



# *Grace Notes*

## *Twelfth Sunday*

### *after Pentecost*

*September 1, 2019*

**P**SALM THIRTY is sort of a left-handed thank-you to God. The occasion for thanks is recovery from illness and being freed from the harassment of enemies. The left-handed bit is that these misfortunes are interpreted as punishments for sin. Here's a fine kettle of fish! Thank You, God??? For relieving me of all the misery you've laid on me??? Really??? We run into the notion of divine payback fairly frequently in the Psalms, and most of us would gladly dismiss it as an outmoded superstition — at least with our rational minds. But we're not always rational in matters of the spirit, and we sometimes suspect that we deserve the bad things that happen to us. Fear not! Bad things don't last forever. The Psalm is pretty insistent on the transitory nature of darkness and suffering, be it physical, mental, or spiritual. Speaking personally, I am learning to discount any gloomy thoughts or worries that pitch their tents in my brain at 2:00 a.m. Those thoughts and worries can be very discombobulating because we tend to lose our perspective in the wee dark hours. So I don't try to fight them or to reason with them or flail around under the covers or punch the pillows. I just lie quietly and repeat a short phrase of prayer over and over — and that often lulls me back to sleep. When daylight returns, the phantoms of the dark go *pffft*. "Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning." Might that also apply to our earthly life, and our waking into eternity? — Ed Greene

## Worship Opportunities

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Sunday

(Summer Schedule)

9:00 am – Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday

8:30 am – Bible Study – Tubbs Hall

10:00 am – Worship Service – 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, let us pray for: The families of Lois Welsh and Barbara Savage; Larry Bartlett, Ethan Stanley, Ann Marden, Frances Pinney, Lois Hart, Hannah Cataloni, Tom and Robyn Butler, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob and Bill Maier.*



*Let us pray for family and friends: The family of Michele Ober, Lib Cain, Scott & Kerry, Jackie Pittman, Kim Coleman, David Butler, Jeff Bolduc, John Hoglund, Len Barker, Walter Mann, Deborah Beal, Margaret Intonti, Todd Schlapfer, Robert Swain, John Hall, Bruce, Keith Drew, Diane Engler, Jim Kelly, Gerry Pepin, Patricia White, Larry Ferguson, Mark Smith, Joan Dixon, Timothy, and CC Wall.*

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Lois Welsh, Barbara Savage, Michele Ober and Anne Bussy who have recently passed away.*



## Happy Birthday to You!

Jovey Wallace	08/26	Amy Rogers	08/28
Elliot Ashley III	08/31	Michael Ambler III	09/01
Donna Sewall	09/02	Ellen Browning	09/03
Gard Conley	09/04	Gary Bedard	09/04
Eldie Johnston	09/04	Lois Hart	09/07



**REGULAR SCHEDULE: Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, September 8**, there will be two services, 8:00 am (Rite I) and 10:15 am (Rite II).

### *Healing Service*

*The monthly Healing Service will be held during the service **THIS Sunday**. Bath Area Food Bank donations will be accepted at both services next Sunday as well.*



## BIKES NEEDED



Bikes are needed for the many asylum seekers moving in to Bath and Brunswick. Any bike will help, even the one that has been in the shed for years. Contact Mark Wheeler at 443-5712 to arrange a pick up.



On **Sunday, September 15**, Grace Episcopal Church in Bath is honored to be hosting a celebration of Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the coming anniversary of its founding 80 years ago. The Executive Director of EPF, Melanie Merkle Atha, is visiting Maine on her tour of the U.S. to highlight local acts of peace and reconciliation

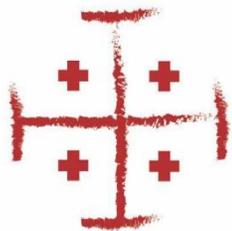
and to promote the ongoing work of EPF. We feel fortunate to have her worship with us that morning and to come to a special coffee hour.

**Following the 10:15 service** at Grace there will be a reception in the parish hall featuring remarks by Melanie on Episcopal Peace Fellowship with an informal Q&A. Everyone—EPF-Maine members along with anyone interested in helping to advance peace—is welcome to come meet Melanie on this special occasion.

Grace Church has at least seven active members in EPF and we will be handling the extra special coffee hour that morning. We would welcome donations by parishioners of savory finger food or cookies or bars; please let Glenis Elliott know if you can contribute an item. And thank you very much!



# AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM



All are invited to gather between the services at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 20, for a conversation with Heidi Shott, Communications Director of American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Learn about the humanitarian institutions of the Diocese of Jerusalem, such as Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City, the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan, and many other schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities run by the diocese. Heidi will also talk about current conditions in the region and share insights from her visit in September to the ministries AFEDJ supports and share stories of the inspiring and powerful Christian witness demonstrated by the small band of Christians in the region. Her talk will offer a window into God’s living presence at work in the Holy Land.



## CIRCLE DINNERS ARE FORMING FOR THE COMING YEAR

Circle Dinners are in “...the spirit in which we carry on the ministry of the church.” They are potluck meals with a small group of Grace people, and singles as well as couples are encouraged to take part. Circles are encouraged to “write their own script,” based on members’ needs and desires. Circles may choose to get together for brunch or dinner, attend a movie and discuss it at a member’s home, or whatever else the group chooses. If they choose a meal at each other’s home, one couple or person hosts each time and, on a date suitable to all, the other members bring something to go with the entrée prepared by the host: salad, dessert, vegetable, or bread. The hosting rotates from member to member, starting with the one couple or person in the Circle chosen as the “Convener.” This is an opportunity to gather in small groups with people from Grace and is particularly worthwhile for newcomers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex after the 9:00 service on September 1<sup>st</sup>, or after either the 8:00 or 10:15 services on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** for the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact Reta at 207-373-1573 or [retasking@comcast.net](mailto:retasking@comcast.net) or Carrie Strasburg at [cstras@gmail.com](mailto:cstras@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to sign up by email or telephone.



—Reta King and Carrie Strasburger, Circle Dinner Coordinators



# TERESA JOAN WHITE

A Memorial Eucharist for The Rev Sister Teresa Joan White, sister of The Rev K Gordon White, will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 28th at two o'clock in the afternoon.**

Sister Teresa was a member of the Deaconess Community of Saint Andrew, London, England, founded in 1861 by Miss Elizabeth Ferard to minister to the poor and forgotten women of that day. The Sisters went out two-by-two, one to nurse, the other to teach, in the slums of London. They pioneered in helping to establish hospitals and schools.

Sister Teresa joined them in 1970, using her background as a scholar and theologian to bring women deacons from various Christian traditions into contact with each other through a widely circulated publication entitled the "Distinctive Diaconate." Most recently she edited an over 200-page history of the Community.

Sister Teresa was the youngest (at the age of 83) and among the last half-dozen surviving members now in nursing care. With the ordination of women as Deacons and then as Priests in the Church of England, the original reason for women Deacons living in community has gradually died out. The London property was given to the Anglican Communion Office which among many other things plans the worldwide meeting of Anglican Bishops every decade.



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, **from 10 am until 2 pm**, from 10 am until 2 pm. (**The next two dates are Wednesdays 11 & 25 September**). 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.

- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Laundry and dish soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shaving essentials
- Hairbrushes & combs
- Dog and cat food
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant (men's & women's)
- Diapers & "pull-ups"
- All-purpose cleaner
- Hats & gloves in the winter months

## Worship Leaders

September 1, 2019 – 9:00 am

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser

Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

Lector - Nancy Kinner

First Server - David Wetherbee

Crucifer & Prayers - Mary Caron

Greeter - Joan Ingersoll

Ushers - Glenis Elliott & Colleen Stevens

Altar Guild - Jim Paterson

Camera - Fred Sargent

Hospitality - Marsha & Steve Kleinz

Altar Guild – Wednesday, September 4 – Colleen Stevens & Glenis Elliott

### Readings \*

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

\*Each scripture citation has a link to the [LectionaryPage.net](http://LectionaryPage.net).

## CALENDARS



## Grace Church Calendar of Events

### Weekly Happenings

Sundays	Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:00 am – Sanctuary (summer hours through September 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Sundays	Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am – Sanctuary (regular hours)
Sundays	Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10:15 am – Sanctuary
Wednesdays	Bible Study – 8:30 am – Tubbs Hall
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

- August 29<sup>th</sup> Tedford Meal - FMI call Debby Hayden – 207-729-9707 or **haydenhurst@gwi.net**
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Life of Lois Ann Welsh – 1:00 pm
- September 8<sup>th</sup> Worship Committee Meeting following the 10:15 service – Library
- September 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee – 9:30 – Library
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) presentation by Melanie Merkle Atha – following the 10:15 service – See the article above
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting – 6:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Parish Potluck – 5:30-7:30 pm – Tubbs Hall – follow-up from previous potlucks
- September 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service for Teresa Joan White – 2:00 pm – See the article above
- Save the date!**
- October 20<sup>th</sup> American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) – Presentation by Heidi Shott – between the services (9:15 am sharp) – Tubbs Hall — See the article above



## **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).

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 9<sup>th</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 16<sup>th</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 18<sup>th</sup> RJP Mentor Training – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- September 30<sup>th</sup> RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall