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

PACE OF GRACE



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 7:30 RHI Subcommittee – NA CT – PH 	2 9:30 am Tai Chi – PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	6 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts – PH	7 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 8:30 am Employment Group – MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	8 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:00 pm Tenebrae	9 Maundy Thursday 9:30 am Tai Chi – PH 6:00 Seder 7:00 Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	10 Good Friday 12 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm Holy Eucharist	11
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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April 2020

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Dear Grace Church,

Your bishops and your wardens believe it is our pastoral responsibility to respond to the reality that in-person, public worship is being curtailed during Holy Week and Easter. We will be working (digitally of course) with CJ and others in our Diocese to make available to you different worship services. We will keep you posted as we finalize these services to be available via email or online.

We encourage you, the faithful at Grace, to continue to mail in your pledges. In the same vein, we will continue to make our monthly payments & contributions, as we are able. Together we will get through this.

Some resources include: links to free virtual museum tours, yoga and other movement practices, online AA meetings, Facebook baking group, breathing exercises, online singing, worship at home, go for a walk, and more. Our local library may be closed so this is a good time to catch up on reading books on our own bookshelves. Call someone you haven't talked to in a long time.

Please send your email address to Debbie at the Church office to be able to keep up to date with all the changes at church and be able to receive worship services as we develop them for reading and/or online viewing.

An ongoing list of online services offered throughout the Episcopal Church in Connecticut can be found at:

https://www.episcopalct.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Livestreamed_Services_-_ALL_ECCT-8.pdf

Your Wardens,

Walt & JoAnn



Deacon's Bench

From the Deacon's bench - a place to sit down and share (after it has been wiped down with disinfectant). It was the best of times and the worst of times according to the Charles Dickens' book *A Tale of Two Cities*. I almost think that we are dealing with a similar situation in our times. Jesus also had some good and not so good times but He kept his focus on God's will with His sacrificial love on the cross for us.

Hopefully we have been finding ways during Lent to get closer to God (cause we don't have to social distance with Him). We also might have more time to do this as we try to stay safe and sane. (One out of two is pretty good for me.) Perhaps we have found ways to connect with others that don't involve physical closeness. I hear phones still work. Perhaps we are just finding out more about ourselves or those who live with us. I am learning better ways to complete things on my to-do list. We can also read books, knit, paint, etc.

I also hope that we know that are not alone during this time. We have our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus who is always with us. If we get scared at times we pray for ourselves or for others. We can call each other for support.

We can still celebrate the Risen Christ come Easter. We can have joy in our hearts knowing that He is alive within us and the world. We can shout Alleluia! We can have hope that soon we will be back at Grace. Our bishops are working on a way for us to access virtual Holy Week celebrations.

If anyone would like to have conversation I am available via cell phone 860-833-0750 or email cjcj48@comcast.net. I would love to hear what interesting things you have been doing or if you just want to talk.

I pray each and every day for all of us that our faith will get us through these current times. I hope that on this coming Easter Day I will hear your voices lifting up your joys and anticipations of good times with the love of Jesus within you and around you.

Please take care of you and those in need by listening to God's plans for you.

peace&joy
cj



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in April

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Palm Sunday April 5, 2020	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 21:1-11
Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1, 10-17	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 10, 2020	Isaiah 52:13-53; 12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday April 11, 2020	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	Psalm 31: 1-14, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
Easter Day April 12, 2020	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
Second Sunday of Easter April 28, 2020	Acts 2:14a 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
St. Mark the Evangelist April 25, 2020	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 2	Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16	Mark 1:1-15 or Mark 16:15-20
Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35



04/09 Jonathan Page
 04/11 Barbara Johnson
 04/12 James Dumont
 04/20 Pat Rogorzenski
 04/21 Walt Parker



04/20 Barbara and George Johnson



*Save
the Date*

**Any or all events may be cancelled
due to the virus quarantine.**



SENIORS ON THE GO

Hi-Noon – All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the monthly meetings of Hi-Noon. The group's activities vary and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events.

April & May – As the weather warms an on the road adventure will be planned. Do you have a suggestion for a place of interest to visit?

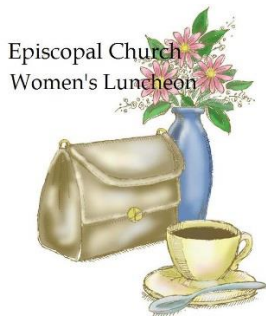
June – Annual Picnic – Parish Hall & Patio

- April 5 Palm Sunday
- April 6 Hi Noon
- April 8 Tenebrae – 7 pm
- April 9 Maundy Thursday 6 pm Seder,
7 pm Eucharist
- April 10 Good Friday, Stations of the Cross - Noon
Holy Eucharist – 7 pm
- April 12 Easter
- April 14 Vestry Meeting
- April 18 Book Club Meeting



BAKE A CAKE – Every month

Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated the **FIRST** Sunday of the month with a cake served at Fellowship Time after the service. Please consider baking or buying a cake to be served. Notify Debbie in the Church Office by email or phone the month you will bring a cake: office@gracechurchnew.org / 860-666-3331. A cake baked in a standard 9 X 13 pan using one cake mix package or homemade ingredients is a good size.



Episcopal Church
Women's Luncheon

ECW Luncheon: The CT Episcopal Church Women's luncheon has been rescheduled to September 10 at the Aqua Turf in Southington.



**Food
Collection**

Neington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank with minced onion, canned crabmeat, 100% fruit juice and beef stew. Thank you to those who contributed reusable shopping bags. I now bring contributed food items to the Newington Food Bank in these bags. They are so appreciated and will then be passed on to their clients. Any contributions of reusable bags can be left in the basket in the Narthex. They will be redistributed to a needy neighbor. Thank you!

JoAnn Cromwell



Morning Prayer has been cancelled until further notice.



So once again the book club was cancelled! We are hoping to meet on April 18th for a discussion on *The Giver of Stars*.

Our read for April, *Educated*, is now our May read. The date for that

discussion is May 9.

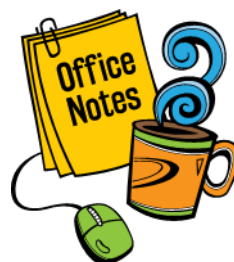
We also have a book club scheduled for June. That date is June 13. We have lots of recommendations but to my recollection or notes we have not actually selected a book.

Please make a notation on your calendars and I will let you know of any updates or changes.

Melissa Haseley



If you are in need of a new nametag, or you don't have one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will make one up for you. Thank you!



The deadline for the May Pace of Grace is Thursday, April 23. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.

Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5: and Thursday 11-5.

Debbie Forrest



QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: FEBRUARY 29, 2020

	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>TOTAL 2020</u>
	<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 4,580	\$ 10,768	\$ 13,482	\$ 79,304
<u>INCOME:</u>	\$ 10,843	\$ 17,425	\$ 19,024	\$ 118,534
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$ 8,751)	(\$ 23,575)	(\$ 26,136)	(\$ 140,342)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	\$ 2,092	(\$ 6,150)	(\$ 7,112)	(\$ 21,808)
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 16,305		<i>End 2019 Checkbook:</i> \$ 22,206	



Creative Energy Team
April 2020

Hello,

All of our planned spring activities have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

They will all be rescheduled at a time when the world goes back to as normal as it can be.

Tag sale

The tag sale has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

We will decide at the end of April when an appropriate time would be to do this event.

In the meantime while you are home please take this opportunity of time to go through areas of your home--attics, basements, garages, sheds--that you have been meaning to go through. It's a great time to eliminate extra stuff you are not using. We will take your donations as soon as we are not locked down. Please hold onto them for now.

Paint Afternoon

The Paint Afternoon has been cancelled and will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Easter Flowers are cancelled for this year. We will look forward to them next year!

ECW luncheon has been cancelled and has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Aqua Turf in Southington. I hear our luncheon money will be sent back to the church and we will be paying again in August. JoAnn Cromwell and Beverly Manning will be handling the refunding of the money.

Puerto Vallarta is on hold for now until we are not in lockdown and people are able to go out. We will be announcing a date soon!!

We are still collecting for future events

We are collecting...

Empty wine bottles of all sizes,

Frames of all sizes,

Mason jars of assorted sizes,

Any Valentines items for crafting or to use for food items

Any heart or love items we can use - glasses, jars, mugs, craft items, raffle items

Any items for the Chocolate Festival event -

Clear food bags, Lunch bags in red, white or pink,

Pink, red or white ribbon of different widths

Clear cellophane on a roll large raffle basket bags

Big wicker baskets or assorted containers for raffling a basket

Any items to make a raffle basket. If you see something at a fabulous price online, think ahead for the raffle. Let us know. If you want to plan and put together a specific basket we would love the help. Please let us know.

Thank you for all your support in our fundraising efforts. We will be reaching out to you soon to let you know what our plans are for the Creative Energy Team.

For now stay home, stay healthy. If anyone is in need of help, items from a store, online help, cooking help... or anything not mentioned please reach out to a church member. We are a family too. We all will try to help in any way we are able to.

Blessings to each of you.

Valerie Dumont

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
	Palm Sunday	Easter – 11 am	2nd Easter	3rd Easter
Supply Clergy	Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Valerie Miller	Morning Prayer	Rev. Jim Speer
Deacon/LWL	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz	CJ Puskarz
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Mabel Maynard	Walt Parker
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard		Elizabeth Welk
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert	Walt Parker	Marie Ritchie
USHERS	Bob MacCalmont	Brandon & Kathy Johnson	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL CTR – 12n		JoAnn Cromwell		
Lay Eucharist Visitor			JoAnn Cromwell Elizabeth Welk	
ALTAR GUILD	Jane Stewart	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato	Jane Stewart
	Elizabeth Welk	Marie Ritchie	Marie Ritchie	Candy Casciano
	Barbara Johnson	Elissa Schumann	Elissa Schumann	Barbara Johnson
COUNTERS	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning	Melissa Haseley	JoAnn Cromwell
	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato	Lorraine Belyea	

**Lay Ministry Schedule
Holy Week 2020**

	Wednesday April 8	Maundy Thursday April 9	Friday April 10
	Tenebrae	Seder 6 pm	Good Friday
	7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist 7 pm	12 pm
			Noon Day Prayer & Stations of the Cross
Supply Clergy	Deacon CJ Puskarz	Rev. Valerie Miller	Deacon CJ Puskarz
Deacon/LWL			
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Mabel Maynard	Pau Crosswaith
MINISTER OF COMMUNION		JoAnn Cromwell	
CRUCIFER		Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS		Walt Parker	Karen Halpert
USHERS		Nancy DiPrato	
		Lorraine Belyea	