



Grace Notes

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

1 Kings 17:14-15. *For thus says the Lord God of Israel: "The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.*

"Taking care of number one" is the first rule of the zero-sum game. If someone else is gaining in success or power or control, then I must be losing. This sounds absolutely stupid when said out loud, and yet all economic systems are built on the idea that resources and raw material are finite — there's only so much to go around.

Sometimes we treat love like a zero-sum game. We love with strings attached, we give with strings attached, and we still try to live as followers of Jesus. Throughout Scripture we are confronted with a different way of life—one of self-sacrifice, mercy, and abiding love.

God does not play a zero-sum game. Should we?

— Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, November 14, 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: Elliot Ashley, Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Fred Kahrl, Lois Welsh, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob and Bill Maier.

Let us pray for family and friends: The Family of Anne Smith, Amanda Kenney, Christina Cross, Hank Halterman, Robert Swain, 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Anne Smith and Mary-Lee Banek who have passed away.



Happy Birthday to You!

Charlie Duffy	11/13	Gordon Nash	11/13
Cindy Young	11/14	Wayne Elliott	11/16
Amy Sargent	11/16	Anna Auchter	11/17



You may recall my reading a response on Sunday to my letter about the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh written by Susan Wall. Many people have requested that it be included in Grace Notes. Since Susan was willing to allow me to share it, the following is her note:

Dear Ted,

Thank you for this letter. Conrad and I were horrified to learn of the shooting at Tree Of Life Synagogue, not least because two of our friends, one a close colleague of Conrad's at Pitt Medical School, are members. By the grace of God they weren't there when the shooting happened.

I don't know if you know this, but we lived in Squirrel Hill for seventeen years. It was a friendly, safe, diverse neighborhood. Our kids' best friends were Jewish; we went to Izzy's Bar Mitzvah and he and his mom came to CC's Confirmation. The Church of the Redeemer where we were members had provided worship space for a Jewish congregation while their synagogue was being built up the street, and every year after that the two congregations held a joint Thanksgiving service.

It is deeply ironic that the shooter was motivated by anger that Jews were helping refugees. Squirrel Hill—especially the area where we lived—was a neighborhood where many residents were either refugees or children of refugees who had fled persecution in Europe and Russia. In stores and on the street we could hear older people still speaking Yiddish and newer arrivals speaking Russian. Our neighbors across the street had survived the Holocaust; we could hear that they still had nightmares some three decades later.

Having grown up in the South under Jim Crow, I am all too familiar with how poisonous rhetoric can encourage people to turn against their fellow citizens and even commit acts of violence. I feel so angry to see this kind of rhetoric coming now from those at the highest levels of government. But I am encouraged that so many religious leaders and ordinary people—Christian, Muslim, and many others—are speaking out against such hateful rhetoric and standing in solidarity with those toward whom it is being directed. I keep reminding myself of that line from the Song of Songs: "Love is stronger than death."

We will be at the vigil this coming Sunday.

Susan



Stewardship Campaign - News

- *Use our Blessings to Celebrate and Serve*

Thos Sunday, November 11 – Stewardship In-gathering
at **both 8:00 and 10:15** Services.

- Please bring your Pledge Cards with you to Sunday Services, as we will gather our Pledge Cards during each Service

- o There are extra Stewardship Pledge Packets on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.
 - § If you can't make the In-gathering this Sunday, please mail your pledge card or drop it off at the Office.
 - § Or, if you need a Stewardship Packet mailed to you, please ask your Stewardship Committee [Avel Payne, Jay Taylor, Lynne Wolfe or Dave Wetherbee] and we will mail it to you.
- o Stewardship Packets were mailed three weeks ago.
 - § This Year's Packet contained our Rector's Letter, the Stewardship Tri-Fold and a Pledge Card with an Addressed Envelope.
 - § First week of November - Your 3rd Quarter Financial Statements will be available.

Hope to see you In Church on Sunday



Feast @ 5:30

This Thursday, November 8th

Feast @ 5:30 will happen at

The Anchorage.

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

For more information, please contact *Glenis Elliott* at 837-0014
or via e-mail at GlenisWayne93@comcast.net

– Holiday Fair –

Bath United Methodist Church is holding a Holiday Fair on **This Saturday, November 10,** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. They will be featuring handmade crafts, plants and berry bowls, baked goods, cinnamon rolls, and a lunch of soup and sandwiches. All are welcome! (Bath UMC is located at 340 Oak Grove Avenue.)



The Mission: Food for the Poor

Please join us on Next Sunday, November 18th to hear more about this mission from our guest preacher/speaker The Rev Holly Ostlund. Between the services Rev Ostlund will present a program about Food for the Poor in Tubbs Hall. She will also be available in Tubbs Hall after the 10:15 service to hear comments and answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you wish to make a donation there will be a basket available for a good will offering.

Food For The Poor's mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit. The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food for the Poor. The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with and service to the poor through their direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer. Ultimately, they seek to bring both benefactors and recipients to a closer union with our Lord.

Food For The Poor works directly with churches, the clergy, missionaries and other nongovernmental organizations in the countries where they serve. The organization asks what's needed and then supplies the requested items. Food for the Poor brings the voice of the suffering Body of Christ in the Caribbean and Latin America to the Church in North America. This mission is accomplished through a group of clergy and lay people committed to the urgency of this ministry.



Continuing Our Education on Homelessness in Bath and Exploring Possible Solutions

THIS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Meeting #6 - November 13: Presentations on other possible actions to alleviate homelessness in Bath. The teams that were formed on April 25th will share their research and ideas.

The meeting will be **held at Bath City Hall**. For more information, contact Nancy Chandler, 449-3237



Grace's Fall Clean Up

As the weather turns colder and the leaves fall, it is time for us to put our grounds to bed for the winter. Please come to the fun Fall Clean up **THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 from 9 to 11 AM**. We will rake leaves, pick up debris and spruce things up! If available, please bring rakes, large tarps, loppers, a garden cart and trash barrels. We will have coffee, tea, cider, and some goodies to keep the crew will fed!!! Come for whatever part of the time



you can. Many hands make light work!!! Call Nancy Kinner (603-479-3777) if you have questions.



Antonio Lucio Vivaldi



There will be a Vivaldi "Gloria" open rehearsal on, **This Sunday, November 11, at 12 noon until 1:30.** This is an excellent opportunity for you to check out the choir and invite friends and community. The Gloria is a beautiful work and is accessible to those who are new to choral singing.

—Leela Koilpillai



Outreach

Dear Grace Church Family,

Our Outreach Journey continues, and the time has come to disburse funds for 2018. Colleen, Fr. Ted and I met recently and decided to use the same procedure as last year to help us determine which organizations Grace will support.

To submit a request for support from Outreach, please provide the following:

- Name of the organization to be supported (with mailing address)
- Amount being requested
- Whether or not Grace has funded this program in previous years
- The requester's relationship with the organization
- The ways in which you believe the program reflects the mission of the church
- A brief statement indicating why Grace should support the program

All requests must be submitted to the office by **Next Sunday, November 18th** to receive full consideration. If you would like to participate in the decision making for this year's funding requests, please join us on **Tuesday, December 4th at 4:00 pm.** If you would like to read the proposals in advance, please speak with Glenis or Colleen.

Sincerely,

Glenis Elliott, Colleen Stevens & Father Ted Gaiser, Outreach



Palestinian Olive Oil for Sale

This month our Palestine/Israel committee will be offering for sale to Grace parishioners two kinds of delicious olive oil harvested by Palestinian farmers. These special 500 ml (a generous pint) bottles make a wonderful holiday gift as well as a delicious addition to your pantry. Both oils are organic and original, indigenous olive varieties.



Nabali Olive Oil is delicate, full-bodied, sweet and smooth. It is a beloved native variety of Palestine.

Rumi Olive Oil is a robust and pungent olive oil with complex character; it has fresh fruity tones and a lingering peppery kick at the end.

The cost to you of each bottle is only \$20, reduced from its original cost by 20% because we are a church (a 'faith-based' organization). If you would like to donate your 20% discount (\$5) and make a gift to Al Ahli Hospital in the Gaza strip, we would welcome your contribution and send it to this hospital in great need. Just plan to pay the full price of \$25 for each bottle.

Please let me know **by This Friday, November 16** if you would like to have a certain kind and number of bottles ordered and reserved especially for you. The olive oil will be made available by November 26.

The best way to order the oil is by emailing me at dcp@gwi.net or calling 207-371-2516 by **THIS FRIDAY, November 16** and leaving me a message. I will contact you as soon as the shipment comes in and arrange pickup/delivery.

For further information on the olive oil, consult the Canaan Free Trade website—canaanusa.com.

Diane Paterson



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 and 28 November**). 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

November 11, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Colleen Stevens	Mary Swain
First or Single Server:	Steve Bonine	Fred Sargent
Crucifer:		Ginny Bartlett
Prayers:		
Greeters:		Debby & Bill Haydn
Ushers:	Jackie Berry & Glenis Elliott	Karen Kenney & Paula Conley
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Sheila O'Grady
Camera:		Gordon White
Coffee Hour:	Glenis Elliott & Connie Halterman	Leah & Gary Zartarian

Altar Guild – Wednesday, November 14 – Pat Longworth

Readings*

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

*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.

- November 10th **Bath United Methodist Church** – Holiday Fair – 8:00 am–1:00 pm (See item above)
- November 12th RJP meeting – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall

- November 13th Flute Choir - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 14th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- November 19th RJP meeting – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 20th Garden Club – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 20th Flute Choir - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 21st RJP Mentor Meeting – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 21st Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- November 26th RJP meeting – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 27th Flute Choir - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 28th 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
- 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

Meetings & Groups

- November 8th Feast @ 5:30 – The Anchorage
- November 10th Grace Fall Clean Up – 9:00–11:00 am
- November 11th Ingathering at both Services
- November 13th Continuing Our Education on Homelessness in Bath and Exploring Possible Solutions (Session 6 – 6:30–8:00 pm – Bath City Hall)
- November 15th Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- November 20th Prayer Shawl – 9:30 am – Library
- November 20th Vestry – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 25th Worship Committee – 11:30 am – Library

- November 27th Tedford Meal – **FMI** – contact **Debby Hayden** – **729-9707** or [**haydenhurst@zwi.net**](mailto:haydenhurst@zwi.net)
- November 29th Tedford Meal – **FMI** – contact **Debby Hayden** – **729-9707** or [**haydenhurst@zwi.net**](mailto:haydenhurst@zwi.net)