

Guide to Grace: Sept – Nov 2017

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Sundays: 9:15 – 10:15

Ages 3 – 6: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 7-10: Godly Play

Middle School: Rite 13

High School: Journey to Adulthood

We give thanks for the many ministers, teachers, and parents who have stepped forward to revive this aspect of our common life.



serving meals at the Pathways Center on September 10, October 8, October 30, November 12 and December 10th. This is a one-time, hands-on commitment. Show up at 5:00 pm to Pathways 179 Hemlock St. Waynesville, NC 28786. We serve at eat at 6:00 pm.

Food Pantry: We are always looking for volunteers for the Food Pantry. It is open from 10 – 11:00 am Monday through Friday. Contact Coordinator Susan Williams (swilliams330@bellsouth.net) to learn more.

ADULT FORMATION

REVS UP FOR THE FALL (SEE ENEWS FOR DETAILS)

9/03: Sacred Children, Sacred Trust.

9/10: Dying Well: Being Mortal, Part I"

9/17: Recovery Ministries in the Episcopal Church.

9/24: The Order of St. Luke:How do we carry out Jesus' healing ministry today?

October 1: Parish Leadership Update

October 8: St. Francis Celebration

October 15: What do deacons do?

October 22: All about Change,

November 5: All Saints Celebration

GIVING & SERVING

Serve a Meal to Hungry Neighbors: Grace Church is responsible for preparing and

SPECIAL GATHERINGS

Wellness Weekend September 23 & 34

September 23: Yoga for Grace Retreat, 9 – 12:00 pm. Designed for all ages above 13 and ALL BODIES. Come join us.

September 24: **Recovery Eucharist-** 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Grace Church has a strong commitment to 12-step programs. Come see how our ancient liturgy aligns with the wisdom of 12-step programs.

October 8: **Blessing of the Animals** at the 10:30 am Eucharist. Weather-permitting we'll meet on the lawn. Bring a blanket and a pet! All are welcome!

Stewardship Gatherings:

October 8 – 16. Watch eNews for how to sign-up.

November 5: **All Saints/ Consecration Sunday / Baptisms (10:30 am)/ Harvest Feast Potluck** following the 10:30 am liturgy

November 12: **Veterans Memorial Plaque Installation** in Grace Memorial Garden, following the 10:30 am liturgy.

SAVE THE DATES: Annual Meeting, Sunday, December 3.

Advent/Christmas Party, Sunday, December 10.

Grace Giving Garden: The garden is thriving and fall crops are about to be planted. We plan a Harvest Feast Celebration on Sunday, November 5 and will invite all our gardening partners. To help with the harvest feast, or learn how else to “get your hands dirty” in the Garden, contact Emily Chatfield-Lusto (echatfeildlusto@gmail.com).

“Undie Sunday:” On October 1st, our Outreach Committee collects underwear and socks for school children in need in our community. The items are donated to “Clothes to Kids” who distribute them as needed.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP: SERVING ON THE VESTRY

At our December Annual Meeting, all baptized members who have contributed to the parish in the last six-months are eligible to vote for new Vestry members.

Q: How are decisions made at Grace Church?

A: Leadership in the Episcopal Churches is divided among the four orders of ministry: Laity, Deacons, Priests and Bishops, all leaning on the presence, power, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. At the parish-level, most day-to-day decisions are made by the Vestry, Clergy, and Staff and Ministry Team leaders. The Vestry and Rector work together to discern how the Spirit is inviting us to grow as a community. Generally, the Vestry takes the lead for financial and property aspects of the Church and the Rector takes the lead on the spiritual aspects.

Q: What does it take to be a good Vestry member?

A: Listening skills – both to God and to one another; flexibility; a sense of humor; a commitment in both word and deed to support Grace’s ministry. A complete job description is on our website. Go to the website and look under “Welcome” and then “Vestry.”

Q: How can I learn more?

A: Consider attending a Vestry meeting, the third Tuesday of the month at 6:10 pm. They are open to all members. Talk to someone a current vestry member or the rector. Read the minutes of our meetings posted on the bulletin board. Watch the eNews for more information about the Vestry nomination process.

“Serving on Grace Church’s Vestry has been one of the most meaningful spiritual experiences I’ve had.” - Jim Moore, outgoing Senior Warden

GRACE CHURCH WELCOMES ALL

Over the last few months, we have welcomed six new families into our midst: John & Donna Culp, Dale & Marcia McDonald, Jack Giest, Gekxy Hernandez, Michael, Valerie & Kristian Gracie. Other families are thinking about joining us. Our next **Newcomer Meet Ups** are **Sept 14** and **Nov 9**, hosted by Vestry members. Watch your eNews for details

HI! MY NAME IS.....

Each Sunday make it a goal to greet someone you don’t know well. Wear your nametag. Please consider parking in the back or in the municipal lot diagonally across from the Church.

Missional Priorities for Grace

To grow in mutual love for one another specifically by improving our ability to communicate across difference.

To develop a vibrant ministry to children, youth and young adults.

To cultivate a culture of “welcoming” that engages each person’s spiritual gifts.