



Grace Notes

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Jeremiah 33:14-15. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah and I didn't really get to know each other until I was in my late 20s and early 30s. This figure from the Bible became a faraway best friend to me. In those strange days of claiming my adulthood and trying to live into my baptismal covenant in concrete and visual, Jesus-loving ways, Jeremiah spoke right to me.

There are still days, when I can almost feel him sitting next to me – being brutal and beautiful and real as he explains exile and restoration. When Jeremiah talks about hope – rising audaciously, spreading abundantly, and blossoming into reality – my breath catches in my throat, and I remember that God kindles a holy hope within us, and all things shall be well.

For what promises of God are you waiting? How is that going for you?

– Forward Day by Day

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday, December 5, 2018

No Bible Study or Eucharist

Church closed

Grace Episcopal Church
1100 Washington Street
Bath, ME 04530
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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: Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Fred Kahrl,
Lois Welsh, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob and Bill Maier.*

*Let us pray for family and friends: Sally Fungairino, The Family of
Anne Smith, 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, and
Teresa Joan White.*



Happy Birthday to You!

Georgia Downs 12/06 Raymond Swain Jr 12/08



ATTENTION CHILDREN'S CHURCH!

This Sunday, the children will be rehearsing during Children's Church from
9:30 to 10 am. Those who can stay until 10:15, can help with the lighting of the
Advent candle.



CHURCH CLOSED!

GRACE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD THROUGH SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE HEATING SYSTEM. OFFICE CLOSED; NO SERVICES, NO MEETING IN THE BUILDINGS. ADDITIONALLY, *GRACE NOTES*, WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED THAT WEEK.



On Thursday, **November 29**, the Grace Book Club will meet from 11:00 to noon in the Library. The subject book is by *New York Times* best-selling author Delia Owens, entitled *Where the Crawdads Sing*. All are welcome join in this discussion. For further information, contact Paula at 389-1158.



Stewardship Campaign - News

Sunday, November 11th was our In-gathering.
So far, we have received 71 pledges for \$173,475.

Thank You!

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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



CHRISTMAS FAMILY

Several people have asked if we are adopting a family for Christmas this year, and the answer is YES, WE ARE! In the past we hung tags with gift suggestions and ages of the children on a Christmas tree in the Narthex and will do so again this year. The details should be known in the next day or so and will be published in the next *Grace Notes* and the Sunday bulletin.

A Call to Serve

We are all called to serve! One way in which some of us serve is through our leadership and support of weekly worship. We are priests, deacons, lectors (readers), crucifers, servers, ushers/greeters, members of the altar and flower guilds, and members of the choir. All gifts are welcome.

Servers and Crucifers are people who carry the cross, light the candles, bear the chalice during communion, assist the deacon (or priest) at the altar, and read the prayers of the people. Lectors are the people who read the lessons and lead the Psalm. Ushers and Greeters are people who greet people as they arrive for worship, distribute worship bulletins, and collect our offerings. Altar guild members are “behind the scenes” setting up the bread and wine and attending to anything on the altar that needs to be done. Flower guild members are responsible for the arrangements in the chancel, and usually handle decorating for the holidays and special occasions. The Choir leads and encourages our singing and facilitates our praise of God through song. If you feel called to some form of worship leadership, Fr. Ted would like to hear from you (gracerector@gwi.net; 443-3792).



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.

All requests have been submitted. If you would like to participate in the decision making for this year’s funding requests, please join us on **Tuesday, December 11th 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



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 December**). 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

December 2, 2018

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Diane Paterson	Lynne Wolfe
First or Single Server:	Will Neilsen	Sharon Steele
Crucifer & Prayers:		Reta King
Greeters:		Joan Ingersoll & Freida Gaudette
Ushers:	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	Barbara & Ed Lovely
Altar Guild:	Jim Paterson	Jim Paterson
Camera:		Dean Batterman
Coffee Hour:		Marnie Hackenberg
Altar Guild – Wednesday, December 5 – No service		

Readings*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Psalm 25:1-9

*Each scripture citation has a link to the *LectionaryPage.net* reading.

Feast @ 5:30

NEXT Thursday, December 6th

Feast @ 5:30 will happen at

The Moorings.

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

About December's Author

The inspirations from *Forward Day by Day* for this month are written by **Rachel Jones**. She is an associate editor for Forward Movement. She lives on Makeshift Farm with her husband, one dog, four cats, several rabbits, seventeen hens, and a voracious worm colony.



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.

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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 29th The Grace Book Club – 11:00–Noon – Library (**see article above**)
- November 29th Tedford Meal – **FMI** – **contact Debby Hayden – 729-9707 or haydenhurst@gwi.net**
- December 3rd-8th Grace Church closed for heating system rehabilitation – office closed, no services, no meeting
- December 6th Feast @ 5:30 – The Moorings
- December 11th Outreach Disbursement Meeting – 4 pm – Tubbs Hall – All are Welcome! (**See article above**)