

# Grace Notes

Summer 2024

## Back from Sabbatical!

A few months ago, Grace sent me off with prayer and well wishes for my first-ever sabbatical as a priest. On July 8th, I returned to the office, and I hope it's safe to say those prayers and wishes were fulfilled! I am so thankful to our whole community for the gift of these past three months. I especially want to thank all the volunteers, staff, and retired clergy members who helped fill in gaps in my absence, through hosting children's/youth ministry events, organizing our nursery care available on Sunday mornings, preaching, and more.

One of the things I appreciated most about my sabbatical was its variety. Three months was enough time to fit in both travel *and* rest at home; to prioritize connection with those I love *and* generative, creative solitude; and to pursue enrichment both as a whole person *and* more specifically, as a professional in the church.

I return excited to catch up with all of you about the past few months! I'm also grateful to return with quite a few weeks ahead for brainstorming about our upcoming program year, my seventh school year working with our children, youth, and college students. Young people and parents/guardians, I'd love to hear your ideas as we approach September!

For those who are curious for more details on the sabbatical, here are some of the highlights:

### The Festival of Faith and Writing

In April, I went to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the biannual Festival of Faith and Writing at Calvin University, where I took writing workshops and attended readings, panels, and talks from well-regarded writers like Christian Wiman, Tracy K. Smith, and Kaveh Akbar. A favorite talk from novelist M.T. Anderson explored the difference between sacred objects and art objects by example of stolen artifacts, including the body of St. Nicholas.

While at the conference, I met many writers with similar interests in faith, spirituality, and religion. One of my favorite evenings, I participated in an off-site reading organized by several literary journals that emphasize art and faith. I also loved the exposition hall where there was an ample selection of books, literary journals, etc., to buy! I came home with a bunch of great reading – and time to read it! – and anticipate some of the authors making their way into our Monday Zoom meditations on art and poetry.



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## Time with family

Shortly after the conference, I went home to Central Pennsylvania for a week to spend time with my parents. Usually when I visit home these days, it's for a shorter time span, so I really appreciated the opportunity to not have to rush. My older brother, who lives in New Jersey, joined us for a few days also, giving us time to finalize plans for our trip to Ireland in June.



## Writing!

In May, I mostly stayed closer to home to tend to one of the creative goals of my sabbatical – working on editing a new manuscript of poetry. My hope was to complete the manuscript so I could begin sending it out on submission to publishers before returning to work; I'm delighted I was able to accomplish this, mostly thanks to long editing sessions over tea at Familiars Coffee in Northampton! A poet friend also invited me for a few days of retreat at a resort in Vermont, where I did some editing as well.

It will be quite some time until I hear back about my submissions and get any sense of timeline on when these labored-over pages may become a book. Despite these unknowns, this sabbatical made a huge difference in this book potentially coming to fruition. Of particular interest to some of you may be that the manuscript has a section of poems inspired by the biblical book of Ruth, which includes poems written to Ruth asking for advice and poems imagining Ruth's responses.

## Campus and Young Adult Ministry Conference

At the beginning of June, I attended the Episcopal Church's annual conference for campus and young adult ministers, hosted at St. Asaph's Church in Bala Cynwyd, PA. This was a great chance to meet ministers across the country who are passionate about working with young adults. I especially appreciated brainstorming with those who are juggling campus outreach among other parish responsibilities, often leadership of children and youth ministries. My favorite workshop was led by a staff member of the Episcopal Church's Office of Governmental Relations, who shared some of the resources produced by the church around Christian nationalism, civic engagement, and advocacy.



## Ireland

June also included my long-anticipated two-week trip to Ireland with my brother! We visited Dublin, Cork, Galway, and Belfast. I had studied abroad in Northern Ireland as a college student so it was a delight to return and introduce my brother to some of the places I'd visited over a decade ago, in addition to discovering new places together. One place I loved revisiting was the Old Library and Book of Kells exhibit at Trinity College, Dublin.

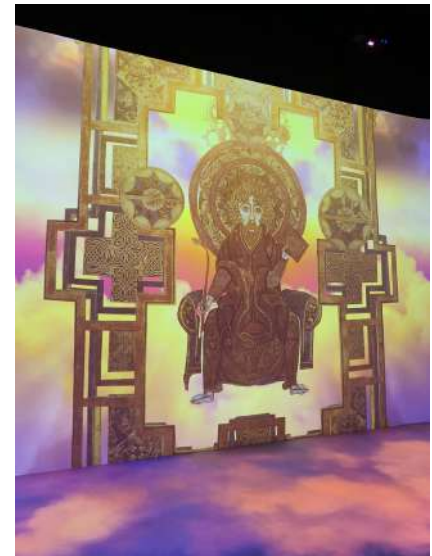
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They had added significantly to their exhibits since 2012, including a stunning video presentation on the Book of Kells and its artwork. Another one of our favorite days was taking a day trip up to the beautiful Causeway Coast, where we visited the Dark Hedges, Dunluce Castle, and the Giant's Causeway.

Throughout the sabbatical, I also enjoyed, through the power of streaming, watching friends preach and lead in churches around the country (Connecticut, Texas, Virginia, and Oregon). At the young adult conference, I got the chance to sit in the pews for worship, as well as at a visit to a best friend's church in Providence (where I also did a poetry reading). I appreciated these chances to reconnect with myself as a worshiper, rather than as a worship leader.

All in all, these three months of sabbatical were an immense privilege – the kind of opportunity that I wish were accessible to all, throughout a variety of fields and stages of life. In my first six years at Grace, we experienced so much together, especially through the ups and downs of navigating Covid-19. I am so appreciative that I had the chance to rest and reset before moving into this next chapter of ministry together here at Grace.

-Rev. Megan



## Iconography Workshop

An ongoing iconography workshop meets every Sunday afternoon, from noon to four in the Parish Hall. Previous artistic experience is not necessary, since icon writing is as much a contemplative process of an inner spiritual journey as it is an artistic discipline. Please contact Sandy Lillydahl at [slillydahl@library.umass.edu](mailto:slillydahl@library.umass.edu) for additional information.

## Raising the Questions

Raising the Questions is a Grace Church reading and discussion group that focusses on theology and liturgy. We meet monthly in the Connector on the second Tuesday at 9:30 am. Got questions? Come join us.



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## Tea and Titles

Tea & Titles meets once or twice a month at 2:30 pm in the Connector to share and discuss books recently read. For more information, please contact Jude Wobst at [judith.wobst@gmail.com](mailto:judith.wobst@gmail.com)



Our next meeting is August 1, 2024 at 2:30pm. All are welcome!

## Men's Group

The Men's Group is always looking for new members for general discussions and personal exchange. We meet on Friday mornings 7-8:30. We meet in person every other Friday of each month. (On the other Fridays we will be zooming to accommodate members who live away or are unable to attend for other reasons.) For further information contact Charlie Dickinson: [lcd@polysci.umass.edu](mailto:lcd@polysci.umass.edu)

## Palestinian Oil

Palestinian olive oil will be available for sale by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in the Connector on the first Sunday of each month. It is first cold press organic and fair trade olive oil. The proceeds from the sale enable Grace to provide a scholarship for a student at the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center in Ramallah.



## A Week with Grace Summer Schedule

### Sunday

9:30 am

**Holy Eucharist**

10:30 am

Coffee Hour

7:30 pm

AA

### Monday

10:00 am

Staff Meeting

7:00 pm

AA

### Tuesday

5:15 pm

AA

7:00 pm

AI-Anon

### Wednesday

12:10 pm

**Rite I Holy Eucharist  
and Healing Prayer**

### Thursday

### Friday

7:00 am

Men's Group (alternate weeks)

5:30 pm

**Evensong**

### Saturday

10:00 am

Zoom Bible Study

5:00 pm

AA

8:00 pm

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## Request publicity for your event!

To make Grace Church events as successful as possible, the Communications Committee developed an online form to request event publicity. The form, which includes instructions for completing and submitting the request, is found on the Grace website under the Outreach Commission or <https://www.gracechurchamherst.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Request-for-Event-Publicity-Form-2023.pdf>. The Communications Committee asks forms be submitted six to eight weeks prior to an event to ensure adequate time for publicity.

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## *Climate Change Prayer*

Holy God,  
earth and air and water are your creation,  
and every living thing belongs to you:  
have mercy on us  
as climate change confronts us.

Give us the will and the courage  
to simplify the way we live,  
to reduce the energy we use,  
to share the resources you provide,  
and to bear the cost of change.

Forgive our past mistakes  
and send us your Spirit,  
with wisdom in present controversies  
and vision for the future to which you call us  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **Planned Giving – Your Will, Trust and Other Options for Beneficiary Designations**

There are many ways through your estate plans to provide future support for your loved ones and for organizations important to you, such as Grace Church. A periodic review is wise to take into consideration changing circumstances. Updating designations in your will or trust are common and warrant review with your lawyer, but minor updates for individual or institutional beneficiaries may also be achieved through:

1. a simple codicil to your will (with modest legal fees)
2. designating portions of a life insurance policy
3. designating portions of a retirement plan (most 401(k), 403(b), and IRAs) keeping in mind the designations already made in your will or trust

You are welcome to contact Planned Giving Committee members Doug Adler and Kent Faerber.

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## Climate Action@Grace

A Thank-You to Grace

You may have noticed the poster of a tree in the back of the church. Climate Action at Grace (CAAG) placed the tree to get a sense of what we all are already doing on behalf of Creation. It turns out, a lot! Over 75 actions from many folks. We HONOR your efforts and we THANK YOU for engaging in this activity. Now that we have noticed some of what we all are doing, we are looking to an inspiring Creation Season September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4 (Feast Day of St. Francis). Our dream is to learn about and choose one action we can take collectively for greatest impact. Please stay tuned!

gratefully,  
CAAG team

## Outreach!

Our June Outreach Offering brought in \$1536, which will go to the Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) Ukraine Crisis Response Fund.

Generosity changes everything, starting with us.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## 11th Hour Bell Ringing for Climate Change

Sunday, August 11th

Calling all ages to be part of the 11th Hour Bell Ringing for Climate Change Sunday, August 11 at 10:45. Join friends and neighbors for prayer and meditation before the 11th hour ringing begins. No one is too young; no one is too old. Our church bell will be rung for 11 minutes on the 11th day of each month at 11 AM. After the bells ring, everyone will have a chance to make a joyful noise of resolve. Bring your cow bells, dinner bells, kazoos, and gongs, drums, cymbals, and noise makers of any kind. Signs and banners are encouraged. Who knows, maybe some folks passing by will stop and join in or at least catch the spirit of what committed people can do when joined together in faith.



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## **Outreach Commission**

Every fourth Sunday Grace Church members' offerings are donated to worthy organizations. Ever wonder how those recipients are chosen? Have other recipients you'd like to recommend? Then why not consider joining the Outreach Commission! We meet once a month via Zoom to discuss Grace's various missions, decide on the fourth Sunday recipient, and otherwise further Grace's outreach to the world. It's a fun, easy, and educational way of serving your church. Please contact Chris Hoffmann ([chris.hoffmann@umass.edu](mailto:chris.hoffmann@umass.edu)) for more information.



## ***Prayer Circle* is still here!**

We are 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](mailto:mjfowler3@comcast.net)).

## **Children's & Youth Ministry:**

Over the summer, Sunday School and youth group both take a pause, but we are looking forward to resuming those activities Sunday Sept. 8th, our first Sunday back to our Fall schedule! Stay tuned for more information on children and youth activities for the 24-25 school year. If you are not already on my email list specific to parents/guardians of children and youth, please email me at [mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org](mailto:mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org). I will send updates about these events via email as soon as they're available.

As we head towards September, I would love to get feedback and ideas from children, youth, and their parents/guardians about what would be meaningful and fun for the upcoming school year. If you'd like to set up a time to chat, please give me a call at the office or shoot me an email! We can talk on Zoom if most convenient, OR I'd love to treat you to an iced beverage and pick your brain in-person!

-Rev. Megan



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## Campus and Young Adult Ministry

*Around this summer?* For young adults, sometimes Amherst can feel a bit lonely over the summer. You are not alone! I would love to treat you to a cold beverage or treat (bubble tea at LimeRed? iced tea at Coronation Café? fro yo from Go Berry? It's your choice!) and hear how your summer has been and catch up on what I missed while away on sabbatical. Reach out by email at [mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org](mailto:mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org) to set up a day and time.

*Looking forward to the school year?* Grace will continue to participate in the Western Mass. Young Adult Ministry Network (YAMN) which brings together young adults in their 20s and 30s for growth in faith and friendship. Events include an annual retreat in New Hampshire and monthly board game meet-ups at Tree House Brewery. We also always welcome new ideas for how we might connect with each other!

College-student specific ministry will return in September through meetings of GEMS: Grace Episcopal Ministry for Students. More details will be shared as we get closer to September!

Please make sure you are on my young adult email lists if interested in YAMN or GEMS by emailing me at [mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org](mailto:mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org).

*Know a new student/young adult moving to the Amherst area?* If you know someone moving to the area who might be interested in getting connected with other young adults or finding a church home/spiritual community, I would love to connect with them! Please feel free to pass on my email address/contact info or, if you have their permission, share their contact info with me. I would love to let them know what's available at Grace and in our diocese.

*Heading off to college (or have a child heading off to college) and wondering about how stay connected to your faith?* During my sabbatical, I had a great opportunity to get more deeply connected with campus ministers across the country, as well as the Episcopal Church's faith formation office, at a campus ministry conference. I am hopeful some of these new connections might be of use to Grace students who are headed to college. If you're interested in help researching some of the possibilities for community and worship at your new home, especially nearby campus ministries, please reach out!

-Rev. Megan



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## Pastoral Call for Volunteers

Do you like to cook? Do you like to drive? Would you like to help fellow parishioners? Pastoral Care is looking to develop a list of volunteers to be contacted as needed. Most likely a request for food or a ride would occur every other month or so. And being on the volunteer list does not obligate your assistance every time a request is made. If you are interested in this ministry, please see the sign up sheets at coffee hour, or email Gail Gnatek at [ggnatek@gmail.com](mailto:ggnatek@gmail.com).

## Garden Ministry

The Pollinator Garden has been postponed until September due to the hot weather.

Sara Liberty-Laylin  
Garden Ministry Chair



Join EfM to...

**Deepen your Christian faith.**  
**Learn how to articulate that faith.**  
**Let that faith inspire you into action!**

More than Bible study, through exploration, prayer, and reflection, a trained mentor will facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. Grace Church is looking into offering one of the following sessions of EfM:

- \* Virtual two-hour meetings every week, Sept. - May
- \* In-person two-hour meetings at Grace Church, every week, Sept. - May
- \* Hybrid (virtual and in-person) meetings at Grace Church, every week, Sept. - May

For more information about EFM [click here](#).

Or contact: [james.ross.mcd@gmail.com](mailto:james.ross.mcd@gmail.com) at Grace Church.

## Summer Poetry and Prayer Zoom Gathering – Beginning July 22nd

Weekly poetry meditations, led by Megan over Zoom, are beginning again for the rest of the summer starting Monday July 22nd. Join on Mondays at 12:15 p.m., July 22nd through August 26th.

Each week, we will explore one poem together and the ways it might lead us into spiritual reflection or prayer. Megan will offer a reflection on the poem and prompts to get you thinking – no previous poetry experience is necessary! There is also time to optionally share with the group. We meet for roughly 30 minutes. You are welcome to bring a lunch!

The Zoom link will be sent out Monday mornings from the Grace email account. If you cannot make these gatherings live but are interested in recordings, please email Megan at [mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org](mailto:mmcdermott@gracechurchamherst.org).

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## A Litany for the Restoration of Peace in The Holy Land

God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and dangerous times.  
For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them from despair and protect them from harm.  
For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing.  
For all who have died, we pray they find rest.  
For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort.  
For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of your children.  
God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy.  
God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail.  
We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

- American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

## St. Nicholas Bazaar

Are you interested in antiques and/or collectibles? We'd love to have your help sorting and pricing these bazaar donations. Join us - we get lots of interesting items! Some knowledge of antiques and collectibles would be helpful. Contact Joan ([jobrien82@gmail.com](mailto:jobrien82@gmail.com)) with any questions or to volunteer.

Donations are being accepted for the bazaar, December 7, 2024. Please remember that items should be **in good condition and clean**. We accept many kinds of items, but please no textbooks, binders, VCR tapes, cassettes, clothing, or mildewed items. Place donations on the table near the large shelves in the undercroft. Contact Joan with any questions ([jobrien82@gmail.com](mailto:jobrien82@gmail.com)). Thank you!

## Grace Church Facebook Page

Be sure to like us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071025877972> and check back frequently for updates, events, and announcements. There are so many wonderful things happening at Grace - please help spread the word and share our Facebook postings with friends.

# Haiti Ministry

**Yes, it's a hot summer—in the 90's both here and in Haiti!**

But our partner, École St. Matthieu in Bayonnais, is getting ready for September. **The Haiti Mission at Grace is in the middle of our annual drive to provide uniforms and school supplies** for 250 students! **We are more than a third of the way to that goal and ask for your help.** Can you sponsor a child (for 75\$) or contribute toward a uniform with any amount that you can? See a member of the Haiti committee in the Connector after church on Sundays in August for more information or simply send a check made out to Grace Episcopal Church with “Haiti uniforms” on the memo line. Mail it to: Grace Episcopal Church, 14 Boltwood Ave, Amherst, 01002 or bring it on Sunday. You may also donate online at [gracechurchamherst.org](http://gracechurchamherst.org) by clicking on the “Give” button on the upper right.

**Why uniforms?** They are required by the state; but even more important, uniforms are a source of pride for the students. This is their one set of school clothes—washed and ironed by their family and worn every day. Along with their new school building, their books, and most important, their caring, responsible teachers, uniforms show that they are serious students in a good school.

**A good School!** In September, St. Matthew's School will add a long-desired ninth grade class. Joining with the seventh and eighth grades that have been added in the past two years, this last step completes what Haiti requires for elementary certification! The construction of the school physical plant (classrooms and library/computer lab, sanitary facilities, and the solar power installation, instructional computers and fans!)—these things have been a necessary focus for the partnership of Grace Church with St. Matthieu's School for the past decade and a half. There is more to do, but it is very exciting to see St. Matthieu's achieve the grade level and student body size that the school administration plans to maintain.

It is equally thrilling to see St. Matthieu's developing its curriculum and teaching resources. The school has received grants not only for solar power (as *Grace Notes* reported last winter) but for computers and a server with digital reference books and instructional materials in Creole, French and English; while a “Miles of Pennies” grant from the Episcopal Church Periodical Club (see the June issue of *GN*) has allowed the school principal to buy in the markets the needed state texts for the upper grades. A working partnership with the NGO *Anseye Pou Ayiti* (Teach for Haiti) has provided St. Matthieu's with teacher training and new teachers. The school also applied for and won participation in a new Haiti pilot program sponsored by the international NGO Digital Promise, which is working with the first and second grade teachers to implement “blended learning” (digital and face-to-face teaching) and formal instruction in Haitian Creole. Tune in next month for more details and visit: [graceinhaiti.org](http://graceinhaiti.org) for further information and pictures.

As we all realize, the political and social situation in Haiti remains extremely difficult and volatile; but St. Matthieu's-- its students, teachers, administration-- has been amazingly resilient and determined. **Please help them launch another year.**



Uniforms get use!

# July

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## Return Service Requested

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but a certain  
Beginning of  
glory in us."  
--Thomas Aquinas*

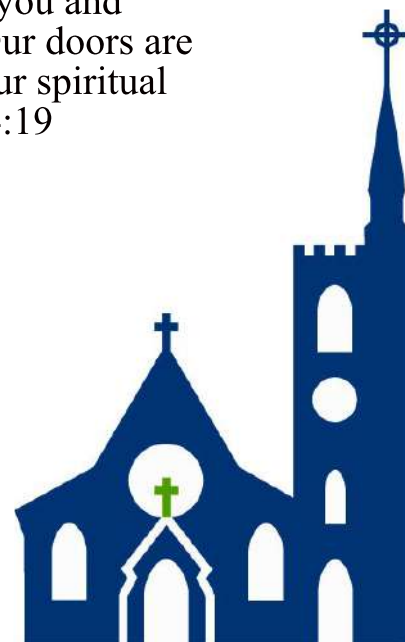
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Grace Episcopal Church, located on the Town Common of Amherst, is a community of prayer and action. If you want to connect with God or if you are seeking a deeper knowledge of God, and you would like to do this with a community that cares for you and honors you, then Grace Church is the place for you. Our doors are open to one and all, regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey. We love because God first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Discover true life and true love at Grace Church.

### Summer Worship Services

Sunday 9:30 am Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday 12:10pm Rite I Holy Eucharist  
and Healing Prayer  
Friday 5:30pm Evensong



See our website, [www.gracechurchamherst.org](http://www.gracechurchamherst.org) for updates