

# Grace Notes

*Reporting from the Campuses of St. Paul's on the Hill and Trinity*

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Happy New Year! And what a year it will be.

As I write this, I'm sitting in the farmhouse on the property my son manages for his in-laws up here in Little Falls, NY. It's a beautiful cattle farm where the snow is covering the fields like a soft, pure blanket. The herd has been downsized to a more manageable number of 40 and they are hanging out inside their warm hay-filled barn. Many of the current herd family were born in

2022. All have names and I lovingly refer to them as my "grandcows." They are a loveable bunch, but strong and unpredictable. As my son Max reminds me, they should never be taken for granted. They are not domesticated. Though not wild, they are respected for exactly who and what they are. This is an ethical farm. Everything and everyone is treated with the respect they deserve. There's a lesson in this.

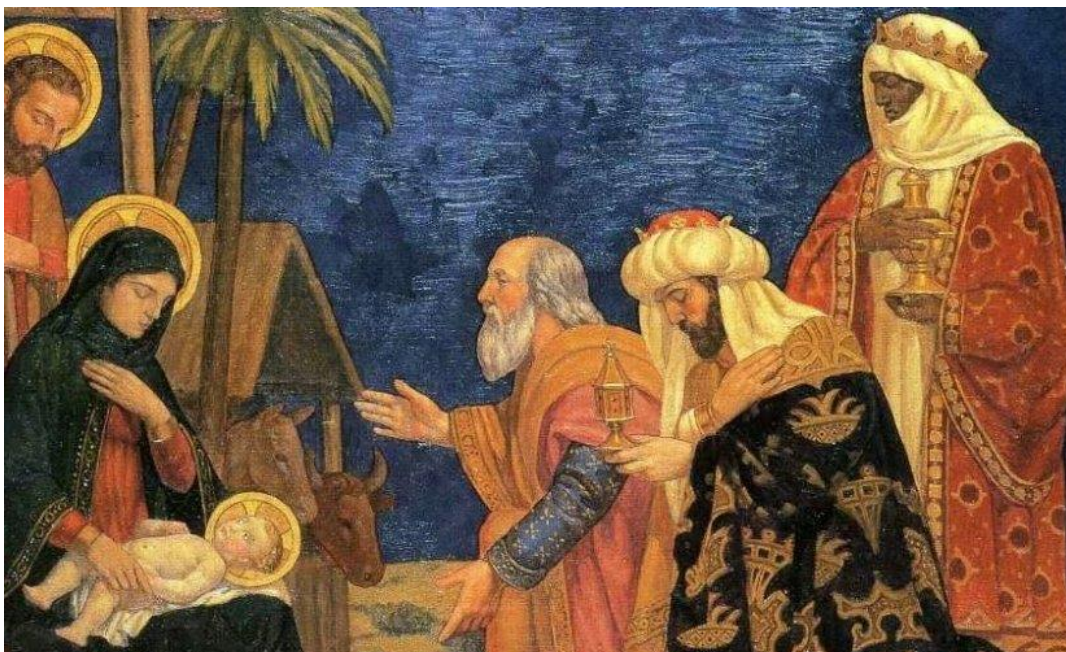
Our new year is unpredictable. We must respect it for what it is. Unknown and full of great promise, yet full of power and we must not take it for granted. We have officially been Grace Church for over a year now and we must also not take that for granted. A lot of work went into its birth. The parents of Grace, St. Paul's and Trinity, have been set aside now and we must continue into this new year with the commitment to growing and strengthening what is new and promising. Actually, not so new anymore. We've worked hard at being Grace. We've moved beyond the time of saying we've always done it this way. And now it's time to make new traditions and use our new legs. Just like the young cows walking on unsteady new legs, it's hard not to have things the way they always were, to be a little unsteady, but the year is new, and we must live into that too.

Let's think outside the box. What might we do that's new? What ministries have we never tried that we might? How about a freezer with casseroles at the ready for a sick parishioner's family? How about a Caring Committee of people ready to visit shut-ins and deliver one of those ready meals? What other services might we do that are new? People in the area asked me about our having a Blue Christmas service in the area. Wouldn't that be a nice addition for next year's Advent? Graham will be starting a prayer service this year. It's in the planning stages but the concept is to come together, read scripture, and pray. How simple and profound is that? We've started a lectionary reading group that meets one Sunday a month—as a matter of fact you can join us on Saturday the 8th in the parish hall after the service. We meet for an hour and look at the readings for the coming four Sundays. No prior knowledge needed! All are welcome. Later in the month we hope to launch our Coffee Hour Forums where we will have a guest to share on a relevant topic. What topics are you interested in? Do you know a guest you would like to invite? Perhaps you would like to present on something. Please speak to me or one of your wardens or vestry members if you have ideas!

One thing I would like to see is more people participating in the services. Readers, acolytes, ushers, stream team, Altar Guild, coffee hour hosts, and choir members. There are a lot of positions involved in a single Sunday service. Please consider how you might participate. We mustn't keep relying on the same handful of members. Though I know everyone loves what they're doing, it's unfair that there are many people who are serving so often. Wherever you might like to participate, you'll learn what there is to love about serving God in these and other ministries.

Let's be like the farm, where everyone and everything is treated with the respect it deserves! I love you all; my new year's prayer for us is that all our dreams come true in 2023.

Deacon Dorothee Deacon Dorothee



### OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

January 1	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Holy Name
January 8	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Solemnity of the Epiphany
January 15	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Epiphany 2
January 22	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Epiphany 3
January 29	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Epiphany 4

All Sunday services are live streamed to our Grace Facebook page and our YouTube channel. And you can also find them there after the service is over. The links are:

Grace's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/graceossining/>

YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z\\_ucCKEGA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA)



## CHRISTMAS 2022



*The Living Nativity* by Karen Jones

Barbara Bethea, , Dennis Parker, Sue Monroe, Mark Monroe,  
Beth Pollack, Virginia Pollack, Art Hightower, Cecilia Quintero

Carolyn Black, director

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR VESTRY!

We want to thank everyone at Grace for all you've done this past year. Grace managed an enormous task. As we think back to 2021, one of our goals was to bring our two communities closer together with our merger. And we did just that. Without the benefit of a full-time priest, Grace should be proud to claim that we:



- Maintained Sunday services with Pastor Carole, Deacon Dorothee, supply priests, and our talented morning prayer leaders
- Embraced and upgraded our audio and video technology and streamed and posted our services weekly
- Upgraded our wireless systems
- Launched the new Grace website; go to <https://graceossining.org/> if you haven't checked it out already
- Searched and called a new priest and waiting for final documents to be signed before making an official announcement; please pray and be patient!
- Housed the homeless for 3 weeks
- Participated in the Loaves & Fish food ministry and the Ossining Village Fair
- Refurbished the rectory
- Applied for and was granted funds for repair and restoration of Highland Avenue Narthex
- Completed the transfer of funds from the merger, our audit, Parochial Report, and paid Grace's full share to the diocese
- Pledges are up to date, thank you very much
- Successful Wreath Sale
- The Old Mill Singers are renting and practicing in our Ganung Campus
- Completed a walk-through of our campuses with Egbert Stolk, Director of Property Support, to begin a broader assessment of our buildings and grounds to aid in prioritizing maintenance and repairs going forward
- Thanksgiving Dinner held
- 3 Christmas Eve and Day services

This is only a partial list of our accomplishments. We look forward to doing even more in 2023. Let's make it a great year...together!

With gratitude,

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MILDRED JESSE PUCHIR  
1921-2022



Mildred Jesse Puchir of Ossining, beloved, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022. She was 101, just shy of her 102nd birthday on January 31st. Mildred and her husband Mike established Ossining Hardware in 1950.

Mildred was born on January 31, 1921 in Yonkers, NY to Elizabeth and Valentine Weisensee. She went to Commerce High School and worked in NYC for the marine contracting company McCutchen's on Madison Avenue. She was responsible for estimating and procuring the contents of ships built at that time.

On August 31, 1946 Mildred Weisensee married Michael Puchir at St. John's Episcopal Church in Yonkers, NY. She was a member of Saint Paul's on the Hill Episcopal Church in Ossining, NY and participated in many church

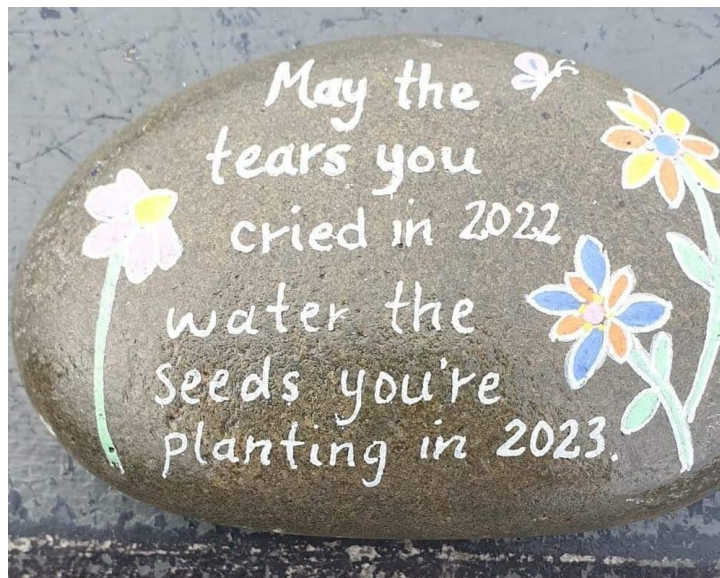
activities. She will be remembered for her beauty, kindness, her knitting talent and her love of cooking and baking. Her Blueberry brickle and pies were a fan favorite!

She is survived by her dear friend Joe Holohan, 3 children, Robert (Jeanne), Carol and Diane (Steven), 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Members of her family who died earlier include brother Valentine and daughter Elizabeth Julia.

Reposing, Leach & Thomas Funeral Home on Monday from 4-8 PM, where Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday at 11 AM. Interment, Oakland Cemetery, Yonkers, NY to follow.

In lieu of flowers donations to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at 90 Woods Road, Valhalla, NY 10595 in Mildred's name would be appreciated.



THE BRIARCLIFF- OSSINING MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE PRESENTS

*Dr. Martin*

**LUTHER  
KING JR**

**INTERFAITH CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY, JAN 15TH | 5:00 PM EST



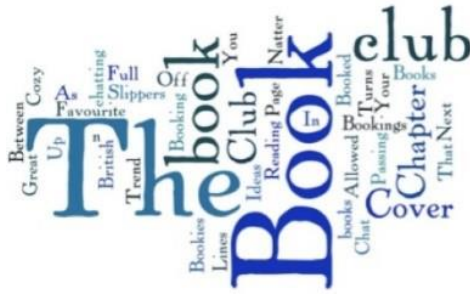
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. WELDON MCWILLIAMS IV**

PASTOR, CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PATTERSON, NJ

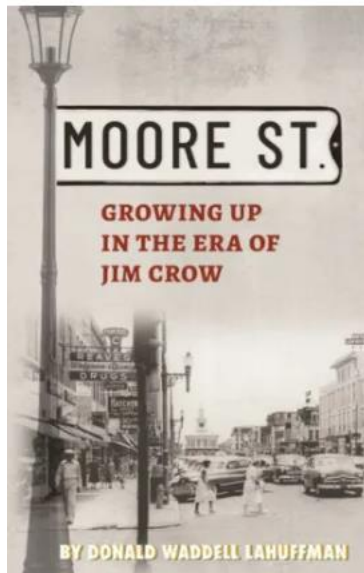
ASST. PROFESSOR, AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, SUNY-NEW PALTZ

LOCATION: STAR OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
304 SPRING ST. OSSINING, NY 10562 | FACEMASKS REQUIRED

WATCH LIVE ON  YouTube  LIVE @STARBETHBC



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AND PLAN TO JOIN US!



Our discussion of *Moore Street: Growing Up In The Era Of Jim Crow* by Donald W. Lahuffman, has been rescheduled to be discussed during our Annual Champagne Toast for 2023!

*Moore Street* is a compelling firsthand account of the author's boyhood years growing up in Fayetteville, North Carolina during the era of racial segregation, circa 1942-1960. While the focus is on a neighborhood in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the story is a metaphor for the transcendences of manhood survival despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles...

**Watch your emails for more Book Club information!**

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT TBC'S TABLE!





# *Celebration of Life*

## *Doug McGrath*

*A life well lived deserves to be celebrated.*

On Sunday, January 22, the family of Doug McGrath will fulfill his wishes for a celebration of his life. It will provide an opportunity for all to join together to share memories, tell stories, and celebrate a life well lived and a man well loved.

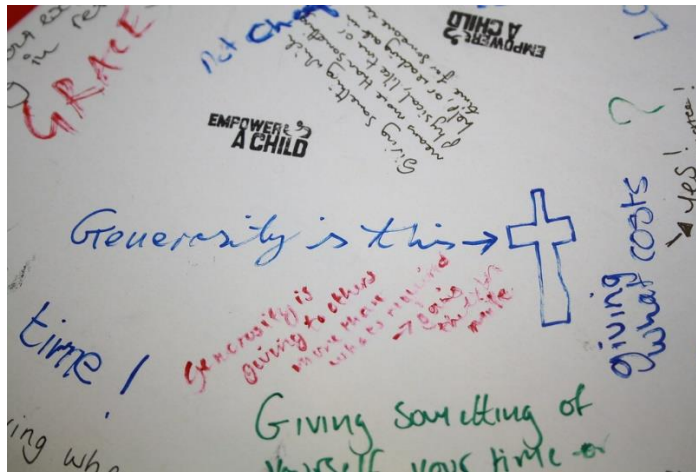
Please join Jo Ann; Derek, Beth, Sean and Bella; Brooke, George, Yianni and Vivie; Gregg and Kim along with all of Doug's family as they share food and drink, jokes and laughs in honor of the best husband, father, Poppi, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

**Date:** Sunday, January 22  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Cortlandt Yacht Club  
238 Kings Ferry Rd.  
Montrose, NY 10548

*Children Welcome*

**Come for a bit, stay for a while, share a story and a smile!**



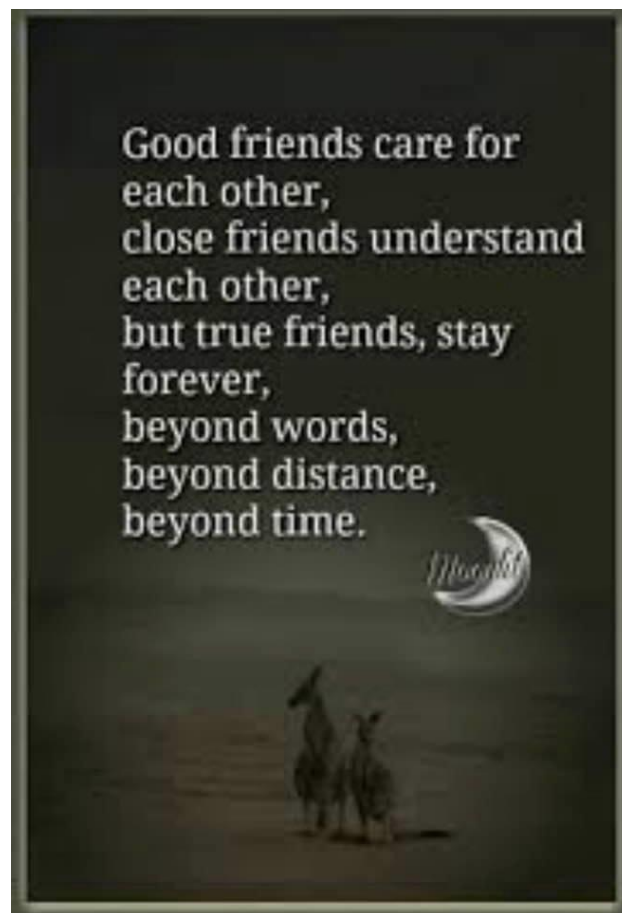


## PLEDGE ENVELOPES

For those of you who requested envelopes, they are available at the church.  
 If you need to arrange a pickup, please contact our treasurer, Kate Pendzuk, at  
[treasurergraceossining@gmail.com](mailto:treasurergraceossining@gmail.com)

Btw, as another sign that we are returning to “normal,” we will be resuming taking up the collection at our Sunday services!

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## JANUARY EVENTS

- 8 Lectionary Review
- 15 The Book Club (*Moore Street: Growing Up In The Era Of Jim Crow*)
- 15 Martin Luther King Celebration (Star of Bethlehem)
- 22 Doug McGrath's Memorial (Cortlandt Yacht Club)
- 25 Vestry Meeting
- 29 Coffee Hour Forum (tentative)



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Echevarria (Mahlau's grandson)	2	Barbara Rose	18
Karley Ann Ryan	4	Samara Davis	20
Kate Pendzuk	6	Julie Davis	25
Marcus Roman	6	Salvatore John Triano	26
Margery Barnes	7	Elizabeth Bender	27
Kyle Muth	8	Ed Shultz	27
Lorraine Baird	9	Katrinka Kip	28
Tyler Shaw	11	Nolan Ward Amaya	29
Jeanne (Tenety) Rothrock	14	Jennifer Ward-Shultz	30
Beverly Vaillancourt	17	Tom Greene	31
Katie Pauline	18	Chloe Nicole Wagner	31

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Asa and Marilyn Barnes	6
Nunzio and Lori Liberti	7



## CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Supply Priest  
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon

### ST. PAUL CAMPUS OFFICE

Tina Farrell, Administrator  
Carolyn R. Black, Music Director Emeritus  
Anthony Sena, Sexton

### TRINITY CAMPUS OFFICE

Tam Hernández, Administrator  
Katherine Pendzuk, Treasurer and Verger  
Pablo Montoya, Sexton

## VESTRY

Tam Hernández, Warden                      Darryl Moy, Warden  
Mark Monroe, Clerk  
Kate Pendzuk, Treasurer

Kellie Ishmael  
Milton Kerr

Maribeth Osgood  
Ed Shultz

## MISSION STATEMENT

To love God is a call to action. Strengthened by prayer, worship, and study,  
Grace Church embraces and serves all people, the earth, and every living thing.