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Holy Eucharist - Sunday at 9am  
Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

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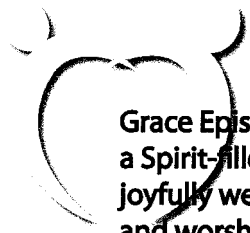


# 2014



2014 Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; S=Sanctuary; PO=Pastor's Office; C=Chapel; MR=Meeting Room; K=Kitchen

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>30</p> <p>4 Lent</p> <p>8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR</p> <p>8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:00 AM Church School</p> <p>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:30 PM Boy Scouts - PH</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C</p> <p>4:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L</p> <p>5:45 PM Pot Luck and Lenten Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p> <p>7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Craftmaking - MR</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 AM St Thomas Church</p>
<p><b>6 5 Lent</b></p> <p>8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR</p> <p>8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00 AM Church School</p> <p>10:30 AM Fundraising Committee</p> <p>10:30 AM Finance Committee</p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Hi-Noon Group</p> <p>12:30 PM Boy Scouts - PH</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C</p> <p>4:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p> <p>7:00 PM Vestry - L</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Chili Prep - K</p> <p>4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L</p> <p>5:45 PM Pot Luck and Lenten Study</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Chili Prep - K</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p> <p>7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13 Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR</p> <p>9:00 AM Church School</p> <p>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Boy Scouts - PH</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C</p> <p>4:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p>	<p><b>16 Holy Wednesday</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L</p> <p>5:45 PM Pot Luck and Lenten Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Tenebrae</p>	<p><b>17 Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p> <p>5:45 PM Agapé Meal and Maundy Thursday Eucharist</p> <p>7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L</p> <p>9:00 PM Stripping of the Altar</p> <p>9:30 PM Watch</p>	<p><b>18 Good Friday</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy</p>	<p><b>19 Holy Saturday</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Welcome Table</p> <p>7:00 PM Easter Vigil</p>
<p><b>20 Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR</p> <p>9:00 AM Church School</p> <p>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Boy Scouts - PH</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C</p> <p>4:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L</p> <p>5:45 PM Pot Luck and Lenten Study</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p> <p>7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Craftmaking - MR</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27 2 Easter</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR</p> <p>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00 AM Church School</p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:30 PM Boy Scouts - PH</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C</p> <p>4:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:00 PM Drop the Rock - L</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH</p> <p>4:00 PM AA - PH</p> <p>7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>



Grace Episcopal Church Newington,  
a Spirit-filled community,  
joyfully welcomes all to gather  
and worship in God's grace to  
experience and share God's  
transforming love.

# Pace of Grace

April, 2014

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## LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2014



Lent

**Lenten Study:** Father David will be leading a Lenten Study on Wednesdays in Lent following a pot luck soup and bread supper. (April 2, 9 and 16) Our time together will begin at 5:45pm with a simple Lenten pot-luck supper of soup and bread followed at 6:30pm by a guided reflection for an hour. We will plan on concluding at 7:30pm.



## Holy Week

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday – 9:00 am – Palm Sunday Liturgy, distribution of palms and outdoor procession and presentation of the Passion Gospel

Wednesday, April 16 – Tenebrae - 7:00 pm (after Lenten study)

Thursday, April 17 – 5:45 – Maundy Thursday Eucharist including an Agapé Supper in the Parish Hall followed by the Stripping of the Altar 9:00 pm Watch in the sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18 – 7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil – 7:00 pm



Easter  
SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist with music 9:00 am



## Thanks So Much!

- ☺ Sandy Colena for her faithful attention to the window displays – they are always done with thoughtful notice to the season and the calendars we live our days by.
- ☺ Roy Zartarian for cutting back the butterfly bushes in the front garden and in the Memorial Garden.
- ☺ Mabel Maynard for donating a wall clock for the Parish Hall. It looks great and several of the groups have thanked us for adding it.
- ☺ Val, Marty, Michelle, and James Dumont, Lorraine Belyea, John Whalen, Jeanne Parker, Nicole Smart, Kyle Gorden, Diana Lewis, Camden Tatsapaugh, Nancy Tatsapaugh, Walt Parker, Karen Halpert and Melissa Haseley for all their help with our wonderful Stewardship Dinner in March. It was truly a beautiful evening, the flowers and the tables looked lovely and the menu was thoughtfully planned and the food was delicious – a special thank you to Val, Marty, Lorraine and John for their efforts with the that part of the evening.
- ☺ Those who have helped with the Welcome Table Breakfast each month.



- 04/02 Richard Hack
- 04/02 Wayne Haley
- 04/04 Elizabeth Gallagher
- 04/07 Diane Guyette
- 04/09 Jonathan Page
- 04/10 Meagan Balducci
- 04/11 Barbara Johnson
- 04/12 James Dumont
- 04/14 Katherine Ancona
- 04/15 Ryan Holland
- 04/18 David Bagioni
- 04/18 James Robidoux
- 04/20 Pat Rogorzinski
- 04/21 Walter Parker
- 04/21 Thomas Fischer
- 04/22 Carmela Balducci
- 04/25 Sandra Colena
- 04/30 Richard Goodwin



*Celebrating  
an Anniversary*

- 04/13 Jane and Robert Stewart
- 04/20 George and Barbara Johnson



**Mark your calendar!** - The ECW Annual Meeting & Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. The guest speaker is the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina. We will send in our registration when we receive the form from the Diocesan ECW.

“Behold ... the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!”  
*Sitting Bull*

**EASTER BOUQUET SALE**  
**SPRING BOUQUETS** will once again be sold



Spring Samba (left) \$15.00  
Easter Parade (right) \$11.00

Flowers must be ordered by Palm Sunday, April 13 – sign up sheet in Narthex or call Church Office 860-666-3331

PICK UP Saturday, April 19 from 9 – 11 or after service Easter, April 20.

**PANSIES**



Pansies will be sold after services thru Easter (or until all are sold). They may be planted in your garden or planted in containers for decoration around the home.



*Hi-Noon Group*

All are invited to attend the Hi-Noon events. Following a bag lunch (bring a sandwich or other lunch - coffee & tea provided), there is an activity. In May the lunch is provided by our host, Seabury.


**April 7, Monday** - Tour of Noah Webster House, West Hartford. Will depart for the tour following a bag lunch at 12:00. Car pooling arranged.


**May 12, Monday** - Tour of the Seabury Community in Bloomfield where we will be guests at lunch. Meet at the Church for car pooling.


**June 9, Monday** - Picnic and visit to Elizabeth Park Rose Garden in Hartford. The roses should be in full bloom mid June




**Deadline for May Pace of Grace – Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Please, make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to mail the issue promptly.

 The office is usually closed on Mondays and Fridays.

 We normally prepare the bulletin on Wednesday. All items to be included in the calendar insert should be received by Tuesday evening.

 Please notify the office of your email addresses. We would like to send more information by email when possible.

 I plan to take a vacation for 1 week in September. I likely will take another week or so in the spring or summer. I would like to have someone fill in for office duties when I am not here. It is not a difficult job. If you are interested, please speak to Father David or call the office. Training will be provided.

### *Art Riihimaki*



In preparation for the October 25 Church Fair, the Grace Church Crafters have a series of Craft Nights planned to make items for the fair. The dates are all Fridays and unless stated otherwise will be held in the Music Meeting room upstairs. The starting time is 7:00 pm.

The committee asks that you not wear your good clothes, or if you do bring an apron or a smock to wear over them. Some of the activities may include painting. And as the warmer weather approaches, there are several larger scale projects that will be done outside.

The planned dates are: April 4, April 25, May 2, May 16, May 30, June 13 and June 27. At the end of June, the committee will see where they are and what else needs to be done and will schedule and publish additional dates at that time.

If you have any questions, please talk to Lorraine Belyea or Val Dumont.



## Grace Work Day

Grace Episcopal Church will be hosting its annual Spring Clean-up/Work Day on Saturday, May 17, 2014. While it is the same event we've had in past years, this year we are putting a new focus on it.

For members of Grace Church, it is a branch of the newly redesigned and intentional effort to make stewardship a year around practice. The focus of the May Work Day is the Time element of the Time, Talent and Treasure foundation of Stewardship. We all must be good stewards of the earth and all that is in as well as our church home and this is a way for folks to give back and take care of the many tasks and chores that are needed to maintain the beautiful buildings and grounds of Grace Church.

As a nod to our green initiatives and in honor of an Earth Day that is getting overlooked because of Holy Week and Easter, the work day will showcase and utilize earth friendly products for cleaning and grounds maintenance. There will also be a demonstration of composting and pruning techniques by a well-known area expert.

The other point of the day is to invite our friends who use the Grace Church facilities and grounds on a regular basis to participate. At different times throughout their tenure with us, leaders of the various groups have graciously come to us with offers to help with different chores and tasks. Our property management efforts were never fully organized enough to take advantage of these proposals. Well, all of that has changed.

The Church now has an organized, well thought out task list of chores and maintenance items that groups, individuals, couples and families can sign up for. The list includes seasonal, annual, monthly and as needed items, depending on how much "time" one wants to give.

We have also developed our version of a "wish list" of about a dozen items that require a more specialized skill set. It is our hope that among the various communities that use our facilities, there is someone who will step forward and help us get these tasks completed. The task lists and sign-ups will be posted the week of April 6 on the upstairs and downstairs bulletin boards.

As an added bonus, we will be serving a hearty breakfast for all workers. The breakfast is our regular, monthly Welcome Table Community breakfast day but we are expanding the hours to include the work event. Coffee and water will be served throughout the day.

Stewardship is a way of life. And it is not just about turning in our pledge card but also a calling for all of us to be good stewards of all that God has given us, including our beautiful church home.

*Paul Crosswaith*

*Melissa Haseley*

Property Chair

Senior Warden



We will be selling pansies for the next 2 Sundays March 30 and April 6. We are also taking orders for Easter bouquets. The pictures are in the Narthex. We will have two different types for Easter Sunday for you to take home.

The Church Fair is October 25, 2014. Save the date. If you want a table to sell items please contact Liz Welk at 860.559.0414 or [elizabeth.welk30@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.welk30@gmail.com). We will be having a series of Friday night crafts very simple to make to sell at the fair. See Lorraine Belyea or Valerie Dumont for the dates.

Our next meeting will be April 6, 2014 after the 9am service in the meeting room. New members and ideas are always welcome.

Thanks.

*Liz Welk, Jeanne Parker, Lorraine Belyea, Valerie Dumont, Jane Stewart, and Lynn Page.*



## FINANCE REPORT

March seems to have suffered from a slight decrease in income plus a rather heavy hit from utilities and especially the snow removal (which was almost twice the amounts from either January or February). There is still one Sunday to go as I write this, but I have estimated some final income and final payroll expenses. We should easily cover all our bills as shown, but we will probably not quite break even for the month. Although our checkbook cash balance will still be positive, we will still show a nominal deficit for the year so far.

At the end of March, our finances should end up as follows:

INCOME	<u>March</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	EXPENSES	<u>March</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
<i>Beginning Checkbook:</i>		<b>\$ 3,825</b>	<i>\$ 3,898</i>		
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 7,997	\$ 25,262	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$ 5,450)	(\$ 15,998)
General Receipts:	\$ 645	\$ 2,351	General Expenses:	(\$ 1,580)	(\$ 6,419)
Use of Church Building	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,875	General Utilities:	(\$ 2,216)	(\$ 5,881)
Fund Raisers:	\$ 11	\$ 66	Grounds (Snow/Lawn)	(\$ 2,873)	(\$ 5,948)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
“B-to-B” & Special:	\$ 113	\$ 424	Capital Campaign Exp	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 205	\$ 215	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 33	\$ 38	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Diocese Pledge	(\$ 1,302)	(\$ 3,906)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 215	Outreach:	(\$ 140)	(\$ 724)
Miscellaneous	\$ 160	\$ 160	Miscellaneous Forward	(\$ 160)	(\$ 160)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,300	Rectory Rent to M.Mkt	(\$ 0)	(\$ 1,000)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$11,664</b>	<b>\$ 37,906</b>	<b>Total Paid Out:</b>	<b>(\$13,721)</b>	<b>(\$ 40,036)</b>
			<i>Ending Checkbook:</i>	<b>\$ 1,768</b>	<b>\$ 1,768</b>

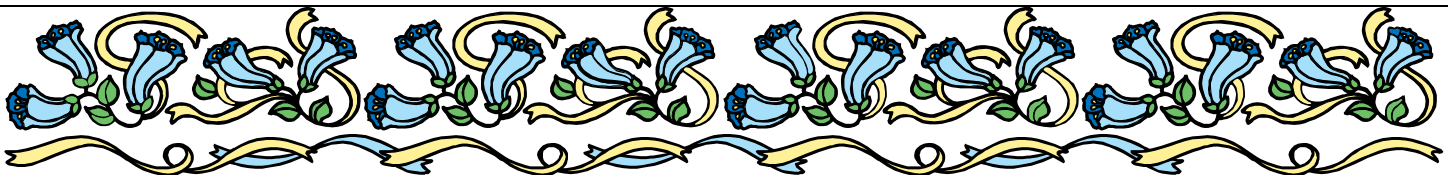
Hopefully winter is now over (after all, Spring has officially sprung), so our expenses should start to reduce. Also, the Easter season is coming and our spring activities should help raise everyone’s excitement and enthusiasm.

*Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer*

**Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update:** At the end of March, the overall Money Market account balance should be \$63,766. Of this amount, \$36,711 is the posted Capital Campaign balance, and net Rectory funds of \$1,500 Security Deposit + \$13,642 Rectory Reserves. The latest Capital project was to fund the new shelves for the Children’s Library in the parish hall. The property

committee is reviewing the next possible project.

*Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer*



If you wish to donate flowers for the Altar for Easter in memory or honor of someone or in thanksgiving for blessings, you may fill out the following form and mail it with your contribution, made out to Grace Church, to:

Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT 06111-2719

You may also drop off the form and your check at the office or place it in an offering plate on Sunday.

Envelopes are also in your offering packets and available in the narthex.

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## **EASTER FLOWER OFFERING**

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GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR

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NAME OF DONOR

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ADDRESS OF DONOR

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

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