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

PACE OF GRACE



2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	28 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	29 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:00 PM Lenten Program - PH	30 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	31	1
2 Fifth Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	3 6:00 PM Boy Scouts – PH 12:00 PM Hi Noon	4 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	5 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:00 PM Lenten Program - PH	6 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal MMR 6:40 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	7	8
9 Palm Sunday 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	10 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	11 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	12 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:00 PM Lenten Program - PH 7:00 PM Tenebrae at Grace	13 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 5:00 PM Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal MMR 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday service & pot luck at OSL 7:00 PM Stripping of the Altar 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	14 Good Friday 12:00 PM Good Friday Service at Grace 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at OSL	15 7:00 PM Easter Eve Service
16 Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 	17 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	18 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	19 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	20 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	21	22 2:00 PM Book Club - Library
23 Second Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	24 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	25 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	26 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	27 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	28 HOLD FOR TAG SALE SETUP	29 
30 Third Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	1 12:00 PM Hi Noon 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	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, L	5	6

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



Pace of Grace

April, 2017

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*From the
Missional Priest*



Dear Grace Church Family,

As I write this, we are on the cusp of our annual observance of Holy Week (Passiontide) that recalls for us the last momentous days of Our Lord's ministry and leads us to the event of the resurrection. As we did last year, we will be celebrating our Holy Week observance with our brothers and sisters from Our Savior's Lutheran church. You will find a complete schedule of all Holy Week and Easter services in this issue of *The Pace* and I encourage you to include as many of them as possible as a part of your own spiritual journey. As I was thinking about this, I remembered something that Archdeacon Bolton, one of my professors at seminary many years ago, said. It was his simple and direct observation that all weeks, not just this one in particular, are holy week. He was right, of course.

All weeks are holy and as Jesus used these last few days of his earthly ministry to express the fullness of the new commandment of love that he had given the disciples, so we are called to act out that commandment week by week in our own lives. By doing this and by reaching out to those on the margins, we continue the ministry to which we have committed ourselves in the Baptismal Covenant (which by the way, we will renew at the Easter Vigil). Each new week brings with it the invitation to be Holy People and to take up the cross of love and follow the Lord along the path which God has prepared for each and all of us to follow. Weeks may be different, some more exciting than others, and some that seem to go on forever. Some may seem to have no purpose just requiring us to get through them and others may even be frightening, but all the weeks are holy if we will let them be. The joy of embracing each week as holy is what should lead us on in faithfulness.

With these few thoughts, let me wish for each and all of us that this will be a passionate week as we walk with Jesus and may we each discover that this week and all weeks are indeed holy and filled with the Father's loving invitation to all of us to share in the great gift of love.

Faithfully,

David+



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 2, 2017	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	
Liturgy of the Palms April 9, 2017 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11	
Liturgy of the Passion April 9, 2017 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or <i>Matthew 27:11-54</i>
Holy Week Year A	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Monday of Holy Week April 10, 2017	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week April 11, 2017	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Maundy Thursday April 13, 2017 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 14, 2017	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or <i>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</i>	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday April 15, 2017	Job 14:1-14 or <i>Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24</i>	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or <i>John 19:38-42</i>

Easter Year A	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Easter Vigil April 16, 2017	<p>Old Testament Readings and Psalms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 • Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46 • Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16 • Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 • Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6 • Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19 • Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43 • Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143 • Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98 <p>New Testament Reading and Psalm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114 <p>Gospel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 28:1-10 			
Resurrection of the Lord April 16, 2017 <i>Easter Day</i>	*Acts 10:34-43 or <i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	John 20:1-18 or <i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>
Easter Evening April 16, 2017	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Second Sunday of Easter April 23, 2017	*Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017	*Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35



- 04/02 Richard Hack
- 04/04 Elizabeth Gallagher
- 04/07 Diane Guyette
- 04/09 Jonathan Page
- 04/10 Meagan Balducci
- 04/11 Barbara Johnson
- 04/12 James Dumont
- 04/20 Pat Rogorzenski
- 04/21 Walter Parker
- 04/22 Carmela Balducci
- 04/25 Sandra Colena



04/20 George and Barbara Johnson



Holy Week

- April 9 Palm Sunday (The Sunday of the Passion): Each congregation will hold its own service but members of both congregations are most welcome at either: 9AM (Grace) and 10AM (OSL)
- April 12 Wednesday in Holy Week – Tenebrae 7PM at Grace
- April 13 Maundy Thursday 6 PM – Pot Luck Supper at OSL; communion service starting at 7 PM
- April 14 Good Friday 12NOON (Grace), 7PM (OSL) –Holy Communion
- April 15 Easter Eve- The Great Vigil of Easter 8PM (Grace)



- April 16 Easter Day (The Sunday of the Resurrection): 9AM (Grace) and 10AM (OSL)



Save the Date

- April 5th: Lenten Program 6 pm
- April 9th: Palm Sunday
- April 12th: Lenten Program 6 pm
- April 14th: Good Friday - services at 12 pm at Grace and 7 pm at OSL
- April 15th: Easter Eve Service 7 pm
- April 16th: Easter
- April 22nd: Book Club Meeting 2 pm
- April 29th: Tag Sale



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

April 3, Monday: Connecticut Old State House – Following 12:00 bag lunch in Parrish Hall car pool to visit historic 1796 Historic State House in Hartford

May 1, Monday: To be announced

June 5, Monday: Annual Picnic, Parish Hall & Patio – Meal provided – volunteers for salads / desserts, Donation for meal.

Summer: Lobster Roll & Hammonasset Park – Meet at Church 12.00 Noon – Following lunch at **Lobster Landing**, Clinton, (lobster rolls, or hot dogs or kielbasa roll) the group will have a short stroll on the beach and visit the new Meigs Point Nature Center.



Creative Energy Team
April 2017

Tag Sale - Saturday April 29, 2017 from 9am -2pm. It will be held outside on the front lawn. Lawn space is for sale at \$15.00 per space to all vendors. Money will be collected that morning. We will start setting up on Friday afternoon April 28th - time to be determined. Saturday morning set up starts at 7 am. Everyone is asked to help in some way. Donations are now being accepted. Please put in Room 11 downstairs or contact Lynn Page or Valerie Dumont for help or any questions. We will also be selling coffee, donuts, hotdogs, chips and soda that day. The Rain date is May 13, 2017.

ECW Luncheon - The luncheon is Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Please see Beverley Manning for information. The Creative Energy Team will be selling our Prayer beads and other religious items at the Luncheon. Please see Valerie Dumont if you wish to help. You still will be able to enjoy the day of a service, speakers & lunch if you decide to help.

Dining for Dollars - Still scheduling a date and restaurant

Fall Festival - The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9am - 3pm. This will be an inside event unless it is unseasonably warm that day. There will be access to our patio throughout the day. We will be using the Parish Hall, hallway and classrooms. Grace's Cafe will be open; we will have music and of course the Grace Filled Creations booth will be brimming with new items. Thank you for all the input regarding the date of the festival. Crafting dates are being scheduled to make items for our booth. We have several new ideas. This is a parish event where we are asking all to help out.

Silent Auction - Our Silent Action has a new date. The Team decided to make this its own event with a holiday theme. It will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 7-9 pm. Details are being worked out. This will replace the Roast Beef dinner.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or

wish to help, please contact one of us to ask. Valerie Dumont at 860-690-0727, Lynn Page at 860-667-1835 or Lorraine Belyea at 860-666-3959.

Advertise in our Church Bulletin

We are starting our new campaign of advertising in the Sunday weekly bulletin. It is our hope to raise funds without using a lot of people power. If anyone from the parish or any family or friend wishes to place a business size ad of 2" x 3.5" for their business, please see Valerie Dumont or get in touch with me at creativeenergyteam@gracechurchnew.org or call 860-666-3331, press #3. We are starting with 24 ad spaces. Get your ad in soon! Just by word of mouth we have many ready to commit to this advertising offer. There is an information sheet and order form in the narthex under the red bulletin board. The cost is \$125.00 for one year of advertising. We will be placing our ads by the first Sunday in April 2017. Please see the forms for more information or ask Valerie Dumont.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters or lovers of Yarn

We have had new yarn donated for you to create something for the Fall Festival. The yarn is put away, but is always available for you to make something. Some suggestions - hats, scarves, mittens, baby items, towels with crocheted top with button, washcloths for the kitchen, or anything you wish to create. There are several baby hats already started that are the same pattern if you wish to finish them. Thank you for your creations.

For anything the Creative Energy Team does... questions, comments, suggestions or offers to help can be directed to Valerie Dumont at 860-690-0727, Lynn Page at 860-667-1835 or Lorraine Belyea at 860-666-3959.

Valerie Dumont



We will be cleaning the Church for Easter after the Palm Sunday service. We will do as much as we can as we do have services between Palm Sunday and the Easter Eve service. We will need to polish the brass, polish the pews and straighten out the books. Altar Guild members please let me know if you can attend the cleaning on Sunday April 9, 2017.

Elizabeth Welk

The next book club date will be Saturday, April 22, at 2 pm in the church library.



The book selection will be *Early Warning*, the second in the Last Hundred Years Trilogy. Should you have any questions, please see Nancy Bielman or Melissa Haseley. Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley

Report from the Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team met on February 8th and discussed several events that take place at Grace.

Some of the events are successful and some not so successful. Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with cake and coffee on the first Sunday of the month seems to be popular.

Holding the Roast Beef Dinner not so. This committee suggests we look for a coordinator for this dinner in September and cancel this early if no one steps forward to take the lead by October. Early start would give us the opportunity to advertise more effectively.

Emergency Contact Cards are slowly being turned in. This available information can make a big difference in contacting medical personnel or family in a timely fashion.

We had a successful Blood Drive in December. The Annual Meeting had a good turnout and also a very good Brunch.

Upcoming events include the Vestry Retreat, Pancake Supper (with OSLC), and Stewardship Brunch including the Ministry Fair.

We have tried to resurrect the Welcome Table Breakfast one more time with the help of OSLC, not enough interest, we will stop the effort.

We also suggest not having Animal Embassy come in October due to the cost and low attendance/ interest.

*Respectively Submitted,
JoAnn Cromwell, Team Chair*

Annual Spring Training & Gathering

Spring Training & Gathering is an annual training day, held in the spring, with dozens of workshops. The 2017 Gathering will take place Saturday, April 1 at Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Workshop categories are Christian Formation, Communication, Connecting & Collaborating, Essential Parish Operations, Leadership, Passion & Call, Pastoral Care, Social Justice & Advocacy, Stewardship and Worship. A link to the 2017 Workshop Booklet containing information about all of the workshops is below as well as a link for vestry materials. Lay leaders including whole vestries regularly attend. The day is organized by Robin Hammeal-Urban, Canon for Mission Integrity & Training, with administrator Deb Kenney. At the door registration fee is \$35. For questions contact Deb Kenney at dkenney@episcopalct.org.



EASTER BOUQUETS – Back by popular demand Easter Bouquets will again be sold this year.

Butterfly Wishes \$11.00 and Spring Samba \$15

Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Pick up: Saturday April 15 9 - 11 AM and Easter Sunday after the service.

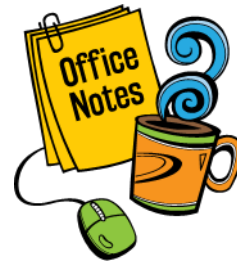


Family Promise - Great News!!!! Up and Running!!!

Don Carlson, Executive Director, started on February 1, 2017. The Day Center in New Britain opened on March 5th. The first family was housed the week of March 12th at UCC in Newington and this week at South Church in New Britain. There are three or more families next week at Mill Pond Church. One van driver, for now, transports the beds to the hosting church on Sunday afternoon and picks everything up the following Sunday morning. This same driver takes the families to the church about 5:30 pm every day and picks them up at 7:30 am to bring them to the Day Center. From there the children are bussed to school and the adults go to their jobs. If they are unemployed, they work on their skills and look for appropriate employment. Saturday and Sunday everyone stays at the Day Center during the day, unless they are working.

There is a Spring Fundraiser planned for April 29, 2017, 5:30 to 8:30 PM (HOME SWEET HOPE) at Church of the Holy Spirit in Newington, CT. There will be a Musical Concert, Silent Auction and Desserts. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

*Mabel Maynard & JoAnn Cromwell
Coordinators at Grace*



The deadline for the May Pace of Grace is Thursday, April 20th. 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.

Debbie Forrest



!!! Father David will be on vacation April 17 through April 21 !!!



"What could I say? They are her most Easterly shoes."

**Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

	April 2, 2017	April 9, 2017	April 16, 2017	April 23, 2017	April 30, 2017
	5 Lent	Palm Sunday	Easter	2 Easter	3 Easter
LECTOR	Nancy Tatsapaugh	JoAnn Cromwell	Nancy Tatsapaugh	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Liz Welk	Shirley Adams	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Mabel Maynard	Nancy Tatsapaugh	Paul Crosswaith	Karen Halpert	Marie Ritchie
USHERS	Marty Dumont Chelsea Belyea	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea
FELLOWSHIP	JoAnn Cromwell	Karen Halpert			
	CJ Puskarz				
NRRRC-10:30am	Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL			JoAnn Cromwell		
CTR-12n					
ALTAR GUILD	Jane Stewart	Elissa Schumann	Elissa Schumann	Kathy Shoemaker	Kathy Shoemaker
	Candy Casciano	Marie Ritchie	Marie Ritchie	Pat Rogorzenski	Pat Rogorzenski
	Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato	Candy Casciano	Candy Casciano
		Liz Welk	Liz Welk		
COUNTERS	Melissa Haseley Nancy DiPrato	Beverley Manning Bette Forcash	JoAnn Cromwell Lorraine Belyea	Walt Parker Bette Forcash	Beverley Manning Paul Crosswaith

**Lay Ministry Schedule
Holy Week**

	April 9, 2017	April 12, 2017	April 14, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 16, 2017
	Palm Sunday	Tennebrae	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter
	9:00 AM	7:00 PM	12:00 PM	7:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard	Nancy Tatsapaugh
				Karen Halpert	
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Shirley Adams			Lynn Page	Karen Halpert
CRUCIFER	Jane Stewart			Liz Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Nancy Tatsapaugh			Beverley Manning	Paul Crosswaith
USHERS	Bob MacCalmont			Brandon & Kathy Johnson	Nancy DiPrato
	Charlie Albrycht				Lorriane Belyea
FELLOWSHIP	Karen Halpert				
NRRRC-10:30am					JoAnn Cromwell
HTFD REGIONAL					JoAnn Cromwell
CTR-12n					
ALTAR GUILD	Elissa Schumann				Elissa Schumann
	Marie Ritchie				Marie Ritchie
	Nancy DiPrato				Nancy DiPrato
	Liz Welk				Liz Welk
COUNTERS	Beverley Manning Bette Forcash				JoAnn Cromwell Lorraine Belyea



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. Please return no later than April 2. Envelopes are also in your offering packets and available in the narthex.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR

NAME OF DONOR

ADDRESS OF DONOR

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT: _____

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