



# Grace Notes

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

*One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."* —Acts 16:16-17

The chains of the Roman Empire clank and clatter throughout this passage. We hear of an enslaved woman, her greedy owners' money-making scheme, of Paul's imprisonment, and how the prison guard readies himself to commit suicide upon discovering the prison doors ajar. We also hear the woman describe Paul in terms that she and millions of slaves in the Roman Empire would have understood—they are fellow slaves, albeit they have very different owners.

Paul's owner—the Most High God—disrupts the greedy masters' money-making scheme. Paul's owner opens the doors of the cell and stays the hand of the guard before he can kill himself. Being bathed in grace and mercy, held captive by love and surrendering to the Lover of Souls is not slavery at all but rather the best kind of freedom we could ask for or imagine.

What are some of the ways God's love has set you free?

—Forward Day by Day

### Worship Opportunities

May 6, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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May 9, 2018

8:30 am – Bible Study – Library

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist – Chapel

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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: Sara George, Phil Koonce, Lois Hart, Mitch Miller, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob, Mary Paquin, and Bill Maier.*



*Let us pray for family and friends: Dave Shiverick, The Pool Family, Shirley Stewart, Gary Rivard, Laura Lee, Tori, Gerry Pepin, Brian Jacob, Ed Pyles, Ben, Michele Ober, Patricia White, Bert Pagan; Justin, Tina and Tim, Mary-Lee Banek, Larry Ferguson, Mark Smith, Joan Dixon, Timothy, CC Wall and Teresa Joan White.*



Happy Birthday to You!

Matthew Westrum 05/08 Jennifer Caron 05/12  
Ferderick Downs 05/12



The monthly *Healing Service* will be held during the 10:15 service **this Sunday, May 6.**  
*Bath Area Food Bank* donations will be accepted at both services this Sunday as well.

**Feast at 5:30!**

**This Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **Feast @ 5:30** **BARBECUE** will happen at  
*The Moorings.*

Plan to come, bring a dish to share (main dish, salad, dessert)  
and join the fun!



## A CHANCE TO HELP LOCAL TEENAGERS

On **Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm** ***Young Life*** will be holding a banquet at the *Maine Maritime Museum* to celebrate Bath area youth. You are invited to join Larry Bartlett who is an event host. ***Young Life*** is a national Christian organization with a Bath chapter that supports and encourages local high school teens. Through the efforts of ***Young Life***, this year twenty-two students will have an opportunity to attend a week-long summer camp in July to have outdoor fun and connect with other Christian youth as they explore their faith in Christ. For the area youth who will be attending camp, it is a tremendous life experience that they could not afford without our help. If you are interested in attending or want to find out more information, contact Larry Bartlett at 443-5447, or by email at [bartlett.design@hotmail.com](mailto:bartlett.design@hotmail.com).



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 **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** of the month at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 889 High Street, Bath. (**The next two dates are Wednesdays 9 and 23 May.** 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

### Appearing before the Vestry

Would you like to present a concern or new program idea to the Vestry? You're encouraged to contact our Rector, Father Ted, our Senior Warden, Donna Miller, or our Junior Warden, Nick Sewall, regarding being added to a Vestry meeting agenda. The Vestry has a strong sense of "living in community" and wants everyone at Grace Church to feel free to bring forth and present your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. For consideration, please notify us by the second Tuesday of every month.

### Worship Leaders

May 6, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev. Cn. Dr. Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Diane Paterson	Susan Arbuckle-Keith
First or Single Server:	Jim Paterson	Donna Miller
Crucifer:		Carrie Strasburger
Greeters:		Sandy & Bret Meck
Ushers:	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	Reta & Dick King
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Joan Bishop
Camera:		Dean Batterman
Coffee Hour:	Judy Nash & The Beavens	Debbie & Bill Hayden

Altar Guild – Wednesday, May 9 – Pat Longworth

#### Readings\*

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

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

## Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward

This new addition “*Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward.*” Is to let everyone know about the events that are happening outside of our doors but are housed here. See our first edition below. We hope you will find this interesting and if you know of other organizations that might like to use our facility please have them contact Father Ted or Glenis Elliott, the Calendar Coordinator and Facilities Use Agreement Coordinator.



### *“Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward”*

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Book Club – 10:00–11:30 am – Library
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Girl Scouts – 6:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 11:30 am – 4:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Delta Gamma Meeting – 4:30–7:30 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- May 16<sup>th</sup> RJP Meeting – 4:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – 4:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts – 6:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 19<sup>th</sup> RJP Training – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room

### **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](mailto:GlenisWayne93@comcast.net).

### **Weekly Happenings**

- Wednesdays Bible Study – 8:30 am – Chapel/Library
- 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

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>                    Feast @ 5:30 – Barbecue – The Moorings
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>                    *Young Life* banquet – 6:30 pm – Maine Maritime Museum
- May 5<sup>th</sup>                    Outreach Retreat – 9:00 am – noon – Lower Tubbs Hall
- May 6<sup>th</sup>                    Children’s Choir Pentecost Rehearsal 9:00 – 9:25 am – Lower Tubbs
- May 8<sup>th</sup>                    Prayer Shawl – 9:30–11:00 am – Library
- May 9<sup>th</sup>                    Young Family Gathering – 6:00 to 7:30 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 10<sup>th</sup>                  Feast @ 5:30 – Barbecue – The Anchorage
- May 13<sup>th</sup>                  Children’s Choir Pentecost Rehearsal 9:00 – 9:25 am – Lower Tubbs
- May 15<sup>th</sup>                  Prayer Shawl – 9:30 am to 11 am – Library
- May 15<sup>th</sup>                  Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 19<sup>th</sup>                  EPF Meeting – 11:00 am to 2 pm – Lower Tubbs Hall
- May 20<sup>th</sup>                  Pentecost Sunday – **Wearing red is acceptable**
- May 20<sup>th</sup>                  Children’s Choir – Pentecost -- Meet in Chapel by 9:45 am
- May 24<sup>th</sup>                  Feast @ 5:30 – Barbecue – Washington House
- May 29<sup>th</sup>                  Tedford Meal – **FMI – contact Debby Hayden 207-729-9707 or via e-mail haydenhurst@gwi.net**
- May 31<sup>st</sup>                  Tedford Meal – **FMI – contact Debby Hayden 207-729-9707 or via e-mail haydenhurst@gwi.net**