



Grace Notes

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

We are so glad to be gathering back in person. The hallmarks of our re-gathering will be kindness and consideration. Be aware and understanding of the fact that people will have different comfort levels around personal space, and touch. Please also be aware of and pray for those who cannot be back among us in person, and for those around this country and the world who still struggle with COVID. Of course, because of heightened health concerns, even as we emerge from so many restrictions, there are some practices that have changed:

- if you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional;
- we are taking contact names and numbers in an abundance of caution
- please note the changes at the Peace;



As we emerge from the pandemic, we are aware that some practices need to change. We suggest that you greet one another with your hands together and make a slight bow, thus acknowledging the offering of peace and respecting differences in comfort level around personal space. We honor the practice of “namaste” which means, literally “greeting” and is often understood to mean “the divine in me meets the divine in you.” When we offer each other “the peace” we are offering the “shalom” of God, and acknowledging that each of us, no matter how different, is made in the image of God.

- we will receive the bread of communion only.

In the Episcopal Church we have always believed that it is possible to receive in one “kind” only and have fully participated in the sacrament. And, of course, in the 18 months, we have had “communion” by gathering together over ZOOM, and while we have not had, during that time, the physical bread to consume, we have been the sacrament for each other by being outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace.



No doubt our first Sunday back in person will reveal other adjustments that we have overlooked but I hope you will be focused on the spirit of worship, and the love of Christ as we greet one another again.

Worship Opportunities

The Sunday service is at 9:00 am for the time being.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AS OF JULY 24TH! SERVICES ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY AVAILABLE ON ZOOM!

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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.



This Sunday (7/25), The Rev Pam Mott is the officiant and preacher at a special Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion at **9:00 am**, celebrating our return to in-person worship. It will be simultaneously carried on Zoom so all may celebrate together.

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN!

The Church office is up and running again! The hours are **Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am until 2 pm**. Julia Baker, our new Office Manager, can be reached at the church number 207-443-3792, and the NEW email address is office@gracebath.org. You can reach the Rev Pam Mott at the same number and at pmott@gracebath.org

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Recently, Julia Baker, Office Administrator, got an email purportedly from Pam asking her to do something immediately. It was not from Pam! Please be aware that church offices get targeted by scammers. We will never ask you to “rescue” us from a foreign country, nor demand that you send gift certificates or money. If something seems “fishy,” a scammer is probably “phishing.”



CHURCH RE-OPENING!

The first in-church service (since March 8, 2020!) was held last Sunday, July 4th. It was the first Eucharist by our new Priest in Charge, The Rev Pam Mott, as well as the maiden voyage of our new A/V system. The former went wonderfully, the latter needed some touch-up on the sound.

So Grace Church is open for regular in-person attendance!

- **July 24th – 1:00 pm** – The Celebration of the Life of Fred Kahrl, with altar party, choir, Zoom crew, **AND ALL WHO WISH TO ATTEND IN PERSON.**
- July 25th – 9:00 am – **IN-PERSON** service, just like “the old days.” Live Zoom coverage will continue for all services.

NOTE: When attending in person, wearing a mask and social distancing are NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED. Hand sanitizer dispensers are available. If you want to wear a mask and/or social distance, feel free to do so; masks are available.

Tedford Meals

Grace Church participates in the Meal-a-Month program at Tedford Housing’s emergency shelter in Brunswick. We supply a meal for fifteen (was twenty to twenty-five pre-CoVID-19) clients on fifth Tuesdays and fifth Thursdays of the month. On occasion we have stepped in to supply dinner when no other group was available. **This month, the fifth Thursday (29th) is THIS Thursday.**

This is a form of service a person can do once or dozens of times depending on his or her interest. **The task is to prepare one of the following items to serve 15 people – a main course or a dessert.** These meals need not be elaborate. People usually make casserole dishes such as macaroni and cheese, American Chop Suey or, in warmer weather, pasta salads with some chicken or ham in it. Some people make a simple dessert of cookies served with canned fruit while others do fancifully decorated cupcakes or some brownies. There is no need to take food that is ready to eat because the staff will be there to heat items as needed.

For further information, contact our coordinator for the Tedford meal ministry, Debby Hayden, at 207-729-9707 or haydenhurst@gwi.net



SERVERS NEEDED!

Grace Church will be reopening soon, and we need more volunteers to serve on the Altar. If you have ever thought that you would like to do that,

please contact Sharon Steele at sharon.steele@vwi.com. Classes will be available.



Called to Serve??
Ushers and Greeters.....Grace Church
Needs You

As we return to the sanctuary for in-person services, we will need ushers and greeters for our services. These are vital jobs, but are fun and essential to the smooth and welcoming flow of our worship. If you are interested in serving or have questions about what serving entails, please contact Nancy Kinner at nancy.kinner@unh.edu or 603-479-3777. Help welcome our faith community and our neighbors in the Bath area and summer visitors to worship at Grace.



ZOOM SERVICE WORSHIP LEADERS

July 25th – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Officiant:** The Rev Pam Mott
- **Deacon:** The Rev Stephanie Batterman
- **First Server:** Frank Jacob
- **Crucifer:** Will Neilson
- **Lector:** Lynne Wolfe
- **Intercessor:** Lois Hart
- **Ushers:** Judi & Bob Mansfield
- **Zoom Director:** Matt Brown



STOP BUGS FROM BUGGING YOU

Julie Edelman is the author of *The New York Times* best-seller *The Accidental Housewife: How to Overcome Housekeeping Hysteria One Task at a Time*. In the July 1, 2021 edition of *BottomLine Personal*, she published an article “How to . . . Stop Bugs from Bugging You,” and has granted permission to share her wisdom with us. Thank you, Julie! (Check out her website JuliesTips.com)

MOSQUITOES

Drain the water: We all know to get rid of standing water to avoid mosquitoes, but also check overlooked areas of the bottoms of planters and puddles that form in your landscaping.

Keep your air moving: Mosquitoes aren't very strong fliers, so keep a portable fan nearby or install a permanent fan on your porch.

Plant 'gold—marigolds, that is: They contain the natural repellent pyrethrum. Place a marigold border around your patio or deck, and below windows—especially bedroom windows if you leave them open at night.

Use basil: This natural mosquito repellent also is toxic to mosquito larvae. Place fresh basil leaves in a dish or on the ground—or plant basil in your garden—near where standing water accumulates.

Next week: **Flies**

NEXT Sunday, August 1st, is the first Sunday of August, and is our traditional Sunday to accept donations the Bath Area Food Bank. Since there may be no one standing in the aisle with a basket, it's been suggested that you send a check directly to the food bank. You can remark on the memo line that you are from Grace Church. (Addresses on p 7)

Remember in our Prayers

In our parish family, we pray for: the family of Bob Butson, Richard Luther, Larry Bartlett, Barbara & Ed Lovely, Bethel Arbuckle, Glen Eaton, Richard Cosgrove, Hannah Cataloni, Jenny Wright, John Beaven, Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Marnie Hackenberg, Ethan Stanley, Frances Pinney and Al Ferguson.



We pray for family and friends: Alison Jacques, the family of Virginia Hallock, Phil Rogers, Dick & Dayle, Mike Simms, Betsy, Paul Gamache, Thomas, Marilyn Rogers, Michele Eye, Anne Paisley, Naomi Conant, Tim & Veronica, Joe Kirk, Sue, Mark, Katie, Mary Sulkoski, Ike Johnson, Keith and his family, David McKinney, Kirsten Crear, Allison, Lois McCormick, Deana, Jack Swanton, Peter Galvin, Chuck, Martha Cashman Miller, Dennis & Sue, Dev & Jan, Anna Kendrick, David, Ryan McIntosh, Chuck Gauger, Laura Fielding, Ned & Terry, Brian Brandt, Thomas Sawyer, the family of Diane & David Butler, Len Barker, Margaret Intonti, Bruce, his family & doctors; Diane Engler, Patricia White, Larry Ferguson, Joan Dixon and Timothy.

*We also pray for those who are suffering due to the extreme weather.
We pray for the repose of the souls of Bob Butson and Virginia Hallock.*

We pray for those many children of God who are suffering in any way and who have died as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

We pray for all the first responders and all front-line care givers who are risking their lives to care for those casualties of the COVID-19.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St Alban's, Cape Elizabeth, and Our Lady of the Evergreens, Harborside; for the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.



Happy Birthday to You!

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| Mary Caron | 07/26 | Bob Mansfield | 07/27 |
| Caroline Rand | 07/27 | Ginny Bartlett | 07/28 |
| Evelyn Dunphy | 07/30 | | |

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 830)



Happy Anniversary to You!

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP 431)



Please check the Prayer List, especially Family and Friends. Do you find names of folks on there whose prayers have been answered or possibly, have passed away? Please let Karen Kenney (fabricden1@gmail.com) or Frank Jacob (fjacob1161@gmail.com) know. Notify us, too, to add someone to the Prayer List.



Pledges and Finances

Thank you to everyone who has continued to make their pledges during this most difficult time. You can make your pledge payments online through PayPal (which accepts both credit and debit cards - go to the church website), or by mailing in your

pledge. If you do mail it in, please put a “P” on the envelope and we will set it aside for the counters. The recent closure of the church office for repairs has meant we are a little slower than usual in counting, so please bear with us.



LIVE STREAMING IS HERE!

WE NOW HAVE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN THE CHURCH so that we are able to Zoom from the church in addition to allowing the Altar Party and parishioners in church to see and hear those on Zoom. Matt Brown, our A/V Technician, sets up and runs the Zoom, cameras, microphones and remote monitor to Zoom and record the Sunday service live.



Pastoral Care Committee

Until the church is accessible, it is easier to contact the coordinator directly for any pastoral needs such as a meal, a phone call, a visit, etc. So many of members of Grace are providing this type of assistance directly to their friends and neighbors which is wonderful. But if you need assistance in these days, please contact the coordinator for July and August, **Judy Nash, 389-1848** or judy.nash@comcast.net. As more and more of us are vaccinated, we probably will be able to provide rides to appointments as well.



Bath Area Food Bank

SCHOOL IS OUT! and BAFB ready for the influx of students thru August. Kids will receive a home cooked meal, and a bag with breakfast for the following day. They will also be offered 'frozen meals' they can heat up later. WE ARE READY...and looking forward to seeing you all!

Grace Church has suspended its collection of canned and non-perishable food items at this time. However, more families are seeking help, and the Bath Area Food Bank (BAFB) still needs our support.

You can donate through their web site—<https://www.bathfoodbank.org/food-pantry/>—using PayPal or your credit/debit card, or send a check or money order directly to Bath Area Food Bank, PO Box 65, Bath, ME 04530-0065. You can also donate at the food bank at 807 Middle Street (between Amato’s and the Midcoast Federal Credit Union).

Another way to donate is via Amazon. Put your choice(s) in your cart and change the shipping address to the BAFB PO box address above. No muss, no fuss!

The Food Bank doesn’t generally ask for toiletries, but these are getting harder and harder to obtain. BAFB could really use, for both male and female: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and Band-Aids®. There is also a call for feminine hygiene

products. They have a FABULOUS volunteer willing to be there every Thursday to distribute these items. Please try to help them out!



Bullets from the Vestry Meeting

The Vestry met on Tuesday July 20th.

- Discussed the special gathering service this Sunday
- Update on the completed building maintenance

Monthly Vestry Minutes are posted on the church website after approval by the Vestry. Go to <https://gracebath.org/contact-us/parish-leadership/> and scroll toward the bottom of the page.



GRACE CHURCH ON ZOOM



Information on our services and the service bulletin are available on our website at <https://gracebath.org/worship/worship-services/>.

- If you do not have internet, you can call in (646-876-9923 with Meeting ID: 577-263-0207 and password; 798671).
- With internet, download the “Zoom” application. (You don’t need an account but having the app may improve your experience of Zoom.)
- Then, either click on this URL <https://zoom.us/j/5772630207> or copy it into your browser and click “enter.” Then enter the **password 798671**.
- Once the Zoom screen comes up, if you move your mouse to either the upper or lower part of the screen you should see some control buttons.
 - If your mic is red with a line through it, you are muted; clicking it will unmute.
 - We’ll ask you to unmute only when you wish to speak, as there may be as many as 100 people online together, and the stray noise will make it difficult for us to hear.
 - If your camera has a line through it, click it (start video) so we see you.
 - At the bottom or top of your screen, you should see yourself, and to the left of your picture should be a “+.”
 - Clicking that will put you in “gallery” mode, and you’ll be able to see everyone else.
- **The Sunday service script will be shared on the screen.**
- **SHOULD YOU MISS THE SUNDAY SERVICE, it is available on YouTube. GO TO <https://gracebath.org/worship/worship-services/> .** Links to the services are listed on the left of the page.
- **LIKE TO HEAR A SERMON AGAIN? Sermons are available recorded or in written format. GO TO <https://gracebath.org/worship/weekly-sermons/> .**

Church Calendar of Events

Worship during the Pandemic

Sundays: 9:00 am Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (In-person services begin July 24)

Via internet and Zoom app: <https://zoom.us/j/5772630207> Password: 798671

Via Phone: 646-876-9923 with meeting ID 577-263-0207, Password: 798671

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- July 29th **Tedford Meal** – FMI contact Debby Hayden at 207-729-9707 or haydenhurst@gwi.net
- August 1st **The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** – Holy Eucharist – 9:00 am (gathering at 8:45) – **In-person service; church open to all and available on Zoom**
- August 8th **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** – Holy Eucharist – 9:00 am (gathering at 8:45) – **In-person service; church open to all and available on Zoom**
- August 9th **Facilities Committee** meeting – 5:00 pm – Zoom instructions to follow
- August 15th **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** – Holy Eucharist – 9:00 am (gathering at 8:45) – **In-person service; church open to all and available on Zoom**
- August 17th **Vestry** meeting – 6:00 pm – Zoom instructions to follow
- August 22nd **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** – Holy Eucharist – 9:00 am (gathering at 8:45) – **In-person service; church open to all and available on Zoom**
- August 29th **The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** – Holy Eucharist – 9:00 am (gathering at 8:45) – **In-person service; church open to all and available on Zoom**
- August 31st **Tedford Meal** – FMI contact Debby Hayden at 207-729-9707 or haydenhurst@gwi.net