

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Healing Service

3rd Sunday During Eucharist

Starfish Food Collection 1st Sunday

Stewardship

1st Monday, 7:30 pm

Health Ministry

2nd Sunday, 12:15 pm

Investment Committee

2nd Monday of March, June, September & December

Finance Committee

Friday before Vestry, 7:00pm

Vestry

3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm

Men's Guild

3rd Sunday, 12:15 pm

Women of Grace

3rd Sunday, 12:15 pm

Grace Church Choir

Wednesdays,
7:30pm - 9:00 pm

Communications

Last Tuesday ,6:30pm

Grace's Kitchen

Last five days of the month
11:30pm-1:00pm

Worship Commission

1st Sunday, 12:30 pm

Youth Group

4th Sunday , 12:15 pm



THIS WEEK AT GRACE January 8-15, 2017

Please also check the website, display tables, and bulletin board for more information about other activities in which you might want to participate.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8— FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1, <i>All Saints' Chapel</i>
10:00 am	Lighthouse Chapel International, <i>All Saints Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Choral Holy Eucharist with Blessing & Offering of 2017 Pledges, Rite II, <i>Church</i>
12:15 pm	Worship Commission, <i>Rector's Office</i>
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Friendship World Outreach, <i>All Saints Chapel & Lounge</i>

Monday, January 9

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ESL Classes

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm AA, *Knickle Hall*

Tuesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ESL Classes

Thursday, January 12

Friday, January 13

7:00 pm Finance Committee, Grace Meeting Room

Saturday, January 14

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5— SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HEALING SUNDAY

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Healing & Anointing, Rite 1, <i>All Saints' Chapel</i>
10:00 am	Lighthouse Chapel International, <i>All Saints Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Sunday School
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Next Sunday's Readings Second Sunday after Epiphany

1st Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7 Response: Psalm 40:1-12

2nd Lesson : 1Corinthians 1:1-9 Gospel: Matthew John 1:29-42

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take home this bulletin since it has some important dates and flyers.

**The Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church
will take place in Knickle Hall
on Sunday, January 29
immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist.**

Candidate for Warden: Jason Algeo (2-year Term)

Candidates for Vestry

- Ivor Blair (3-year Term)
- Dr. Trevor Forbes (3-year Term)
- Amanda Garcia (3-year Term)
- Selma Cato (2-year Term)
- Conrad Roberts (1-year Term)

Candidates for Convention Delegates

- Kenneth Blenman
- Victoria Blenman
- Deacon Ted Moore

Alternates

- Jason Algeo
- Holly Algeo
- Gloria King

The 2016 Annual Report is being prepared. All parish committee, commission, and ministry leaders are asked to send their reports to the parish administrator NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 23.



- The 2017 Calendars are available as you leave church.
- If you are interested in being trained to serve as acolyte, please email Harry Watson at junior1983@excite.com or call him at 732-456-0531
- **The Sanctuary Candle Chart is on the wall by the Parish Office.** If you would like to give a Sanctuary Candle, please write your name and the name of the one to be memorialized in the appropriate space. The candle will burn for the week in memory of your loved one. Suggested cost of the sanctuary candle is \$10.
- **The 2015 Flower Chart is on the wall by the Parish Office.** If you would like to dedicate flowers, pick an open date and write your name and the name of the one to be memorialized in the appropriate space. The office will confirm with you the week before. The cost of altar flowers is \$50.

**Grace Church
Financial Results Summary
November Year To date**

DESCRIPTION	Actual	Budget	B / (W) * Budget
Pledges	71,118	87,898	(16,780)
Other Member Giving	23,769	26,694	(2,925)
Investment/Trust Income	23,731	25,513	(1,782)
Other Income	28,526	20,917	7,609
Total Income	147,143	161,022	(13,879)
Total Expenses	239,369	255,167	15,798
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(92,226)	(94,145)	1,919
Endowment Transfers	80,000	-	80,000
Net Income (Loss)	(12,226)	(94,145)	81,919

*** Legend:**

B - Better than budget

(W) - Worse than budget

Note: The above statistics will be updated monthly after the approval of the vestry.



The Feast of Epiphany, or Three Kings' Day, marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. It is typically celebrated on January 6, or the nearest Sunday, and celebrates Jesus being made manifest, or appearing as Christ. Traditionally, three manifestations have been celebrated on Epiphany: the visit of the three wise men, or Magi, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth; the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan; and the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ's first recorded miracle.

The word Epiphany is from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. It is derived from a verb meaning "to appear." In classical Greek it was used to describe a manifestation of a deity to a worshiper (a theophany). In the Septuagint the word is used of a manifestation of the God of Israel (2 Maccabees 15:27). In the New Testament the word is used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer either to the birth of Christ or to his appearance after his resurrection, and five times to refer to his Second Coming.

Until 1976, Anglican churches observed an eight-day feast of Epiphany, beginning on January 6. In 2000, the Church of England introduced an optional Epiphany Season by approving the Common Worship series of services as an alternative to those in the Book of Common Prayer. An official publication of the Church of England states: "The Christmas season is often celebrated for twelve days, ending with the Epiphany. Contemporary use has sought to express an alternative tradition, in which Christmas lasts for a full forty days, ending with the Feast of the Presentation on February 2." It presents the latter part of this period as the Epiphany season, comprising the Sundays of Epiphany and ending "only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)."

Epiphany Season, also called Epiphanytide, lasts four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ.



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



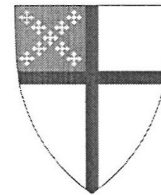
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CLERGY & STAFF



The Reverend Theodore E. Moore, *Deacon*

Andrew Kilkenny, *Director of Music*

John Taitt, *Treasurer*

Noel Taitt, *Assistant Treasurer*

Vince Chiumento, *Parish Office Administrator*

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

Patience Smith, *Project Director, 21st Century After School Program*

Marvin Daniels, *Coordinator, Grace's Kitchen*

WARDENS Trevor King (2016) Lawrence Ishmael (2017)

VESTRY

Jason Algeo (2017), Clerk

Dennis Bazzey (2018)

Selma Cato (2016)

Anita Griffith (2016)

Brenda Loncke (2018)

Timothy Mann (2017)

Winsley Rudder (2018)

Carol Taitt (2017)

Harry Watson (2016)

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DEPUTIES 2016

Victoria Blenman

Timothy Mann

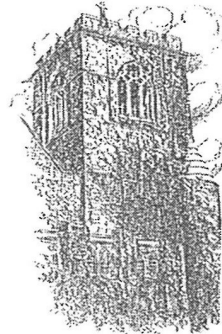
Harry Watson

ALTERNATE DEPUTIES 2016

Anita Griffith

Carol Taitt

John Taitt



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Parish Office Hours

9 a.m.-Noon, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday