



Grace Notes

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

—Mark 6:4-6a

The experience of being unappreciated by those who know us best is common; instead of seeing what we've *become*, others continue to think of us as we were in the past, perhaps as naughty children or as unfocused young adults. So it is with Jesus, who is remembered only as the carpenter's son.

What interests me even more in this story is the phenomenon of blindness, the failure to recognize the truly wonderful when it happens. Having witnessed miracle after miracle, the people who have known Jesus the longest are totally unimpressed. Jesus is no doubt left shaking his head, amazed at their inability to see what is right in front of them.

Where have we seen a life turned around? A relationship between enemies healed? Where have we witnessed courage?

Are you blind to the changes in the people you love most? How can you open your eyes to the ways they may have changed and grown?

— Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, July 11, 2018

8:30 am – Bible Study – Chapel

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary

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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: Fred Kahrl, Don Aikens and family, Raymond Swain, Lois Welsh, Phil Koonce, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob, Mary Paquin and Bill Maier.

Let us pray for family and friends: Amanda and Derek Kenney, Marion Dailey, Joe Amoroso, Brittany and her family, Bruce, Keith Drew, Diane Engler, Robert Swain, Tony Pirrone, Jim Kelly, Laura Lee, Gerry Pepin, Ed Pyles, Michele Ober, Patricia White; Justin, Tina and Tim, Larry Ferguson, Mark Smith, Joan Dixon, Timothy, CC Wall and Teresa Joan White.



Happy Birthday to You!

Tammy Teale	07/09	Alan Shaver	07/11
William Hayden	07/12	Summer Irish-Deane	07/12
Ralph Merry	07/12	Alexander Gates	07/13

Coffee Hour after the 10:15 service will be moving to the Narthex as Lemonade and Cookies.



Grace Church: Energy for the Future

Grace is holding a series forums on “Energy for the Future”. Slides and videos of the first two of these presentations are available at <http://gracebath.org/special-announcements/> . At the first forum on May 20, information was provided on the existing energy systems at Grace, particularly the 1960s vintage heating system. In the second forum on June 24th, the complete array of options for replacing our heating system and upgrading our energy profile were presented. In the third forum, to be held after both worships services on Sunday, July 15, we hope to wrap up with a sense of the direction the parish would like to take in replacing the heating system. Going into that forum, we need a sense of our parishioners’ priorities/goals/objectives with regard to our heating and energy systems to assist in evaluating our options. It would be greatly appreciated if you would take a few minutes to **share your top 3 priorities regarding our energy systems, preferably in rank order**. For example, your top priority may be as simple as "To not be cold during worship on Sunday mornings" or maybe be something like "Reducing Grace Church's carbon footprint." You may have many priorities, but it is most important that parish leaders become aware of your top 3 priorities.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PRIORITIES BY FRIDAY, JULY 13.

There are three ways to submit your top 3 priorities:

1. Send them via email to nancy.kinner@unh.edu
2. Complete the on-line form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9DTG5P3>
3. Put a paper copy in the box in the Narthex labeled “Grace Energy Priorities”.
Paper copies of this form are available next to the box.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PRIORITIES!!!! We look forward to reading them.



“The consciousness of Divine friendship in devotion, so far from being impaired, is deepened by holy veneration. The purest and most lasting human friendships are permeated with an element of reverence; much more this friendship of a man with God.”

BACK TO SCHOOL:

SET FOR SUCCESS

In a survey of local youth, it was discovered that less than half felt they mattered to the community. In response to this, the **Midcoast Community Alliance** was formed with a particular focus on ending teen suicide.

This summer the Alliance has invited area organizations and churches to participate in **Back to School: Set for Success** through an in-gathering on what they've entitled **Mission Outreach Sunday** which will be **July 15**. The Alliance is accepting cash donations as well as supplies to be used to demonstrate to the youth of our community that they matter to us. **Each student will be given a backpack filled with school supplies during a back-to-school event scheduled for Sunday, August 19.**

You're invited to participate by

- donating from list of requested items (see below) -OR-
- making a financial contribution
 - online (www.mcamaine.org/support/) -OR-
 - mailed to

Back to School: Set for Success,
c/o Bath Parks and Recreation Department,
4 Sheridan Road, Bath, ME 04530-2125;

make checks payable to Midcoast Community Alliance.

There are well-marked tubs in the Narthex for dropping off donated items. For more information, contact Colleen Stevens (cmstevens41@gmail.com; 319-3685) or Glenis Elliott (gleniswayne93@comcast.net; 837-0014).



Items Requested

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- 1-inch hard cover 3 ring binder w/metal rings w/pockets on inside covers.
- 1.5-inch hard cover 3 ring binder w/metal rings w/pockets on inside covers.
- 2.0-inch soft clear view 3 ring binder w/metal rings.
- Spiral notebook
- Expo dry erase markers, black, fine tip, each
- Expo dry erase markers, colored, fine tip, each
- Pencil pouch, soft/Pencil box
- Crayons –16 count box and 24 count box
- Water color paints with brush



NOTEBOOKS & PAPER

Composition notebook, marble
Subject spiral bound notebooks
8½ x 11 white lined paper, whole punched (100 package)
Post-It Notes, lined, 3x3, package
Index cards, 3x5, package, 4x6, package



MISCELLANEOUS

Ziploc freezer bags – snack, sandwich, quart, gallon
Tissues, small package or individual wrapped
Combination lock
Scissors, Fiskars, 5-inch, pointed
Scissors, Safety
Glue Sticks, purple and white glue
Water bottles



PRAYER VIGIL FOR FAMILIES SEPARATED

On Thursday, June 21, the longest day of the year, several people of faith met at the Library Gazebo for a prayer vigil to offer up prayers for all affected by family separations at the US border. Father Ted opened with a prayer, and others spoke their own prayers for the health and healing of the children, parents, workers, and everyone else affected by the tragedy. Several clergy were present as well, representing the Salvation Army, United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church. The informal gathering was concluded by a prayer “This is my Song,” sung to the tune of “Finlandia”:



...Oh, hear my song, O God
of all the nations

A song of peace for their land
and for mine.



Energy for the Future

On Sunday July 15th join Facilities Chair, Nancy Kinner and Senior Warden, Donna Miller in Tubbs Hall in the next forum. At the first forum held Sunday May 20, Nancy shared information that was gathered from the evaluation done on our “aging heating system.” In the second forum on June 24th, she shared options we could feasibly consider for replacing our heating system. In 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. **This last forum will be held in Tubbs Hall at 9:00 am and repeated at 11:45 am** 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 Sunday June 24, or would like to review it, the presentations and the slides that were displayed are on Grace Church’s web site at

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



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 11 and 25 July.** 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

July 8, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

8:00

Lector: John Beaven

First or Single Server: David Wetherbee

Crucifer:

Greeters:

Ushers: Jackie Berry & Judy McAllister

Altar Guild: Jackie Berry

Camera:

Coffee Hour:

Altar Guild – Wednesday, July 11 – Pat Longworth

10:15

Reg Smart

Donna Miller

Charlie Duffy

Debby & Bill Hayden

Barbara & Ed Lovely

Joan Bishop

Gordon White

Bethel Keith

Readings*

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

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

Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward

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 at 837-0014 or GlenisWayne93@comcast.net.

- July 11th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- July 18th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- July 25th Restorative Justice Mentor Meeting – 4:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- July 25th 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
NOTE: **Summer Bible Study dates** are:
 - July 11th
 - July 18th
 - August 1st
 - August 15th**Regular Weekly Bible Study will begin again on September 5th.**
- 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

Committee Meetings & Groups

- July 11th Summer Bible Study – Chapel – 8:30 am
- July 13th Finance Committee – 9:30 am - Library
- July 15th Furnace Forum – 9:00 am & 11:45 am – Tubbs Hall
- July 17th Vestry Meeting – Tubbs Hall – 6:00 pm
- July 18th Summer Bible Study – Chapel – 8:30 am
- July 31st Tedford Meal – FMI contact Debby Hayden – **207-729-9707** or haydenhurst@zwi.net