



Grace Notes

The Day of Pentecost Whitsunday

May 20, 2018

Some were convinced by what (Paul) had said, while others refused to believe.

—Acts 28:24

This Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's power and ability to spread the gospel in abundant and surprising ways. At the same time, we bid farewell to the Book of Acts with a sober reminder about the hardness of the human heart.

Paul spends his final days in Rome proclaiming the good news but not being heard—he laments that it is primarily among Gentiles that his words have taken root. Interestingly, Acts doesn't go on to describe Paul's execution. Luke leaves us in suspense: He seems utterly convinced of the power of the Holy Spirit to send the apostles forth into the world but also certain of the human tendency to ignore the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.

As we wrap up this portion of the Good Book Club, what will you take from it into the next part of your journey? Has participating in the Good Book Club helped you more faithfully follow the movement of the Holy Spirit?

How might you listen for the Holy Spirit's urging in the days to come?

—Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

May 20, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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May 23, 2018

8:30 am – Bible Study – Library

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist – Chapel

Grace Episcopal Church
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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: Jim Kelly, The Family of 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!

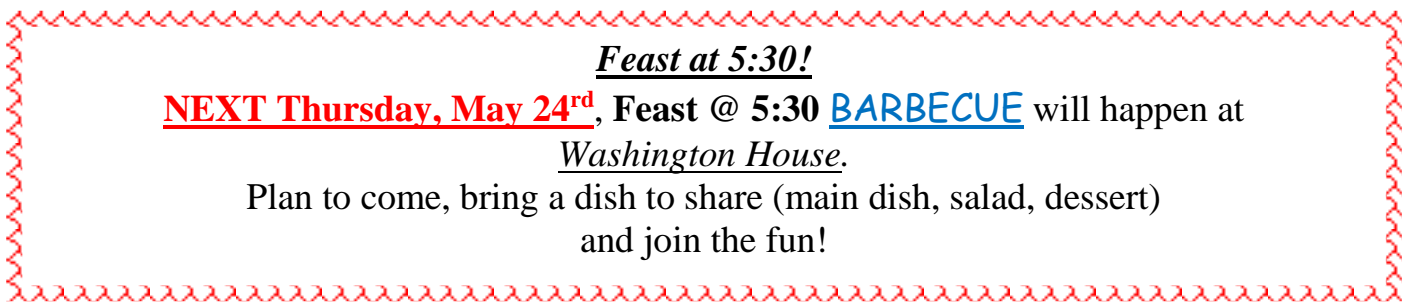
Coenradt Taylor	05/20	Dean Bailey	05/21
Peggy Cochrane	05/22	Elena Vandervoort	05/22
Cameron Gatcomb	05/26		



Feast at 5:30!

NEXT Thursday, May 24rd, Feast @ 5:30 BARBECUE will happen at Washington House.

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



THIS Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

Wear something RED!



Stephanie Batterman will be ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons on **Saturday, June 9th, 11 AM at St. Luke's Cathedral** (143 State Street) in Portland. The entire parish is invited to attend. Stephanie will be with us as deacon on Sunday, June 10th. After the 10:15 service, Stephanie and Dean are inviting all parishioners to celebrate Stephanie's ordination at a festive coffee hour in Tubbs Hall in appreciation for all of your support in her formation process.



SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday May 20th, Sunday June 24th and Sunday July 15th join Facilities Chair, Nancy Kinner and Senior Warden, Donna Miller in Tubbs Hall. The 1st forum Nancy will share information that was gathered from the evaluation done on our "aging heating system". In the 2nd forum we hope to share options we could feasibly consider for replacing our heating system. By the 3rd forum we hope to wrap up with a sense of the direction the parish would like to take in replacing the heating system. **These 3 forums will be held in Tubbs Hall at 9:00 a.m. and repeated at 11:45 a.m.** on each of the scheduled Sundays to encourage attendance. Please join Nancy and Donna to learn and participate in a healthy conversation about our heating system and how we might consider moving forward as quickly as possible with this very important project.

Outreach Retreat

Saturday June 2nd we will have an Outreach Retreat in Tubbs Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. This is the next step in our journey to determine where Grace Church feels called in its engagement in mission and outreach. We have had 4 presentations and two book studies that have given us a great deal to think about. Now it is time to narrow down our focus. We need your input as we move forward with putting our "Faith into Action"

Worship Leaders
May 20, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev. Cn. Dr. Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Judy Nash & Diane Paterson	Marnie Hackenberg & Frank Jacob
First or Single Server:	Judy Nash	Sharon Steele
Crucifer:		Bethel Keith
Greeters:		Barbara & Ed Lovely
Ushers:	Marty Lakeman & Nick Sewall	Dean Batterman & Karen Kenney
Altar Guild:	Jim Paterson	Paula Conley
Camera:		Gordon White
Coffee Hour:	Diane & Jim Paterson	Marnie Hackenberg

Altar Guild – Wednesday, May 23 –

Readings*

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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



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 two dates are Wednesdays 23 May and 13 June**. 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



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 17th Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – 4:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 17th Girl Scouts – 6:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 18th Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 19th RJP Training – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 23rd Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- May 30th 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.

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 20th Pentecost Sunday – **Wearing red is acceptable**
- May 20th Children’s Choir – Pentecost – Meet in Chapel by 9:45 am
- May 20th Heating System Discussions – one at 9 AM, one at 11:45 AM
- May 24th Women’s Book Club – 11 AM – Library
Meeting God in the Breakdown Lane
Contact Paula Conley at 389-1158 or ldychocchip@gmail.com
to reserve your spot
- May 24th Feast @ 5:30 – Barbecue – Washington House
- May 29th Tedford Meal – FMI – contact Debby Hayden 207-729-9707 or
via e-mail haydenhurst@gwi.net
- May 31st Tedford Meal – FMI – contact Debby Hayden 207-729-9707 or
via e-mail haydenhurst@gwi.net
- June 2nd Grace Church Spring Clean-Up -- 9 to 11 AM
- June 2nd Outreach Retreat 9 – NOON Tubbs Hall