

Grace Notes – August 15, 2017

Dear Grace Church,

As promised, I am sending a summer edition of Grace Notes with information and dates to note. In these days of continuing national struggle around issues of inclusion and justice it is especially important to gather together to renew our commitments to service and sacrificial love. Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan in response to the question, "who is my neighbor?" The same question is asked of us, and we pray for the courage and faith to root our values and our actions in the radical, life-giving Good News of Jesus Christ. You can read Bishop Dietsche's most recent pastoral letter to the diocese here:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102067254998&ca=39522e6d-c124-429d-b3a4-1df1c67cc831>

Please note the following initiatives and events, and join us!

- Our **Waterfront Worship and Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10th** at Maceachron Park (near Harvest-on-Hudson). We will celebrate an informal Eucharist and then eat together. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided, please bring a side or dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. All are welcome!
- The start of the school year is just around the corner. If you are able to grab some school supplies to donate to local youth in need, we will be collecting offerings in a bin at the back of the church and delivering them to the Hastings Youth Advocate's Office.
- Our **Sunday schedule will change on September 17th** to contemplative Holy Eucharist at 8:30am, Sunday school at 9:45am (in the Parish Hall), Holy Eucharist with choral music and hymns at 10:00am with coffee hour following.
- **Confirm not Conform for young people in grades 7, 8 and 9 will begin on October 15th**. *Please let me know if you have someone interested in exploring faith and preparing for Confirmation next spring. Adult inquirers classes will begin in January.*

You have received the letter outlining our celebration of **Grace Church's 150 year anniversary on Saturday, September 30th**. Please join us for a church tour at 3:30pm, refreshments at 4:00pm and Choral Evensong with Bishop Dietsche officiating at 5:00pm. This is an important moment in our common life, so please make every effort to be present and rejoice with us!

Looking ahead, our **Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22nd (during and after worship)**, our first **Grace Community Table will be on Saturday, November 4th**, and our next **Breakfast Run will be on Sunday, November 5th**.

See you in church,

Anna

| <u>This Week</u> | <u>Coming Up</u> |
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| Sunday August 20 | Sunday August 27 |
| Holy Eucharist - 10:00am | Holy Eucharist - 10:00am |
| Coffee Hour - 11:00am | Coffee Hour - 11:00am |