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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Acts 2:42

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Church Family,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you as we kick off our upcoming program year on September 11!

The summer has been quite delightful on God's Acre. Our decision to have one summer service in the Memorial Garden has been a great success. It has been a gift to all be together when we gather for worship. Also, the ability to Livestream from the Memorial Garden has been a gift for those traveling who want to stay connected to our summer worship experience.

Psalm 133 begins with the words: "How very good and pleasant it is when family come together in unity!" The Psalmist proclaims the joy experienced when we gather together in community. While I am very grateful for our virtual connections, there is just no substitute for seeing each other face to face. It is indeed good and pleasing to be together.



As we launch into our program year together, there are a couple of items to bring to your attention. As of September 11, we will return to our regular worship schedule: 8:00 in the Chapel and 10:00 in the Meeting House. Children will be welcomed into Church School during our 10:00am service, and we will have a time of food, fellowship, and fun right after that worship service. Additionally, while we have had to say "goodbye" to quite a number of beloved church members this summer, we have seen a wonderful influx of new young families. I mention this so you can be on the lookout for new faces and families. I trust each of us will do all we can to make these new folks feel welcome, orient them to our building and programs, and introduce them to our friends at church.

To that end, we have created a little welcome video for new families with young children. It welcomes them into our community while introducing them to the staff and teachers who will be tending to their children. This is a great resource for all of us, and I hope you will consider sending it to your own new neighbors as a way of introducing them to our community of faith.

So, I do hope you will join us on September 11. Especially if you have kept a bit of distance during the pandemic, I pray you will choose to make your way back to your church home. It is truly good and pleasing to be together, all the more so for your presence on God's Acre!

Yours in Christ,
Chapin

Fall Is In The Air!

Join Us for Sunday Worship

8:00am Chapel Service

10:00am Traditional Service with Church School

ADULT FORMATION

Contact Marianna Kilbride,
marianna@godsacre.org

Adult classes begin the week of September 18

Beginner's Bible Study

Sundays, 9:00am-9:45am, Parlor

Yale Bible Study - 1 Corinthians

Mondays, 7:00am-8:00am, Library

Tuesdays, (Women's) 9:30-10:30am, Parlor

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Chapin

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am, Parlor

Fridays with Merton

Fridays, 8:00-9:00am, Zoom

Women's and Men's Small Groups

Small Groups are forming now for the 2022-23 program year and meet monthly.

Women's - Marianna Kilbride,

marianna@godsacre.org

Men's - Steve Case, scase135@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Contact Lindsey Daly, lindsey@godsacre.org

Nursery Care (2 months-2 years) Sundays during 8:00am and 10:00am worship services

Church School (3 years-7th grade)

Sundays during 10:00 am worship service

Clementine's Playdates

(3 years and under w/parent/nanny)

Wednesdays (story/play), 9:15-10:30am

Fridays (music/play), 9:15-10:30am

Family Fun Nights, Fridays, 5:00-7:00pm

10/28 Halloween Spooktacular; 12/2 Advent

Wreath Making Workshop and Advent Fair;

1/27 Movie Night ; 3/24 Bingo Night

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Contact Kelly Antonson, leather@godsacre.org

YG (High School Youth Group, grades 9-12)

Sundays, 7:00pm-8:30pm

MSYG (Middle School Youth Group, grades 7 & 8)

Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm

Quest (grades 9-12)

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

(starts in October)

JYG (Junior Youth Group, grades 5 & 6)

Tuesdays, 5:00-6:15pm

Guppies (grades 3 & 4)

Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm

Minnows (grades K-2)

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

MUSIC

Contact Jody Davis, music@godsacre.org or Sydney Anderson, sydney@godsacre.org

Cherub Choir (ages 3-PreK)

Mondays, 3:30-4:00pm

Joyful Noise (grades 3 & 4)

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

Spirit Singers (grades K-2)

Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm

Junior Worship Team (grades 5-8)

Select Sundays, 11:15am-12:00pm

Chancel Choir (high school and adults)

Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm

Joyful Ringers (bells for adults)

Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm

CONFIRMATION

Contact Erik Burns, burns@godsacre.org

Parent/Confirmand Meeting

Tuesday, October 4 @ 7:00pm

Alternating Tuesdays & Wednesdays

7:00-8:15pm beginning in October

www.godsacre.org

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Contact Marianna Kilbride,
marianna@godsacre.org

Inspirica Sneaker Tree Project

Kickoff Sunday, September 11-October 2

HomeFront Day - Help a Neighbor in Need

Saturday, September 17

FELLOWSHIP

Contact Laurel Carr, laurel@godsacre.org

Kickoff Sunday Brunch

Sunday, September 11, 11:00am

Oktoberfest Fall Social

Friday, September 30, 6:00-9:00pm

Supper Club

Saturday Evenings, November 5,

March 4, and June 3

NEW MEMBER FALL CLASS

Contact Courtney Flynn,
courtneywflynn@gmail.com

New Member Class:

Sunday, October 23, 3:00pm

New Member Class:

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00pm

New Member Social:

Saturday, October 29, 4:00pm

New Member Sunday:

Sunday, October 30, 10:00am

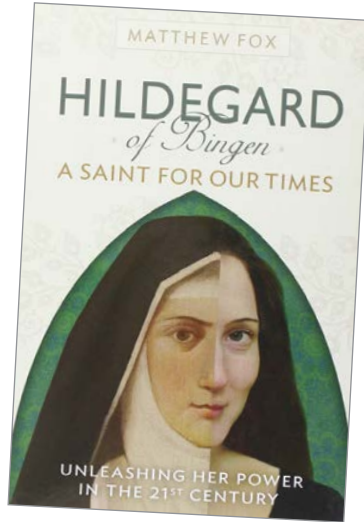
Pick up your Program Book at the church!



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Earth Mother, Mystic, Shaman, Saint

Join the Merton group on Fridays 8:00-9:00am as we continue to study *Hildegard of Bingen, A Saint For Our Times* by Matthew Fox. This 12th-century saint has a wildly modern world view. We look at a different facet of her amazingly creative and spiritual output each week. Zoom in any or every week to discuss how the writings on our faith pertain to our everyday world. Contact Marianna Kilbride at marianna@godsacre.org for more information or a Zoom link.



People Like Us

1 Corinthians Bible Study

Begins September 19 & 20

Mondays 7:00-8:00am, Library

Tuesdays (Women's) 9:30-10:30am, Parlor

Partisanship, income inequality, human trafficking, marriage and divorce issues, fundraising, and even what to have for dinner are all things concerning the church at Corinth in the first of two letters we have of Paul to the Corinthians. Sound familiar? Join us to ascertain how the struggles of the early church and Paul's words continue to speak to us today. For more information or an optional Zoom link, contact Marianna Kilbride at marianna@godsacre.org.



Beginner's Bible Study

with Kibbie Laird and BJ Flagg

Begins September 18

Sundays from 9:00 - 9:45am, Parlor

Our group will look at the scriptures being used in Sunday worship. Don't be embarrassed by your lack of biblical knowledge. All levels are welcome. You will be right at home in this class. Bring your program year booklet and a Bible if you have one. Contact BJ Flagg at bj@nurenu.com to learn more of for a Zoom invite.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

with Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner

Begins September 21

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00am, Parlor

New this year, Chapin invites the group to look at the scriptures for next year's program booklet. Your input and the discussion will inform its compilation. Contact Chapin Garner at chapin@godsacre.org for more information or the optional Zoom invite.



Women's and Men's Small Groups

Small Groups within our church are essential to deepening our engagement with others and growing in our faith. Join us to explore together our all-church curriculum for the year, *Meditate on My Word*. Groups will begin gathering in October and will meet monthly. Participate in person or via Zoom.

To learn more, contact the following:

Women's Small Groups: Marianna Kilbride, marianna@godsacre.org or Jill Robey, jillgrobey@gmail.com

Men's Small Groups: Chapin Garner, chapin@godsacre.org or Steve Case, scase135@gmail.com.

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Fellowship Kickoff Brunch

Join us for the All Church "Kickoff" Brunch immediately following the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, September 11. There will be plenty of food and fellowship for all to enjoy!

We are asking that congregants with last names A-L contribute fruit or baked goods (to serve 10) and congregants with last names M-Z bring apple or orange juice (to serve 10); these can be dropped off in Smith Hall before the 10:00am service.



Fellowship Kickoff Brunch

Sunday, September 11
following the 10:00am
worship service

Oktoberfest Fellowship Social

Save The Date: September 30

The Fellowship Team is busy planning a fun and festive Oktoberfest-themed social. Check your email as the invite with all the details will be arriving soon! We will gather on Friday, September 30, from 6:00-9:00pm at the Carriage Barn Arts Center; Lederhosen welcome! If you have questions or want to help with the event, contact Dawn Doak, at dawn.norris@gmail.com.



Save The Date



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Women's Fellowship Ministry invites you to participate in our Summer Reflections.

Thursday, September 22, 9:00-11:00am



Please join us on the back patio at Anne Gunter's home at 113 Gower Rd. for a morning of fellowship and sharing of your summer adventures (even if it was just knee surgery or painting your house!). A lovely way to renew friendships, make new friends, and gather after a summer apart. Drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring your favorite pastry to share if you wish.

As Anne's home is in a school zone behind South School, please park in her driveway (room for six cars), or additional parking is available on the south side of Gower Road or anywhere across the street on Southwood Drive.

Contact Lesley Cousley, lacousley@gmail.com or Debbie Raymond, dcannonct@hotmail.com to RSVP or learn more.

WELCOMING TEAM

Fall New Member Class

Interested in joining our family of faith? Please attend our new member sessions this fall! These sessions provide an opportunity to meet our leaders, and to learn about the religious beliefs and the traditions that have been the hallmarks of our congregational life on God's Acre since 1733.

If you would like to join the church, please contact Courtney Flynn, at courtneywflynn@gmail.com

FALL 2022 NEW MEMBERS CLASSES



SUNDAY
October 23, 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY
October 26, 7:00pm

SATURDAY
October 29, 4:00pm

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
October 30, 10:00am



Our Fellowship Summer Reflection Wavy Concert Gatherings

Thank you to all those who came out to share in our evenings of Fellowship with your church family! Wavy concerts are a great way to stay connected in the summer months.

VBS Success!

During the last full week in August, we welcomed close to 30 campers and many junior counselors for a week-long Vacation Bible School Camp. Campers spent the week immersed in Biblical times and filled their morning with visits to Lydia's house (a biblical character who hosted Paul and disciples) to share in fellowship and fun on the village playground exploring traditional games, sports, and dances. Campers came together for a large portion of time each day to wander the Jerusalem Marketplace and try their hand at pottery, woodworking, painting, baking, music, jewelry, and so much more. The week was filled with learning and lasting memories. We are so grateful to the many volunteers that helped bring this experience to life for all of those who participated.



Welcome Back, Church Schoolers!

We are so looking forward to opening our Church School doors to the young people of our church again on September 11. Join us at the 10:00 am service to kick off a year-long journey of cultivating connection, building faith, and finding joy in the opportunity to gather together each week. Nursery care is available for children aged two and under during the 8:00am and 10:00am services. Church school classes are offered for those ages 3 through 7th grade. We are excited and ready to meet or welcome back your wonderful children. Register your child for church school today at: <https://godsacre.org/church-school-is-back/>.

Is your child feeling uncertain about church school? Join us before the 10:00am service on Sunday, September 11, from 9:00-10:00am for a Church School Sneak Peek! You and your child can play, connect with friends, meet the church school teachers, and even take a sneak peek at the church school classrooms before the service!

Should your child benefit from specific accommodations or modifications to make their Church school experience the best it can be, please reach out to Lindsey at lindsey@godsacre.org. All are welcome.



Clementine's Playdates

Clementine's Playdates return this year for children aged three and under to participate in with a parent or caregiver. We will meet Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:15-10:30am. Kids (and grownups!) will socialize, sing, and play during our time gathered together. We look forward to welcoming all of you! Spots still remain for our Wednesday class. Contact Sarah Haddad at churchschool@godsacre.org to register.



Clementine's Playdates

(3 years and under with parent/nanny)
Wednesdays 9:15-10:30am
Fridays 9:15-10:30am

Church School at 10:00am

begins on Kickoff Sunday, September 11

Minnows Church School Fun

Mondays 4:00-5:00pm for grades K-2nd

Family Fun Nights

on Fridays 5:00-7:00pm

- Halloween Spooktacular 10/28
- Advent Fair and Wreath Making 12/2
- Movie Night 1/27
- Bingo Night 3/24



ALL ARE WELCOME! Find A Home In Youth Group!

Join us on the adventure of a lifetime! We know that we are all unconditionally loved by Christ, and that we are called by God to be one people. God calls us to share the unconditional love of Jesus with each other in abundance. Here on God's Acre our youth can follow that call by gathering in community just by joining a Youth Group! This year come to know the

unconditional love of God through fellowship, service, and an adventure of faith! Fall is the perfect time to start this journey. If you're new, you'll find a new place to call home; if you're returning, bring a friend! We can't wait to start this walk with you all. It's going to be a fun year!




YG and MSYG will both kickoff on Sunday, September 11

 Our YG Kickoff Carnival will take place on Sunday, September 11 from 6:00-7:30pm on the church grounds!

It is such a blast, and we can't wait to see our returning upperclassmen and rising freshmen! Real carnival games, bounce obstacle course, food, plus all your YG friends. Your Senior Leaders are excited to welcome everyone back for an incredible new year! Come ready to throw your best fastball to dunk an Advisor or friend in the dunk tank! Typically YG meets weekly on Sundays from 7:00-8:30pm in Smith Hall.




Elementary Youth Groups Kickoff this week too!

 On Monday, September 12 we will welcome back 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade fish!


We can't wait to welcome Minnows and Guppies back as we kick off their year of fun, faith, and friendship! Minnows will launch into a new program year with their first meeting of the year at 4:00pm in Smith Hall! Guppies will begin their year with a Crazy Kickoff from 5:00-6:00pm. Our weekly events will build upon what our elementary-aged children learn in Church School. We've coordinated with children's choirs so that your fish can be dropped off for both programs (music & youth group) on Mondays for two hours.

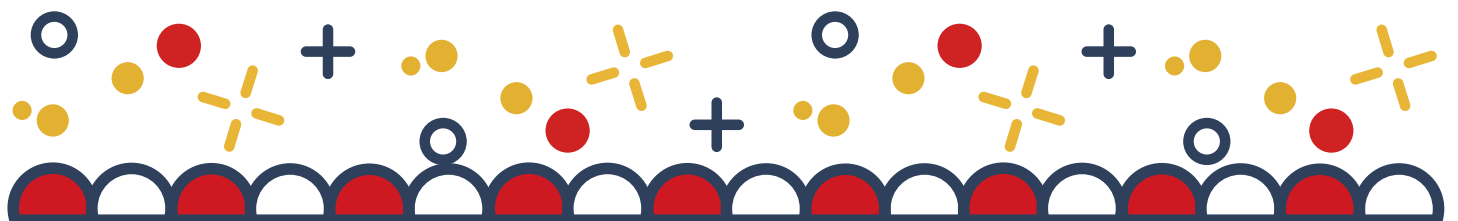


 MSYG, our ministry for all 7th and 8th graders, will start off with a Pool Party from 3:30-5:00pm at the Petitjean's home, 245 West Hills Road.







All new and returning MSYGers should bring a suit and towel, a big appetite, and be ready for a great time! Our stellar team of Advisors and High School Junior Advisors looks forward to seeing you there! MSYG meets regularly on Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm in Smith Hall.





 JYG is BACK on Tuesday, September 13! JYG will meet each Tuesday from 5:00-6:15pm and is open to all 5th and 6th graders. This is a great age to bring a friend and introduce them to the community that you have already grown to love! JYG will meet for Rain Gutter Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 13 from 5:00-6:15pm.



Youth Ministries – Program Year 2022-2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4:00-5:30pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:00-6:15pm	7:30-8:30pm
			
MSYG (grades 7 & 8)	Minnows (grades K-2)	JYG (grades 5 & 6)	Quest (grades 9-12)
7:00-8:30pm	5:00-6:00pm	SAVE THE DATE PARENT MEETINGS FALL 2022 If your child plans to participate in our programming during the 2022-2023 school year we require one parent to attend the parent meeting for your child's respective group. At this meeting we will review our plans and policies for the year ahead. Sunday, September 11 9:15am Minnows, Guppies and JYG parent meeting in the Chapel Tuesday, October 4 7:00pm MSYG parent meeting in the Chapel Sunday, October 16 7:00pm YG parent meeting in the meeting house	
			
YG (grades 9-12)	Guppies (grades 3 & 4)		

Children's Music

11:15am-12:00pm	3:30-4:00pm
	
Junior Worship Team (grades 5-8)	Cherubs (ages 3-PreK)
	4:00-5:00pm
	
	Joyful Noise Choir (grades 3 & 4)
	5:00-6:00pm
	
	Spirit Singers Choir (grades K-2)

Save the Date: Confirmation Begins!

Confirmation is offered to youth beginning in 8th grade, and all are welcome regardless of their prior faith involvement.

Confirmation will begin on October 18 and will be held on alternating Tuesday & Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 in the Parlor.

We ask that you save the date for our mandatory information meeting for parents and prospective confirmands scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 @ 7:00pm.

New Children's Music Schedule

Registration for all Youth Programming is now open, and Children's Music will now be integrated into other weekly programming!



Music for Children PreK-4th grade begins Monday, September 12.

Cherub Choir (PreK 3s and 4s) Mondays 3:30-4:00pm

**Grace Notes and Cherubs will now be combined into one training choir for Independent Learners ages 2-4. (2-year-olds must turn three by November 2022 and be able to be dropped off without a parent present.)*

**Cherubs meeting time is subject to change based on parent/child scheduling needs. Register now, and we can find the best time for all.*

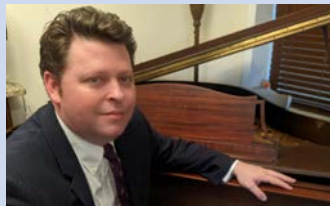
Spirit Singers (Grades K-2) Mondays 5-6pm (after Minnows)

Joyful Noise (Grades 3 & 4) Mondays 4-5pm (followed by Guppies)

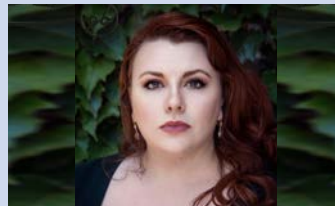
Junior Worship Team (Grades 5-8) - Select Sundays at 12:00pm, beginning October 2

For more information or to be added to the Children's Music email list, contact Sydney at sydney@godsacre.org.

Music Lessons Available



Karl Hedrick, our Organ Scholar, is available for piano lessons. Start your musical training with an outstanding pianist and teacher; Karl can give lessons in your home or at the church. To schedule, please contact Karl at karl@godsacre.org or music@godsacre.org



Anne Maguire, Chancel Choir alto section leader, has openings in her vocal studio. If you enjoy singing, want to develop good vocal technique, and expand your repertoire, contact Anne at annemaguiremusic@gmail.com.



Our Director of Music Ministries, **Jody Blaine Davis**, is offering organ lessons on our Aeolian-Skinner organ. Good piano skills are required to master the instrument. For more information, contact Jody at music@godsacre.org.



WHAT'S YOUR M.O. ?

Inspirica Sneaker Tree

Back to school means pencils, pens, and new school sneakers! New sneakers in the right size, such a given for most of us, are an incredible gift for a homeless child. Take a sneaker from the tree on Kickoff Sunday to sign up and buy for your chosen child. Sneakers may be returned to the box in Smith Hall. Contact Debbie Shew at scwheatenterrier@yahoo.com.



HomeFront Day

September 17, 2022, 9:00am

Join us to repair and rehab a Norwalk neighbor's home who cannot do so for health, age, or financial reasons. No experience is necessary, and lunch is included! Ages 14 and up are welcome. Contact Marianna Kilbride at marianna@godsacre.org to sign up.



Fishing for Food

Thanks to YG Fish Adelaide Tuff, Caroline Squillante of Feeding 500, Susie Swindell and the Open Doors Ministry Team for running a food collection in June and to the many who brought nonperishables to contribute. Open Doors was thrilled with their delivery during the summer months when the shelves get quite bare.



Come drop off non-perishables at the Congregational Church till 12!

@FEEDING500

Sing or Ring with us this Fall

Can You Imagine A Service Without Music?

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH CHOIRS

- Church Choirs present the theology of the church through music.
- Church Choirs touch souls in times of need, hope, loneliness, despair, and joy.
- Church Choirs add creative artistry and beauty to a worship service.
- Church Choirs present a broader repertoire for the congregation.
- Church Choirs give a visual presence as an encouragement for worship to the congregation.
- Church Choirs help singers and ringers develop and improve their musical gifts.
- Church Choirs can be an avenue for introducing outsiders to the church and the Christian faith.
- Church Choirs are a safe, welcoming place with open and diverse groups

JOIN US

You are invited to sing or ring with the choirs this year. There is always room for you.

Listen to what's happening in September!

Chancel Choir (High school and adults) starts Thursday, September 8, 7:30pm-9:00pm

Joyful Ringers (Bells for high school and adults) starts Thursday, September 15, 6:15-7:15pm

Bell Boys (Bells for families/all ages) starts Sunday, September 18, 11:15am-12:00pm

For more information or to be added to the music email list, contact Jody at music@godsacre.org.

Bell Boys Returns!!

Because of Covid, Bell Boys took a long pause. Let's start ringing again!

This was traditionally a bell-ringing group for fathers and sons, but moms and daughters are invited, too!

Sundays after church was a good time to get everyone together – just for 45 minutes.

Have a snack in Smith Hall and let's meet Sunday, September 18 after church (11:15am) in the chapel and get started!

Mr. Karl (Karl Hedrick) our Organ Scholar will direct the group, but Mrs. Jody will be helping as well.

Karl has directed many bell choirs and will be solo ringing during church services soon.



We Say Goodbye To Aram Tchobanian, Tenor

Aram Tchobanian, Chancel Choir tenor section leader since 2008, is relocating to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. We are grateful for Aram's beautiful voice, wonderful leadership, and constant smiles! Godspeed, Aram!



Hear Aram in Recital in Lincoln Center

Aram's final Sunday at God's Acre will be Kickoff Sunday, September 11, but you can hear him again in recital in New York City.

Saturday, October 1, at 2:00 pm at Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium, Aram will present a recital inspired by medieval and Elizabethan mystical poetry. The program will feature female composers, including Alma Hamilton from Stamford. This event is free to the public however, tickets are required.

To reserve tickets, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-faucon-tickets-400973080277>



Additional Musical Fellowship Opportunities

Not ready to commit to weekly choir? Here are some ways to get involved in music at the church in a small way:

You Are Invited To A Visitor's Evening With The Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15, 7:30pm, Music Room

All singers are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir! You will be seated with helpful singers to rehearse music for upcoming weeks. After a short rehearsal, everyone will go to the home of Jody and Ray Davis for refreshments and a Get Acquainted Time.

We're Starting A Monthly Hymn Sing-A-Long!

Let's Prepare For Worship By Singing Your Favorite Hymns Together!

At 9:45am on the first Sunday of each month, we will gather in the Meeting House to sing your favorite hymns! Jody will ask the congregation to select hymns to be sung during this pre-worship time.

First Hymn Sing-a-long will be Sunday, October 2. All ages are welcome!

An Intergenerational Choir

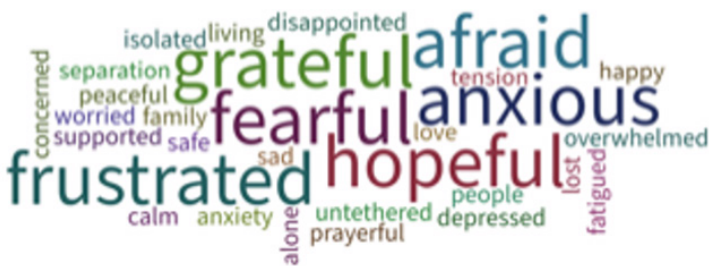
Let's start an informal choir for all ages!!! If you enjoy singing but do not have the time commitment for weekly rehearsals, this is for You. We will rehearse on an occasional Sunday at 9:15am and sing a simple anthem with the Chancel Choir in the 10:00am service. This can include the entire family, parent/child, or any combination of folks! For more information please contact Jody Blaine Davis at (203) 966-2651 x827 or music@godsacre.org.

Sing During Advent With The Chancel Choir

If you would like to sing with the Chancel Choir but have limited time, consider singing in the December services! The Chancel Choir will sing traditional Christmas anthems in Sunday services, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and a featured work with orchestra. This year's featured work is "Gloria" by John Rutter. Come Thursday evenings, beginning September 22 from 7:40 – 8:00pm for quick rehearsals for the Advent season. You will sit next to a helpful singer who will guide you along the way. There's a place for you!

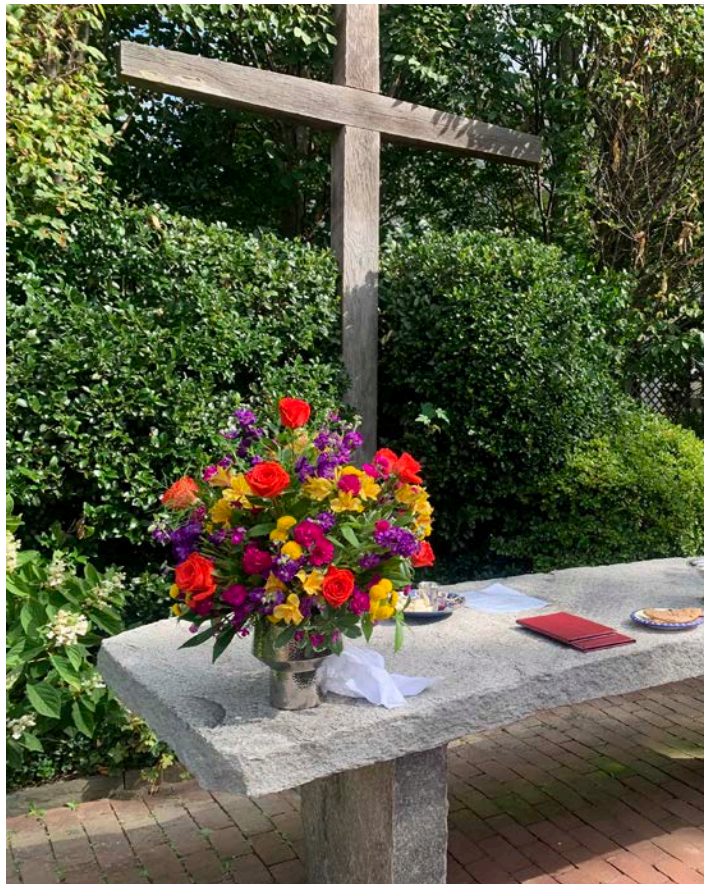
What is Pastoral Care Ministries? Can I join one of these ministry teams?

What is Pastoral Care? Pastoral Care is your church caring for you in all of the stages of life, through all of the joys and challenges. What does pastoral care look like at our church? Giving others rides to church. Flower delivery by deacons. Flower Ministry. Card Ministry. Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our Prayer Chain. Visitation. Stephen Ministry. Calling a friend. Making sure our neighbors are not alone. In short, we are the hands and feet of Christ, doing Christ's work in this world. If you want to join one of these important ministries or you know someone who needs a little extra care and love, please email Rev. Kibbie Laird at kibbie@godsacre.org.



Prayer Shawl Ministry – New Participants Wanted!

A few of our long-time Prayer Shawl members have moved away, and we hope others might join us to sit, knit, and enjoy each other's fellowship. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 10:00-11:30am in the Parlor. No experience is needed. We can teach you how! Please contact Tracy Goldman at office@godsacre.org if interested.



Floral Ministry - Summer's Lease

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date" - William Shakespeare Sonnet 18. This summer it was pure joy for the Floral Ministry to fill the garden services with flowers and then break the arrangements apart for the deacons to share. With the arrival of Kickoff Sunday on September 11, we will once again begin bringing these blooms into the sanctuary, but we will surely have warm memories of our summer services in the garden!



Births



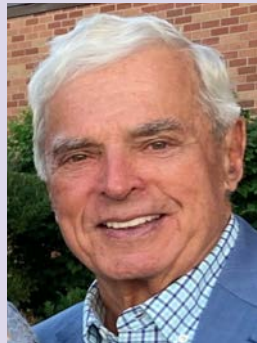
In Loving Memory

Remembering our dear brothers and sisters in Christ who returned to Jesus' loving arms.



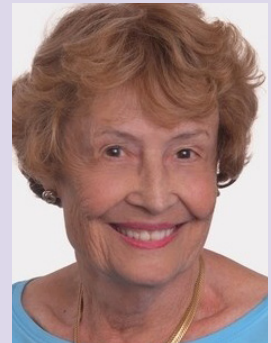
Pat Stewart

July 1, 1943 – July 27, 2022



Peter Telep

April 24, 1933 – August 6, 2022



Julie Taylor

November 11, 1929 – August 10, 2022

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Ministers

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner, x1
Senior Minister

The Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird, x2
Associate Minister of Children, Youth,
and Families

Staff

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Director of Children's Music and Drama

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Senior Youth Director

Erik Burns, x834
Youth Director

Laurel Carr, x833
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Lindsey Daly
Director of Children's Ministries

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Director of Music Ministries

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Administrative Assistant

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Church School Coordinator

Karl Hedrick, x839
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Sexton

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Director of Finance

Allison Wolter
Youth Ministries Administrative Assistant

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