



Grace Notes

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” — Proverbs 3:5-6

Recently I saw through my den window a cloud split into several evenly spaced flat layers with each layer decreasing in length as if it were forming a stairway up into the heavens. I couldn't help thinking of it as a metaphor for our journey through life, and I pictured all of us climbing, each at a different level, reaching for help from those at the higher levels and lending our hands to those at the beginning levels. Carl Jung describes the four stages of life as thus: The Athletic Stage. Here we are preoccupied with our looks. In The Warrior Stage we are out to conquer the world, to be the best. The Statement Stage is where we look for ways to serve others and to make a difference, and finally The Stage of the Spirit, the letting go stage. Descriptions of these stages may be found on line. Just Google Carl Jung Stages of life, and click on Carl G. Jung Archetypes, the 4 Stages of Life. At what stage of life do we find ourselves, and how does each stage equip us for our ongoing journey? Perhaps this is something to think about and pray about.

(Thanks to The Rev Lois Hart, our retired deacon, for graciously allowing us to continue to use her insightful reflections in *Grace Notes*.)

Worship Opportunities

January 14, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, January 17, in the Chapel

8:30 am – Bible Study

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

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1100 Washington Street
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Our Mission Statement

Grace Church strives to love and serve God through worship and ministry in our church, the community and the world.



Remember in our Prayers

In our parish family for: Mitch Miller, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob, Phil Koonce, Jessica Gatcomb and family, and Bill Maier.



Let us pray for family and friends: Ben, Michele Ober, Patricia White, Bert Pagan; Justin, Tina and Tim, David Koonce, Kim Coleman, Mary-Lee Banek, Janice Shine, Larry Ferguson, Mark Smith, Joan Dixon, Timothy, CC Wall and Teresa Joan White.



Happy Birthday to You!

Catherine Davis 01/16

Stuart Woodland 01/17



Happy New Year!

Pledge envelopes for 2018 are available in the Narthex.



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING – Join us in ministry

Training for current Lay Eucharistic Visitors and those interested in becoming Lay Eucharistic Visitors will take place **THIS Saturday, January 13 at 1:30 pm.** For further information about this ministry or the training, contact Sandy Meck shmeck47@gmail.com or 725-5091.

BOOK CLUB FELLOWSHIP

The next book discussion will take place on **January 18th at 11:00** in the library or Tubbs Hall. The book is ***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*** by Bryan Stephenson. It available on amazon.com. All Grace parishioners and friends are welcome. For more information, contact Paula Conley - 389-1158.



FAITH IN ACTION 2018

On **Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**, Grace Episcopal Church invites you to join us for an interactive workshop designed to put our faith into action with John Hennessy, Director of the Maine Episcopal Network for Justice.

In this workshop we will explore the concepts of Faith Rooted Organizing and Called to Transformation – An Asset-Based Approach to Engaging Church and Community. These are two complementary concepts that will spark your curiosity and attempt to answer your questions about the need and ability to bring your voice of faith to the public square.

We will spend time focusing on the questions, not necessarily the answers, as we discover together what our unique gifts are and how do we organize people to bring all their gifts to the table. We will discuss how to follow the Jesus who transforms the world instead of saving our souls.

In our time together, we will talk about creatively and realistically developing a strategy to incite local change and development based on the theological perspective that God has gifted us with all things necessary to realize shalom – the state of living in peace and prosperity as the people of God.

Saturday January 27, 2018

Grace Episcopal Church
1100 Washington Street, Bath

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided

SNOW DATE: Saturday February 10, 2018



THE LITTLE FLOCK PROGRAM

Reminder: Grace Church continues to collect non-food items for the Little Flock Program. There is a basket in the Narthex where items can be placed; they will be taken to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for clients to pick up. Below is a list of the items that they distribute on

the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 889 High Street, Bath. (The next dates are Wednesday 24 January and 14 February.) This program is open to the area communities including Georgetown. The items listed are not able to be purchased with Food Stamps, so this is a much appreciated and needed program. Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.

LITTLE FLOCK NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels
- Laundry and dish soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shaving essentials
- Dog and cat food
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Hats & gloves in the winter months

Worship Leaders January 14, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	John Beaven	Mary Swain
Single Server:	Judy Nash	
First Server:		Frank Jacob
Crucifer:		Fred Sargent
Greeters:		Mary & Ray Swain
Ushers:	Jackie Berry & Judy McAllister	Reta & Dick King
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Liz Prest
Camera:		Gordp
Coffee Hour:	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	Ellen & George Browning

Altar Guild – Wednesday, January 17 – Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens

Readings*

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

*Each scripture citation has a link to the LectionaryPage.net reading.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

If you have any questions or suggestions for this calendar, please call or email Glenis Elliott at 837-0014 or GlenisWayne93@comcast.net.

Weekly Happenings

- Wednesdays Bible Study – 8:30 am – Chapel
- Wednesdays Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am – Chapel/Sanctuary
- Thursdays Telecast of Grace Church Sunday Service – 4:00 pm – Local Cable Channel 14
- Thursdays Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm – Choir Room

Committee Meetings & Groups

- January 11th Feast @ 5:30 – The Anchorage
- January 11th Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- January 13th Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training – 1:30 pm – Sanctuary
- January 13th Lector Training – 3:00 pm – Sanctuary
- January 14th Lector Training between services – Sanctuary
- January 16th Prayer Shawl – 9:30 am – 11:00 – Library
- January 16th Bath Garden Club – 11:00 am – Tubbs Hall
- January 17th Voice Lessons with Erin Chenard – 4:00 pm – Choir Room
- January 18th Women's Fellowship Book Club – *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stephenson — 11:00 am – Library (FMI, contact Paula Conley at 389-1158)
- January 24th Voice Lessons with Erin Chenard – 4:00 pm – Choir Room
- January 25th Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- January 25th Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- January 27th Faith in Action—11:00 am-2:00 pm—Tubbs Hall (See article above)
- January 28th Annual Meeting following the 10:15 am service - Sanctuary
- January 30th Tedford Meal – FMI, contact Debby Hayden – 729-9707 or via e-mail at haydenhurst@zwi.net
- January 31st Voice Lessons with Erin Chenard – 4:00 pm – Choir Room