



Grace Notes

October 11, 2019

Where we Meet

This week I finally met them. I am writing from my residential gathering with my “Thriving in Ministry” peer learning group for clergy women in leadership. For a year, we have been meeting monthly by Zoom, dialing in from New Jersey, to Maryland, to Kentucky, to Texas. Each of the seven of us (some, like me have recently taken on new roles; some are discerning next steps) are seeking to grow in our leadership for the Church. We are a community of learners, encouraging and challenging each other in the practices that make us better priests and pastors, and in living out of the fullness of God’s love and grace.

Our work together grows out of the case studies we then share about situations in leadership that have stretched us to the edge of our ability. Our peers and mentors reflect with us, not on mistakes, or on moments “success,” but on the experiences and encounters that bring us right up against our confidence and our competencies.

We meet at the threshold. Month after month, we listen carefully to one of our colleagues describe a time that has led her right up to that edge-space, and then in the questions and conversations that follow, we generate insight and wisdom. As we are willing to meet one another at the threshold, we all grow.

Who are the friends and partners that meet you in that space as you grow in your life in God?

Where at Grace conversations like this help us in our growth and faith together?

Where are we being called to meet at the threshold?

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenni".

This Weekend

Saturday, October 12

Soup for Syria

11am-3pm on the Parish Lawn

Join us for the 3rd annual Soup for Syria Tasting and Soup Sale sponsored by the Grace Episcopal Church Women. There will be an encore of past favorites plus new homemade selections from the Soup for Syria Cookbook. Come for a taste and support this food relief effort for Syrian Refugees. All proceeds go to the U.S.A. for U.N.H.C.R. (United Nations Refugee Agency). \$5.00 for a cup of soup or a tasting of all the soups. Cookbooks are available at Inkwood Books 4 doors away.

Sunday, October 13

CVS Flu clinic

Sunday October 13th, Beginning after the 8am service, First floor parish house

Once again, Grace will be hosting a Flu clinic, offering high dose and regular flu shots on Sunday, October 13, after each worship service. Most insurance plans are accepted and, in the case of someone who does not hold medical insurance, personal checks will be accepted. Children between the ages of 12-18 must have a parent present and submit completed forms which will be provided. Members of the community are also invited to take advantage of this offering.

Faith Renewed starts 10:45am

Sundays October 13th – November 17th, during Formation Hour (10:45-11:45 am)
Third Floor open space, parish house

Faith Renewed is a 6-week class led by Rev. Jenni for all adults at Grace seeking to review, reexamine, or deepen their faith. The class explores basic principles and practices of the Christian faith from an Episcopal perspective. The class is offered at this time to allow those newer to Grace or the Episcopal tradition to consider Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation with the bishop, in late November. It is meant for adults at all stages who would like to take a fresh look at faith! Contact Rev. Jenni (rector@gracehaddon.org) to find out more.

Happening Now

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday, 10 am in the Parish Hall Library

Do you find yourself a bit bored, bothered, or bemused by the Old Testament? The Bible study has just started reading and discussing a book that may be perfect for you. "*Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*" by Ellen F. Davis explores stories of the Hebrew

Scriptures in ways that bring them very much alive for deepening our relationship with God in our everyday experience . Books are available to purchase through Grace. Drop-ins always welcome!

Cooper Episcopal Consortium Way of Love 50 Day Bible Challenge

Wednesday, October 16, 1 pm at Jersey Java

Let's see what happens when six local faith communities spend time in Scripture for 50 days, reflecting on practices for a Jesus-centered life.

How to participate 1) Purchase or download *The Way of Love: 50 Day Bible Challenge*, available on Amazon. 2) Start reading Sunday, October 13! 3) Meet up with others to discuss. You can attend all or drop by for some of the discussions. The first one will be hosted by Rev. Jenni at Jersey Java. For more information contact Rev Jenni by email, rector@gracehaddon.org or Betsy Murphy by email formation@gracehaddon.org.

Friends Helping Friends

ECW/St. Anne's are selling \$5 coupons for Boscov's Dept. Store. The coupons are good for 25% off at Boscov's Department Store on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 8 am to 11 pm. The \$5 collected from the sale of each coupon will be used for ECW's many outreach projects. Be on the lookout for an ECW member selling the coupons or contact Gretchen Poliero with questions.(Friends Helping Friends)

Grace Gardeners ~ Pardon our Appearance

Please forgive the appearance in the front of the Parish Hall. Grace Gardeners is preparing to install a fountain. It will be installed sometime in October, and is being hand-made. If you have any questions, please see Gretchen Poliero or Ellen Berntson.

Upcoming

Book Club

The next meeting will be Monday, October 14 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Hall parlor. Denette Beluch will lead the discussion on the October selection, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. The Guardian calls it, "... a treatment of racial and social division and the fragile complexities of nature relevant to contemporary politics and ecology.

Knit Wits

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 19 at 10 am in the Parish Hall library. All who are interested in yarn crafts, beginner to advanced, are invited.

Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's

Saturday, October 19 from 11 am to 2 pm the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's will be open. It is located at 88 North Dudley Street, Camden, NJ 08105. Thank you to all who have been leaving donations in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from medical evaluations to heating up sandwiches and sorting clothes.

Annual Giving 2020

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to annual giving for 2020. We are grateful for every gift, a reflection of joy and generosity!

There are two ways to make gifts to Grace Church that you may not have considered: Gifting Stock and Distributions from an IRA. As always, we advise you to consult your financial planner or tax advisor as you consider these. A summary from Rob Gallo, the chair of our finance committee, is below...

Gifting Stock

If you have stock, which you have owned for at least one year, and which has appreciated in value, you might want to consider donating it to Grace Church in payment of your pledge, Capital Campaign commitment or for any other cause. By doing this, you will avoid paying federal income taxes which otherwise would be due on the amount of the capital gain in your stock. At the same time, you can claim the full amount of the value of the appreciated stock on your Federal tax return if you are itemizing deductions.

When you donate appreciated stock in this manner, you are relieved of having to determine the cost basis of the donated stock, something you would have to do for tax purposes if the stock is sold and you received the proceeds. Determining this basis can be difficult and time-consuming especially if it's been held for many years, or accumulated by periodic purchases such as dividend reinvestment.

IRA Distribution

Under current Internal Revenue Service tax laws, individuals who are required to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA, may direct their distribution, in any amount up to \$100,000, every year, as a charitable deduction to a tax-exempt organization such as Grace Church. The donation must be made DIRECTLY from an IRA to the tax-exempt organization receiving the donation. Distributions made in this manner are not subject to Federal Income Taxes, whereas other distributions from an IRA are taxable. Thus, the donor effectively receives a tax benefit as a result of lower reported income. Donations made in this manner, on the other hand, are not deductible as a charitable donation if, for example, you choose to itemize deductions on your tax return.

It is important to note that RMD's made from a 401(k) or 403(b) account do NOT receive this favorable tax treatment. However, if the account is rolled over into an IRA, the favorable tax treatment is allowed.

Thank you!

To those who donated at the Blood drive on September 17.

The Red Cross received 16 productive donations, which will help 48 hospital patients in need.

To those who helped with the Annual Fall Rummage Sale.

You helped to make it a success.

Thank you to those who generously support Grace at the Threshold through the gift of their financial commitment in 2020 (as of 10/7):

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SAVE THE DATE

October 2019

- **10/12** ~ Haddonfield Fall Festival, 10 am - 5pm
- 10/12 ~ Soup for Syria, 11 am - 3 pm
- **10/13** ~ CVS Flu Clinic, 7:30 am - 12 pm
- 10/13 ~ Faith Renewed: Adult formation, 10:45 am
- **10/14** ~ Finance Committee, 7 pm
- **10/15** ~ Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- **10/16** ~ St. Anne's Guild Meeting, 10:30 am
- 10/16 ~ The Way of Love Bible Challenge at Jersey Java, 1 pm
- **10/19** ~ Knit Wits, 10 am - 12 pm
- 10/19 ~ Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's, 11 am - 2 pm
- 10/19 ~ Grace Brewers, 12 pm - 4pm
- 10/19 ~ IHOC Annual Dinner, 6 pm - 9 pm
- **10/20** ~ Faith Renewed, Adult Formation 10:45 am
- **10/21** ~ Vestry meeting, 7 pm
- **10/22** ~ Camden Convocation Meeting @ St. John's Chews Landing.
- **10/23** ~ The Way of Love Bible Challenge at Cafe Fontana, 7:30 pm
- **10/25** ~ St. Paul's Food Bank 8 am - 9 am
- 10/25 - 10/27 ~ Haddonfield Council of Churches, Feed My Starving Children food packing
- **10/27** ~ Faith Renewed, Adult formation, 10:45 am

November 2019

- **11/2** ~ Kids Alley lunch makers, 9 am
- 11/2 ~ All Parish Renewal of Ministry, 11 am with Bishop Stokes
- **11/3** ~ Foxfire sale for St. Anne's Guild, 8:45 am - 12 pm
- 11/3 ~ Parish House Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am
- 11/3 ~ Faith Renewed, Adult Formation, 10:45 am
- 11/3 ~ Kitchen Committee, 11:45 am
- 11/3 ~ Formation Committee, 11:45 am
- **11/4** ~ Property Committee, 7:30 pm
- **11/5** ~ The Way of Love Bible Challenge at Holy Trinity Church in Collingswood, 7:30 pm
- **11/9** ~ 1st Saturday Breakfast, 7:30 am
- **11/10** ~ Faith Renewed, Adult Formation, 10:45 am
- **11/11** ~ Finance Committee, 7 pm
- **11/12** ~ Project Interaction, 7:30 pm

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<p>Recurring Events</p>	<p>Sunday Holy Eucharist, Rite One, 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, 9:30 am Children & Youth Faith Formation drop off, 10:40 am St. Michael's Singers Rehearsal, 11:45 am AA, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday Family Zumba, 7 pm</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Thursday Bible Study, 10 am Adult Choir, 7 pm Grace Speakers, 8:30 pm</p> <p>Friday Thrift Shop open, 10 am - 4 pm</p> <p>Saturday Thrift Shop open, 10 am - 4 pm</p>