



# Grace Notes

## The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

**Psalm 16:8.** *I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fail.*

As I type these words, the church's tower bells ring out the noon hour. I will wait patiently for a random hymn played on the carillon. This happens every day at noon, and it never gets old. I'm excited, trying to guess what the hymn of the day will be.

Today, as the bells play, my pulse rate is a little as the notes ring out. In my mind I sing, "O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O manna from on high!" Only days before someone asked me for a favorite hymn that sounded good *a capella*. I suggested this very hymn, now ringing out from the tower.

I don't believe everything happens for reason, but sometimes I know God has good reasons for why things happen as they do. Today it was God saying, *Take heart! I am always there before you.*

*Sing your favorite him with someone you love.*      – Forward Day by Day

### Worship Opportunities

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, November 21, 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!

Frank Jacob	11/18	Martha Mayo	11/18
Berne Babineau	11/20	Greg Caron	11/23
Timothy George	11/24	George Kinser	11/24
Colleen Stevens	11/24		





# Stewardship Campaign - News

Last Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> was our In-gathering.

**So far, we have received 53 pledges for \$158,575.**

**Thank You for your Pledges of Time, Talent and Treasure**

If missed the In-Gathering last Sunday and need a Pledge Card, there are extra Stewardship Packets in the Narthex. If you didn't get a Stewardship Packet in the Mail, please let us know.

Your Stewardship Committee [Avel Payne, Jay Taylor, Lynne Wolfe & Dave Wetherbee]

*Use our Blessings to Celebrate and Serve*



## Feast @ 5:30

This Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Feast @ 5:30 will happen at

Washington House.

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](mailto:GlenisWayne93@comcast.net)



## The Mission: Food for the Poor

Please join us on THIS 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.



## *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 17 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 well 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. **RAIN DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, same times.**



## **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 **This Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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](http://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 **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 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 18, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Glenis Elliott	Marnie Hackenberg
First or Single Server:	Frank Jacob	Sharon Steele
Crucifer:		Cindy Yound
Prayers:		
Greeters:		Ray & Mary Swain
Ushers:	Marty Lakeman & Nick Sewall	Connie Burt & Brian Buck
Altar Guild:	Jim Patterson	Frank Jacob
Camera:		Fred Sargent
Coffee Hour:	Avanel Payne	Debby & Bill Haydn
		Marsha & Steve Kleinz

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

**Readings\***

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

\*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](mailto:GlenisWayne93@comcast.net).

- November 15<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts – 5:00– 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 19<sup>th</sup> RJP meeting – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Garden Club – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Flute Choir - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 21<sup>st</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 21<sup>st</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- November 26<sup>th</sup> RJP meeting – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Flute Choir - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 28<sup>th</sup> 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](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

### Meetings & Groups

- November 15<sup>th</sup> Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Grace Fall Clean Up – 9:00–11:00 am **HOPEFULLY!!!!**  
(See article above)
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Prayer Shawl – 9:30 am – Library
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Vestry – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- November 25<sup>th</sup> Worship Committee – 11:30 am – Library

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