



Grace Notes

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shown about me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" —Acts 22:6-7

There are many layers to the scene we read today (in Acts 21:27-22:29). On one level, Paul is telling the story of how Jesus calls out to him, asking Saul/Paul why he is persecuting the people of the Way. But on another level, Paul is telling this story as his defense against the angry mob. He may be indirectly asking the crowd the very same question: *Why are you persecuting me?*

Why, indeed! Paul is ultimately transformed by the very people he sought to annihilate—these followers of the Way embrace and encourage him in his transformation without shaming him or constantly reminding him of how rotten he used to be. So many times when we feel challenged or called out about bad behavior—and are asked to do or be a new thing—we feel shame. And shame frequently manifests as anger. I wonder whether it's the possibility of being transformed into something new that lies at the heart of the crowd's anger.

Have you ever reacted poorly at the opportunity to change? How did this response change your journey? —Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

May 13, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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May 16, 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: 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!

Avanel Payne	05/13	Jack Limpert	05/14
Barbara Lovely	05/14	Peter Dublin	05/16
Ellen Shaver	05/16	Bethel Arbuckle	05/18
Donnalee Bolduc	05/18		



Feast at 5:30!

This Thursday, May 10th, Feast @ 5:30 **BARBECUE** will happen at The Anchorage.

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



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

Worship Leaders May 13, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev. Cn. Dr. Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	John Beaven	Bret Meck
First or Single Server:	Steve Bonine	Will Neilson
Crucifer:		Marnie Hackenberg
Greeters:		Reta & Dick King
Ushers:	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	Judi & Bob Mansfield
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Anne Cole & Reta King
Camera:		Charlie Duffy
Coffee Hour:		Sheila O’Grady

Altar Guild – Wednesday, May 16 –

Readings*
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 20th

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.

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 10th Advanced Placement Testing – 11:30 am – 4:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 10th Delta Gamma Meeting – 4:30–7:30 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 11th Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 14th Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 15th Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 16th Advanced Placement Testing – 7:30 am – noon – Tubbs Hall
- May 16th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- May 16th RJP Meeting – 4:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- 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 10th Feast @ 5:30 – Barbecue – The Anchorage
- May 13th Children’s Choir Pentecost Rehearsal 9:00 – 9:25 am – Lower Tubbs
- May 15th Prayer Shawl – 9:30 – 11 am -- Library
- May 15th Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- May 19th EPF Meeting – 11:00 am – 2 pm – Lower Tubbs Hall
- May 20th Pentecost Sunday – **Wearing red is acceptable**
- May 20th Children’s Choir – Pentecost – Meet in Chapel by 9:45 am
- 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**