



Grace Notes

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

—1 Samuel 3:1b

Professing Christianity means professing a living God. We believe in a God who is still active, still revealing Godself to us. The Holy Spirit is still speaking and, as a beloved hymn reminds us, “God is working his purpose out.”

Samuel lives in a time when a word from the Lord is a rare occurrence; signs and wonders are few and far between. We can relate. In our own day, claiming to hear a voice or experience an epiphany from God is more likely to land you on a psychiatrist’s couch rather than in a prophet’s seat.

We have become less attuned to mystery as a posture of openness. So much of life is spent in a closed circuit—solving problems, managing routines, controlling outcomes. Openness to mystery stands apart from those tasks, making space for everything that hasn’t been considered and accounted for. In this holy space we make for ourselves, we see the movement of God in our midst and hear the Holy Spirit’s voice.

Have you ever experienced signs and wonders from God? In retrospect, did you dismiss them instead of being open to the mystery of God’s working?

—Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, June 3, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, June 6, 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: Raymond Swain, Lois Welsh, Sara George, Phil Koonce, Lois Hart, Mitch Miller, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob, Mary Paquin and Bill Maier.



Let us pray for family and friends: The family of Pat Aikens, Robert Swain, Tony Pirrone, 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Aikens who passed away Wednesday last.



Happy Birthday to You!

Nancy Ashley	06/03	Tim Pratt	06/04
Nicholas Sewall	06/04	Julia Auchter	06/05
Katherine Wetherbee	06/05	Sarah Neilson	06/06
Fred Kahrl	06/07		

The monthly **Healing Service** will be held during the 10:15 service **THIS Sunday, June 3.**
Bath Area Food Bank donations will be accepted at both services **THIS Sunday** as well.

SAVE THE DATES!

Outreach Retreat

THIS Saturday June 2nd we will have an Outreach Retreat in Tubbs Hall **from 9:00 am until 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 four 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.”



Ordination

Stephanie Batterman will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on **NEXT 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.



Energy for the Future

On Sunday June 24th and Sunday July 15th join Facilities Chair, Nancy Kinner and Senior Warden, Donna Miller in Tubbs Hall in the next two forums. The first forum held last Sunday (May 20) Nancy shared information that was gathered from the evaluation done on our “aging heating system.” In the second forum she will share options we could feasibly consider for replacing our heating system. By the third forum we hope to wrap up with a sense of the direction the parish would like to take in replacing the heating system. **These forums will be held in Tubbs Hall at 9:00 am and repeated at 11:45 am** 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.

If you missed the forum on Sunday May 20, or would like to review it, the presentation (in two parts) and the slides that were displayed are on Grace Church’s web site at

<http://gracebath.org/special-announcements/>



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FEAST @ 5:30



Feast @ 5:30's last dinner until October was held on May 24th. The residents at The Moorings, The Anchorage and Washington House enjoyed another year with volunteers sharing good food, fun and friendships that continue to grow each year.

Thank you to all the wonderful & dedicated Grace Church and St Paul's and St Mary's Parishioners who continue to make this one of the best Outreach Programs I feel blessed to be a part of.

Have a good summer and I look forward to getting together in October for another good year. I encourage anyone who would like to become a part of this Outreach Program to give me a call at 207-837-0014 or e-mail me at GlenisWayne93@comcast.com.

Glenis Elliott
Feast @ 5:30 Volunteer Coordinator

Worship Leaders
June 3, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	John Beaven	Reg Smart
First or Single Server:	David Wetherbee	Donna Miller
Crucifer:		Bethel Keith
Greeters:		Joan Ingersoll & Freida Gaudette
Ushers:	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	Robyn & Tom Butler
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Ellen Browning
Camera:		Dean Batterman
Coffee Hour:	Margaret & John Beaven, and Judy Nash	Robyn & Tom Butler

Altar Guild – Wednesday, June 6 – Frank Jacob

Readings*

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

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

*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 13 and 27 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”

- June 6th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- June 7th Thursday Book Club – 10:00 am – 11:30 am – Library
- June 7th Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- June 13th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- June 20th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- June 21st Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- June 27th 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 – **6:30 pm** – Choir Room **(NOTE NEW TIME!)**

Committee Meetings & Groups

- 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 – 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- June 2nd Outreach Retreat – 9:00 am – 12:00 noon – Tubbs Hall
- June 2nd A service in Celebration of Pat Aikens' Life – 3:00 pm
- June 9th Stephanie Batterman's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons – 11:00 am – St Luke's Cathedral, Portland
- June 10th Celebration of Stephanie's Ordination – after 10:15 service – Tubbs Hall
- June 11th Facility Committee Meeting – 5:00 pm - Library
- June 17th Worship Committee – following the 10:15 am service
- June 23rd George Cudworth interment – 11:30 am – Memorial Garden
- July 24th Furnace Forum – 9:00 am & 11:45 am – Tubbs Hall