

The Star



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Sharing Story: Connecting to Our Sacred Story and the Stories of Each Other

¹⁴ But I will keep hope alive, and my praise to you will grow exponentially.

¹⁵ I will bear witness to your merciful acts; throughout the day I will speak of all the ways you deliver, although, I admit, I do not know the entirety of either.

¹⁶ I will come with stories of your great acts, my Lord, the Eternal. I will remind them of your justice, only yours.

- Psalm 71:14-16 (*The Voice*)

Sharing stories is a way for us to connect with others. Through the stories we tell and the stories we hear, we learn about each other and the world around us. Through our Sacred Story, the stories of scripture, we learn about God and about who we are as God's children.

Sharing Stories was the theme for this year's VT Conference Annual Meeting and we are building on that theme for worship this summer and into the fall. Through this time of telling stories and listening to the stories of each other, we hope to connect more deeply to each other as we recognize our differences as well as those things that bind us to each other. Through all of our story telling, the stories of our lives and the stories of our faith, we will be aware of the presence of God in our lives and in our world.

We look forward to hearing your stories!

How can you be involved?

- ◆ Join us in worship on Sunday mornings throughout the summer as we explore the art of storytelling in a variety of forms.
- ◆ Share your story! We will be gathering on Mondays at 6 p.m., beginning June 11, to tell stories together and to prepare for upcoming worship services. We will enjoy a **"Salad Bar" dinner ... the basics will be provided: lettuce, dressings, bread ...bring a topping to add to the Salad Bar!** Bring your story and your thoughts and ideas to add to our worship preparations!

Not available on Mondays but interested in sharing a story? Contact John or Tracy (775.4301 / john@gracechurchvt.org / tracy@gracechurchvt.org).

See page 11 for details on June worship, including Confirmation Sunday and the start of Summer Worship.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Graduation Gifts...

It rained a slow, subtle rain on the commencement grounds near the Waterman Building and we were there, with umbrella shifting from hand to hand, posturing in the wind against the rain. The graduates all held their heads up high with mortarboards angled against the ever-expanding wetness in their gowns. This was their moment, and no rain would diminish it for them. They laughed at the jokes and cheered on cue as their classmates came forward to receive honors for their hard work. And I shed a tear, many actually. I shed tears of joy for two girls, young women really, who played hard together on their 3rd-grade soccer field as the “new recruits” from Pennsylvania. They led the team that year in goals and from those goals onward, they scored many points together in soccer, basketball, and softball teams in high school and now many goals in ultimate frisbee in college – **highest ranked women’s team in Vermont history!** (Yes, I am a proud dad!)

As I sat listening to the speeches about a future yet to be written by 3,055 graduates going forth to change their world, I was enveloped by a world of inspirational moments fused together by the lyrical address of commencement speaker Alexander Nemerov (UVM ’85). He warned that too often society tells us, and we tell ourselves, that such moments are worthless, an affront to our mutual agreement as a culture “that we not ask big questions, that we not marvel at the very fact of being alive.” Instead, he encouraged the graduates to honor this “quality we all possess, all the time. It is this quality of goodness in ourselves and the world, manifest in just these fragile but indestructible moments we all experience.” He closed with words more suggestive of American poet Walt Whitman’s verse than the standard platitudes of many graduation talks: “Like on a brilliant day here in Vermont, when the lake is blue or silver or gray. I sense all the boats that have ever floated on it, the schooners and sailboats and dories and side-wheelers; I feel all the times that have been. And I

am down among the fishes, some hundreds of feet deep, there with the blips on the fisherman’s sonar screen that are the schools, the living creatures that for a while remain living still. And I am in some Adirondack valley, where a fox eats a mouse, the fox tilting its head back, the better to bring the back teeth into play. And I am at our near shore, looking at the moonlight glinting off the leaves in the trees, off the faces of the lovers as they kiss. I am all of these things. You are too.”

“You are too,” Nemerov said, was a wonderful pushback against the raging anger in our culture today. The very same culture in which these newly minted graduates would unleash their ambitions into the world like the floating white seed helicopter pods of a ripe dandelion blown apart by the raging winds. These seeds, replete with the power to create a new life, would land where they’re blown and impregnate the ground beneath them with the real hope of a new birth, the birthing of new ideas, new opportunities, new relationships, new energies, just as it’s supposed to be. I’m halfway through life, others have crested years ago and are on the downward slope reminiscing with deep gladness to not have to do it all over again.

This is the cycle of life. New graduates take off to conquer the ever-evolving landscapes of an ever-changing world, the same one we’re desperately trying to grasp hold in order to slow down. They’ll do just fine, perhaps even better, because they know nothing else! They’ll attack the ascent with fresh legs and fresh ideas and fresh technologies, because they’re creating it! And thank God for that! Every year a new class is launched into our world to make it better – taking what we’ve done and making it better. We can only hope!

Congratulations girls, and everyone else who’s graduated recently! May God give you grace and courage to face our world. Help us make it better for all creatures everywhere! Stop in and say hi at Grace sometime, will ya?! We’d all love to see you!

Dad



Healing Ministry With the Reverend Robert Boutwell

Healing Prayer Services are held on the second Sunday of each month at 11:25 a.m. in the Chapel at Grace Church. The next Healing Service will be held on Sunday, June 10th.

In Luke 7:11-17 we read that Jesus was traveling to a town called Nain with his disciples and a large crowd of followers when they met a funeral procession. A dead person was being carried out and he was the only son of a widow. A large crowd from the town was with her. When **Jesus saw her his heart went out to her and he went to her and said, "Stop crying." Then he put his hand on the coffin and said "Young man, I say to you, get up!" Then the dead man sat up and began to talk and Jesus gave him back to his mother.**

When Peggy Eastman's husband Jim was killed in a plane crash, Jesus did not raise him from the dead but Jesus came to Peggy with such love that it healed the hurt of her sorrowing heart. Her soul's last defense was shutting down to avoid any more pain. Then she attended the church's bereavement group and a hand reached out to her to lift the shadows that had closed around her soul. They talked about all the things that might have been and the regrets they needed to give to God. They shared all the good memories that remained; the good things that God wanted them to remember. As the light of Jesus began to dawn upon Peggy's soul, she felt His healing love and caught a glimpse of what might be. She prayed that Jesus would bring her out of the pit of loneliness and give her something to replace what she had lost. The answer came that God did not intend her to live with a shattered soul. God sent Jesus to heal her and to show her that we don't have to live without love.

When a precious vase is broken the Japanese mend it with a special glue made from gold dust and lacquer. The repair reflects the history of the breakage, leaving the crack outlined with the gold. It shows the fragility of life but also its beauty and strength. Love is like that golden glue so that what has been broken can be returned to wholeness and integrity.

Jesus has the power to heal the hurts of your soul with that kind of glue and he has given that power to us in the church. Come to the Healing Prayer Service and let us pray with you for Jesus to give you the golden gift of healing love. We invite you to come to also offer prayers for others who are seeking healing and to tell about, and praise God for, the gifts of healing you have received.

I am also in my office on Wednesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for consultation and prayer, or I will meet with you at other times or places if you will call me 802-773-3057 or send me an email at revrbtwl@myfairpoint.net.

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

Summer Hymn Sing

June 10th at 4:00 PM

Please join us for a hymn sing on June 10 at 4 p.m. followed by ice cream in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to hear the magnificent Grace Church organ!

Grace 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. 2018 Summer Choir Sundays will be June 24th, July 22nd and August 19th.

Killington Music Festival Faculty Recital

July 5th at 7:00 PM

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.

Comedy Piano Recital

July 13th at 7:00 PM



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 steam of consciousness".' Fun for all the family!



Unable to be at worship on Sunday mornings?
Know someone who would like to receive communion at home?

EXTENDED HOME COMMUNION is available anytime for those not able to be with us in worship that day. Anyone who would like to arrange for a Home Communion visit or who knows someone who may like to receive Home Communion, can contact the Church Office (775.4301). A representative from the Diaconate will call to confirm a time.





Annual Meeting—June 3, 11:15 AM (immediately following worship)

The Program Annual Meeting will take place immediately follow worship. There will be a vote on the Nominating Committee report. Plan to be with us!

Easy NEW Way to Give to Grace Church!



Here is our new QR Code! When scanned, it will take you directly to the Support Grace page of our new website, where you will find directions explaining how to use **our newest addition... TITHELY!** Details below...

You can check out Tithely or download their app at tithely.com; to download the app, click on Church Giving, then Free Mobile Giving, then Sign Up, then Give to My Church... or just follow the QR Code to our website. (much easier!)

We are excited to offer the newest way to give to Grace Church – *directly through the website!* Just click the link below to give via your credit card or a direct transfer (ACH) from your bank account; you can make a one-time donation or a recurring offering. You do not need to log into Tithely to give, but you have the option of setting up an account and/or downloading their app onto your phone, in addition to the website giving.

GIVE TO GRACE CHURCH

Coffee Hour - Serving Those Who Serve the Church

Join Grace Congregational UCC for coffee and light refreshments in the Parlor on *Tuesday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.* to hear from the Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Lee, Philanthropy Officer of the Pension Boards, on the programs and assistance provided to clergy and lay church workers through Ministerial Assistance.

For over 100 years, Ministerial Assistance has served those who dedicate their lives to ministry by addressing pressing financial needs and developing leadership skills among clergy. Grace proudly stands behind the work of Ministerial Assistance by giving to the Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross and Emergency Fund annually and supports their most **recent campaign, “Generations of Service: Faith and Finance in Action” to build on its critical work. RSVP to the Church Office (775.4301).**

Look for more information soon!



Grace Church Youth and Family Ministry

Children's Ministries Opportunities this Summer and Fall!

There are many ways to help support the ministry to children and their families this summer and fall. We hope you will consider how you might help with this important ministry of our congregation.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Provide childcare in the Crib and Toddler Room each Sunday
- Lead a Whole Church School Program (materials provided) for a Sunday (or two!) this summer
- **Help with this summer's Intergenerational Vacation Bible School – July 23-27**
- ◆ Lead our Whole Church School Program in the fall

Contact Kelly Thompson (236.5270/ kelser52379@yahoo.com) or Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/ tracy@gracechurchvt.org) for more information.



Summer Fun Opportunity!

Looking for something fun to do June 25-29? Kids ages 6-12 are invited to join other area kids at the 2nd annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Power Camp at the College of St. Joe! Check out the postcards on our Grace literature table nearest the playground entrance or visit online at NEFCACAMPS.org. This high energy morning day camp is a week-long event of sports, singing, group activities and Christian fellowship for kids and is led by local coaches and college athletes.

Questions? Ask Zoe or Lea Zmurko who were on the junior counselor team last year or email Melissa Crossman, our area FCA director, at mcrossman@fca.org.

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

We gather each night, beginning in the Sanctuary then making our way to Fellowship Hall for dinner, followed by activities and fun! All ages are encouraged to join us as we explore stories of Jesus eating with people in a variety of ways. Registration forms will be available soon in the Office, on literature tables, and on our website.



VBS needs your help!

If you are interested in helping, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Kelly Thompson (236.5270/ kelser52379@yahoo.com) or Tracy. We need help with:

- **sign-in and registration**
- **recreation and activities**
- **dinners (preparation, serving, and/or clean-up)**

Grace Church Youth and Family Ministry



Youth News for June

June 3 & 10 – Normal weeks of food, fun, and fellowship!

June 17 – No Youth Group BUT join with others from Grace Church for a picnic at Northwood Pool!

June 23 - X-race at 3 p.m.

June 24 – **Welcome Table Dinner ... servers needed!**

All Church Picnic

Sunday June 17th is the All Church Picnic at Northwood Pool at 11:30 a.m. Parish Life will provide the fee for use of the pool, burgers, dogs, buns, condiments and beverages. Please bring a salad to share, your towels and swim suits and a chair or blanket. Pray for a warm sunny day! For more information, contact George Jacoby (georgjacoby@aol.com).

Grace Church Goes Mini Golfing Sunday, June 10, 2-5 p.m. at Mendon Mini Golf

All are encouraged to come out for miniature golf at Mendon Mini Golf from 2-5 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Food may be purchased at a discounted price as well. The event is part of Relay for a Cure - for each game played, \$2 will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Contact George Jacoby (georgjacoby@aol.com) for more information.



It is not too late!

Summer Camp Opportunities

The *Bethany Birches* 2018 summer camp brochure and information is available in the Church Office for those who might be interested in learning more about summer camp opportunities.

In addition, there is information about the Vermont Conference

Outdoor Ministries' and the Horton Center's offerings, including: July 1-7 at the Horton Center in New Hampshire for 5th-7th graders and July 15-20 at Rock Point in Burlington for 10-12 year olds. Stop by the Church Office or contact Tracy (775.4301/ tracy@gracechurchvt.org) to learn more.



**ON-GOING WEEKLY
EVENTS**

SUNDAY

8:30 Chapel Service
 9:00 Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 Sanctuary Service
 11:15 A Time of Fellowship

MONDAY

8:00 AA
 5:30 AA

TUESDAY

9:00 Yoga
 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
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

12:00 AA

FRIDAY

8:00 AA

AA- Alcoholics Anonymous
 GA - Gamblers Anonymous

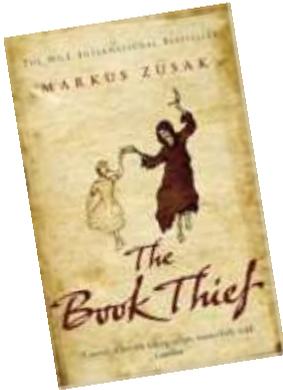


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
6.3 Confirmation Sunday Food Shelf Sunday Communion Sunday 11:15 Annual Meeting 4:00 "Putting Your Affairs in Order" event 5:00 Youth Group	6.4 10:00 VT Foodbank 4:00 Mission & Service retreat at Tracey Marsh's 5:30 Music Committee 6:30 Nonviolence study group	6.5 12:00 Red Cross blood d
6.10 Greeting Card Sunday Equal Exchange Sales 11:25 Healing Prayer Service 2:00 Mini-Golfing in Mendon 4:00 Hymn Sing 5:00 Youth Group	6.11 9:30 Women's Small Group 10:00 VT Foodbank 6:00 Sharing Stories and Worship Planning	6.12 STAR deadline 
6.17 Summer Worship begins 9:50 Pre-service hymn sing 11:30 Spiritual Growth Committee 11:30 Church Picnic	6.18 10:00 VT Foodbank 6:00 Sharing Stories and Worship Planning	6.19 10:00 "Serving Those who the Church" meet
6.24 Pick-up Choir Sunday 5:30 Welcome Table Dinner <i>Youth Group to help with Welcome Table Dinner</i>	6.25 10:00 VT Foodbank 10:30 Jack Elliott memorial service 6:00 Sharing Stories and Worship Planning	6.26

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY	SATURDAY
			6.1	6.2 Neighbors Day 10:30 Bob Ellison memorial service
rive	6.6 8:00 Property Committee 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study	6.7	6.8	6.9 
	6.13 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Prayer Shawl	6.14 5:30 <i>Listening for God</i> Book Discussion & Potluck	6.15	6.16 7:00 Community Sing at Rutland Jewish Center
no Serve ing	6.20 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study	6.21 5:30 Centering prayer 6:00 Diaconate retreat	6.22	6.23 
	6.27 9:00 Healing Ministry Office Open 9:30 Bible Study	6.28 5:30 Centering prayer 6:00 Church Council	6.29	6.30

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” - Margaret Franklin

Book Reviews by Florence Boutwell



The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

“Thought-provoking, life-affirming, triumphant and tragic, this is a novel of breath-taking scope ... it is an important piece of work.”

The story takes place in Germany, during the late 1930's (Second World War) and extends into the early 1940's. A train rushes onward, packed with people, including a woman, her small son and a daughter Liesel. They are headed for Molching and foster parents, the Hubermans. The children will live on Himmel Street, which ironically means Heaven. The street is anything but, and life is anything but heaven, beginning with the death of the small son while riding the train headed for a new home.

Adolph Hitler has come to power, the army is everywhere, Jews are persecuted and arrested, there is a shortage of food and cigarettes, and bombs are dropped. Children steal food from farmers and orchardists. Liesel finds a book which she keeps; however, she cannot read.

Thus begins her tale of learning to read and stealing books to read. It involves some particular people: **Rudy and Max, the mayor's wife, Herr Hubermann.**

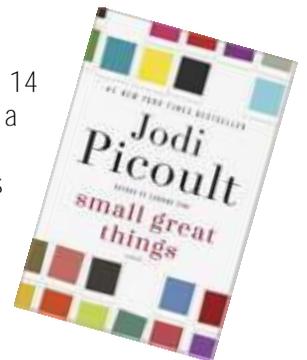
Death is the omniscient narrator of this novel. This is a story of courage, friendship, survival, love, death and grief. It is a spell-binding story, one that will keep you engrossed until the end when the Fuhrer meets up with the narrator.

Listening for God Book Discussion

Thursday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m

Our next *Listening for God* Book Discussion will take place on Thursday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Join us for a potluck dinner and discussion. Bring a **dish to share if you are able. We will be discussing Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things***, which is available through the Church Office and on Sunday mornings for \$10.

Any questions, contact Janice Prindle (345.2924/ jlpen77@gmail.com) or Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/ tracy@gracechurchvt.org). All are welcome!



Sundays in June

June 3 *Confirmation Sunday*
Communion Sunday
Program Annual Meeting
Members of this year's Confirmation Class will be leading in worship and will be confirmed!

June 10 *Last Sunday of the Program Year*
Tracy Weatherhogg, preaching
I Samuel 8:1-22

June 17 *Summer Worship Begins!*
"Sharing Story"
John Weatherhogg, preaching
Pre-Service Hymn Sing plus outside Fellowship Time. See below for more.

June 24 **"Sharing Story: Facing Our Fears"**
Mark 4:35-41
John Weatherhogg, preaching

Confirmation Sunday — June 3



Members of this year's Confirmation Class have been meeting over the last several months on Sunday afternoons. In this time, they have been learning more about their faith, their church, and what it means to be a member of Grace Church. Plan to be with us on this exciting day in the spiritual journey of these young people!

Summer Worship Begins June 17!

Come join us as we celebrate the beginning of summer with a Pre-service Hymn Sing beginning at 9:50 a.m. In addition, Fellowship Time will be held outside, weather permitting!



Religion and Science - the 2 faces of God?

This is what we will be able to explore with Jim Graves, otherwise known as Dr. James Graves, Biology, Botany and Environmental Studies professor at Green Mountain College.

Mark your calendars for the first three Sundays in July: 1, 8, & 15 and be at the church library from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. (done in time for the summer hymn sing) for this summer offering by the Spiritual Growth Committee.

Raincoats Seek Owners!

Are you missing a men's Oleg Cassini olive raincoat? It was left on a coatrack sometime in May, and it is nice enough that we think you might wish you had it! We also just found a size small black Columbia rainjacket. Call the Church Office if it is yours (775.4301).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Habitat for Humanity, Rutland

Occasional Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon plus Wednesdays and Saturdays



Brush with Kindness work days take place on occasional Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. These are short-term home repair days. Wednesday and Saturday work days will be beginning **soon on Habitat's next house!** Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin announcements or check out the Habitat Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HabitatForHumanityRutlandVT>) or contact Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/ tracy@gracechurchvt.org) to learn more or to volunteer!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

BAYADA Hospice in Rutland is looking for compassionate companions to make a special impact on the lives of others. Hospice volunteers play a key role in helping people have comfort, dignity, and grace at the end of life. BAYADA offers comprehensive training and ongoing support. Contact volunteer coordinator Jessica Rauseo at 282.4122 or at jrauseo@bayada.com if you are interested or have questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the VERMONT FOODBANK in RUTLAND

Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon



Come help us sort and pack food for Vermonters struggling with hunger from 9 AM—noon. Anyone 14 years old or older is welcome to join us! You will play a key part in getting donated food ready to distribute to food shelves and meal sites throughout the state and to our neighbors who need it most. Contact Tracy (775.4301/tracy@gracechurchvt.org) to learn more or to sign-up to help.

NEIGHBORS DAY—JUNE 2

Since it began in Paris in 1999, Neighbors Day is celebrated annually by more than 30 countries on 5 continents. On June 2, 2018, Vermont will become the first state in the US to hold a statewide celebration of Neighbors Day! The concept is basic: dedicate at least one day a year to get to know your neighbors. Neighbors Day can be a barbecue, a plant swap, an ice cream social, but it is not a party for your entire village or town. Instead, it is a small scale gathering in your neighborhood to help make connections and promote feelings of belonging.

Consider how you can be a neighbor and consider hosting a Neighbors Day event!

Community Sing at Rutland Jewish Center

Saturday, June 16, 7:00—9:00 p. m.

Join with Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and musicians Lisa Lipkin and Jay Hitt in a community sing-along with instruments, featuring a variety of music genres including folk, soul, rhythm-and-blues, rounds and Jewish music.



No experience necessary! Just bring your voices and we'll supply the rest. Singing together builds community, is good for your health and is just plain fun!

Our evening will conclude with Havdalah — a short and sweet ceremony to say goodbye to the Sabbath. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call 802-773-3455 or email office@rutlandjewishcenter.org

4th Sunday Welcome Table Dinner

Sunday, June 24, 5:30 p. m.



The *Welcome Table* Dinner is a free meal offered the 4th Sunday of each month here at Grace Church thanks to the help of many volunteers.

Volunteers are needed each month to:

- ◆ help serve
- ◆ help with clean-up
- ◆ help to prepare food
- ◆ be a table host
- ◆ prepare a dessert

Contact Tracey Marsh (773.7537/tracetmvt@comcast.net) to volunteer!

Food Shelf Sunday ... First Sunday of the Month, June 3

The summer months are a challenging time for The Community Cupboard and that is especially true this summer with a record number of families in need of assistance. In addition to our first Sunday collection, the Mission and Service Committee invites you to bring in food items whenever possible this summer. Thanks for your support of this important ministry within our community!

Update from the Personnel Committee

This month's newsletter article addresses a topic brought to the attention of the Personnel Committee surrounding "coverage for our staff while they are on vacation". While each instance of staff vacation is unique, we wanted to highlight some of the basic informational points.

Each staff member has a set amount of time away as specified in our Grace Personnel Handbook and verified with each employee annually through their employee snapshot documentation. In some instances – **staff members attempt to "hold down the fort" while their colleagues are away.** For example, Beth and Kit try very hard not to have time away on the same dates. Alastair and Diane also try to coordinate – **so that there is someone from the music team available.** **Ken's time away is trickier – as we don't have access to a full-time team member to cover for his duties.** However, in the summertime, we do employ a part-time custodian. Ken coordinates some of his vacation while this substitute is on-site.

When John and Tracy are away together – we call in some cavalry to help Pastor Bob Boutwell cover any pastoral emergencies that may arise. In the past, we have utilized several local area pastors as our coverage for Grace, including John Sanborn, Beverly Anderson, Bill Bartholomew, Rob Noble, Holly Noble and Pat Jackman. The receptionist on duty at Grace should always have a **list of the pastors and their contact numbers that are 'on call' while our pastors are away.** In addition, there is a list of deacons available to help as needed, as when Marty Barclay, Dee Bort and Marjorie Salmon fulfill their visitation ministry duties.

If you have a Pastoral Emergency while our staff is away...please don't hesitate to call the Grace office for help. Thank you to all who provide coverage in times of need!

Kitchen Chatter

Just a reminder to feel free to use the permanent marker in the kitchen to mark items in the refrigerators. Too often we are finding well intentioned left-overs in unmarked containers turning into science experiments. Please feel free to take home leftovers and enjoy them for lunch or drop them off at the Mission! Or another idea is to please email Tracy with a description so that she can see if there is a reuse event in the near future.

Here are some exciting leftovers from the fridge this May:



Congratulations Graduates!

We heard from proud relatives of the following Grace graduates:

Gordon Ashcroft-Billings graduates from Mill River Union High School on June 13th. He is the son of Mary Ashcroft.

Elijah Brown graduates from Stafford Technical School on June 1 from the Auto Refinishing Program and from West Rutland High School on June 8. He is the son of Lori Stone.



Emily Charnock graduated from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA with a Masters in Nutrition. Emily is the daughter of David and Julie Charnock.

John Graves graduates from Mill River Union High School on June 13. He will attend Brown University in the fall. John is the son of Jim Graves and Kathy Doyle.

Meghan Hamilton graduates from Rutland High School on June 14. She is the daughter of John and Pam Hamilton.

Tommy Kenosh graduates from Burke Mountain Academy on June 3 and plans to attend St Lawrence University in 2019 after a year of training and ski racing at Killington Mountain School. He is the son of Mike and Kristen Kenosh.

Madeline Mandeville graduated from the University of Vermont on May 20th. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Pat Mandeville.

Eamonn Powers graduates on June 3rd from Holliston High School, Holliston, MA. He is the son of Gretchen Hazen Powers and John Powers and the grandson of Carolyn and David Hazen. Eamonn will be attending Penn State in the fall.

Rachel Sheehe graduates from Mill River Union High School and will attend University of New England in the fall. She is the daughter of John and Monika Sheehe.

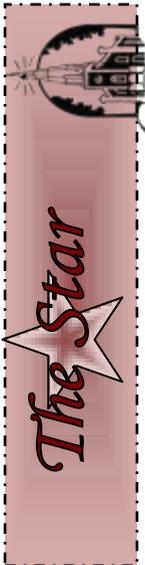
Ryan Ward **graduates from Stafford Technical School's STEM program and from Mill River Union High School** and will enter the GE Apprentice Program and Vermont Technical College. He is the son of Rodney and Vikki Ward.

Emma Weatherhogg graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelors of Science in Communication, Science, and Disorders. Emma is the daughter of John and Tracy Weatherhogg.

Kyle Weatherhogg graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelors of Science in Food Systems. Kyle is the daughter of John and Tracy Weatherhogg.

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Grace Church Memorials The Sanctuary and Chapel Flower Memorials



June 3 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Lee and Betty Benger
by Donna Benger Haynes and Debbie. Benger Fredette

June 10 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Dorothy Potter and Betty Dexter by Peg Johnson

June 17 to the Glory of God

June 24 to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 50th
anniversary of David and Carolyn Hazen on June 30, 1968

(If you would like a flower memorial for any occasion,
please contact David Hazen: 483.2337/peren@aol.com).

The Church Spire will be illuminated

June 3 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Lincoln and Helen Weeks
by their children, Elisabeth, Lincoln Jr. and Richard
and also in loving memory of
Barry Smith by Richard Weeks

June 10 and June 17 to the Glory of God

June 24 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Alex, Barbara and Philip Nash by their family

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

Summer Church Office Hours
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

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



Many thanks to all who helped with the Spring 2018
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