	Lauren Dzielak
Richard Realey	healing	Edie Realey
Paul Philipson	incarceration	Eileen LeClerq
Andrew Berry	chronic pneumonia, epilepsy, cerebral palsy	Donna Cuddahy
The Sam Williams Family	bereavement for loss of familymembers	Etta Williams
The friends & family of Col. Stephen Braddock	bereavement	Edie Realey
The Rt. Rev. John Said	health issues	McCormack family

If you have a name to lift up in prayer or would like to be a link in the prayer chain, please contact the church office or Tom Marshall at (302) 475-0767 or tmmata2@comcast.net.



What's New this Spring?



A heart-felt thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents, money, and food—the spring flea market was a great success! We filled 109 spaces for the day, and everyone had a good time. We are already looking forward to the fall!

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Have you noticed the picture on the wall in the Parish Hall by the front doors? It is the photo that was taken last Pentecost (2016). What a good-looking group!! Be sure to take a look. *Cathy Diamond*

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A NOTE FROM THE BCM PASTORAL CARE TEAM: "Each parish of the BCM has a point person for the pastoral care team: at Calvary, Barbara Bradley; COTA, Sandra O'Tanyi; at Grace, Nancy Craig, or through the office administrator who will notify us. We can provide Eucharistic visitors, prayer visits, and a caring presence to let our members know we have not forgotten them. We can take flowers, bulletins, newsletters and other tokens or mementos to our members who need a visit. We are here for you."

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The May/June issue of "Forward Day by Day" is out and ready to be picked up for your daily devotions. Large print and small portable editions are in the church hallway.

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Looking Ahead to . . .

Iced Tea Socials

With summer coming, our Coffee Hour will be turning into Iced Tea Socials, as we fellowship together outside.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to serve as a social host. These are much simpler than Coffee Hour, and we have a short set of instructions we will send you to make things easy. You can also pair up with someone—it's up to you!

Please sign up and support this vital part of our Sunday worship experiences.



Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 24– Friday, July 28

5:30—8:30PM (dinner included)

Vacation Bible School is on its way—**Hero Central** uses music, science, crafts, and games to help kids discover their strength in God! Registration is open now—contact me to register and to help out!

Blessings,

Brenda

btgirlsanz@verizon.net; (610) 368-5507

BCM Bus Trip:



Building on last year's successful trip to see the Saint John's Gospel manuscript at the Biggs Museum in Dover, members of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministry, and their guests and friends from throughout the Diocese, will have a unique opportunity on Saturday, May 20, to travel to Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, to see Bryn Athyn Cathedral and the Glencairn castle museum. The trip is open to all members of the BCM churches as well as all interested persons.

The cost of \$65 per person covers bus transportation, a personalized guided tour of the Cathedral and home, and lunch at a local restaurant.

Glencairn was built between 1928 and 1939 by Raymond Pitcairn in a style based on medieval Romanesque architecture. For forty years it served as a home for Raymond, his wife Mildred, and their large family. Viewing the stone towers and turrets of the castle museum, and later walking through the Medieval style rooms, visitors often remark that the mood and atmosphere remind them of Hogwarts in the Harry Potter movies. The Pitcairns were members of the New Church, a Christian denomination based on the Bible and the writings of the Swedish theologian Emanuel Swedenborg.

The castle museum now serves as a display area for religious art and history. The renowned collection includes Christian medieval art as well as art from ancient Egypt, the ancient Near East, ancient Greece and Rome, and objects from Asian and Islamic cultures. Artwork in the Cathedral was created by Bryn Athyn Studios, located on the property, producing handcrafted artwork in in stone, wood, metal and stained glass for the Cathedral and castle. If the weather is good, there will be ample opportunity to walk the spacious grounds of the Cathedral and the castle. A note: the buildings at Bryn Athyn are handicap accessible in that there is an elevator in the main house for those who do not wish to climb the stairs.

Participants will board the bus in the parking lot at Ascension Episcopal Church, at 3700 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont at 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 20. Arriving at Bryn Athyn between 10:30 and 11:00, we will tour the Cathedral and then leave for lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards we will return to the Glencairn castle for a tour of the house. We will arrive back at Ascension by 6:00 PM.

Bryn Athyn/Glencairn

To register:

- * Call Mary at (302) 764-2027 to reserve your space(s) or fill out the form below to accompany your check
- * Make your check (\$65 per person) payable to:
Brandywine Collaborative Ministries (earmark *Bryn Athyn Tour*)
- * Return the form and your check to:
Mary Morgan
Calvary Episcopal Church
304 Lore Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19809

For more information, you can :

- 1: Call (302) 764-2027—Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 8:30AM—12 Noon.
- 2: Speak with the BCM priests:
The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak, Father Ed Pease, and Father Chris Moore.
- 3: Go to www.glencairnmuseum.org. A limited number of color brochures will also be available in the churches during the coming weeks.

EARLY REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED.
BUS SPACE IS LIMITED.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 15

Bryn Athyn Tour Registration

Name: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ # of People: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Grace Episcopal Church

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Wilmington DE 19803

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—Church

Grace Place Office

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Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays—10AM to 3PM
Wednesdays—10AM-12PM; 1-3PM

Social Media:

Website: www.gracedelaware.org
Facebook: [Graceepiscopalchurchde](https://www.facebook.com/Graceepiscopalchurchde)
BCM Website: www.BCMDE.org



**“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.”**

