

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Stewardship – 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30 pm	Grace Church Choir – Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm
Health Ministries – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 12:15 pm	Communications—Last Monday of the month, 6:30 pm
Finance Committee– Friday before Vestry, 7:00pm	Grace’s Kitchen – Last five days of the month , 11:30pm-1:00pm
Vestry – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30pm	PCO Board – Date and Time to be Determined
Men’s Guild – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12:15 pm	Staff Meeting—1st Wednesday 10:30 am, Vestry Lounge
Women of Grace - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday , 12:15 pm	

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE May 1-8, 2016

### SUNDAY, MAT 1— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1, <i>All Saints’ Chapel</i>
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Adult Forum, “Spiritual Progress: Essays of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century,” <i>Grace Lounge</i>
10:30 am	Sunday School <i>Classroom 3</i>
10:30 am	Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II & Blessing of <i>Grace Community Garden, Church</i>
12:15 pm	Worship Commission, <i>Rector’s Office</i>
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Grace Youth Choir, <i>Church</i>
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Friendship World Outreach, <i>All Saints Chapel &amp; Lounge</i>

### Monday, May 2

	<i>Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm</i>
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	ESL Classes
7:30 pm	Stewardship Committee, <i>Grace Meeting Room</i>
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	AA, <i>Knickle Hall</i>

### Tuesday, May 3

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

### Wednesday, May 4

	<i>Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm</i>
12:00 pm –1:00 pm	Service of Healing with Eucharist <i>All Saints Chapel</i>
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	ESL Classes

### Thursday, May 5

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

### **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

### Friday, May 6

	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
7:00 pm-9:00pm	Islam: My Experience & Expression by Professor Noah Yakubu, <i>Grace Lounge</i>

### Saturday, April 30

	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Steps to Serenity: 12-Step, <i>Grace Gymnasium</i>

### SUNDAY, MAT 8— SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### **MOTHERS’ DAY**

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1, <i>All Saints’ Chapel</i>
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Adult Forum, “Spiritual Progress: Essays of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century,” <i>Grace Lounge</i>
10:30 am	Sunday School <i>Classroom 3</i>
10:30 am	Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II, <i>Church</i>
12:15 pm	Health Ministries, <i>Grace Meeting Room</i>
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Grace Youth Choir, <i>Church</i>
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Friendship World Outreach, <i>All Saints Chapel &amp; Lounge</i>

#### Next Sunday’s Readings Seventh Sunday of Easter

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 16:16-34 **Psalm 97**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 **Gospel:** John 17:20-26



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- WE CONTINUE OUR CAMPAIGN OUR PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY OUTREACH. PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED FORM TO MAKE A DONATION IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY.
- TODAY, WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETS AT 12:15 IN THE R ECTOR'S OFFICE.
- FRIDAY, MAY 6 AT 7:30 IN GRACE'S LOUNGE THE VENERABLE NOAH RAIMI YAKUBU AND PRESENT ISLAM: MY EXPERIENCE & EXPRESSION
- SATURDAY, MAY 14 AT 2:00 PM EUCHARIST OBSERVING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF VALERIE JOSEPH-BARKER WILL BE CELEBRATED
- SUNDAY, MAY 15, 4PM GRACE CHOIR IS PERFORMING A *SERVICE OF EVENSONG*. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW HONORING OUR GRACE CHORISTERS.
- ON FRIDAY, MAY 20, GRACE EPISCOPAL CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF JOAN OF ARC. PLEASE SEE THE POSTER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN.
- PARISH PRAYER LEAGUE Interested in Joining? Please see Carol Taitt or Fr. Gideon



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Re:MEMBER Church Directories

It's great to be able to put names and faces together. When our relationships grow, our ministries also flourish. That's why we're creating a new pictorial directory of Grace Church Plainfield members and ministries. The directory will help us grow in fellowship and learn more about each other and our church.

We want everyone at Grace – long-time members and new ones – to be included in the directory. So please schedule your appointment for a no-cost photo session as soon as possible. It won't cost you anything to have your picture taken. Plus, you'll get a free 8X10 copy of your photo. If you wish, you'll be

able to buy more copies to give to family and friends.

The photo sessions are

May 11, 12 and 13 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.;

and Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Please sign up as soon as possible. There are three ways to make your appointment:

1. On our website – [www.graceplainfield.org](http://www.graceplainfield.org)
2. Visiting <https://scheduling.cokn=763&typld=54923&step=2>
3. Selecting a time on the sign-up sheet at church. For more information about the sign-up sheet, contact Karen Moore or Vince in the parish office.

**APRIL EARTHQUAKES STRIKE HARD IN ECUADOR AND JAPAN**  
**April 19, 2016**

**Episcopal Relief & Development urges prayers for all those impacted by the earthquakes that shook two regions over the weekend.**

**The coast of Ecuador was hit by a massive earthquake that registered 7.8 on the Richter scale and killed more than 270 people. Thousands of people have also been injured and displaced, especially in the coastal areas and cities.**

**Two earthquakes also struck the southern tip of Japan within 24 hours of each other. Following a series of aftershocks, at least 42 people have been found dead and over 110,000 are reported to have been displaced from their homes.**

**Episcopal Relief & Development has reached out to church partners in each country. Please continue to pray for all those displaced by these disasters, and for first responders and volunteers who are working to rescue those in danger and care for people in need. Contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development's International Disaster Relief Fund will support relief efforts.**

**Plainfield Community Outreach: Annual Campaign to End Hunger**

By Karen Oliver Moore, President, Plainfield Community Outreach Board of Directors



Grace's Kitchen, a program operated by Plainfield Community Outreach (PCO), Grace Church's 501(c)3 organization, has been serving meals to homeless and needy people in the greater Plainfield community for more than 20 years. Today, the need remains as strong as ever, and our commitment to feed the hungry is also as strong as ever. But we can't do it alone. So, PCO is now reaching

out to you to ask you to support our Annual Campaign to Fight Hunger, which we hold in March and April every year.

Despite cutbacks in federal aid and grant programs that help provide food, shelter and other basic necessities, Grace's Kitchen managed of every month in 2015. And we also offered screenings for high blood pressure and diabetes and free dental care delivered by professionals who volunteered their time and talent. What's more, shortly before the start of the new school year, we gave backpacks and school supplies to Grace's Kitchen children. And in December, the 21st Century Learning Program – another organization under the umbrella of PCO – gave care packages to our guests present on the fifth day of the feeding program.

We want to continue do more to make a positive impact on the lives of the individuals and families who depend on us. Please open your heart and give as generously as you can during our Annual Campaign to Fight Hunger.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!  
Please print/clip and return this form with your donation

Plainfield Community Outreach, Inc.  
600 Cleveland Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07060  
(908) 756-7897x16 www.educateplainfield.org

Plainfield Community Outreach is a tax exempt organization under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If your employer has a Matching Gifts program that matches your charitable giving, please let us know and we will be happy to complete any paperwork necessary to receive matching funds. Please make your check payable to Plainfield Community Outreach. To participate in the Annual Campaign to End Hunger, we need to receive your donation by April 30, 2016.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

My employer has a Matching Gifts Program.

Please contact me to complete the Matching Gifts paperwork.

I will complete the paperwork so that my employer will match my donation to Plainfield Community Outreach.

# Islam: My Experience & Expression

**How Islamic terrorists misconstrue the Quran  
& A call to appraise our multi-faith diversities**

*Presented by*

**The Venerable Noah Raimi Yakubu, Ph.D**

*Professor of Theology & African Studies*

*& Executive Director, Africa Theological Education Network, Nigeria*

**Friday, May 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

**Light refreshments served**

**All are Welcome!**

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**Come celebrate**

**THE FEAST OF ST. JOAN OF ARC**



**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Adults: \$10.00**

**Children: \$5.00**

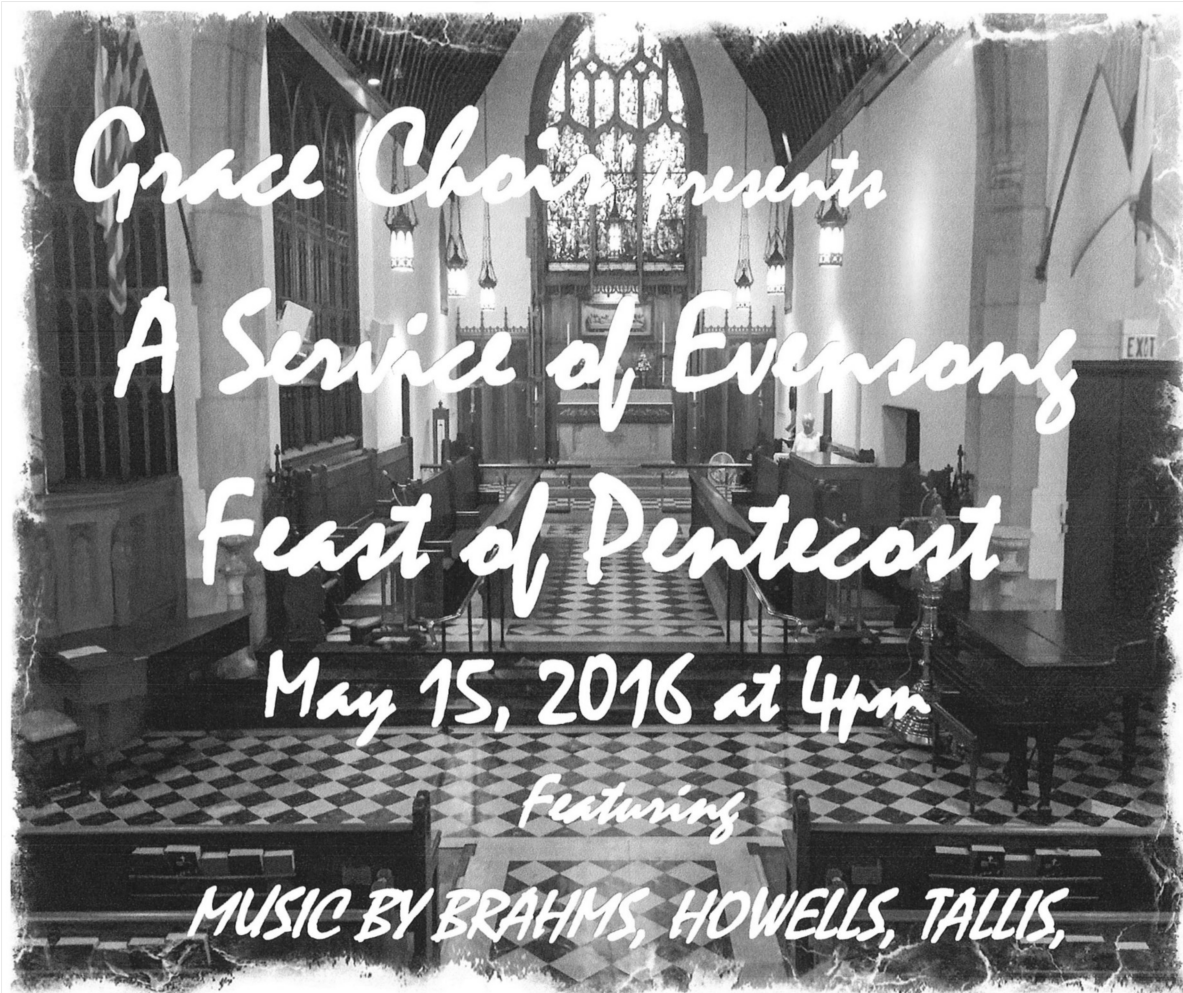
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**(908) 756-1520**





*Grace Choir presents  
A Service of Evenson's  
Feast of Pentecost*

*May 15, 2016 at 4pm*

*Featuring*

*MUSIC BY BRAHMS, HOWELLS, TALLIS,*

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING**

**IN HONOR OF THE CHOIR**



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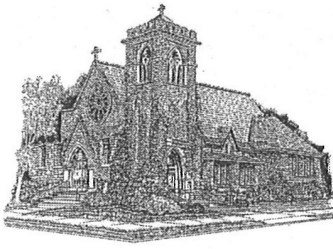
# THE COMMUNITY GARDEN OF GRACE

## You're invited to participate!

There is a limited number of 3' x 8 plots available to our neighbors who like to plant their own vegetables.



*If you are interested,  
please call the church office  
at: 908-756-1520.*



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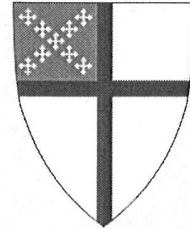
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The Venerable Gideon A. Uzomechina, D.Min., *Priest-in-Charge*

The Reverend Theodore E. Moore, *Deacon*

Mr. Andrew Kilkenny, *Director of Music & Organist*

Mr. John Taitt, *Treasurer*

Mr. Noel Taitt, *Assistant Treasurer*

Mr. Vince Chiumento, *Parish Office Administrator*

Ms. Karen Moore, *Board President, Plainfield Community Outreach, Inc.*

Ms. Patience Smith, *Project Director, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program*

Mr. David Holmes (Chef D), *Grace's Kitchen Coordinator*

**Wardens :** Trevor King (2016)      Lawrence Ishmael (2017)

## **Vestry**

Jason Algeo (2017), Clerk

Dennis Bazzey (2018)

Anita Griffith (2016)

Brenda Loncke (2018)

Timothy Mann (2017)

Winsley Rudder (2018)

Manny Santana (2016)

Carol Taitt (2017)

Harry Watson (2016)

## **Diocesan Convention**

### **Deputies 2016**

Victoria Blenman

Timothy Mann

Harry Watson

### **Alternate Deputies 2016**

Anita Griffith

Carol Taitt

John Taitt

*To schedule baptisms, weddings, or funerals, please call the parish office*