



# Grace Notes

## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

### January 20, 2019

PSALM TWO drops us (kerplunk!) into the battleground of human history and political intrigue. And it does so from God's perspective. The nations are in an uproar and people mutter empty threats. They rage against God's righteous rule. But our worst — ugly as it is! — looks pretty puny to God. God can afford to laugh because God knows that the salvation of the universe cannot ultimately be derailed. The judgment of God — fearful as it may be! — is a judgment of eternal mercy and infinite love. The ancient Israelites trusted in their king as the one who ruled as God's agent, and they believed that the king was virtually God's son. Their nationalistic hype may ring a bit hollow in our ears, and we may feel a bit uneasy at its implied violence. (We, after all, have ample reason to be suspicious of human governments.) But our true King, anointed by God, is the Lord Jesus Christ. And we cannot afford to ignore the judgment of God: we mortals need to learn awe and humility. So do our leaders, maybe even especially our leaders. But take comfort. The final word of the Psalm is a Beatitude, a word of quiet and joyous affirmation for the little folk, the humble ones who are learning to trust God. "Happy are they all who take refuge in him."  
— Ed Greene

### Worship Opportunities

#### Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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#### Wednesday

8:00 am – Bible Study – Library

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: The Family of George Browning, the Family of Don Aikens, Tom & Robyn Butler, Hannah Cataloni, Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Fred Kahrl, Lois Welsh, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob and Bill Maier.*

*Let us pray for family and friends: Tom Warfield, Sally Fungairino, Robert Swain, 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!

Margaret Beaven 01/21

Judy Lemoine 01/21

James Carleton 01/23

Paula Conley 01/26



**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!**  
**NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE**



**The Grace Book Club**

The Grace Book Club will read *The One in a Million Boy* by Maine author Monica Wood for December and January. We will review the book THIS WEEK on **Thursday, January 17 at 11:00 am**. All members and friends are invited to join us. For more information, contact Paula at 389-1158.



*A Journey through Lent*

*Reflections by members of Grace Church*

This year we would like to produce a booklet of meditations on the daily lectionary for each day in Lent that parishioners can use for their Lenten journey. You are invited to participate by writing a reflection for a specific day as a way to deepen your own journey through Lent and enrich the journey of others. Not only will this exercise help the writers focus on a lesson, but it will also be a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know one another in a new way.

A container with scripture verses is on the table in the Narthex. Each slip references a Gospel for one of the days in the lectionary for Lent. Anyone interested in participating is invited to take a slip and sign the accompanying sign-up so we know from whom to expect each reflection. We ask that you email your reflection to Stephanie at [sjbatterman@gmail.com](mailto:sjbatterman@gmail.com) no later than Sunday, February 17. Lenten booklets will be available by Sunday, March 3.



# Tedford Meal

Grace Church participates in the Meal a Month program at Tedford Housing's emergency shelter on Cumberland Street in Brunswick. We supply a meal for twenty to twenty-five clients on fifth Tuesdays and fifth Thursdays of the month. This month of **January has a fifth Tuesday AND a fifth Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, respectively)**, so we need to double the effort. We need a main course, a vegetable and a dessert. More details are on the website at <http://gracebath.org/outreach/tedford-meals/>. Contact our coordinator for the Tedford meal ministry, Debby Hayden, at [207-729-9707](tel:207-729-9707) or [haydenhurst@gwi.net](mailto:haydenhurst@gwi.net)



Our choir loft/organ move is complete. The Vestry is planning to invite Bishop Lane to bless the new space during his scheduled visitation on April 28. As a reminder, the purpose for the move began with the need for a more accessible space for the choir (our new space is even wheelchair accessible!). In addition, bringing the choir downstairs enables us to better integrate music leadership into our liturgy. Many have noted experiencing a difference in our worship since the choir began sitting in the front pews.

After Vestry discernment and analysis by an architectural consultant, this project was able to move forward because of a generous "restricted" donation for the benefit of the music program at Grace Church. The initial cost projection for the work, based on the architectural analysis, was approximately \$28,000. Due to wise decision-making on the part of our project manager, Dean Batterman, and business negotiations by our Rector, the final cost is projected to be less than \$20,000, ultimately leaving us with a small balance of restricted project donations that will go into the music fund.

Donna Miller  
Senior Warden

# Feast @ 5:30

NEXT Thursday, January 24<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)

## Worship Leaders January 20, 2019

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Glenis Elliott	Martha Mayo
First or Single Server:	David Wetherbee	Will Neilson
Crucifer & Prayers:		Reta King
Greeters:		Debby & Bill Hayden
Ushers:	Marty Lakeman & Nick Sewall	Barbara & Ed Lovely
Altar Guild:	Jim Paterson	Reta King & Anne Cole
Camera:		Dean Batterman
Coffee Hour:	David Wetherbee	Marsha & Steve Kleinz
Altar Guild – Wednesday, January 23 – Pat Longworth		

### Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Psalms 36:5-10

\*[Each scripture citation has a link to the \*LectionaryPage.net\* reading.](#)



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 23 January and 13 February**). 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



**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).

- January 17<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts – 5:30–8:30 pm – Tubbs Hall
- January 21<sup>st</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room
- January 28<sup>th</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- January 30<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 – Library
- 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

- January 17<sup>th</sup>           Grace Book Club – 11:00 am – Library (**See item above**)
- January 19<sup>th</sup>           Margaret Beaven’s Birthday Buffet – 12:30 pm – Tubbs Hall (**See item above**)
- January 20<sup>th</sup>           Worship Committee – 11:30 am – Library
- January 24<sup>th</sup>           Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>   Annual Parish Meeting – after 10:15 service - Nave**
- January 29<sup>th</sup>           Tedford Meal – FMI – contact Debby Hayden – 729-9707 or [haydenhurst@gwi.net](mailto:haydenhurst@gwi.net)
- January 31<sup>st</sup>           Tedford Meal – FMI – contact Debby Hayden – 729-9707 or [haydenhurst@gwi.net](mailto:haydenhurst@gwi.net)