



# Grace Notes

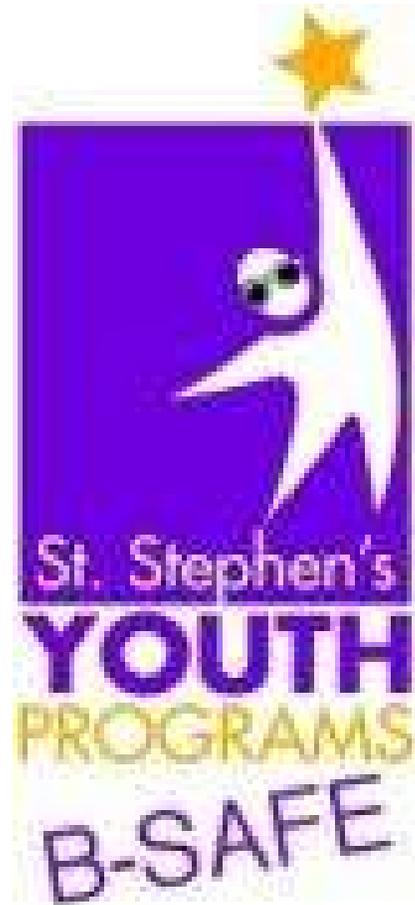
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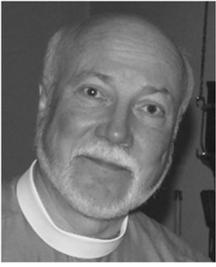


Submit your articles or schedules by the 20th of the month prior to issue.



**Support B-SAFE**  
Make a donation, purchase a raffle.  
Most important: volunteers are desperately  
needed on July 19, 21, or 23

*See page 4*



**FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 to noon.  
Rector by appointment

*A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

*Gospel of Sunday June 20*

If we wait until the great storms of life arrive to ask if God cares, we may be too late in opening our eyes to see that YES, indeed, God cares for us. Better is the steady daily detective work of noticing God's caring in the small things or medium things that gets us ready to Unshakably Know that God does care for us in the great storms.

With Father's Day summer solstice behind us, we are now in summer—school's out; camping trips and visits to the beach begin; the garden needs weeding; and we go swimming in the ocean in Scituate. These summer days are the best time, I find, for noticing God's caring in the small things or medium things for it is surpassingly miraculous

- How that hummingbird finds your feeder in the backyard.
- How the passing summer rain leaves a rainbow in its wake.
- How the lightening bugs twirl and cavort in the dark.
- To find an opened blue robin's egg in the grass and know there's a new baby waiting to be fed.
- That the two of you can sit on the porch not saying a word nor tapping on a keyboard, and find it to be very pleasant.

All these miraculous things are God's caring messages to us that we need to attend to after all the storms over the last year—storms of virus, storms of isolation, storms of being unable to receive communion with each other, storms of Capital Hill riots, storms of being laid off, and storms of good friends and family dying or in hospital.

More storms will come so long as we are here in this world. This summer time is an opportunity to store us our awareness of God's caring for us and for each other. With such detective work we will not answer as the apostles did, *"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"* for we will know that God cares for us right in the midst of the biggest storms and the quietest moments rocking on the porch.

**Sanctuary Candle**

The sanctuary candle burns continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year representing the presence of the Lord. All are welcome to make an offering in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church offices. Suggested donation \$6.00. Checks made payable to St. Faith's Altar Guild can be placed in the alms basket, or slipped under the office door.

## Summer Worship Schedule

Join us for Sunday services each week at **9a.m.** inside the church. As long as COVID numbers stay at bay, we will continue this schedule though Labor Day weekend.

## Outreach Update

*Sue Breen*

- **Souper Bowl Sunday.** Proceeds collected will be presented to Deb Devine director of Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood.
- **Sock Drive:** I rewrote the grant to receive socks from Bombas Socks to provide socks to Boston Shelters. In addition, I asked to increase the number by 550 and was approved. Bombas will deliver 2250 pairs of socks to Grace in the fall for distribution to Boston Shelters. Socks collected in the Spring from Grace Members as well as Flip Flops bought from donated funds are being given to two Boston Shelters to include women, children and men. We will be moving our Sock Drive from the Spring to Fall due to socks being needed more in Winter time. Since we already collected socks and donations this Spring, the next sock drive will be in the Fall 2022.

Thank you for all your contributions of socks, flip flops and monetary donations.

## Next Grace Notes Deadline, August 20



Our fall issue will kick off the regular church season. Your input helps keep our parish members connected. It is up to the ministry leaders to submit articles to the parish office for the newsletter. With some parish members not as active as others, they do still enjoy staying connected to the church. This newsletter is a vital link to that connection. Please email articles, schedules, announcements to the church office at [Grace.Norwood@Verizon.net](mailto:Grace.Norwood@Verizon.net).

## Summer Sing

Ready for some free evening entertainment? Neponset Choral Society, is presenting a shortened “Summer Sing” on Friday August 13, 7 PM, at Capron Park Attleboro. Rain date, Sat, August 14. It is under a large outdoor pavilion. Bring your own chairs. There will be songs we have done in the past, including some from our Spring 2020 Concert that we were unable to do last year. Hope to see you there! Any questions see, or call Cathy Noble (your favorite Grace Choir member), 781-344-1237.

## Help Books Achieve their Greatest Purpose



The books you place in the book donation bin behind Grace Church are sorted by priority and need, then donated to literacy-focused or community-based non-profit organizations, including libraries and schools; as well as resold online at prices that would make Amazon and eBay blush.

Discover Books works hard to ensure books can be re-sold or donated, however, when a book cannot find a new home, it should be recycled and have a new story to tell.

## B-SAFE 2021 is Here!!



Our week, shared with Church of the Holy Spirit, is July 19 - July 23 (Monday-Friday). It will look a little different this year (new location for us) but most of the same components will be the same. We're still partnering with Church of the Holy Spirit but because of Covid protocols our site (for this year) has been moved to St. Mary's in Dorchester and will consist of two cohorts (morning and afternoon sessions). We're still providing lunches for the campers on Monday and Wednesday – but these will be bagged lunches we'll need to assemble beforehand. And we're still going to enjoy a Friday field trip! So, save the week of July 19-23 for a fun-filled time!

For those who are new to the program, B-SAFE is a summer day camp program for inner city children. This is their 22<sup>nd</sup> year and Grace's 15<sup>th</sup> year of involvement!!! The program runs for five weeks in a day-camp format and includes academics, technology classes, sports, and lots of field trips. The reading, writing and math curricula are specially designed to meet the needs of the students and help youth to maintain and build their skills so they are more prepared for the classroom in September. The goals of the program are for children to feel safe physically, emotionally and spiritually; feel big by trying new things and advancing their academic skills; and feel connected by building relationships with their peers and caring adults. Through shared activities, the camp works to create relationships across neighborhoods to decrease violence in the city. To learn more about the youth programs that Rev. Liz Steinhauser from St. Stephen's spoke to us in her April 11 zoom sermon to Grace, check out <http://www.ssypboston.org/>.

**Everyone can help in a number of ways.** We are in dire need of volunteers for July 19, 21 & 23. No experience necessary! If you are unable to volunteer, can you help financially? If you can support a child (or two!) for \$25 (or any amount you can spare) please make a check payable to Grace Church with B-Safe in the memo line. Or you can donate some food items or needed supplies (Contact Deb Terry for that list). This year we have a great variety of raffles available! Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Raffle tickets will be on sale now. Our raffle motto is "buy many and buy often!" There's something for everyone to take a chance on! Raffles include:

- Book lover's basket includes summer reading plus \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card
- Make your own sundae basket includes sundae fixings plus \$15 Crescent Ridge gift card
- Brookside \$25 gift card
- Happy Eats (good at Panera, Cold Stone, Burger King) \$30 gift card
- The Chateau \$35 gift card
- Blooming Brands (good at Outback, Carrabba's Bonafish Grill) \$30 gift card
- TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$30 gift card

As always, we appreciate everyone's support for this hands-on outreach program. Any questions can be directed to Debbie Terry at [dterry@ifb.org](mailto:dterry@ifb.org).

*Volunteer form on next page.*

# B-SAFE volunteer form

## Can You Help Keep a Child Safe This Summer?



### I Commit!

- \_\_\_\_\_ To volunteer for a day (Mon. July 19 and/or July 21) to serve lunches at St. Mary's in Dorchester
- \_\_\_\_\_ To volunteer for the Friday field trip (July 23) - location to be determined
- \_\_\_\_\_ To help/assemble bagged lunches for 85 kids (Mon morning, July 19 and/or Wed, July 21) Grace Church kitchen
- \_\_\_\_\_ To sponsor a child for \$25 (make checks payable to Grace Church with memo B-SAFE)
- \_\_\_\_\_ To donate a food item (list of needed items to be determined)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

phone/email

*complete and return to Deb Terry via email [dterry@ifb.org](mailto:dterry@ifb.org) or place in her mail slot at church*

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### Sunday Readings for July & August

#### July 4

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

#### July 11

Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

#### July 18

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

#### July 25

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-19  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

#### August 1

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

#### August 8

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

#### August 15

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

#### August 22

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

#### August 29

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



A prayer about slowing down

*God beyond time ...*

*teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.*

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

**In Prayer**



Your grace is sufficient for me, dear Lord. When I feel weak, may your strength dwell in me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Please keep in your prayers...

- Those whose lives are devoid of peace and security because of poverty, fear, or addiction;
- Racial equality and social justice so that every human has a seat at the table;
- Persistence in prayer everywhere everyday;
- Our young people, may they find worthwhile activities and learn new skills this summer;
- All who have died of complications from the virus, and those around the world in other countries who continue to die in large numbers.
- Those on our prayer list: A.J., Ethan, Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Jem Dearbin, Joanne Di Marzio, Lynn Escher, Iris Falcone, Holly Foster, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Aidan Hooper, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Madeleine King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Madeleine Merifield, Carol Misner, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Emily & Doug Rennie, Carol Ringler, Manny Sanchez, Quincy Sousa, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Warren, Stan Wharton, John Whitcomb, Pauline Wilhite and Ann, Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Prayer Line.



**Healing Ministry at Grace Church  
in the Time of COVID-19**

During this period of safe distancing due to the Corona Virus, Healing Prayers are being offered by phone. You can call any of our Healing Ministers any time: Cathy Noble (781-344-1237), Deb Morton (781-769-4044), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).



# JULY 2021

27 PENT 5 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting	3 9:00 AM Food Pantry
4 <b>Independence Day</b> Pantry Sunday PENT 6 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting	6 7:00 AM AA Meeting	7 7:00 AM AA Meeting	8 7:00 AM AA Meeting	9 7:00 AM AA Meeting	10 9:00 AM Food Pantry
11 PENT 7 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	12 7:00 AM AA Meeting	13 7:00 AM AA Meeting	14 7:00 AM AA Meeting	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting	16 7:00 AM AA Meeting	17 9:00 AM Food Pantry
18 PENT 8 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	19 <b>B-SAFE Can you help?</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting	20 7:00 AM AA Meeting	21 <b>B-SAFE Can you help?</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting	22 7:00 AM AA Meeting	23 <b>B-SAFE Can you help?</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting	24 9:00 AM Food Pantry
25 PENT 9 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	26 7:00 AM AA Meeting	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	31 9:00 AM Food Pantry



## Anniversaries

7/06 Allen & Linda Peeler

7/29 Michael & Sharon LeBlanc

## Birthdays

7/01 Edmond Gosselin  
7/02 Bryan Falcone  
7/07 Matthew Bravo  
7/07 Sue Breen  
7/08 Shannon McGettigan

7/11 Brandon Orozco  
7/12 Joe Currier  
7/17 Ellana Baguma  
7/19 Olivia Bedard  
7/20 Cori Loescher

7/20 John McTeague  
7/20 Heather Wisheart  
7/27 Leighton Falcone  
7/29 Cristiana Dearbin

## AUGUST 2021

1 Pantry Sunday PENT 10 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4 7:00 AM AA Meeting	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting	6 7:00 AM AA Meeting	7 9:00 AM Food Pantry 10:00 AM Vestry Retreat @ Grace
8 PENT 11 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	9 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	10 7:00 AM AA Meeting	11 7:00 AM AA Meeting	12 7:00 AM AA Meeting	13 7:00 AM AA Meeting	14 9:00 AM Food Pantry
15 PENT 12 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	16 7:00 AM AA Meeting	17 7:00 AM AA Meeting	18 7:00 AM AA Meeting	19 7:00 AM AA Meeting	20 7:00 AM AA Meeting	21 Grace Notes Deadline 9:00 AM Food Pantry
22 PENT 13 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	23 7:00 AM AA Meeting	24 7:00 AM AA Meeting	25 7:00 AM AA Meeting	26 7:00 AM AA Meeting	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting	28 9:00 AM Food Pantry
29 PENT 14 9:00 AM In-Church Service with Eucharist	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	31 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4 9:00 AM Food Pantry



### Anniversaries

8/03 Russell & Michaela Booth  
8/19 Don & Maureen Whitney

8/20 John & Sarah Brockmann  
8/27 Michael & Lisa Fitzgibbon

### Birthdays

8/01 August Loescher  
8/02 Marsha McGettigan  
8/03 David Escher  
8/05 Pearl Mohamed  
8/08 Kallista Jordan

8/14 Sharon Bravo  
8/14 Elizabeth Pierce  
8/17 Luke Fleming  
8/19 Ani Jordan  
8/23 Charlotte Mathews

8/26 Allen Peeler  
8/26 Anna Sangalang  
8/27 Debra Nedder  
8/28 Frances Mannino  
8/29 Katherine Wharton



The **TOWN OF NORWOOD**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Rev. John Brockmann  
Grace Episcopal Church  
150 Chapel St  
Norwood, MA 02062

Dear Reverent Brockmann,

I'd like to extend a thank you and congratulations to yourself, Grace Episcopal Church, and the Sathya Sai Baba group on the recent developments to the food forest at Grace Episcopal Church. The Norwood Conservation Commission as well as our municipal planning department have expressed interest in protecting and fostering new native plantings throughout Norwood to provide habitat, food, and recreation for humans and non-humans alike.

Plantings such as the pear and apple trees at your property will contribute to the climate and natural disaster resiliency of Norwood, ameliorating heavy rains as well as extreme temperatures, and no less importantly contribute to the social fabric of our community. I appreciate your investment in a sustainable future for Norwood and hope to accept your invitation to visit the food forest and learn from your experience creating it.

Best wishes,  
Holly Jones  
Norwood Conservation Planner

Dear Grace Church Family,  
Your many prayers, words of encouragement and cards during my husband Donald's illness and passing are truly appreciated.  
Thank you all for being such a faith-filled and caring Parish.  
My entire family and I thank you.  
Gratefully,  
Dorothy Sabowin

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