



Grace Notes

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018

Proverbs 22:1. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

I work with a lot of young transgender people. Of the countless struggles in the lives of these kids, one of the most common is with their own names. Several of them refer to their birth names as “dead names.” They share some deeply theological understandings about the ontological change accompanying the outward change in one’s own name. This is often the first and most persistent sticking point for parents of trans kids. It’s difficult for many of us to understand how acutely painful this experience can be.

One of the rules of our youth group is that everyone gets to control the name by which they’re called. It’s a basic idea to prevent name-calling and to support those members wondering about gender. It provides a lesson, too, in the power of naming ourselves. A name is like magic—it can make us come alive and step into our belovedness, or it can be weaponized. Blessed are those who choose wisely.

How does your name shape the way you see the world?

— Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, September 12, 2018

8:30 am – Bible Study – Chapel

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: Jenny Wright, Fred Kahrl, Lois Welsh, Phil Koonce, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob, Mary Paquin and Bill Maier.



Let us pray for family and friends: Pan Hurst and family, Joan Dixon and her sister Kristeen, the family of Flo Koslosky, Mary-Lee Banek, Marion Dailey, Joe Amoroso, Brittany and her family, Bruce, Keith Drew, Diane Engler, Jim Kelly, Laura Lee, Gerry Pepin, 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!

William Hale 09/11

Jane Bartlett 09/12

Jane Pratt 09/12

Mary Small 09/12

Clif Cook 09/13



Opportunity to **Sing** and **Serve**

Our choir is looking for singers this fall. Please consider joining us. We are a joyful, enthusiastic group with varied skills and experience and we LOVE making a joyful noise unto



the Lord. You will develop your talents and find new ones! We will be singing Vivaldi's *Gloria*, in December and plan to extend an invitation to our larger community at that time, however neighbors and friends are welcome now to participate. This is wonderful way to reach out. Singing is therapeutic and transformative, and you'll feel younger and energized after singing with us!

Our first rehearsal (open house) of the season is **Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:30 pm.**

Check it out and see if it works for you!

Leela Koilpillai,

Director of Music Ministry



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Palestine - Israel

An Adult Education Series

Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series – This is an education series that will help us have a better understanding of the Israeli - Palestinian Conflict and why this matters to people of Faith. The five sessions will be held Sundays between the two services in Tubbs Hall, beginning around 9:00; each session will end at 10:00.

SAVE THE DATES!

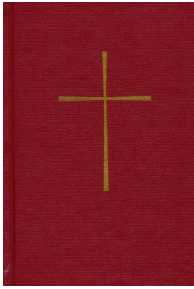
- **September 16th – 9:15-10:00** – *Three Faiths* – The Rev John Beaven and
The Rev Ted Gaiser

The Middle East is the birthplace of the world's three monotheistic religions. In this first session "**The Children of Abraham,**" we will take a brief look at Judaism, Christianity and Islam – how they are related to each other and how they are different.

- **September 23rd** – Broad General History of the Issues – Colleen Stevens & Glenis Elliott
- **September 30th** – Continuation of Session 2
- **October 7th** – Reality – "What Is Really Happening?" – Judy Smart
- **October 14th** – "Why Does This Matter to People of Faith?" – Diane Paterson & The Rev John Beaven



Why the Episcopal Church Is Changing the Book of Common Prayer



“Let us stand and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed found on page 358 in the red book of common prayer.” Familiar words? The *Book of Common Prayer* with local variations is used in churches inside and outside the Anglican Communion in over 50 different countries and in over 150 different languages. In many parts of the world, other books have replaced it in regular weekly worship. Our current version is 1979, some 51 years after the previous edition. So, what’s up? Check it out at <http://gracebath.org/teds-blog/>



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 12 and 26 September**. 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

September 9, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	John Beaven	Frank Jacob
First or Single Server:	Frank Jacob	Donna Miller
Crucifer:		Bethel Keith
Greeters:		Reta & Dick King
Ushers:	Jackie Berry & Judy McAllister	Judi & Bob Mansfield
Altar Guild:	Anne Smith	Liz Prest
Camera:		Charlie Duffy
Coffee Hour:		Liz Prest & Marsha Kleinz
Altar Guild – Wednesday, September 12 – Pat Longworth		

Readings*

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-10,14-17

Mark 7:24-37

*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.

- September 17th Restorative Justice Meeting – 3:00-8:00 Pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 19th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- September 19th Restorative Justice Mentor Meeting – 4:00-7:00 Pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 24th Restorative Justice Meeting – 3:00-8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 26th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- September 27th DKG – Eta Chapter Meeting – 4:00-7:30 pm – Tubbs Hall



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
- Wednesdays Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am – 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

- September 13th Choir Open House – first rehearsal – 6:30 pm – Choir Room
- September 16th Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series – Three Faiths – between the services (9:00-10:00 am) – Upper Tubbs Hall
- September 16th Worship Committee Meeting – following the 10:15 am service – Library
- September 17th Finance Committee meeting – 9:30 am
- September 18th Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 22nd Lector Refresher – 10:00 – Sanctuary
- September 23rd 2nd Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**More information in next week's Grace Notes**)
- September 30th 3rd Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**Watch Grace Notes for more information**)
- October 7th 4th Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**Watch Grace Notes for more information**)
- October 14th Final Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**Watch Grace Notes for more information**)