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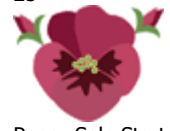
Holy Eucharist - Sunday at 9am
Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27	28 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	1 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 	2 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	4 10:00 AM Creative Energy Team Crafting – MMR 2:00 PM – Book Club Meeting - Library
5 First Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Stewardship Sunday and Ministry Fair	6 6:00 PM Boy Scouts – PH 6:00 PM Property Committee Mtg - MMR	7 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	8 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 12:00 PM Hi-Noon Group 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:00 PM Deacon's Supper - PH 6:30 PM Lenten Program	9 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, L	10 Set up for Pinewood Derby	11 4:00 PM Pinewood Derby Daylight Savings Time Begins – Set clocks ahead one hour
12 Second Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist w/baptism 	13 6:00 PM Boy Scouts - PH	14 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Vestry - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	15 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:30 PM Lenten Program	16 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 6:30 PM Reception for Charles Kamano in West Haven 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	17 	18
19 Third Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	20 6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Parish Hall) 	21 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	22 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L 6:30 PM Lenten Program	23 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	24	25  Pansy Sale Starts
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



Pace of Grace

March, 2017

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Dear Grace Church Family,

Barbara Johnson led devotions for the February Vestry meeting. She touched each of our hearts with the simplicity of her message. Barbara has allowed me to share her thoughts with you.

She read the collect for the First Sunday in Lent – Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

She asked herself what she should DO (not give up) for Lent and she shared what LENT meant to her.

Love – show love in small ways, i.e., a smile to a stranger or read a book to a child.

Enjoy – enjoy the simple things of life with family, like a sunrise or sunset.

Nice – be kind and good to one another and to strangers.

Time – take time for yourself to enjoy the simplicities of life every day, not just during Lent.

God Bless You All!

JoAnn Cromwell
Senior Warden



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

Lent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or <i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i>	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent March 5, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Second Sunday in Lent March 12, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>
Third Sunday in Lent March 19, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 45 or <i>Psalm 40:5-10</i>	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2017 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41



- 03/09 Melissa Haseley
- 03/10 Benjamin Page
- 03/16 Emilia Herrington
- 03/23 Jane Stewart



03/06 Brandon and Kathy Johnson



Save the Date

- March 1st:** Ash Wednesday – Services at 6 am and 7 pm
- March 4th:** Creative Energy Team Crafting Day
- March 4th:** Book Club Meeting
- March 5th:** Stewardship Sunday and Ministry Fair
- March 6th:** Property Committee Meeting
- March 8th:** Hi Noon
- March 8th:** Lenten Program
- March 12th:** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 14th:** Vestry Meeting
- March 16th:** Reception for Charles Kamano, 6:30 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit in West Haven
- March 15th:** Lenten Program
- March 22nd:** Lenten Program
- March 25th:** Pansy Sale starts
- March 26th:** Creative Energy Team Meeting
- March 29th:** Lenten Program



Weather Closing

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



The “Just show up and Do It” award was given to Paul Crosswaith for 2016. Paul has volunteered in many capacities at Grace Church for many years. In the last several years as our “person power” has decreased, Paul has stepped up to the plate more than ever. You can find Paul actively working during, in and around the church. Paul, “we thank you for all you do!”



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!

Mar 8, Wednesday - Lunch at Polish Restaurant - Meet at Church at 12:00 for carpooling.

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
March 2017
**Fundraising Schedule for 2017
and other news**

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.**

Pansies - We will start selling pansies on March 25, 2017 thru the following week.

Easter Flowers - Two beautiful bouquets will be offered for sale to be picked up on Saturday or Easter Sunday after church services. Sign up with pictures will be in the Narthex starting mid-March.

ECW Luncheon - The luncheon is Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Please see sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Beverly Manning has the information if you have questions. 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 is Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 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 in some way.

Silent Auction - Our Silent Auction has been moved to 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 be replacing the Roast Beef dinner.

The next meeting will be Sunday March 26, 2017 after Church services in the music meeting room. All are welcome to come.

Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10 am is our next crafting date. There is something for everyone to do. All are welcome. More dates to be added.

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.

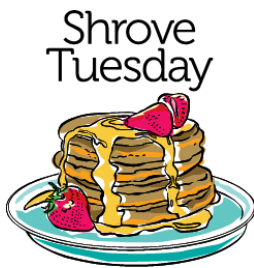
Calling all Knitters and Crocheters or lovers of Yarn

We have a lot of new donated yarn for you to create something for the Fall Festival. It is on a table in the Narthex through next Sunday. After church services we will be putting it away, but it is always available for you to see 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. Please write down on clipboard what you are taking and what you plan to make. Thank you for your creations. Remember the yarn is always available to you even if it is put away.

For anything the Creative Energy Team does... If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or wish to help with the Creative Energy Team 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.

Valerie Dumont



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Report
February 28, 2017

Thirty-one folks from the Senior Center, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and family and friends of Grace Church members enjoyed pancakes, bacon and sausages. We also had a variety of toppings to enhance our pancakes: strawberries & whipped cream, applesauce, mini chocolate chips, chopped walnuts & pecans, blueberry jam and M&M's. Thank you to all who donated items for this dinner from OSLC & Grace.

Thank you mostly to the tireless volunteers who set up, decorated, cooked, served and cleaned up to make this the success that it was; M. Maynard, CJ Puskarz, E. Gallagher, K. Halpert, W. Parker, M. Shoemaker, P. Crosswaith, M. Haseley. Special thanks to Mark for cleaning the large griddle. It worked like a charm. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone who helped. Oh yeah, and thank you to the NA Group for putting away the tables and chairs.

Our profit is \$121.08, after expenses, for Family Promise of Central Connecticut.

Cheerfully submitted by JoAnn Cromwell and Mabel Maynard, Co-Coordinators.

The next book club date will be Saturday, March 4, at 2 pm in the church library.



The book selection is *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley. Should you have any questions, please see Nancy Bielman or Melissa Haseley. Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



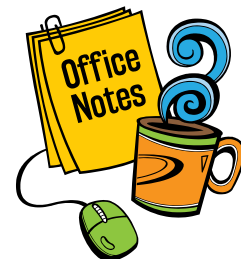
St. Pauly Textiles


Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2016 roughly 10,443 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 1,266 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year.

Your congregation raised \$621 in 2016 through hosting this shed.

We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.
Thank you - from Lynn Page and Kathy Johnson



 The deadline for April *Pace of Grace* is **Thursday, March 23rd**. 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



Liturgical Committee

Meeting schedule for 2017

1. May 21: Schedule for June 4 to October 29
2. September 24: Schedule for November 5 – January 6

Schedule for Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday - March 1 - services at 6:00 am and 7 pm

1st Sunday in Lent - March 5 Rite I (Great Litany?)

Lenten program begins March 8 at 6:30 pm for 6 weeks

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 9 - Palms, Dove, Procession

Wednesday - April 12 - 7 pm Tennenbrae

Maundy Thursday - April 13 - 7 pm Stripping the Altar, Vigil

Good Friday - April 14 - Services at noon and 7 pm

Easter Eve - April 15 - 7 pm service

Easter - April 16

Ascension Day - May 25 - Thursday 7 pm Service

Pentecost - June 4 - Balloons
Beverley Manning



[Join Us for a Wonderful Lenten Opportunity](#)

Making Space for Silence: Exploring Contemplative Prayer

March 31 - April 1, 2017

Presented by Br. Robert L'Esperance, Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), Cambridge, MA.

How often have you yearned for quiet, peace, silence? In the "busyness" of our lives, we often neglect the need for silence and the opportunity to "simply be."

Drawing from both Western and Eastern traditions, this is an opportunity to begin learning and practicing the disciplines of Contemplative Prayer. This retreat is intended for those who desire to begin a contemplative practice or who wish to refresh their own approach to Contemplative Prayer.

Program runs 5 pm Friday to 3 pm Saturday

Cost: \$205 private room; \$175 shared; \$125 commuter

Fees include program, accommodations, meals and refreshments.

Register at campwashington.org or call 860-567-9263.

RECEPTION



Reception of Charles L. Kamano into the Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 16; 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St., West Haven

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

	March 5, 2017	March 12, 2017	March 19, 2017	March 26, 2017
	1 Lent	2 Lent	3 Lent	4 Lent
LECTOR	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Liz Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
USHERS	Nancy Beilman Marianne Doolittle	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am	Beverley Manning		JoAnn Cromwell	
HTFD REG CTR			JoAnn Cromwell	
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Shoemaker Barbara Johnson Candy Casciano	Marie Ritchie Pat Rogorzenski Elissa Schumann	Marie Ritchie Pat Rogorzenski Elissa Schumann	Jane Stewart Candy Casciano Kathy Shoemaker
COUNTERS	Melissa Haseley Bette Forcash	Beverley Manning Nancy DiPrato	JoAnn Cromwell Paul Crosswaith	Walt Parker Lorraine Belyea