



Grace Notes

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2018

And then he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”
—Mark 16:15

According to Jonathan Appleyard we should all feel deeply energized when we leave church on Sunday morning. We come to a building that is abuzz with activity. The Narthex is where we mobilize to catch up on all the latest news about each other. The chapel is alive with the activities of Children’s Church. The coffee pot is always on in Tubbs Hall. There is the sound of the choir rehearsing music for the upcoming service. By the time we leave we have sung praises, listened to scripture, plus an edifying sermon, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins and received absolution, prayed for the world around us and for the health and welfare of our friends and fellow parishioners. We have shaken hands, hugged, greeted newcomers, offered up our treasure for both the support of the church and the Food Bank, gathered around the altar to share the bread and wine, and to receive hands-on prayers of healing. The Eucharistic Ministers are sent on their way to take communion to those who are unable to attend the service. Then we are sent on our way with a blessing. Whew! Have I missed anything? Church is where we seek the empowering and sustaining richness of God’s grace, and where we stretch and flex our spiritual muscles. And then we are bidden to take it forth into the world beyond. That’s our weekly workout, and that’s energizing!

(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

February 4, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, February 7

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: 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!

Lynne Wolfe	02/04	Nancy Montgomery	02/07
Carol Huntington	02/08	Dean Carmichael	02/09
Don Aikens	02/10		



Pledge envelopes for 2018 are STILL available in the Narthex.



Feast at 5:30!

The next feast is on **THIS Thursday, February 1st** at
The Moorings
Plan to come, bring a dish to share (main dish, salad, dessert)
and join the fun!



The monthly *Healing Service* will be held during the 10:15 service **this Sunday, February 4.** *Bath Area Food Bank* donations will be accepted at both services **this Sunday** as well.



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 two dates are Wednesdays 14 & 28 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



Mark your Calendar!

On **Saturday, March 17th**, Outreach will be sponsoring a program with Fran Early co-author of “*Doing Good ...Says Who?*” This event is part of our on-going journey of revisioning and discovery regarding outreach and mission. Watch Grace Notes for more information as the time gets closer.

In the meantime, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the book “*Doing Good...Says Who*” from the church office. Donations are appreciated, but not required.

Colleen, Glenis & Father Ted

Worship Leaders February 4, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	John Beaven	Sandy Meck
Single Server:	Steve Bonine	
Chalice Bearer:		Martha Mayo
First Server:		Donna Miller
Crucifer:		Fred Sargent
Greeters:		Joan Ingersoll & Frieda Gaudette
Ushers:	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	Robyn & Tom Butler
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Liz Prest
Camera:		Dean Batterman
Coffee Hour:	Margaret & John Beaven	Amy Rogers & Pat Longworth

Altar Guild – Wednesday, February 7 – Colleen Stevens & Glenis Elliott

Readings*

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

*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/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

- February 1st Feast @ 5:30 – The Moorings
- February 6th Prayer Shawl – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Library
- February 8th Feast @ 5:30 – The Anchorage
- February 14th Ash Wednesday Service – 12:00 noon - Chapel
- February 14th Ashes to Go – Front Street – 1:30 p.m.
- February 14th Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 p.m. - Chapel
- February 15th Lent Madness begins (**scorecards are available in the office**)
Donations are appreciated
- February 20th Prayer Shawl – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Library
- February 21st All Care Program – Tubbs Hall 700 p.m.
(Watch for more details in Grace Notes)
- February 22nd Women’s Fellowship Book Club – 11:00 a.m. – Library “*Small Great Things*” by Jodi Picoult – **ALL women of the Parish are welcome -- FMI: contact Paula Conley at 389-1158 or via e-mail at ldychocchip@gmail.com.**
- February 22nd Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House