



# Grace Notes

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”  
– John 12:24

The twentieth century German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer focused much of his brilliant mind on the problem of ethics and particularly the problem of ethics in the face of violence. Bonhoeffer, having witnessed the take-over and transformation of Germany by the Nazi Party, knew and experienced violence and hatred personally.

His theology proceeds, as does any really good theology, directly from his lived experience. In it, Bonhoeffer argued strongly and persuasively that there are no ethical principles – *none*; and that Jesus was not a teacher of morality. Yet Bonhoeffer argued that for the Christian there is simply one guide and one guide only: Jesus Christ. Each moral decision, Bonhoeffer said, presents us, as individuals, with a fresh and unique moment of choice. Each choice is a unique opportunity, to make a choice, unrelated to any choice we have made before, or will make hereafter. And that choice is about one thing and one thing only: Is what I choose consistent with my calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ or to put it another way: Am I, in this particular instance, choosing love? Always, the same question: Am I choosing love?  
–Br Robert L’Esperance, SSJE

### Worship Opportunities

February 11, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

February 14, 2018

**NO BIBLE STUDY**

Ash Wednesday Service – 12:00 noon – Chapel

Ashes to Go – Front Street – 1:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 pm – Chapel

Grace Episcopal Church  
1100 Washington Street  
Bath, ME 04530  
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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: Brian Jacob, Ed Pyles, 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!**

Stone Median 02/12      Amanda Montgomery 02/12  
Belle Traver 02/15



Don't forget to pick up your pledge envelopes for 2018 in the Narthex!



**Feast at 5:30!**

The next feast is on **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at  
*Washington House*  
Plan to come, bring a dish to share (main dish, salad, dessert)  
and join the fun!

# REMINDER!

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> and that means that Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Lent Madness. Lent Madness Score Cards are available in the office. The Score Cards are free; however, donations are appreciated.



## 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 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 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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



## Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward

Announcing a new addition to our weekly Grace Notes newsletter. We will be adding a new piece to keep everyone aware of events that are not Grace Related happening at Grace.

The new addition is “*Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward.*” This calendar will let everyone know about the events that are happening outside of our doors but are housed here. 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 Fr. Ted or Glenis Elliott, the Calendar Coordinator and Facilities Use Agreement Coordinator.



### 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 February 11, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Diane Paterson	Marnie Hackenberg
Single Server:	Jim Paterson	
First Server:		Sharon Steele
Crucifer:		Cindy Young
Greeters:		Mary & Ray Swain
Ushers:	Jackie Berry & Judy McAllister	Judi & Bob Mansfield
Altar Guild:	Jim Paterson	Ellen Browning
Camera:		Gordon White
Coffee Hour:	Glenis Elliott & Connie Halterman	Leah & Gary Zartarian

Altar Guild – Wednesday, February 14 – Colleen Stevens & Glenis Elliott

#### Readings\*

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

\*Each scripture citation has a link to the [LectionaryPage.net](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> Feast @ 5:30 – The Anchorage
- **February 14<sup>th</sup> NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY!**
- **February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Service – 12:00 noon - Chapel**
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- February 15<sup>th</sup> Lent Madness begins (**scorecards are available in the office. Donations are appreciated.**)
- February 20<sup>th</sup> Prayer Shawl – 9:30 am – 11:00 am – Library
- February 21<sup>st</sup> All Care Program – Tubbs Hall – 700 pm  
(**Watch for more details in Grace Notes**)
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Women’s Fellowship Book Club – 11:00 am – 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](mailto:ldychocchip@gmail.com).**
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**• NO BIBLE STUDY ON ASH WEDNESDAY**