



Grace Notes

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

PSALM NINE has a great deal to say about our ungodly enemies. Watch out! There's danger here. We are living in a country where taking sides and hating those on the other side seem to have replaced baseball or football as the national pastime. It is possible — and wholly undesirable! — to read this psalm in a way that hardens our hearts. That's the danger. The Psalms pray a lot about adversaries and enemies, so we need a way to interpret these prayers.

Personally, I find it helpful to look within myself and see my own habitual sins as my enemies. As the old cliché would have it, I am my own worst enemy. I keep track of the “Seven Deadly Sins” using PALE GAS as a memory aid: Pride, Avarice, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Anger, Sloth. These are my real enemies. I may not be able to change the world, but I can pray for God to change me. “Have pity on me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death.” Those who hate me are not strangers over there, but the deadly septet within.

— Ed Greene

Worship Opportunities

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday

8:30 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: Barbara Savage, Judy Smart, Nancy Ashley, Tom & Robyn Butler, Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Lois Welsh, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob and Bill Maier.



Let us pray for family and friends: Jamie Rergen, Jamie Perry, Ron Williams, Margaret Intonti, Summer and Sally Dunn, Todd Schlapfer, Ricardo, 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!

Dean Batterman	03/17	Sally Lee	03/18
Annie Bowden	03/19	Barbara Gaul	03/21
MaryJo Wetherbee	03/23	Sue Young	03/23



The Grace Book Club

The Book Club will be reading *The Mountaintop School for Dogs and Other Second Chances* by Maine author, Ellen Cooney, “a moving and hilarious chronicle”...“where human

save strays and vice versa.” The book is available in area libraries and at Amazon.com. The discussion will be on [April 4](#) in Tubbs Hall. All are welcome. FMI: Paula 389-1158.



A LENTEN STUDY
WHAT WOULD THEY SAY NOW?
ENCOUNTERS WITH PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

In Lent there is a study opportunity at Grace to journey through the Holy Land of Scripture and to compare its landscape with the Holy Land of today. Parishioners are invited to participate in a discussion group using a special curriculum featuring one particular figure in the Bible on each of six weeks. Abraham, Mary of Nazareth, and Jesus on the Mount of Olives represent three of six figures whose experience we will ponder for the meaning it has to us today.

To quote the study guide, “What would God’s servants of ancient times wish to say to us about their homeland?” How might we connect our personal experience with that far-away land and the stories of the people living there then and now?

Booklets are available in the Church before the study which is held [every Sunday of Lent](#). We meet in Tubbs Hall beginning promptly at 9:15 am until 10 am. Members of the Palestine/Israel study committee at Grace will share facilitating the discussion.



A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
REFLECTIONS BY MEMBERS OF GRACE CHURCH

Lenten booklets are available in the narthex.



- In the first of the season, Mary was bounced by her sister Martha 58-42%.
- On Friday, William Wilberforce forced his way past Agatha Lin Zhao 59%-49%.
- On the only Saturday used in Lent Madness, Ignatius of Loyola strode past Tikhon of Zadonsk 65%-35%.
- This past Monday, John Chrysostom emerged victorious over Margaret of Cortona 53% to 47%, and on
- Tuesday, Nicodemus edged James the Greater 51%-49%.
- Yesterday, Richard Allen defeated Hannah Grier Coome 61%-39%.

- Today Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers—the Dominicans comes up against the gutsy Marina the Monk—read her bio! (At this writing, Marina is leading Dominic.)
- And on Friday, Mellitus, a Roman and nobles' son, sent to Britain to help Augustine meets up with Ephrem of Nisibis, a Syriac deacon and doctor of the Church.

How are your picks going?

Saintly Scorecards are available in the office. They are free, however donations are greatly appreciated. Check your scorecard for more of the biographies and vote your choice at <http://tinyurl.com/y2p22kvv>



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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The Geranium Sale is coming back!



Sample colors and **order information** will be available the month of **April** in the narthex. **Delivery** will be at Grace Church on Friday and Saturday **May 17th and 18th**. The Flower Guild will be organizing the sale & is counting on the entire congregation to help us sell the geraniums to their friends & family.



Got Notebooks?



I have some educational material from an EfM (Education for Ministry) course I took many years ago. It represents a full four-year course wrapped up in five notebooks, and I would love to give them away to anyone who might enjoy reading through them. If you think you might be interested please give me a call. Lois Hart

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Worship Leaders

March 17, 2019

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Diane Paterson	Mary Swain
First or Single Server:	David Wetherbee	Marnie Hackenberg
Crucifer & Prayers:		Carrie Strasburger
Greeters:		Mary & Ray Swain
Ushers:	Mary Lakeman & Nick Sewall	Karen Kenney & Sue Backhouse
Altar Guild:	Jim Paterson	Sheila O’Grady
Camera:		Charlie Duffy
Coffee Hour:		Liz Prest
Altar Guild – Wednesday, March 20 –	Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens	

Readings *

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

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



Little Flock Update

Wednesday a week ago, Wayne helped me deliver items from Grace Church along with afghans, hats and scarves made by the inmates from Two Bridges Jail. The folks that run Little Flock were very appreciative of the items we delivered, especially the handmade items, as were, of course, the clients who receive them. I wanted to share this with all of you, so that you would understand just how important this outreach ministry is to the Bath Area Community.

In response to the expressed need, The Outreach Committee is considering starting a “knitting group” that would make winter items for Little Flock to distribute. If you are interested in getting involved please get in touch with either **Colleen Stevens** at 207-319-3685 or **Glenis Elliott** at 207-837-0014.

Thank you for all that you do in support of Grace Church’s outreach ministries.

Glenis



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 27 March & 11 April**). 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



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.

- March 18th RJP Mentor Training – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- March 19th Garden Club 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- March 20th RJP Mentor Meeting -4:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- March 21st Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- March 25th RJP Mentor Training – 3:00 pm – 7:00 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.

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

- March 14th Feast @ 5:30 – The Anchorage
- March 16th Vestry Retreat
- March 19th Prayer Shawl – 9:30 am – Library
- March 19th Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- March 28th Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- April 4th Grace Book Club – 10:30 11:30 am – Tubbs Hall (**see article above**)
- April 28th Bishop’s Visitation