

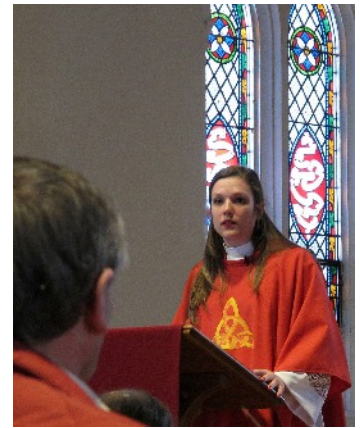
Grace Notes

News from Grace Episcopal Church, Amherst

May 2017

Holy Week & Easter

Thanks to Nancy Lowry for the photos!



Outreach

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Our April Outreach Offerings brought in \$8386.70

To be divided evenly between three organizations; NuDay Syria, Welcome Home Northampton Refugee Resettlement Fund, and American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). .

Thank you for your generosity!



Not Bread Alone

Not Bread Alone is a community meal program that offers FREE homemade, hot meals and groceries to anyone in need. Meals are provided three days a week and on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas in the lower level dining room of the First Congregational Church in Amherst, 165 Main St. Grace Church members volunteer on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30-2:30. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chris Hoffman (hoffman@cs.umass.edu)

Come to a **Gospel Choir Concert to benefit Amherst A Better Chance (ABC)** on **Tuesday, May 16th**, at Grace Episcopal Church, Amherst. The concert starts at 7:30 PM and features the Amherst Area Gospel Choir, the Amherst Regional High School Chorale, and the Gospel Choir at Amherst College. A reception immediately follows the concert. A Donation of \$20 (or more!) from each concert-goer will be gratefully accepted, but all who wish to celebrate the ABC Program through gospel music are most welcome!

Palestinian Oil



Palestinian olive oil will be available for sale by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in the connector following the service February 5th and before the start of the annual meeting. It is first cold press, organic and fair trade. Olive oil is sold on the first Sunday of each month. The proceeds from the sale enable Grace to provide a scholarship for a student at the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center in Ramallah.

Ongoing Interfaith Vigil Against Drone Warfare

12:00 noon

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

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Welcome Newcomers!

We are a community striving to be fully alive in the glory of God — in our life together, in our participation in the sacraments, and in our efforts to respect the dignity of every human being.

Come worship with us, join our Music Ministry or the Altar Guild, help out with Sunday School, or join us in service at the Interfaith Cot Shelter, Craig’s Doors, or Not Bread Alone. Try knitting a prayer shawl, or grab a shovel and help us to plant our new gardens in the spring! We hope that you will join us and find a home where you can discover the life of Christ that dwells within you and that needs community to find its full expression.

We look forward to seeing you in Church, at gatherings in the Parish Hall, or at coffee hour after services, in the Connector. If you are new here, please fill out a blue “Welcome card” (found in the pews). Just place it in the collection plate, and indicate if you would like to speak with a member of the clergy.



The word liturgy comes from the Greek, meaning the work of the people. It signifies that our worship is a communal response to and participation in the sacred. It is not something in the exclusive realm of the clergy or any other group. We all participate and we all contribute. This year, Lent and Holy Week were further blessed thanks to the textile work of two parishioners. June Gaeke finished the beautiful Rose Pulpit Fall which is to be used for the Third Sunday of Advent and the

Fourth Sunday of Lent (the Rose Sundays). For Maundy Thursday, we reinstated the striking Pelican Altar frontal which was designed and made by Gary Niswonger. Many thanks to June and Gary for the work they have done in enriching our worship!



Puppets for the 150th celebration at Pentecost!

Are there puppet makers out there?! We need puppets for our Pentecost Procession. The ideas can come from Grace Church founders and early members’ professions. Here they are: stable keeper, militia captain, merchant tailor, dry goods merchant, physician, shoemaker, coal dealer, lawyer/judge, wooden tool manufacturer (planes), laborer, lawyer, bank trustee, postmaster, farmer, druggist, fancy painter, hotel/tavern owner, dentist, building contractor, photographer, private school headmaster, dentist, real estate broker, butcher, book-news-stationary seller, boot store owner, paint shop owner, wood turner, dealer of wool-meat-hides-fertilizer, stagecoach owner, and carpenter!

Please contact Mary Hocken 413-549-8773, 413-537-0215 or melizhocken@gmail.com if you would like to join the procession on June 4th with your puppet or just enjoy making one!!

COME SHOVEL AND RAKE!

May 20th, 9-noon

Time to nurture the gardens by spreading compost at Grace Church, so please come to help!

Contact, Jeffrey DeSantis jeffrey_desantis@yahoo.com, 256-0690 or Mary Hocken melizhocken@gmail.com, 549-8773 for info.



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Who's been sitting in my pew?

In the 1940s there was a children's hand-game in which a child interlocked the fingers of both hands and made a double fist, "Here's the church..."; then, with index fingers pointed upward, "Here's the steeple..."; then opening the thumbs, "Open the door..."; and finally, "And see all the people!" while wiggling the exposed fingers. What follows is a 2017 version of this game which, instead of fingers, opens the Archives of Grace Church and the genealogical and census data, with a little help from Google, to reveal the individuals who sat in the pews of Grace Church from 1866 to 1869 in the first round of pew rentals in the newly completed building.

The original floor plan by the architect, Dudley, showed nineteen rows of pews, each in four sections, two on each side of the center aisle numbered (beginning at the rear, the west) from 1 to 76, with odd numbers on the north and even numbers on the south. The plan allowed seating for 342 worshippers (assuming five people per pew in the center section, with four per pew in the side aisles,) not counting the choir and clergy.

The newspaper account of the consecration of the building, however, includes the following sentence: *The Church gives ample kneeling accommodations for four hundred and twenty persons,...* Where were the additional 78 seats...or kneelers?

The parish ledger book, hand-written by O. G. Couch, the clerk-treasurer, includes on its first eight pages the accounting of the first pew rental which occurred shortly after the parish voted "that the pews be appraised yearly, on or before the first Monday after Easter, and be rented at the annual meeting at public auction, at not less than the appraisal, by bid for the choice of the same." The pews, in 22 rows, were numbered from 1 to 88 (beginning in the east) allowing seating for 396

Seating Plan for Grace Church in 1866

Entrance			
87	43	44	Boltwood 88
85	41	42 Sisson	Davidge 86
83 Cowles	Stebbins 39	40 Daniels	Billings 84
81	Aldrick 37	38 Mayo	Smith 82
79 Hall	Hall 35	36 Bangs	Spooner 80
77 Fisk	Kingman 33	34 Fisk	Ward 78
75 Palmer	Belden 31	32 Ward	Lovell 76
73 Ball	Palmer 29	30 C. Brown	Thomas 74
71	Couch 27	28	Perry 72
69 Spear	25	26 Nash	Students 70
67	W. Cutler 23	24 Conkey	Students 68
65 Blanchard	21	22	Students 66
63 Mather	19	20	Students 64
61 Deuel	Stratton 17	18 Allen	M. French 62
59 Marsh	Cook 15	16	Pease 60
57 Galland	Shepard 13	14	White 58
55 Galland	Burnham 11	12 Jones	Kenfield 56
53 Perry	9	10	Baker 54
51 Abercrombie	Belden 7	8	52
49	L. Boltwood 5	6 Merrill	Emerson 50
47	3	4 Emerson	48
45	1	2	Kellogg 46
Altar			

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worshippers. (Perhaps the 420 figure was based upon more people per pew than the current assumption or included the choir seated in the alcove.)

The high, the low; the rich, the not-so-rich; the successful tycoons and the day-laborers; the old families who originally settled Hadley, and the new-comers; those who stayed for generations, and those who left or died shortly after the new church was established... these shadowy remnants of people sat, stood, kneeled, and fumbled with the Prayer Book and hymnal just like we do today on the same chestnut pews...although there are only 15 rows remaining of the original 22. As constructed, there were four rows in front of the current pews and three behind, leaving just enough space in the back to provide access to the side-aisles.

The pew rental fees included in the following paragraphs are for a 3-year period.

So,... "See all the people!"

Center Aisle, starting in the east; odd numbers to the south, even numbers to the north.

Pews 1, 2, & 3 Not rented Perhaps these were for the Rector's family or special visitors.

Pews 4 & 50 The Emerson Family Pew Rental \$ 15 and \$ 6

Mother: Sarah (Sally) Elvira (Cheney) Emerson (1801 – 1900)

Children: John Milton, Philicia Heman, Frances Joshephine, Alma Filia, and Laurentia E.

The pews were rented by John Emerson, Esq., presumable for his mother and sisters. He and his sisters were second-cousins of Ralph Waldo Emerson. John was a graduate of Amherst College. He became a successful young lawyer who had studied with Ithamar Conkey, but decided to try his luck in New York City. His health failed, however, and he died, without marrying, in 1869 at the age of 43. Pew 50 may have been reserved for servants or student tenants.

Pew 5 and 88 The Boltwood Family Pew Rental \$ 22.50 and \$ 6

Husband: Lucius Boltwood Esq. (1792 – 1872)

Wife: Fanny H. (Shepard) Boltwood (1807 – 1888)

Children: Lucius Manlius, George S., Charles, Edward, Thomas, and Samuel.

Lucius was a lawyer and secretary/treasurer of Amherst College. The Family lived in the Boltwood Mansion on the site of Converse Hall just one block south of Grace Church. Fannie Boltwood was the younger sister of George Champlin Shepard, the donor of the tower. Lucius was president of the Amherst Bank. The Boltwoods hosted the "cream" of society...governors, poets, orators, and great thinkers. Lucius Boltwood was an important benefactor of Grace Church upon his death.

Pew 6 The Merrill Family Pew Rental \$ 22.50

Husband: Calvin Merrill (1797 – 1872)

1st Wife: Cordelia Amelia Leonard (1802 – 1836) married in 1821

Children: Eliza L., Caroline H., Lucy E., Harriet O., Frances J.

2nd Wife: Fanny Dickinson (1805 - 1872) married in 1851

He was one of the original trustees of Amherst Academy in 1815 and was active in the founding of the college. Shortly after the founding of Amherst College, the Charity Fund fell \$15,000 short of its \$50,000 goal. When the legislature was about to investigate, with enemies accusing the college of being a fraud and a failure and calling for its closure, ten

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Amherst men signed a bond to provide the necessary funds... and one of them was Calvin Merrill, a respectable farmer who lived near the college. In census data, he frequently listed his occupation, not as a farmer, but as "Gentleman." When Calvin remarried at age 54 after 30 years as a widower, it was the gossip of Amherst. Emily Dickinson wrote a deliciously snarky letter to her brother Austin about Calvin Merrill's remarriage in 1851 to Fanny Dickinson-Thompson-Benjamin. (Her third marriage.) "...for the sake of the widowed lady for the third time a *bride*, I hope her buried Lords are buried very low, for if on some fine evening they should fancy to *rise* I fear their couple of angers might accompany them, and exercise themselves on grooms who erst were widowers, and widows who are brides." He was the oldest of all the founders, officers, vestry, or early congregants of Grace Church...older than "Old Mrs. Emerson" who sat directly in front of him. Fanny Merrill was elected one of the first Directresses of the Women's Sewing Society.

Perhaps, ultimately, Calvin was most famous for being the father of Harriet O. Merrill, one of "the Five," a circle of friends of Emily Dickinson while attending Amherst Academy. Emily once referred to her as a "lost sheep," because she was the first to leave their little group to teach in Pittsfield.

In 1872, when Fannie died, Calvin left Amherst to live with one of his daughters in Grand Rapids, MI, where he died a few months later. His body was returned to Amherst and he was buried in West Cemetery.

Pew 7 The R. Belden Family Pew Rental \$ 30

Husband: Rufus Hibbard Belden (1809 – 1870)

Wife: Henrietta Howland (1817 - 1902)

Children: unknown

Rufus Belden was a physician and a Founding Vestryman of Grace Church. He attended Amherst College in the class of 1835, remaining two years. He then graduated from the Pittsfield Medical Institute. For several years he practiced medicine in New York City and Brooklyn, then returned to continue his practice in Amherst. He was a leading physician with several articles in the New England Journal of Medicine and several cases which received national attention. In 1866, Dr. Belden was involved (in a supportive role, not the principal target) in a highly publicized case of medical malpractice which, today, we would attribute to the limited knowledge of sanitation and antibiotics. The gruesome details of the case will not be reviewed here, but can be found in Daniel Lombardo's book, "A Hedge Away," published in 1997.

Pews 8, 9, &10 Not rented

Pew 11 The Burnham Family Pew Rental \$ 37.50

Husband: George Burnham (1817 – 1893) born in East Hartford, CT

Wife: Harriet Brett (1818 – 1896) born in CT

Children: Ethelbert Dewitt and George William

George Burnham was a founder and the first Senior Warden of Grace Church. He, with Harriet, moved to Amherst 10 Apr 1841 taking a position as journeyman plane maker in the workshop of Luther Fox whose workshop was located near the Fort River in the eastern part of Amherst. Within one year, George, along with Hiram Fox, Benoni Thayer, and Aaron Ferry bought the business and carried it on for about two years. Then George bought-out his partners and carried on the business for several years before selling to a Middletown, CT firm.

George then switched his business by buying presses for forming straw hats. He pressed hats for L. M. Hills and other hat-makers in the Valley. He also owned a stone mill for grinding corn, a steam plant, and a saw-mill. Later, he formed a partnership with Steven W. Gilbert for making ax handles, but the partnership lasted less than a year and he continued the business with ten employees. In 1855, his business had an income of \$30,000. On the 22nd of July, 1858, one of the buildings was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm, setting a fire which destroyed the entire plant. Burnham immediately rebuilt, bigger and better.

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At the 1864 organizational meeting of Grace Church, George Burnham was elected senior warden of the temporary vestry. At the 1885 meeting to form the corporation, Mr. Burnham served as moderator and was elected senior warden of the newly-elected vestry. Harriet Burnham was the first recorded member of the Women's Sewing Society and one of the first elected Directresses.

In the spring of 1871, with Grace Church on a firm footing, George and his family moved to Worcester where he continued various business interests until his death in 1893. He was buried in West Cemetery. Harriet was buried there 3 years later.

Pew 12 The Jones Family **Pew Rental \$ 37.50**

Wife: Mary Hubbard Field (French) Jones (1804 – 1879)

1st Husband: Theodore Francis French (- 1828)

Children: Mary Field, Theodore Francis1 Jr., and Theodore Francis2

2nd Husband: Thomas Jones (1787 – 1853)

Son: Samuel Minot Jones

Wards: her nephews, Eugene Field and his brother Roswell

Mary Jones, a wealthy widow in 1864, played many important behind-the-scenes roles in the founding of Grace Church. A detailed description of her life was included in Chapter 1. The first organizational meeting was in her home at Amity Street and Lincoln Avenue. She was well-educated at the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY and was the “hub of society” in the small town of Amherst.

Pew 13 Charles Upham Shepard **Pew Rental \$ 41.25**

(1804 – 1886) Born in Rhode Island, he was the younger brother of the Rev. George Champlin Shepard, the donor of the tower of Grace Church. Charles, like his brother, graduated from Amherst College in 1824. Unlike his brother, he specialized in mineralogy, first as lecturer at Yale, then at the Medical College in Charleston, SC. Then he came back to Amherst College in 1845 as professor of chemistry and natural history until 1877. While in Amherst, he lived in the Boltwood Mansion with his younger sister, Fannie. His brother (donor of the tower) and his wife Sally probably shared this pew when they visited Amherst. Also, other members of the Boltwood Family might have used this pew for the “overflow” from the family’s pew, #5.

Pew 14 Not rented

Pew 15 The Cook Family **Pew Rental \$ 45**

Husband: Enos Foster Cook (1816 – 1909)

Wife: Sarah Jane White (1817 - 1905)

Children: Henry, Frederick L., and Mary M.

Enos Cook came to Amherst in 1847 and for many years ran a stage route to Turners Falls and later to Northampton. He lived on Lessey Street near Main, currently 30 Boltwood Walk, the location of Johnny's Tavern. He was one of the original incorporators and the first president of the Amherst Savings Bank which opened for business in 1865 and he retained that office until his death. Also in 1865, Mr. Cook purchased the stage route between Amherst and Northampton, and he conducted this business until the Central Massachusetts railroad was opened in 1887. But with all these accomplishments, the 1870 census lists him as “Farmer.” He was a founder of Grace Church and he was a vestryman from its inception until his death. The fountain in Sweetser Park was donated by Mr. Cook. He was famous for his landau carriage and four, matched, grey horses...and his civic efforts. He would meet returning Civil War soldiers at the depot and take them for an impromptu parade through the town to welcome them home.

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2nd Wife: Lucy Jane Hall (1834 -)

Daughter: Martha E.

As a young man, Frank was a deputy sheriff in Amherst. In 1850, his occupation was listed as “Merchant.” In the 1860s, he was still living in Amherst, but he was the proprietor of the Mansion House Hotel in Northampton. In 1865 he bought the Amherst House, but five years later he sold it to Ithmar Conkey and E. F. Cook. His home was at 257 Main Street. In 1880, he was back at the Mansion House with his son who was working as a clerk. He was an early communicant of Grace Church, and later served on the vestry.

Pew 34 & 77 The Fiske Family

Pew Rental \$ 26.75 & \$ 11.25

Husband: Edwin J. Fiske (1828 - 1881)

Wife: Martha A. (1835 - 1891) born in RI

Children: Evelyn, Sarah E., and Lillian L.

Charles Fiske was a barber. The Fiske Family lived in a two-family home with the family of David Warner, an upholsterer.

Pew 35 The J. A. Hall Family

Pew Rental \$ 22.50

Husband: Julius A. Hall (1826 - 1885) born in Blandford

Wife: Caroline Augusta Cushman (1827 - 1890) born in Amherst

Children: Frederick A. He died in 1869, age 18.

Julius graduated from Amherst College in 1847. His wife was descended from the influential Cushman family of Amherst. In 1865, the Halls were living in Frank Kingman’s hotel; Julius’s occupation was “Ticket Master R. R.” (Their pew in Grace Church was directly behind the Kingmans’s.) In the late 1870s Julius maintained an insurance business in the Gunn Hotel.

Pew 36 The Bangs Family

Pew Rental \$ 22.50

Husband: Edward Dwight Bangs (1839 – 1917)

Wife: Frances (Fannie) Ann Ward

Child: Isabel W. Bangs

In 1865, Edward was 26-years-old and living with his mother, Hopey Bangs. Edward first worked as a clerk, then became a dry-goods merchant. In 1883, he was Justice of the Peace. He was a member of the committee that brought electricity to the Town and was a trustee of the Amherst Water Company. He was the Town Clerk and Treasurer from 1880 to 1887 when he became president of the Amherst Savings Bank.

Pew 37 The Aldrich Family

Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Husband: Charles P. Aldrich (1832 -)

Wife: Elizabeth S. (1832-)

Children: Willis, and Mary M.

In the 1865 census, the family was living in Amherst with Charles’s parents as additional occupants. Charles’s occupation was listed as “Livery Keeper.” He owned the stagecoach line from Amherst to Northampton and beyond; the rate to Springfield was \$1. Passengers who lived within one mile of the town center were called-for free of charge. He was an early member of Grace Church. Circa 1868, Charles sold the stage line to J. J. Young and the family apparently left Amherst.

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Pew 38 The Mayo Family Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Husband: Henry A. Mayo, b. 1842 – aft 1920)

Wife: Ella A. Dunham, (1845 – aft 1920)

Children: none in 1865

Henry Mayo was born in Wellfleet, MA. In the 1865 census, his occupation was listed as “Merchant Tailor” with a business in Amherst.

This family is not found in Amherst after 1869. Henry died in California.

Pew 39 The Stebbins Family Pew Rental \$ 15

Husband: William E. Stebbins, (1828 – 1890)

Wife: Sarah E., (1835 – 1878)

Children: Mary E., Lizzie M., and Cora L.

William Stebbins owned a livery stable located behind the Phoenix Block facing the north end of the Common. In 1865, the census shows the Stebbins Family living with the younger Draper Family... Lorenzo, a hostler and probably an employee of William; his wife Ellen; and their daughter Carrie.

In 1872, a disastrous fire consumed several barns and businesses, among them, William’s livery stable of 35 horses. He rebuilt, but was burned-out again in 1879. This time he built next to the Amherst House. His business was a great success; in 1882 he reported operating “on sleighs ninety-eight consecutive days this winter.” He sold his business in 1883 and remained in Amherst.

Pew 40 The Daniels Family Pew Rental \$ 15

Husband: A. H. Daniels b. 1820

Wife: Martha, b. 1823

Children: Alvin, Charles, & George

The Daniels were residence of Northampton. The census listed his occupation as “Jobbing.

Pew 41 Not rented

Pew 42 The Sisson Family Pew Rental \$ 11.75

Husband: Taber T. Sisson (1839 - 1919)

Wife: Alma M. (1840 – 1888)

Daughter: Ida Mae

Taber Sisson was the proprietor of a small house-hotel, the Union House, just east of the railroad tracks on Main Street near the depot. The house had been built by the railroad for one of its employees. In 1865, he had eight live-in guests.

The hotel was the site of a famous love-triangle murder-attempt that did not involve the Sissons. Neither party was judged guilty...just drunk and stupid.

Pew 43 Not rented

Pew 44 Not rented

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South Aisle, starting in the east

Pew 45 Not rented

Pew 47 Not rented

Pew 49 Not rented

Pew 51 The Abercrombie Family Pew Rental \$ 9

Husband: Stillman Abercrombie, (1830 – 1904) born in Pelham

Wife: Frances Wallace Cook, b. 1830

Children: Clara, Robert, Webster, Annie

In 1850, he was living with his parents in Pelham. His occupation was listed as “Carpenter.” Stillman Abercrombie was, first, the “blower” (operated the bellows) and then the organist for Grace Church. He was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served as a musician at the rank of Private in Co G, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. In the 1865 Census, he was living in Amherst with his wife and children; his occupation is listed as “Tanner,” although the writing is difficult to read. In 1891 he received a pension for his military service. In 1897, he filed a patent for an “ash sifter.” He died in Springfield. Both Stillman and Frances are buried in West Cemetery.

Pew 53 R. D. L. Perry Pew Rental \$ 9

Rodolphus D. L. Perry (1831 –)

In the 1850 census, Rodolphus was a 21-year-old painter living with (perhaps) a brother, James, a plane-maker, in Amherst. In 1865, he was a “Machinist” living in Boston’s 11th Ward. So why did he rent a pew at Grace Church in 1866? Did he rent it for his parents or brother? No record of his birth can be found, so the names of his parents are unknown.

Pew 55 & 57 The Galland Family Pew Rental \$ 11.25 & \$ 15

Husband: George P. Galland (1815 – 1888)

Wife: Adeline E. Blanchard (1822 – 1900)

Son: George J.

The Gallands (sometimes spelled “Gallond”) were both born in Petersham and married there in 1847. Apparently the Gallands came to Amherst frequently. There were several Galland families living in Amherst,...perhaps relatives. They rented a pew in 1866. Their son George courted and married (in 1875) Mary Stebbins, whose family worshipped at Grace Church (pew 39.) By 1880, the elder Gallands had moved to Amherst and George J. was employed as a deputy sheriff. The Gallands were buried in West Cemetery.

Pew 59 The Marsh Family Pew Rental \$ 15

Husband: Merrick Monson Marsh (1822 – 1905) born in Montague or Leverett

Wife: Louisa Bartlett (1823 -)

Children: Edwin Dwight and Charles Dwight

Merrick Marsh was born in Erving, Ma, and came to Amherst at the age of 16 to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker with the firm of McKinney & Bangs. Several years later, about 1844, he went to Brattleboro, Vt., for a brief time, and thence

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to Enfield, Mass. After a short interval spent in other places he finally returned in 1846 to Amherst. The shop in which he had apprenticed was at that time owned by Hiram Fox. Marsh bought the business and engaged in business for himself as a cabinetmaker. Marsh, and later his son, Edwin, ran the business for over 50 years. The Marsh Furniture and Carpet Rooms was the largest store of its kind in Western Massachusetts outside of Springfield. It faced the Common on Main Street.

Merrick was one of the Founders of Grace Church and a member of the first vestry. Louisa was one of the first Directresses of the Women's Sewing Society. The family lived at 34 North Prospect. His son Edwin had a double career; in addition to selling furniture, he sold caskets as Amherst's most prominent undertaker. He was the undertaker at Emily Dickinson's funeral. Merrick and Louisa Marsh were buried in Wildwood Cemetery. Merick Marsh was a Democrat.

Pew 61 The Deuel Family Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Husband: Charles Deuel (1822 – 1897) born in New York

1st Wife: Zeruah (Zenia?) Utley (1833 – 1915)

Children: James Edward, Charles Frederick, and Frank D.

2nd Wife: Ternah S. Ley

He was born in Cambridge, NY in 1822 and was educated in that town, A few years of his life were passed in Williamsburg prior to his locating in Amherst where he married a local girl. They lived in a home on Prospect Street that faced down Maple Street. In 1857, he bought the only drugstore in Amherst, then moved the business to the Amherst House Block. By 1870, George was one of five druggists in Amherst. All of the druggists in the 19th and early 20th century mixed their own drugs using recipes that were formulated from the standard texts of the day and were concocted from chemicals and compounds that were commercially available. The bottles they used, too, were sold to them through commercial routes. Deuel's drug store on South Pleasant Street (the second location) was the site of one of Amherst's first telephones, installed in December, 1882 by the Western Massachusetts Telephone Company.

Advertisement in "The Handbook of Amherst, Massachusetts" CHARLES DEUEL Dealer in DRUGS MEDICINES AND CHEMICALS AMHERST HOUSE BLOCK Tooth Hair and Nail Brushes Toilet and Fancy Articles Perfumery and Sponges Cigars Cigarettes and Tobacco A Fine Assortment of Fresh Candies. PRESCRIPTION BUSINESS ESPECIALLY SOLICITED. TRY DEUEL'S TOOTH POWDER.

He was one of the incorporators of the Amherst Sunderland Street Railway, a Founder of Grace Church, and a member of the first vestry.

Pew 63 Mather & Brown Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Husband: Richard Henry Mather (1835 - 1890) born in Binghamton, NY

Wife: Elizabeth (Lizzie) Carmichael (1836 – 1877) born in NY

Children: Alice (Allie) Skeel, Henry, William Tyler, and Edward Strong.

He graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1857, then remained as tutor of Greek, assistant professor of that branch, professor of Greek and German in 1864, and professor of Greek and lecturer on sculpture in 1878. He received a D. D. degree from Bowdoin College in 1879, but never served as the rector of a parish. However, he often preached in New York City, Boston, and other major cities. Richard and Lizzie were buried in West Cemetery. The pew was apparently rented to two families. The ledger book says "Brown & Mather." The Brown name in the rental record gives no clue to which family with the Brown surname shared this pew.

Pew 65 The Blanchard Family Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Husband: Emory (Emery) B. Blanchard (1820 - 1864)

Wife: Nancy (1817 -) born in RI

Children: George E., Susan L., Herbert E., and Walter M.

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Emory Blanchard was a “Mechanic,” a person who maintains and repairs machinery, perhaps for one of the factories. Cemetery records say he died in 1864, but he was alive for the 1865 Census and the 1866 auction of pews, so there is a mistake somewhere. However, after 1865, neither Emory nor Nancy is found in the census in Amherst.

Pew 67 Not rented

Pew 69 The Spear Family Pew Rental \$ 22.50

Husband: Mirick Nathan Spear (1824 – 1899) born in Shutesbury

1st Wife: Sarah Ann Mary Whitney (1827 – 1861)

Children: Edward M., William N, and Henry F.

2nd Wife: Randella Olive (Hale) Washburn (1849 – 1920)

Mirick Spear owned a store in Phoenix Row, Main Street, selling books, newspapers, stationary, and paper hangings from 1849 until his death, a total of 50 years. He was an organizer of the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association in 1853. In 1864, he was a Founder and a member of the first vestry of Grace Church. In 1880, he married Randella, who became one of the first female entrepreneurs in Amherst. She owned a millinery and fancy goods store in Phoenix Row.

Pew 71 Not rented

Pew 73 The Ball Family

Husband: John D. Ball (1810 - 1882)

Wife: Jerusha Isabel (1815 - 1878)

Children: Lorin, Nelson, Minnie, Addie, and Isabel

Church records show that this pew was rented to W. C. Ball, but there is no W.C. Ball in Hampshire County despite the large number of people with that surname. The name of John’s children and grandchildren, however, appear in the church records, so John is the best guess. John Ball was a shoemaker. The family lived next-door to Professor Edward Hitchcock.

Pew 75 Palmer (see Pew 29)

Pew 77 The Fisk Family (see Pew 34)

Pew 79 Not rented

Pew 81 Not rented

Pew 83 The Cows Family Pew Rental \$ 7.50

Husband: Rufus F. Cowles (1835 -)

Wife: Caroline E. (1840 –)

Children: Irene C.

The church records say that this pew was reserved by “R. F. Cows.” There were only 8 males in Hampshire County with the surname Cows during the period 1860 to 1870. None had a given name beginning with “R.” There were 83 men with the spelling “Cowles” and the spelling of the name varied within families. Of these, there were four with the given name

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Wife: Luana F. Shumway (1840 -) born in Jamaica, VT

Children: Samuel, Charles, and Sidney.

He was a founder of Grace Church and a member of the first vestry. In the 1855 Census, John was in Amherst (age 23,) a farmer, living with John & Olive Dickinson (relatives on his mother's side of the family.) In 1860, he lived on the west side of East Pleasant Street near the site of Pokeberry Ridge. John and Luana married in 1862. In 1865, their home was the second house south of Amherst College on the east side of South Pleasant Street. He was a founding member of the Rod & Gun Club. He owned extensive property to the east of the town center, including the sewer outlet. He is mentioned often in the history of Amherst because his home and extensive properties served as markers for other point of interest. He was involved during the 1860s and 70s in the activities of the Hampshire Agricultural Society, acting as the cattle judge for the 1866 Cattle Show.

Pew 60 The Pease Family

Pew Rental \$ 15

Husband: Henry Oliver Pease (1843 – 1929)

Wife: Fanny Elizabeth Ames (1846 – 1922)

Children: Oliver, Henry, & Charles

He was born in Somers, CT, and moved to Amherst with his parents before 1855. At the time of the founding of Grace Church, Oliver was 19 years old and living with his parents. The wedding of Henry & Elizabeth was the first performed in the new church. Oliver owned a clothing store and tailoring shop in the Palmer Block. In 1880, at age 33, he was living in a home on Hallock Street opposite North Prospect (the location is now called “Pease Place”), with his parents, Fanny, and son, Oliver. His business was destroyed in the Great Palmer Block Fire, and Oliver became the proprietor of a bakery. Later in life he became Justice of the Peace. He was the last surviving Founder of Grace Church and was buried in Wildwood Cemetery.

Pew 62 Miss Mary Field French

Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Mary French was the 39-year-old unmarried daughter of Mary Hubbard Field (French) Jones by her first husband, Theodore Francis French, a prominent businessman in Troy, NY, who died in 1828. When Mary Jones’s second marriage brought her to Amherst with her daughter, Mary, and young son Samuel Minot Jones, they moved into the house at Amity Street and Lincoln Avenue. Mary Jones, who quickly became a doyen of culture in the small town of Amherst, complained to a friend shortly after their arrival that she was unable to find a proper instructor in the art of ballet for her daughter Mary. From 1864 to 1876 Mary French helped to raise Mary Jones’s two parentless nephews, Eugene Field, the poet, and his brother Roswell...almost as if she were their mother. She taught the boys English literature and the French language, which was spoken frequently in the Jones household.

Pews 64, 66, 68, and 70 Students of Mt. Pleasant Institute

Pew Rentals \$18.75, \$18.75, \$22.50 & \$22.50

Students of the Mount Pleasant Institute, a boarding school for boys, were required to attend the services at Grace Church as part of their classical education. Older students probably supervised the younger ones, but, just in case decorum and discipline became a problem, Henry Clark Nash, the headmaster, was sitting in pew 26 just to the south.

Pew 72 D. W. C. Perry

Pew Rental \$ 22.50

No one with the surname Perry had the initials “D. W. C.” in the census data from 1840 to 1880 in the entire Commonwealth. There is one mention of this man in “The history of Amherst,” page 296. He was a partner with C. M. Spencer in the manufacture of firearms.

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Pew 74 The Thomas Family

Pew Rental \$ 18.75

Husband: George A. Thomas (1835 – 1911)

Wife: Mary T. Chubbuck (1835 –)

Children: Mary N. and Georgia

George Thomas was a “fancy painter” and the owner of a paint store located behind the Phoenix Block. It burned in a major fire in 1872 that also burned the businesses of several other Grace Church parishioners. In 1887, George painted theatrical scenery for the new, third-floor theater in the Palmer Block...a street, a kitchen, a parlor, a prison, a cottage, and a scene of a Maine river. All of this scenery was destroyed one year later in the Palmer Block fire. The Thomas Family were early communicants of Grace Church.

Pew 76 George M. Lovell

Pew Rental \$ 15

(1830 -1910)

He was born in West Boylston, the younger brother of the famous Amherst photographer, John Lyman Lovell. In 1860 – 1864, George lived with his parents and sister Elizabeth in Onarga, Iroquois Co., IL while brother John opened his photo studio in Amherst. The death of George’s father forced George and his family to return to Massachusetts. He lived with his mother and sister in a small house adjacent to the John Lovell home on North Prospect. He worked for his brother’s studio as a photographer and photo finisher for thirteen years. John was the entrepreneur and promoter; George did a lot of the work. Probably many photos of Grace Church, attributed to John Lovell, were taken by George. In 1887, George moved to Southbridge and opened his own photographic studio. By 1900, he had closed the studio and was working as a school janitor. He died in Worcester in 1910. George never married. This pew was probably used by George and his mother, Maria, until her death in 1871. George was a member of the first vestry of Grace Church.

Pew 80 The Spooner Family

Pew Rental \$ 11.75

Husband: William Avery Spooner, (1828 - 1904) born in West Brookfield

1st Wife: Eliza Ann Boynton (1829 - 1876) born in Shirley

Children: Myron Boynton. and Howard Winslow. Born in the Sandwich Islands

2nd Wife: Ellen C. (- 1923)

The pew was reserved in the name of “Mrs. Spooner.” This family is the only one with that surname in the town in 1865. William professed his religious beliefs in 1846 and became a member of the Congregational Church in West Brookfield, where his father was a deacon, in 1846. William and Eliza were married in 1851 in Shirley, MA. In 1855, they were part of the missionary “Pilgrimage from New England” to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii,) embarking at Boston on 16 Apr 1855, traveled around the southern tip of South America, then headed northwest to Hawaii...a trip of roughly 165 days. They arrived as part of the 15th Company near the end of the 35-year mission from New England to Hawaii. Both sons of the Spooners were born there. William was a steward at Oahu College until 1860. Apparently, they returned to America so that William could fight in the Civil War, then the family came to Amherst. William’s occupation was listed as “Laborer” in the 1860 Census, but the family does not appear in the 1865 Census, even though they were in Amherst for the pew auction in 1866. At some time in the next ten years, the family moved to Springfield. After the death of Eliza in Springfield in 1876, William married Ellen C. William, Eliza, Ellen, and son Myron are buried in the Springfield Cemetery.

Pew 82 Warren D. Smith

Pew Rental \$ 11.75

He was born in 1837 in Massachusetts. In 1865, Warren’s occupation was listed as “Butcher” in the Massachusetts census. He was unmarried and a boarder, at the time, with Baxter Ward, another butcher, and his family. At some time between 1865 and 1870, he moved to Boston, married, and had a family.

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Pew 84 The Billings Family **Pew Rental \$ 7.50**

Husband: Joseph (Josiah?) Billings (1824 – 1905)

Wife: Susan Thompson (1825/6 - 1867)

Children: Clara, Frank, John Francis, and William B.

Joseph Billings was a boot and shoe maker originally from Hatfield. He moved to Amherst circa 1844 and married Susan Thompson circa 1846. In 1865, when this pew was reserved, they were a family with three children. Susan died in 1867, and Joseph was living with his unmarried daughter Clara. In the 1880 census, Joseph is found back in Hatfield, living with the Samuel Family, still making shoes and leather wallets. In 1900, he was living with Clara again until his death in 1905. He was buried beside his wife in West Cemetery.

Pew 86 John D. Davidge **Pew Rental \$ 7.50**

(1830 -) Born in Maryland

In 1854, John Davidge fathered a son born somewhere in Massachusetts with a mother identified as “G,” but the boy lived only one year. In 1860, John was a barber living in Pittsfield. His race is listed as “Mulatto.” Wentworth’s Business Directory for 1871 lists J. D. Davidge as a hair-dresser in Amherst, although he does not appear in any Amherst census. There is no reference to him in any history of Amherst, so he probably did not stay long. Perhaps he went back to Maryland, because there was a John Davidge working in Washington, D. C., as a tailor...but with a later birthdate.

Pew 88 Boltwood (see Pew 5)

Other parishioners who did not rent pews but who made important contributions to the success of the new parish:

The S. F. Cutler Family

Husband: Samuel Fisk Cutler (1792 – 1863) born in Hardwick

1st Wife: Luthera Ruggles

Children: Caroline and Luthera#1

2nd Wife: Irene Cowls (1805 - 1876) married in 1825

Children: Luthera#2, Samuel Porter, Jane, and William

Samuel and Irene were the parents of Luthera, the wife of Ithamar Francis Conkey. In the 1860 Census, Samuel’s occupation was “Gentleman.” He died one year before Grace Church was organized. Irene (Cowls) Cutler was in the first class of students of Amherst Academy in 1818. She donated the window North-4 as a thank-offering for her recovery from a serious illness. In 1870, Irene was living with her unmarried son, William, who was a manufacturer of lamp black. Samuel and Irene are buried in West Cemetery.

The Rodolphus Turner Family

Husband: Rodolphus J. Turner (1812 – 1881) born in Leverett

1st Wife: Sophia Taylor (1817 – 1864)

Children: Ellen and Mary

2nd Wife: Ophelia Wood (-)

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Children: George M., Ophelia M. and Myra Ophelia

3rd Wife:

Rodolphus Turner was born in Amherst and christened in Leverett. His father was H. Turner, but later records (marriages & death) do not show a father's name; in one case it says "Unknown." His mother was Lydia Turner. Little is known about his early life. In 1850, Rodolphus was listed as a "Carpenter" in Massachusetts records and as an "architect" in the Massachusetts Business Directory of 1856, but he had no formal training. In the 1860 Census, he was living with his wife Sophia in Amherst as a neighbor of John Lovell on North Prospect. In 1865, he was a widower living with the Sylvester Wait Family with his occupation listed as "carpenter." In the same year he proposed a plan for a wood-frame chapel which was accepted by the Episcopal Society of Amherst. When these plans fell-through because the church decided to build a stone building, Rodolphus procured the contract to supply the stone from a private quarry in Leverett. With the money he made from this enterprise, he purchased land along Roaring Brook in East Leverett and built a wood-turning mill making bedsteads, extension tables, and churns. In 1868 he married Ophelia Wood; she died from complications of the birth of their second child in 1871. In 1872, Rodolphus married Lavinia S. (Lovell) Abercrombie of Belchertown. Shortly thereafter, he lost the mill due to foreclosure and he was imprisoned in debtor's prison for a short time. From 1865 to the time of his death, Rodolphus had an off-and-on relationship with Grace Church, especially during periods when he was living in Amherst. He died of heart disease in 1881. His death certificate listed his occupation as "mechanic" and included the notation "No Lawful Father." He was buried in West Cemetery with his wife, Ophelia.

The Donald Family

Husband: The Rev.

Elijah Winchester Donald (1848 - 1904) born in Andover

Wife: Cornelia Clapp (1853 -)

Children: Agnes, Graeme, Alan Stuart, Alice, and one other

Elijah Winchester Donald was a student at Amherst College during the construction of Grace Church. He graduated in 1869, which means that he may have attended services at the new church. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1874 and became a curate for one year at the Church of the Ascension, Washington Heights, NY. He was Rector of the Church of the Intercession from 1875 to 1882, then returned to the Church of the Ascension to become its fourth rector. In 1882 he became Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, the immediate successor of Phillips Brooks. But that same year, his 5-year-old daughter Alice died. It was in her memory that the Donalds donated the Tiffany communion service to Grace Church in 1894. Elijah became a Trustee of Amherst College and the Donalds spent their summers in Amherst as neighbors of the Dickinsons, and they attended Grace Church during their extended stays. The Reverend Donald died of tuberculosis in 1904.

The G. Shepard Family

Husband: The Rev. George Champlin Shepard (1802 – 1868)

Wife: Sally Inman Kast (- 1868)

Children: None

The story of the lives of George and Sally Shepard has already been included in this document in the chapter about the tower, clock, and bell. But to think of them only as donors, and not as important participants in the life of Grace Church, would be a serious omission. George and Sally probably watched the progress of construction of the nave from the Boltwood Mansion on several of their many visits or they may have been living in Amherst at the time. They contributed generously to the building fund and attended the consecration ceremony. He assisted the bishop in conducting the service. Their gift of roughly \$8,000 finished the construction of the church we know today by the addition of the tower. Sally died in May of 1868; the tower was finished in September; and George died in December... a fitting ending to lives well-lived and deeds well-done.

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The Lessey Family

Husband: Chauncey Wheeler Lessey (1829 – 1877) born in New Fairfield, CT

Wife: (Emma?) Melvina S. Swanger (1845/7 - 1884) born in Geneseo, New York

Daughter: Flora E. Lessey

The 1870 Census found Chauncey and Melvina living in Amherst; his occupation was “Builder.” After building Grace Church, Chauncey built the First Congregational Church; Walker Hall on the Amherst College Campus; the Palmer block for his friend, Dwight Palmer; and many dwelling-houses, especially those of Lessey Street. He also built his own stylistically eclectic home at 94 Lessey Street circa 1870. Lessey built a mansard-roofed Victorian house just to the east of Grace Church on Spring Street, but never lived there; it was rented to tenants. The house was torn down several years ago to make a parking lot for the Masonic Lodge.

Chauncey was, for five years, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and was one of the town’s assessors. He represented the town in the General Court in 1876. He was a leading member of Grace church. For several years he was a trustee of the Amherst Savings bank. Chauncey Lessey died in 1877, only 48 years old. The cause of death was “Cholera Morbus.” He died without witnessing his monument to commerce, the Palmer Block, burn to the ground. After Melvina died in 1884 in Amherst, the Lessey house was purchased by Levi Stockbridge in 1886. Chauncey and Melvina were buried in West Cemetery. Flora married Frederick Fish in 1897 and they settled in Boston.

It should be noted that the most “valuable” pews, or the most desirable, were not in the first few rows. Pew on the center aisle were more valuable than those on the side aisles, but pews near the center of the congregation were the most desirable of all. Older people chose to sit closer to the front, perhaps for better hearing.

It is not hard to imagine all of these people on a Sunday morning, kneeling with heads bowed, repeating the 1789 BCP version of the Confession:

“...And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.”

One hundred and fifty years ago, they were not so different from ourselves... “all sorts and conditions of men”...and women.

But this frozen image of parishioners on their knees did not last long. The Church was, and is, a fluid thing. Within ten years, 40% of the families described above had either died, left Amherst, or lost interest. They were replaced by new parishioners who probably lacked that feeling of exhilaration and accomplishment that the Founders must have felt, but they quickly inherited a determination to keep the spirit alive, the building intact, and the community together.

Pastoral Care

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

-Mother Teresa

The Pastoral Care Commission

seeks to further the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in our parish family by offering prayer and support to members of Grace Church who are sick, injured, disabled, aged, and those who find themselves in crisis or in challenging transitions. For more information or to request assistance, please contact Jeannette Stebbins (jtsteb@gmail.com).



Mutual Care Ministry

We coordinate parishioners eager to help Grace Church members or their families during an illness or family crisis. Short-term help includes offering rides to church or to medical appointments; bringing meals to the door, shopping for groceries, picking up prescriptions, and visiting. Quarterly facilitators accept referrals from clergy, family or friends. Please contact Jeannette Stebbins(jtsteb@gmail.com) for more information.

Do you know someone who can't get to church?

Lay Eucharistic Visitors or LEV's are trained ministers who are given Communion from the altar, and take it out to share with parishioners who cannot get to church. LEV's offer home-bound and nursing home residents a chance to share Holy Communion with the rest of the gathered parish. Please think about who would welcome having a LEV bring Communion. Please call the Parish Administrator Angela Battle at 256-6754, speak to any clergy member, or email Mary McCarthy at mchawley111@comcast.net to make arrangements.

Prayer Circle is ready to pray for the needs of those in crisis who want a degree of anonymity. Names will be held in confidence by members of the Circle and will not be published outside Circle members. Names will remain on the list for a month, unless otherwise requested. If you would like to be prayed for in this way, or would like to make a request for a loved one, please contact: MJ

Fowler (mjfowler3@comcast.net)

"I strongly suspect that if we saw *all the difference* even the tiniest of our prayers make, and *all the people* those little prayers were destined to affect, and *all the consequences* of those prayers down through the centuries, we would be so paralyzed with awe at *the power of prayer* that we would be unable to get up off our knees for the rest of our lives. "

-Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy, Boston College



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Coffee Hour 12:00 Sesquicentennial Comm. 12:30 Iconography</p>	<p>1 5:15 UA 5:30 Contemplative Bible Reflection 7:00 AA</p>	<p>2 12:00 Drone Prayer Vigil 5:15 AA</p>	<p>3 12:10 Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing Prayer 1:30 Recital 4:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>4 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 7:00 Men's Group 5:30 Evensong 7:30 Recital</p>	<p>6 2:00 Over 60s 2:00 Youth Symphony 7:30 Pioneer Valley Capella</p>
<p>14 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Coffee Hour 12:00 Greening of Grace/ Peace Fellowship</p>	<p>8 5:15 UA 5:30 Contemplative Bible Reflection 7:00 AA</p>	<p>9 5:15 AA</p>	<p>10 11:00 Staff Meeting 12:10 Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing Prayer 4:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>11 5:30 Executive Comm. 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 7:00 Men's Group 5:30 Evensong</p>	<p>13 10:30 Not Bread Alone (First Congregational Church) 3:00 Over 60's Gathering</p>
<p>21 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Liturgy in the Chapel 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Coffee Hour 12:30 Iconography Grace Church Composers</p>	<p>15 5:15 UA 5:30 Contemplative Bible Reflection 7:00 AA</p>	<p>16 12:00 Drone Prayer Vigil 5:15 AA 7:00 Vestry 7:00 VLO Auditions 7:30 Gospel Choir</p>	<p>17 11:00 Staff Meeting 12:10 Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing Prayer 4:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>18 3:55 Tea and Titles 7:00 VLO Auditions 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 7:00 Men's Group 5:30 Evensong</p>	<p>20 9:00 Garden Clean Up 10:00 VLO Auditions</p>
<p>28 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Coffee Hour 12:00 Trip to Porter Phelps Huntington House</p>	<p>22 5:15 UA 5:30 Contemplative Bible Reflection 7:00 AA</p>	<p>23 5:15 AA</p>	<p>24 11:00 Staff Meeting 12:10 Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing Prayer 4:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>25 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 7:00 Men's Group 5:30 Evensong</p>	<p>27 3:00 Over 60's Gathering</p>
<p>29 Memorial Day Office Closed 5:15 UA 7:00 AA</p>	<p>30 5:15 AA</p>	<p>31 11:00 Staff Meeting 12:10 Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Healing Prayer 4:00 AI-Anon</p>				

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May 2017

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*“Grace is nothing else
but a certain
Beginning of
glory in us.”
--Thomas Aquinas*

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Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 12:10 pm Rite I Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer
Friday 5:30 pm Evensong

