



# Grace Notes

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 2018

**Proverbs 1:20-21.** *Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks.*

This passage from Proverbs reminds me that wisdom is often gained by direct experience in the wide world rather than from being buried in a book. I was a self-proclaimed pacifist for the first eighteen years of my life. Then I traveled to the Holy Land with a group of young adult Episcopalians. We were accompanied by several Palestinian Christians and listened to their stories of resilience amidst terrifying opposition. My opinions became more nuanced—and more complicated.

I had never once felt my life was under direct threat from anything, much less a years-long armed conflict raging at my doorstep. What right did I have to tell people who experience this daily reality how to conduct themselves? Now, anytime I have the opportunity to go out and seek wisdom in the streets and from the people who live in them, I take that wisdom as a blessing from God.

*Are wisdom and resilience related?*

— Forward Day by Day

### Worship Opportunities

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, September 19, 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: Hank Halterman, Jackie Gallo, Robert Swain, Mary-Lee Banek, Marion Dailey, Joe Amoroso, Brittany and her family, John Hall, Ed Pyles, 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!

Liz Prest	09/17	Donald Fairey	09/19
Shiloh Fisher	09/19	Joan Ingersoll	09/19
Aileen Wenzel	09/20	Donna Miller	09/21
Anne Bussey 09/22			



**A REMINDER** of the letter from Father Ted last week about assistance for those displaced by the fire at Seacliff Apartments on Floral St. To assist those residents with cleaning their clothes, please consider donating laundry supplies ... detergent, bleach and dryer sheets. Large

blue containers will be available in the Narthex on the next two Sundays for donated laundry supplies.

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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.

- **THIS SUNDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 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.

- **NEXT SUNDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00-10:00** -- *How Palestine Became Israel* – Join Colleen and Glenis as they share what they learned at a recent Senior College Class. They will be giving a brief history of the Palestine/Israel situation
- **September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Continuation of September 23<sup>rd</sup> Session
- **October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Reality – “What Is Really Happening?” – Judy Smart
- **October 14<sup>th</sup>** – “Why Does This Matter to People of Faith?” – Diane Paterson & The Rev John Beaven



## YARN NEEDED

The inmates at Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset need yarn so they can make scarves, hats, mittens and afghans for local agencies. They have made these items for the Food Truck in the past, but the Bath Area Food Truck has been discontinued. Glenis Elliott has suggested that they continue making the same items for the Little Flock Non-Food Bank along with the other agencies they provide them for. She picked up a bunch of items on Tuesday and was told that they need more yarn. Yarn can be put in the same boxes that we use for the Little Flock Non-



Food Bank, and Glenis will take the yarn to the Jail. Thank you, as always for your willingness to help.



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 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



## *Weekly Bible Study*

**D**ear Friends at Grace Church — All are welcome to join our weekly Bible Study. There's no homework or preparation required. We begin with a short time of prayer, and then we take turns reading a chapter of the Bible out loud verse by verse. Right now (and for the next three months or so) we are reflecting on the Gospel of Luke, and we're about halfway through it. Most people bring their own Bibles, but we can scrounge one up for you if you need one. At



our most recent meeting, we agreed to devote the last Wednesday of the month to studying the Psalms. We meet at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings in the Chapel. (If the Chapel is too hot and stuffy we meet in the Library.) We adjourn about ten minutes to 10:00 for the weekday Eucharist, and many of us stay for that. It's important to us that our time together should be a "safe" space. We don't always agree, but we manage to be kind and respectful. Occasionally people are moved to share personal stories, and our promise is to maintain confidentiality about

sensitive matters. Discussions are lively; laughter is frequent; questions and comments are encouraged. Come join our happy throng!

— Ed Greene, on behalf of the group



## Circle Dinners are Forming for the Coming Year!

Circle Dinners are in "...the spirit in which we carry on the ministry of the church." They are potluck dinners with small groups of Grace people, and singles as well as couples are encouraged to take part. Circles are encouraged to "write their own script," based on members' needs and desires. Circles may choose to get together for brunch or dinner, attend a movie and discuss at a member's home, or whatever else the group chooses. If they choose a meal at each other's home, one couple or person hosts each time and, on a date suitable to all, the other members bring something to go with the entrée prepared by the host: salad, dessert, vegetable, or bread. The hosting rotates from member to member, starting with the one couple or person in the Circle chosen as the "Convener." This is an opportunity to gather in small groups with people from Grace, and is particularly worthwhile for newcomers. Sign-ups are at the coffee hours September 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming year. Please free to contact Reta and Dick King, the Circle Dinner Coordinators, at 207-373-1573 or [retasking@comcast.net](mailto:retasking@comcast.net) if you have questions.

### Worship Leaders September 16, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser  
Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Glenis Elliott	Carrie Strasburger
First or Single Server:	Judy Nash	Marnie Hackenberg
Crucifer:		Ginny Barnett
Greeters:		Barbara & Ed Lovely
Ushers:	Marty Lakeman & Nick Sewall	Dean Batterman & Karen Kenney
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Paula Conley
Camera:		Gordon White
Coffee Hour:		Bethel Keith
Altar Guild – Wednesday, September 19 – Colleen Stevens & Glenis Elliott		

#### Readings\*

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

\*Each scripture citation has a link to the [LectionaryPage.net](http://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](mailto:GlenisWayne93@comcast.net).

- September 17<sup>th</sup> Restorative Justice Meeting – 3:00-8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Restorative Justice Mentor Meeting – 4:00-7:00 Pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Restorative Justice Meeting – 3:00-8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 26<sup>th</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- September 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:GlenisWayne93@comcast.net).

### Weekly Happenings

- Wednesdays Bible Study – 8:30 am – Chapel
- Wednesdays Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am – Chapel
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> Choir Open House – first rehearsal – 6:30 pm – Choir Room
- September 16<sup>th</sup> Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series – Three Faiths – between the services (9:00-10:00 am) – Upper Tubbs Hall
- September 16<sup>th</sup> Worship Committee Meeting – following the 10:15 am service – Library
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting – 9:30 am
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Lector Refresher – 10:00 – Sanctuary
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**See information in THIS Grace Notes**)

- September 30<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**Watch Grace Notes for more information**)
- October 7<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**Watch Grace Notes for more information**)
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Final Palestine/Israel Adult Education Series (**Watch Grace Notes for more information**)

**\*\*Women's Book Club – *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott – 11:00 am – Library – FMI contact Paula Conley – 389-1158**

**\*\*DATE TO BE DETERMINED – WATCH FOR MORE INFO NEXT WEEK**