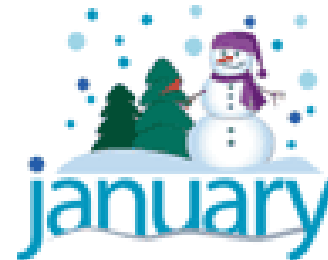


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2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	3 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	4 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR,	5	6
7 1st Sunday of Epiphany 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	8 12:00 PM – Hi Noon 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	9 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	10 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	11 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR,	12	13
14 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	15 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH 	16 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	17 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	18 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	19	20
21 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Liturgical Committee Meeting	22 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	23 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	24 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting - MMR	25 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	26	27
28 4th Sunday of Epiphany 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 	29 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	30 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	31 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	1 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 1:00 PM Blood Drive – PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	2	3

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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*From the
Missional Priest*



New Year's Resolutions – 2018

Dear Grace Church Family,

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed, but the calendar does not lie. The “holiday season” is over, the trees are out by the curb and WRCH is back to its usual classic rock programming. The obligatory “soft news” stories about New Year’s resolutions have been printed or aired with the predictable content and with the expected results of brief and frenetic attempts to keep them. So much for the New Year. But, seriously, isn’t there something missing? The event of the Incarnation is all about the Father’s resolve not to give up on humanity. If God is so committed to the salvation of humankind that it has been His first resolve down through the millennia, surely we can make some response, however feeble and inadequate.

My challenge to all of us is to make one or more workable and realistic spiritual resolutions that we will keep during 2018. These need not be complicated; in fact, simple is best. As the Dean of Berkeley Divinity School used to say, “tiny steps for toddling tots.” Your spiritual resolution can have either an inward or an outward focus, but it needs to be measurable and clear. If you have questions about any part of this, please speak to CJ or to me. We also have the resources of our fine library and a host of material from Forward Movement and other sources that are available. Speak to JoAnn or to Bev.

My hope for all of you is that when we come to 2019, we can look back over this year with a sense of accomplishment at having kept our spiritual resolutions.

With all best wishes for a productive New Year!

Faithfully,

David+



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Holy Name of Jesus January 1	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
The Epiphany January 6, 2018	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord January 7, 2018	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 2018	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Confession of St. Peter January 18, 2018	Acts 4:8-13	Psalm 23	1 Peter 5:1-4	Matthew 16:13-19
Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2018	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:6-14	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Conversion of St. Paul January 25, 2018	Acts 26:9-21	Psalm 67	Galatians 1:11-24	Matthew 10:16-22
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2018	Deuteronomy 18:15- 20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28



01/01 Liz Welk
 01/13 Debbie Forrest
 01/19 Paul Crosswaith



01/02 Robert and Lorraine Belyea



*Save
the Date*

January 1st: New Year's Day
 January 8th: Hi Noon
 January 9th: Vestry Meeting
 January 21st: Liturgical Committee Meeting
 January 28th: Annual Meeting



HI-NOON - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and short excursions. All are welcome!

January 8, Monday - Fun and games in Parish Hall, Bring bag lunch and snacks to share.

February 5, Monday - Movie Matinee, Bring bag lunch and movie snacks to share. Movie to be announced.

March - Restaurant Adventure (Place & Date TBD)

April - Prudence Crandall Center Tour, New Britain - Following bag lunch in Parish Hall, car pool to Center. (Date TBD)

May - Quinnipiac Valley Alpaca Farm will bring an alpaca to our meeting. (Date TBD)

June 4, Monday - Picnic in Parish Hall. Meal provided - volunteers for salads/desserts. Donation for meal. July (dated TBD) Lobster Roll Dockside in Clinton & Hammonasset Park.



Weather Closing

Cancellation of services due to weather will be posted on NBC Connecticut (channel 30) and WFSB (channel 3) and on their websites



Creative Energy Team
January 2018 News

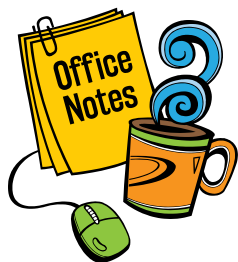
Happy New Year!! December of 2017 brought us another busy, productive and profitable month.




Our Holiday Sing-a-long and Silent Auction was a huge success! We had many new people join us and participate in the Silent Auction. A total of thirteen baskets, each with a different theme, were auctioned off. All who participated enjoyed using a personal ID number as their sign in which made bidding anonymous to others. People who had the highest bid were enthusiastic to find out they won any particular basket. Thank you to all who donated or helped put the baskets together.

The Holiday Sing-a-long was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Mei-Tsen, our organist, did a beautiful job coordinating the music played by four different musicians. They all did a splendid job entertaining us with their talents on the french horn, piano, cello and organ. The Sing-a-long part brought the holiday spirit to all of us! Everyone wished the music part, especially the Sing-a-long, was longer. Many people have expressed an interest in doing this again - possibly a spring patriotic concert. Look for more details in the coming months.

Something to look forward to over the winter is the Easter flowers and pansies the Creative Energy Team will be selling this coming spring. For now enjoy the quiet of winter to find time to reflect, rejuvenate your soul and restore your energy.

Valerie Dumont



-  Deadline for February *Pace of Grace* - **Thursday, January 25th**. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly.
-  We normally prepare the bulletin on Thursday. All items to be included in the calendar insert should be received by Wednesday evening.
-  Normal Office hours are Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5 and Thursday 11-5.

Debbie Forrest



Puzzle!

The 12 Old Testament books known as the Minor Prophets aren't unimportant — just short! Unscramble the names of these books. Then unscramble the circled letters to find a fruit of the Spirit.



Fruit: _____

- LEJO _____
- IHCAM _____
- ABKUKKAH _____ (Circled: K)
- DHAIABO _____ (Circled: A)
- MUNAH _____
- OAESH _____ (Circled: O, A)
- AZAEHINPH _____ (Circled: H)
- NJHAO _____ (Circled: O)
- AGIAGH _____ (Circled: A)
- OASM _____ (Circled: O)
- AHRIZAHCE _____
- IHCMALA _____

Answers: Joel, Micah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, Nahum, Hosea, Zephaniah, Jonah, Haggai, Amos, Zechariah, Malachi; Kindness

	January 7, 2018	January 14, 2018	January 21, 2018	January 28, 2018
	1 Epiphany	2 Epiphany	3 Epiphany	4 Epiphany
LECTOR	Nancy Tatsapaugh	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Liz Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Mabel Maynard
USHERS	Jane Stewart	Marty Dumont	Bob MacCalmont	Brandon & Kathy
	Paul Crosswaith	Chelsea Belyea	Charlie Albrycht	Johnson
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am	Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell	
HTFD REGIONAL			JoAnn Cromwell	
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Rogorzenski	Marie Ritchie	Marie Ritchie	Pat Rogorzenski
	Kathy Shoemaker	Jane Stewart	Jane Stewart	Elissa Schumann
	Barbara Johnson	Jeanne Parker	Jeanne Parker	Nancy DiPrato
COUNTERS	JoAnn Cromwell	Melissa Haseley	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning
	Bette Forcash	Lorraine Belyea	Paul Crosswaith	Bette Forcash

