



Grace Notes

Easter Day

April 16, 2017

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.” *John 20:1*

Although Jesus had been telling them that he would die and rise again on the third day, the disciples did not grasp what he was saying. As the events that led up to the crucifixion unfolded, the angry screaming mobs, and the whippings and scourgings as the Roman soldiers led Jesus away to the cross, the disciples ran away in fear and confusion. But how human is that! Would we have done anything differently? As they gathered together in the upper room the disciples tried to process what had taken place. What should they do now? When the woman who had gone to anoint Jesus’ body for burial told them of the empty tomb, the disciples regarded her as hysterical. But when the stories of Jesus’ appearances flowed in they became less skeptical, and when Jesus appeared to them in the upper room they were filled with joy and disbelief. The story of Jesus’ earthly ministry had come to an end, and it would now be carried forth into the world by these ordinary men. Thanks to them, the church today proclaims the resurrection confidently. Alleluia!

Holy Week Schedule

- April 9th Palm Sunday – Single Service at 10:15
- April 13th Maundy Thursday – Service with Eucharist – 7:00 pm
- April 14th Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 12:00 noon
- April 14th Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm
- April 15th The Great Vigil of Easter – 7:00-9:00 pm
Ice Cream Social follows the service; bring a topping to share.
- April 16th Easter Sunday –
 - 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite One
 - 9:45 am Children gather in the Chapel for the family service
 - 10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite Two

Our Mission Statement

Grace Church strives to love and serve God through worship and ministry in our church, the community and the world.



Remember in our Prayers



In our parish family for: Ed Greene, Catherine Jacob, Phil Koonce, Tom Tuttle, Molly Luke, Jessica Gatcomb and family, and Bill Maier.

Let us pray for family and friends: Judy Newman, Shawn McKenna, Larry Ferguson, Joe and Elizabeth Poe, Richard DeVito, Mark Smith, John Gordon, David Batten, Sharon French, Joan Dixon, Frank Farrington, David Koonce, Timothy, CC Wall and Theresa Joan White.

You may donate flowers for Easter in memory of loved ones. Easter flower donation envelopes are located in the Narthex. Please place your donation and the card with loved ones names in the envelope, and leave them in the basket in the Narthex.

Memorial Flower donations are welcome at any time. However, because of deadlines, names will not be listed in the bulletin.

Happy Birthday to you!

04/17	Phil Koonce	04/18	Harper Steenstra
04/19	Jacqueline Berry	04/19	Mitch Miller
04/20	Laney Wallace	04/21	Darreby Ambler
	04/22		Kenneth Teale



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

After the Great Vigil of Easter service
Saturday evening, April 15

Please consider coming to the Ice Cream Social after the Easter Vigil Service Saturday evening. Bring your favorite topping to the kitchen in Tubbs Hall before the service. After the service, enjoy the ice cream provided, and the fellowship and joys of Easter, too!

SAVE THE DATE!

FOR THE NEXT POTLUCK & PRESENTATION – APRIL 19

*At the third 'Potluck and Presentation' evening on **Wednesday, April 19**, Grace parishioners John Beaven and Diane Paterson will talk about Episcopal Peace Fellowship and their participation in the Maine Chapter. The focus of their comments will be the relationship between their commitment to EPF, and their spiritual life and well-being.*

Founded in 1939, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship seeks to "create and discover alternatives to violence and build a culture of peace." Throughout its history, it has urged the broader Episcopal Church to adopt a more peaceful stance on such issues as the Vietnam war, the Iraq war, and nuclear arms. The organization calls on its members to Pray for peace, Study to become informed and Act non-violently. Our Maine chapter has been primarily supporting efforts concerning Israeli - Palestinian peace.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPRING WALK

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPRING WALK is on Sunday afternoon, **May 7**. There are four ways to help make the walk a success: walk the walk, sponsor a walker, donate snacks, or help on walk day. There is more information on the bulletin board including pledge sheets and a list of snack items needed. If you have questions, contact Paula Conley, the Grace Habitat Representative, at 389-1158 or ldychocchip@gmail.com.



WOMEN OF GRACE ANNUAL GERANIUM SALE IS COMING

Now that Spring is in the air (hopefully), the Women of Grace are getting ready to begin calling everyone to take geranium orders. The funds raised from their Annual Sale are used to support several programs in the Bath Area. So, **when you get their call, please purchase these beautiful plants** so that they can help the many programs they support. Orders will be taken **until Friday May 12th**. The geraniums will be delivered to Grace Church on **Friday 19th** and available for pick up any time after 10:00 am. They must be picked up by noon at the latest on the 19th.



THE LITTLE FLOCK PROGRAM

The Women of Grace in partnership with the Outreach Committee have voted to start collecting non-food items for the Little Flock program sponsored by the Bath Seventh Day Adventist Church. There is a basket in the Narthex where items can be placed; they will be taken to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for distribution.

Below is a list of the items that they distribute on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month** at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 889 High Street. (The next dates are 12 April, and 10 & 24 May.) This program is open to the area communities including Georgetown. These items listed cannot be purchased with Food Stamps, so this is a much appreciated and needed program. Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.

Little Flock Non-Food Items

- Paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels
- Laundry and dish soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shaving essentials
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Diapers



Safe Birthing Kits for Haiti

Now that Lent is upon us the Women of Grace are once again taking up the Safe Birthing Kits for Haiti. The box for supplies will be in the Narthex on Sunday and it is our hope that we can provide 100 kits this year. There was a small inventory left so in order to have a 100 kits the following items are needed:

- 92 receiving blankets
- 68 newborn hats
- 89 hand sanitizers
- 200 sanitary napkins
- 200 pairs of rubber gloves
- 100 bars of soap
- 100 onesies
- 100 cloth bags
- 200 alcohol wipes

Directions for the hats and bags are available if you need them. Please contact Colleen Stevens **319-3685** or Glenis Elliott **837-0014**.



DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITIES FROM ACTIVE HOPE

BY JOANNA MACY

More than dozen community members are meeting at 11:30 am, every Sunday (except Easter) at **Neighborhood Faith Community**, United Church of Christ, on the corner of Centre and Washington Streets, to discuss and do activities from the book *ACTIVE HOPE* by JOANNA MACY. From this they may enlarge their sense of self, connected to their ancestors, grandchildren and other living beings.

If you have not read the book, you can catch up by going to the website, www.activehope.info, which gives links to ten-minute *YouTube* presentations of how you can become a person connected to all living beings and working for their behalf. There is also a link to a study guide for the book online. Books can be purchased for \$10 to \$14 from www.Abebooks.com.

For more information contact Nancy Chandler, 449-3237, nchandler51@comcast.net.

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Lent Madness has completed! The Golden Halo in won!

Were you in the game? Part of Lent Madness? This is a great way to learn about the Saints of the Church and to help keep some lightness during Lent as we prepare for the celebration of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the final week—the winner wears the Golden Halo!

As the contest moves along:

Thursday – Franz Jägerstätter fought off Mechtild of Magdeburg.

Friday – Amelia Bloomer dropped Raymond Nonnatus

Monday – Began the battle of the Faithful Four! Franz Jägerstätter crossed off Stephen the Protomartyr.

Tuesday – Florence Nightingale wiped up Amelia Bloomer.

Wednesday – For the GOLDEN HALO: Florence Nightingale has won over Franz Jägerstätter!



*“A human being does not cease to exist at death.
It is change, not destruction, which takes place.”*

— *Florence Nightingale*

We learned a great deal about the saints, especially those more obscure ones, as we followed Lent Madness. Happy Easter from all the Saints!

Worship Leaders
Maundy Thursday, April 13

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Ted Gaiser

7:00 PM

Lector: Reta King
First Server: Fred Sargent
Crucifer: Mark Wheeler
Altar Guild: Ann Lewis & Frank Jacob

Readings

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Worship Leaders
Good Friday, April 14

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Ted Gaiser

12:00 Noon

Lector: John Beaven
Crucifer: Marnie Hackenberg

7:00 PM

George Cudworth
Frank Jacob

Readings

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1 - 19:42

Worship Leaders
The Great Vigil of Easter, April 15

Celebrants – The Rev Dr Ted Gaiser & The Rev Carolyn H. Eklund
Deacons – The Rev Mary Lee Wile & The Rev Chic Carroll

7:00 PM

Lectors:	Sharon Steele, Reg Smart, Diane Paterson, Jim Paterson, & Martha Mayo
First Server:	Sharon Steele
Crucifer:	Stephanie Batterman
Ushers:	Robyn & Tom Butler, Reta & Dick King
Altar Guild:	Liz Prest
Camera:	Fred Sargent
Lights:	Dean Batterman
Ice Cream Social:	Leah Zartarian

Readings

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114

Matthew 28:1-10



*“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’
She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).”*

—John 20:16

Worship Leaders Easter Day, April 16

Celebrant – The Rev Dr Ted Gaiser

8:00

Lector: Nancy Kinner
Chalice Bearer:
First Server: David Wetherbee
Crucifer: Will Neilson
Greeters:
Ushers: Ann Lewis & Nick Sewall
Altar Guild: Ann Lewis
Camera:
Coffee Hour:

10:15

Ginny Bartlett
Carrie Strasburger
Marnie Hackenberg
Frank Jacob
Debby & Bill Hayden
Barbara & Ed Lovely
Reta King & Paula Conley
Gordon White
Ellen Browning

Altar Guild – Wednesday April 19 – Pat Longworth

Readings

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

Calendar of Upcoming Events

If you have any questions or suggestions for this calendar, please call or email Glenis Elliott at 837-0014 or GlenisWayne93@comcast.net.

Weekly Happenings

- Tuesdays EFM – 4:30 pm-7:00 pm – Library
- Wednesdays Bible Study – 8:30 am – Chapel
- Wednesdays Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am – Chapel
- Thursdays Telecast of Grace Church Sunday Service – 4:00 pm – Local Cable Channel 14
- Thursdays Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm – Choir Room

Committee Meetings & Groups

- April 13th Maundy Thursday – Service with Eucharist – 7:00 pm
- April 14th Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 12:00 noon
- April 14th Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm
- April 14th Finance Committee – 9:00 am - site TBD
- April 15th The Great Vigil of Easter – 7:00-9:00 pm
- April 16th Easter Sunday –
 - 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite One
 - 10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite Two – Family Service
 - Children meet in the Chapel by 9:45 am
- April 18th Prayer Shawl – 9:30-11:00 am – Chapel
- April 18th Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- April 19th Potluck & Outreach Presentation – John Beaven & Diane Paterson – 5:30 pm – Tubbs Hall (see article above)
- April 20th Feast @ 5:30 – The Anchorage
- April 20th Stewardship Committee – 6:00-7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- April 25th Food Mobile – 2:00 pm–4:00 pm – **Volunteers are asked to arrive by 1:15 pm**
- April 27th Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- May 2nd Prayer Shawl – 9:30-11:00 am – Chapel
- May 4th Feast @ 5:30 – The Moorings
- May 7th Habitat for Humanity Spring Walk (see article above)
- May 21st Worship Committee meeting – 11:30 – Chapel – Planning for Pentecost (June 4th)

Children’s Church Easter Music Rehearsal Schedule

- Thursday, April 13th 5:00 – 5:30 pm Music & Readers Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 16th 9:45 am **EASTER DAY** – All Children’s Church
Participants should meet in the Chapel