



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 11, 2022

Spotlight: Another Home Awaits its Family

Once again, Grace Church came through in a big way this past weekend as we outfitted and prepared another welcoming apartment for a refugee family from Afghanistan. The family will move into the apartment this week, and we hope the Grace Church community feels energized by the important work we did for them in getting this home set up. Thank you to all that helped last weekend, especially given the frigid and icy conditions. A special shout out to Nguyen Nguyen and Robert Bennett, who used some creativity and cunning to get us into the apartment when one of the locks would not open with the keys we were given.



Thank you to everyone who has participated in this worthwhile ministry thus far, whether by donating home furnishings or by helping with the set-up. And if you're thinking of getting involved or have questions about how you can help, please contact me at outreach@gracepvd.org.



OUR NEXT APARTMENT DATE...

Originally we were looking at doing another apartment this coming weekend with a majority of the help coming from our **YOUTH GROUP!** However, DORCAS has informed us of a brief gap in arrivals and apartments being ready until March 1st. So, instead of this weekend, our next opportunity to help will be on **Saturday March 5th**. For now, we will have a short reprieve from the

work as DORCAS works to rent additional apartments and have refugee families ready to resettle. I will be back in touch in a few weeks with an update and a call for more

help. Until then, thank you again from the bottom of my heart for all your help, love and care you have given to this amazing cause.

Bill Galligan
Chair, Outreach Ministry at Grace Church

Upcoming Annual Parish Meeting



The 193rd annual meeting of the parish will take place in the church immediately following 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 27th to hear reports from parish leaders and elect vestry members. The Vestry Nominating Committee (Diane Stamp, Sue Hall, Joseph Berryhill, Bill Galligan, Melody Ennis) will present the following slate for the Vestry: for a second, three-year term - **Lori Brown, Carissa Mills, and Joel Goloskie**, and for a first, full, three-year term - **Nicholas Halar**. The Committee is also presenting **Adrienne Southgate** as our delegate to Diocesan Convention, and **Melody Ennis** as the Alternate Delegate.

Organ Project Update



We are SO EXCITED to announce that we have had TWO generous gifts to the Organ Project! First, we have a **\$25,000 CHALLENGE GRANT** from a family in the parish. They have asked to remain anonymous, but in their words “hope that their gift will inspire others to contribute to this exciting project.” We welcome gifts in any amount to meet this challenge and help to carry us forward. Please speak to the Rector, Fr. Jonathan or to Vince Edwards if you would like to contribute to the challenge grant.

A second anonymous gift of \$50,000 has been pledged from a friend of Music at Grace.

We are so profoundly grateful for these generous gifts, that will help us on our way to realizing the Organ Project at Grace!

Organ Project Promotional Video

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October, and **we are actively seeking funding for this project**. A small group of parishioners has assembled as a committee to explore financing and funding options. We want to keep the project alive and in the hearts and minds of the Grace community and beyond. In addition to the two brochures ([Click here for the Overview Brochure](#) and [Here for the Proposed Specification Brochure](#)), we have created a short promotional video to share with friends, acquaintances, and anyone who might have interest in our project. As always, if you would like to know more about this exciting project, or just want to know more about the organ at Grace in general, please be in touch with Vince Edwards, our Director of Music. vedwards@gracepvd.org Enjoy the video!



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

Next Thursday, February 17th at 12 Noon, our guest recitalist will be organist [Jason Roberts](#), Organist & Director of Music at [The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City](#). Jason, who won the 2008 National Competition in Organ Improvisation, will play a program of improvisations in various styles.

Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!



If you missed this week's concert, played by organist Andrew Sheranian, you can watch the recorded performance by [clicking here](#), or on the image to the right.

To view Andrew's program, [please click here](#).



Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

Some On-Site Weekday Activities Paused

Some of our on-site weekday activities have been temporarily paused. Activities placed on this temporary pause include: Wednesday Noon Eucharist, the Open Doors Ministry, and on-site gatherings of the Quilting, Prayer Shawl, and 20s/30s ministries. We look forward to resuming those weekday activities very soon so please stay tuned to the weekly ENews.



Our in-person Sunday worship continues, but please take care to retain your face masks in place throughout your time indoors here. For the time being, we will not gather for Coffee Hour following worship.

Sunday Morning Worship: The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany February 13, 2022

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.



~ Sunday Morning Links ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

If you would like to download or print the service leaflet for The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All individuals are kindly asked to wear masks indoors at Grace Church when attending worship or other events.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

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The Sixth Sunday after
The Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

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