

# The Star



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## October Worship at Grace



### Sanctuary Service, 10:00 AM

#### *Moving Out of Scare City: There is Enough*

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7*

**October 3 Tower of Power**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
Genesis 11:1-9

**October 10 Around Every Corner**  
Isaiah 41:10

**October 17 Covenant Service with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** to honor our Partnership: "Little Lambs Academy at Grace"

**Oct. 24 Other Side of the Tracks**  
**Stewardship (Generosity) Sunday**  
Acts 15:8-9 ... Make the tree bloom!

**Oct. 31 Music Sunday: Love Conquers All**  
Joyful Noise will sing a medley from the *Addam's Family Musical*

## Chapel Service, 8:30 AM

**Oct. 3 What's Really Important?**  
Mark 10:2-16

**Oct. 10 What Must I Do?**  
Mark 10:17-31

**Oct, 17 Great Service**  
Mark 10:35-45

**Oct. 24 Take Heart**  
Mark 10:46-52

**Oct. 31 Wherever You Go**  
Mark 12:28-34



## Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace Church Tuesday, October 19, Noon—5:30 PM

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to donate blood which is in short supply or call the church office to learn more. 775.4301.



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

It was such a harsh reality for me when someone said, “All the leaves will be off the trees by the end of October.” The truth may set you free, but it can really stab your heart. Some of you just looked out your windows and said, “My trees are almost bare, now!” I guess I keep showing that I am not a Native New Englander.

There are many opportunities to celebrate in October. Did you know October 4<sup>th</sup> is World Smile Day? Yes, I know it is hard to see a smile behind the mask, but we have seen beautiful smiles from eyes. Give away your “eye smiles” and invite others to twinkle. You never know how a small gesture can change a life.

OK, who do you know that will celebrate National Grouch Day with fanfare? Yes, October 12<sup>th</sup> is National Grouch Day. Tell a Grouch they are loved. Let’s see what happens!

That’s right, Google is my friend! I googled “October” and found the listing for many things we can celebrate. We can always be a blessing in some way. On **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** let’s celebrate our custodian and maintenance staff, **Peggy, and Jeff**. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is **National Custodial Day!** Our campus “smiles” brighter since Jeff and Peggy joined the team! Drop a card or something sweet to the Hospitality Center (that is where they clock in) to say you appreciate how they make Grace Church welcoming.

Wendy and I will ride along many paths in Vermont and New Hampshire to see the spectacular coloring of the beauty of the earth and look for the spookiest creative decorations. Celebrate just “being” and arriving to this date.

Blessings,

*Pastor Alberta*



### Comfort Zone Chicken Dinner Benefit Friday, Oct. 1, 4:30 – 6:30 pm; \$20/plate

This carry-out dinner can feed your family and help support the work of the Comfort Zone, a program of Companions in Wholeness in Rutland. Every week the staff and volunteers of the Comfort Zone, hosted at the Rutland United Methodist Church work hard to prepare breakfast and lunch for 50-100 guests Monday through Thursday.

Call the RUMC to place your orders Mon, Wed, or Thurs from 7:30 AM to 2 PM: 773-2460, ask for either Lori or Linda.



*They are the trees planted  
by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit  
in its season.  
Psalm 1: 3a*



## Rooted in Love

In August and September, we have heard speakers who shared what Grace Congregational UCC means to them and why we support Grace with our time, our talents, and our financial resources. We thank all those who have spoken and ask you to consider what Grace Church means to you and what you hope to see in the future ministry of our church.

You should have received a postcard from the Stewardship Committee already. Please be looking for your annual stewardship letter and pledge card for 2022 to arrive in the mail shortly. As you consider your annual pledge, we encourage you to count your many blessings.

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is not variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:17 KJV*

Since God has so richly blessed our lives, we are enabled to bless others by giving our time, talents and treasure. Please plan to return your 2022 pledge cards on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Your Stewardship Committee

## *Grace Church Fall Rummage Sale* *It's time to clean out your closets!*

**Thursday, October 7 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 8 from 8 a.m. to Noon (Bag Sale)**



**Donations** will be accepted in Fellowship Hall beginning on Monday, Sept. 27 between 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. NO donations after Tuesday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m! We are looking for household items, clothing (**clean, dry, wearable**), small appliances (**in good working condition**), linens, jewelry, and children's toys and games. **No sharp knives, televisions, microwaves, text books or encyclopedias.** *Please bring your own bags.*

### **Set-up and Sales Help Needed!**

**Set-up help** is needed to set up and sort Monday through Thursday, October 4-7

**Sales help** is needed on Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8

**Clean-up help** is needed after the sale on Friday, October 8

For more information please contact Mary Doyle (772.4834), Sue Best (775.5079), or the Church Office (775.4301). Thank you!

**Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord.**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 3 AT 10:00 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us as the choirs of Grace Church celebrate diversity and explore world-wide musical styles.

**HYMN SING AND VOCAL RECITAL IN PITTSFORD  
OCTOBER 10 AT 3:00 PM**

Olivia Boughton will offer a recital featuring music from the Renaissance and Elizabethan periods and the second performance of Alastair Stout's 'Twice', a song-cycle of poetry by Emily Dickinson. Favorite hymns will be sung between vocal selections. Pittsford Congregational Church.

**MUSIC SUNDAY: OCTOBER 31 AT 10:00 AM**

The Sanctuary Choir will offer two haunting anthems: *The Ransom of a Soul* by David Ashley White, and the *Sanctus* from Franz Schubert's *Mass in G Major*. The reflection time will be presented by Joyful Noise who will sing a medley from the *Addam's Family Musical*, exploring a theme of Love Conquers All.

**BENEFIT CONCERT: OCTOBER 31 AT 4:00 PM**

Join us on Halloween for frightful fun with the Grace Church Sanctuary Choir, Ryan Mangan, and other fabulous specters of the musical void. Music will include the *Haunted America Suite* by Justin Rains. There will be a freewill offering in aid of the Red Cross.

**ALL SAINTS EVENING SERVICE: NOVEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM**

All are welcome to celebrate and remember those who have died this past year. The Grace Sanctuary Choir and the Castleton University Chorale will sing *Mass in G* by Frank Schubert, and poetry and prayers will be offered in memory of loved ones who have recently passed.



**MESSIAH REHEARSALS BEGIN NOVEMBER 7**

The Rutland Area Chorus will present Handel's *Messiah* on December 5 at 3:30 and 7 p.m. All are invited to sing in this wonderful annual celebration of the coming of the Messiah! Rehearsals are each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 (one rehearsal may be missed, if necessary), with a mandatory dress rehearsal on December 4.

November 7—2 to 4 p.m.

November 21—2 to 4 p.m.

December 4—most of the day

November 14—2 to 4 p.m.

November 28—2 to 4 p.m.



*Hymn Sing*  
And Vocal Recital

With Olivia Boughton, soprano  
And Alastair Stout, piano & organ

Join us to sing your favorite hymns and hear  
Olivia Boughton perform songs by  
Elizabethan and Renaissance composers.

**Sunday, October 10, at 3 p.m.**



Pittsford Congregational Church  
121 Village Green  
Pittsford, VT 05763  
802-483-6408

This Halloween  
Grace Church Presents  
**A BENEFIT CONCERT**  
IN AID OF THE RED CROSS

Frightful fun with the Grace Church Sanctuary Choir,  
Ryan Mangan and other specters of the musical void.

**OCTOBER 31 AT 4 P.M.**  
In-person in the Grace Church Sanctuary

8 Court Street, Rutland, VT 05701  
802-775-4301 @GraceChurch.Org



## THE FORTNIGHTLY



The Fortnightly has two events planned for October. As a part of the Rutland Sculpture Trail, a bust of Julia R.C.R. Dorr (see image on the right) will be installed on the Library grounds on **October 6 at noon**. Come celebrate our founder!



**OCTOBER MEETING: THURSDAY, OCT. 22 AT 2 PM**  
"Who IS That Lady?"



The Rev. Dr. Alberta Wallace is our Intentional Interim; have you ever wondered, who is she—**really**? Where did she come from? Who is her Mommy?

Join The Fortnightly for cookies and tea on Thursday, October 21st at 2:00 PM and find out who's **really** under that hat and mask!

## ON-GOING WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Chapel Service  
10:00 am Sanctuary Service  
11:15 am Joyful Noise rehearsal

### MONDAY

- 8:00 am AA  
5:30 pm AA  
6:30 pm Bell Choir

### TUESDAY

- 5:00 pm AA Women's Group  
7:00 pm AA Men's Group

### WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 am AA  
8:00 am Prayer Group  
9:30 am Bible Study  
Noon AA  
6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY

- Noon AA  
7:00 pm AA Men's Group

### FRIDAY

- 8:00 am AA

## OCTOBER EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Mon, Oct. 4 to Oct. 7**—Rummage sale set-up  
**Wed, Oct, 6, 8:30 AM**—Property Committee  
**Noon**—Julia Dorr Sculpture dedication  
**Thurs, Oct. 7, 6:00 PM**—Diaconate  
**Thurs, Oct. 7, 5:00 PM**—Rummage Sale  
**Fri, Oct. 8, 8:00 AM**—Bag sale  
**Sun, Oct 10, 3:00 PM**—Vocal recital (Pittsford)  
**Wed, Oct. 13, 9:30 AM**—Prayer Shawl  
**Sun, Oct 17, 11:15 AM**—Bring in cookies/juice  
**1:00 PM**—Corn Maze outing for all  
**Tues, Oct. 19, 9:00 AM**—Sewing Group  
**Tues, Oct. 19, Noon**—Red Cross Blood Drive  
**Thurs, Oct. 22, 2:00 PM**—The Fortnightly  
**Sun, Oct. 31, 4:00 PM**—Benefit Concert



## INTERGENERATIONAL FUN

### Grace Goes to the Hathaway Corn Maze! Sunday October 17th...1:00 PM

Intergenerational Event ... Meet at Hathaway Farm in Rutland Town on Prospect Hill Road. All Grace kids who are there at 1 p.m. will get in free to the corn maze! Rain or shine!

Outdoor fun and fellowship with your Grace family! Come get lost in the new Superhero maze! Any questions, contact Sue Best at [dsjbest@comcast.net](mailto:dsjbest@comcast.net).



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Wed, 10/13, 9:30 AM

We would love to have you join us to knit and crochet Prayer Shawls. We have yarn, needles and patterns or bring your own. Want to learn ... come, and we will teach you! To learn more, please contact the Church Office at 775.4301 or Marty Barclay at 775.1076.

## Material Aids Sewing Group Next meeting 10/19, 9:00 AM



We are collecting items for the CWS school kits, which give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. Needed for each bag: 6 wooden #2 pencils with erasers, Hand-held pencil sharpener, Box of 24 crayons, Large pink type eraser, 3 70-page spiral notebooks, Pair child metal scissors (blunt nose), 12 inch ruler with inches and millimeters.

Drop in boxes outside the Sanctuary. Thank you!

## Grace Church and the Wider Community

### Bridge to Rutland (B2R)



Dear B2R Supporters,

We have **two goals** that you can help us reach. Please keep reading:

**Goal 1 – B2R, as an organization, sends a total of at least 30 email sets to our Representatives and Senators. (That's 30 of our 110 supporters sending the 3 emails each – I would love to surpass that goal!!)**

**The Supreme Court refused to block a court ruling forcing the Biden administration to reinstate a Trump-era policy that requires people to wait in Mexico while seeking asylum in the U.S.** The Supreme Court's ruling necessitates federal legislation to end the harmful and illegal "Remain-in-Mexico" policy. So please contact Representative Welch, Senator Sanders and Senator Leahy asking them to end this inhumane practice.

**Possible message:** Please help us track our progress by letting us know you've sent your emails.

*The "Remain-in-Mexico" policy violates international law protecting asylum seekers. Even worse, asylum seekers are exposed to heightened dangers as long as they're forced to wait in Mexico before entering the U.S. They're targeted for violence and human trafficking. Please help sponsor legislation to end this inhumane practice.*

Thank you for your support of refugees and asylum seekers, \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Peter Welch 802-652-2450 <https://welch.house.gov/contact/email>

Sen. Bernie Sanders 802-862-0697 <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/contact/contact-form/>

Sen. Patrick Leahy 802-863-2525 <https://www.leahy.senate.gov/contact/>

**Goal 2 - Raise the rent needed for our family of three for one year starting in August. (Thanks to a few individual supporters and to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Pittsford for taking care of August, September and October!)**

Here's how: Most of you are a supporter not only of B2R, but also of another group – church, temple, study group, social justice group, prayer group, choir, dance group, sports team, family group ... B2R would like to present you with a challenge to raise the funds for 1 month's rent OR request to work with another group to raise the funds together. The rent is \$925/month (our single man has a free apartment through a partnership with Spring Lake Ranch).

Please let me know the name of your group, how much of a month you can raise, and what month you would like! Thanks for working with us to meet our autumn goals for B2R!

En solidaridad, Ellen Green

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## Grace Church Memorials Flower Memorials



**October 3** to the Glory of God.

**October 10** to the Glory of God.

**October 17** to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
**Roger Johnson** by his wife Betsy.

**October 24** to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
**Claire Kirk Lennon**, Barbara Kirk's mother, by her family.

**October 31** to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
**Robert N. Caird, Olive Caird, Mary Foster Caird, and  
Virginia Caird Ludwig** by Randy and Bonnie Kelly.

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

## The Church Spire will be illuminated

**October 3 and 10** to the Glory of God.

**October 17** to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
**Arthur E. Crowley** by friends at Grace Church.

**October 24** to the Glory of God.

**October 31** to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
**Steven Gaiko** by his family.

The Star on the steeple is lit as a beacon of hope and peace for  
the Rutland community.

\*\*\*If you would like to have the Church Spire lit in  
celebration or in the memory of a loved one please contact the  
Church Office (775.4301). The cost for this is \$20.

## Welcome Baby Ella!



Last month we welcomed Ella but did not have a photo of this gorgeous child. Ella is the daughter of Brooke and Mitchel Maggy, granddaughter of Jeff and Robin Helwig and Marty and Barbara Maggy, and great granddaughter of Bob and Bette Parker.