

The Star



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Summer Worship at Grace Sharing Story

Pre-Service Hymn Sing! Throughout the summer, we begin the morning with a hymn sing at 9:50 a.m., responding to requests from the congregation. Come join in singing and bring your requests!

July 1 The Rev. Pam Lucas, preaching
VT Conference Associate Minister
Communion Sunday; Food Shelf Sunday

July 22 **Abundance**
Tracy Weatherhogg
Summer Choir

July 8 **Chameleon Redemption**
John Weatherhogg

July 29 **Telling the Story**
VBS participants

July 15 **Sent**
John Weatherhogg

Telling the Story

An Intergenerational Vacation Bible School Opportunity with Trinity Church
July 23-27, 5:30-8 p.m.



Come join us to "Tell the Story"! This is a week-long fun adventure with activities, songs, worship and food! We will gather each night for activities, then make our way to Fellowship Hall for dinner, story, and discussion followed drama, more activities, and fun in the Sanctuary. All ages are encouraged to join us. We end the week at the beautiful Glendenning farm. \$10/person for the week. Don't worry if you can't come the whole week, we'd still love to have you! Sign up on Sunday mornings or just come!

Vacation Bible School needs your help!

If you are interested in helping in one of the following ways, we would love to hear from you! Contact Kelly Thompson (438.2230/kelser52379@yahoo.com) or Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301).

- Sign-in & registration
- Dinners - preparations, serving, or clean-up
- Helping with activities

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Killington Music Festival Faculty Recital

We welcome the internationally renowned faculty of the Killington Music Festival to give a recital in the Grace Church Sanctuary on July 5th, at 7 p.m. Guest artist Simon Ghraichy, piano, and Killington Music Festival Artistic Director, Daniel Andai, violin, will offer an evening of classical music.

Comedy Piano Recital

Please join us on July 13th at 7 p.m. for an evening of fun music including works by P.D.Q. Bach. The renowned Boston pianist, Vytas Baksys, will lead us through the delightful world of P.D.Q., the 'only forgotten son' of the Bach family. The *Village Voice* describes the music as a 'juxtaposition of collage, bitonality, musical satire, and orchestral surrealism in a "bizarre melodic stream of consciousness"'. Fun for all the family!

Summer Choir Sundays

Our pick-up summer choir Sundays are open to everyone! We meet at 9 a.m. to rehearse two easy anthems, and sing at the 10 a.m. worship service. *Summer Choir Sundays: July 22nd and August 19th.*

FOOD. GLORIOUS FOOD!

TABLE OF ABUNDANCE

If you are a gardener and would like to share your harvest with friends at Grace, please bring produce or flowers Sunday morning and add them to the *Table of Abundance* at Fellowship Time. Produce is available free to all, although cash donations are welcome. Remaining produce plus cash contributions are given to The Community Cupboard.

4TH SUNDAY WELCOME TABLE DINNERS

Sundays, July 22 and August 26 at 5:30 PM

Volunteers are needed to help with our Fourth Sunday Dinners throughout the summer. Cooks, bakers, table hosts, servers, and clean-up crew members are needed. Please complete the SOS in the Sunday bulletin, look for the sign-up during Fellowship Time, or contact Sara Pulcer for the July dinner (775.8861/sehenry2001@yahoo.com).



FOOD SHELF SUNDAY IS JULY 1

Food donations are also welcome every summer Sunday.

The summer months are always a more challenging time for The Community Cupboard to meet the needs in the community and that is especially true this summer with a record number of families in need of assistance. Items particularly needed at this time include:

- Baby products
- Paper products
- Baked beans
- Fresh produce (always appreciated!)
- Stuffing mix
- Mashed potato mix
- Canned Fruit
- Canned soups (the larger the better)
- Dairy products
- Baking products
- Cereal

Family Ministry Activities

Opportunities to share your gifts ... through Christian Education!

Committees are getting ready for activities this summer and fall, and many volunteers are needed! If you are interested in being involved in one of the following areas, we would love to hear from you. Questions may be directed to Kelly Thompson (438.2230/kelser52379@yahoo.com), Tracy Weatherhogg, or a member of the Children & Youth Committee.

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School: July 23-27. See front page.

Child Care

If you would be willing to help Sunday morning during worship to provide care for our youngest visitors or for special occasions, we would love to hear from you.

Summer Whole Church School Program

We are offering a broadly-graded summer whole church school program for children preschool and up. Curriculum provided. Volunteers are needed to lead and assist throughout the summer.



Gather with Grace ...

for a HIKE at White Rocks in East Wallingford on Sunday, July 29

1 p.m. if you would like to meet at Grace; 1:30 p.m. at White Rocks

Gather with Grace is a new initiative that emerged from our reVision process and the Worship and Traditions Proposal Team. The idea is to “gather with grace” for a time of fellowship and worship in a variety of settings and locations. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate. In particular, we hope you invite a friend or acquaintance who might not have a spiritual home to join you as together we connect with God and each other in a variety of settings and formats!

So ... join us at White Rocks where we will gather in the parking lot and be intentionally sent off. For hikers, the short and moderate hiking trail will offer opportunities for conversation and reflection. For others, there will be conversation and fellowship in the picnic area near the trailhead. At the hike's end, we will join together in a closing devotional time back in the parking lot.

Bring your hiking shoes, some water, and a friend!

Directions: For White Rocks parking take VT-140 east from Wallingford for 2.1 miles. Bear right on Sugar Hill Rd and take a right onto Forrest Rd 52 (White Rocks Picnic Rd). Follow the road for 0.5 mile to the parking area.

Thank you!!!

Grace Church joyfully received an anonymous donation to replace the roof in Fellowship Hall. We are deeply thankful for the spirit of God who moves in such ways. The Council then voted to use Legacy funds to repair the roof on the education/music portion of the building, completing the entire project. Work will begin in July.



On-Going Weekly Events

SUNDAY

8:30 Chapel Service
 9:50 Pre-service hymn sing
 10:00 Sanctuary Service
 11:15 A Time of Fellowship

MONDAY

8:00 AA
 5:30 AA

TUESDAY

12:00 Staff Meeting
 5:00 AA Women's Group
 6:00 Bereavement Support
 6:30 Wit's End
 7:00 AA
 7:00 GA

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Prayer Group
 8:00 AA
 11:30 Men's Lunch
 12:00 AA

THURSDAY

12:00 AA

FRIDAY

8:00 AA

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous

GA - Gamblers Anonymous



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
7.1 Communion Sunday Food Shelf Sunday Pre-Service Hymn Sing 8:45 Religion and Science	7.2	7.3 7:00 Compassionate Fr
7.8 Pre-Service Hymn Sing 8:30 VBS training 8:45 Religion and Science 11:25 Healing Prayer Service	7.9 10:00 Foodbank volunteering 6:00 Sharing Story worship planning	7.10
7.15 Pre-Service Hymn Sing Greeting Card Sunday Equal Exchange Sales 8:45 Religion and Science	7.16 10:00 Foodbank volunteering 6:00 Sharing Story worship planning	7.17
7.22 Pre-Service Hymn Sing Pick-Up Choir Sunday 9:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Welcome Table Dinner	7.23 10:00 Foodbank volunteering 5:30 Intergenerational Vacation Bible School	7.24 5:30 Intergenerational Vacation Bible Sch
7.29 Pre-Service Hymn Sing 1:30 Gather with Grace hike	7.30 10:00 Foodbank volunteering 6:00 Sharing Story worship planning	7.31

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	7.4 Independence Day Church Office closed 	7.5 7:00 Killington Music Festival Faculty Concert	7.6 	7.7
Friends	7.11 8:30 Property Committee 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	7.12  STAR DEADLINE	7.13 6:00 Dining for HEAL 7:00 PDQ Bach concert	7.14
	7.18 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study	7.19	7.20 	7.21
School	7.25 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Intergenerational Vacation Bible School	7.26 5:30 Intergenerational Vacation Bible School	7.27 5:30 Intergenerational Vacation Bible School at the Glendennings	7.28
	 Oh, Happy Summer Day!			

Mission & Service Update



About 100 people enjoyed a delicious meal at our May Welcome Table on Memorial Day weekend. A special thank you to Brandi Barclay for pulling off the event with many of our regular helpers away! Some coordinators for these meals are no longer able to help as they have in the past, so we are in need of a few people to step forward to help.

- ◆ If you are willing to co-coordinate a meal (training happily provided) or to cook one of our dinners, please contact Tracey Marsh (see below) or another committee member.
- ◆ We specifically need a “chef” for our September meal (9/23/18).

This is a fun and rewarding mission and we look forward to having new people join us. You can also help by signing up to donate food via the SOS on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month, through Perfect Potluck (www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=DPIV8081) or by contacting the coordinator.

Continuing with our food theme, Jen Wright let us know that Rapha needs a dining hall which will cost \$5,000 to build. Our committee will provide \$2,000 and **Grace members came through with the balance, for a total of \$5,365!** HEAL always has projects which need funding, so please continue to donate. Jen writes, “Over the past year, access to clean water means the children are healthier, our farm is thriving and we have been able to generate income by selling water, milk and vegetables at the local market. We continue to care for 45 children and educate over 80 students in our school.”

To help, make your check out to Grace and note “HEAL” on it. We also want to reboot our “Dining for Hunger” potluck meals as “Dining for HEAL” (see below). Thanks for your continued support!

Tracey Marsh (traceymvt@comcast.net)

DINING for HUNGER - Dining for HEAL

- Who?** Anyone who is interested in participating!
- What?** “Dining for Hunger” (Dining for HEAL) is a gathering of individuals for potluck dinners where the money that would have been spent on “dining out” is collected and then given to a designated organization that is working in the area of hunger. In addition, these gatherings provide an opportunity for small group fellowship among members and friends of Grace Church!
- Where?** In individual homes or at Grace Church ... this summer – plan a picnic! Hosts are needed!
- How?** Sign up to be a host or to attend during Fellowship Time OR by contacting Tracy (775.4301/tracy@gracechurchvt.org). Once a date, time and location is set, information can go into the weekly bulletin announcements, Grace Good News, and newsletter.

Contributions made at “Dining for HEAL” potlucks will go to HEAL Raising our World Foundation.

**July 13th at Grace Church—6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Bring a dish to share, then to go to the concert! (see p. 2)**

“... when did I see you hungry” **Food Justice Opportunities**

Vermont Foodbank—Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon for food sorting

Vermont Farmers Food Center—Health Care Share Program volunteers needed soon

Vermont Foodbank Gleaning—Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. at Dutchess Farm in Castleton for gleaning. Sign up for alerts for other gleaning opportunities through The Vermont Foodbank!

The Community Cupboard—volunteer with them or bring food items to VBS or to Grace

Smokey House Center—Wednesdays, 3-6 p.m. & Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are welcome to help with the great work that Smokey House is doing to help feed their community.



Another Volunteer Opportunity ...

Habitat for Humanity has begun work on a new home on Griswold Avenue in Stonegate in Rutland! Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come for a few hours or the whole time! Check out their Facebook page for more details (<https://www.facebook.com/HabitatForHumanityRutlandVT>).



**Weekly Bible Study
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
in the Lounge**

We continue to gather each Wednesday in the Lounge for Bible study, studying the text that will be included in worship on Sunday mornings. Come as you are able for discussion and study. All are welcome!

Congratulations Graduate!

Victoria Reid Quint, daughter of Sarah and Andrew Quint and granddaughter of Esther and Dan Swett, graduated from Rutland High School. She will attend Dartmouth College in the fall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



A Prayer Shawl is a gift to someone, to “wrap” them in prayers and bring them comfort, love and strength. Many blessings and prayers are knitted and crocheted into each shawl and then they are blessed during a worship service.

We would love to have you join us in the Parlor on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for an hour or so to knit, crochet & pray.

**Our summer gatherings will be
July 11 and August 8.**

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Grace Church Memorials



The Sanctuary and Chapel Flower Memorials

July 1 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
John Johnson by his loving wife, Mary Johnson.

July 8 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Ethel Young Williams by Norma Delfosse.

July 15 to the Glory of God.

July 22 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Matthew Wingfield by his family.

July 29 to the Glory of God.

(To arrange for a flower memorial, please contact David Hazen -
483.2337/peren@aol.com.)

The Church Spire will be illuminated

July 1 to the Glory of God.

July 8 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Gladys and Harry Hart.

July 15, July 22, and July 29 to the Glory of God,

*To have the Church Spire lit for a loved one, please contact the
Church Office (775.4301). The cost for this is \$20.



Need a Name Tag?

If you lost your name tag or need to order one, please contact Kit at 775.4301 or kit@gracechurchvt.org. The cost per name tag is \$5.00. Please specify magnet or pin and print your name at you would like it to appear. We will place the order in mid-July.

Summer Church Office Hours

(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.