



# Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

**Rev. Travis K. Smith**

**Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon**

**Feast: Ordinary Time, Proper 13**

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## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it —physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

*Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.*

### **Mission Statement of Grace Church**

We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.

- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.
- We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown Elkridge off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at [graceelkridge.org](http://graceelkridge.org) or call the office at 410—796-3270.

# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

A reading from The Second Book of Samuel (11:26-27; 12:1-13a).

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.

<sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord,

<sup>1</sup>and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup>Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.” <sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have

you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan said to David, “Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Lector

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Psalm 51:1-13**

*BCP p. 656*

*Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your  
loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:24-35).

On the next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand <sup>24</sup> saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who

gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Lector

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you Lord Christ

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Sermon - Rev. Travis K. Smith**

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together:*

*We believe in one God,*

*the Father, the Almighty,*

*maker of heaven and earth,*

*of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,*

*the only Son of God,*

*eternally begotten of the Father,*

*God from God, Light from Light,*

*true God from true God,*

*begotten, not made,*

*of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation*

*he came down from heaven:*

*by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,*

*and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again*

*in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

**Deacon** Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We remember Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Chilton our Bishops. Travis our Rector, and Mimi our Deacon.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We remember Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Allan our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Gail, Guy, and Edward our State Senators, Elijah and John our Representatives, Jon and Calvin our Council Members.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy



*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

## **Collect**

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*All say together  
Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

## Absolution

*Bishop or Priest*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant**            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**                *And also with you.*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*The Priest says*  
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

## Presentation Song

**All:** *All things come of Thee, Oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant**           The Lord be with you.

**People**               *And also with you.*

**Celebrant**           Lift up your hearts.

**People**               *We lift them to the Lord.*

**Celebrant**           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**               *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*By his blood, he reconciled us.*  
*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN

*The People respond Amen.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant**           And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**People and**  
**Celebrant**

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his*

*Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

*The Bishop or Priest says*

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

**Deacon** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

# Announcements and Calendar

## Save the Dates:

Church Picnic - September 8, 2018 – Saturday -- Time: TBD

Concert – Harmonic Introductions – Aug 26 3pm @ HSC

## Prepare for Success – School Supply Collection – ends 8/12

As part of our community outreach, Grace is joining with Prepare for Success to collect school supplies for Howard County needy children. A collection box will be at the Parish Hall at the Family Life Center. Items can also be turned in at the Historic Stone Church. Items that are needed are listed below. All items need to be new.

- Backpacks Pocket folders
- 3-hole lined paper Plastic pencil boxes
- Highlighters 2" 3-ring binders
- Colored pencils Glue sticks
- Marble composition books #2 pencils
- 1 subject spiral notebooks

## Mustard Seed Thrift Shop

In the middle of Spring House Cleaning? Time to eliminate some clutter?

The Thrift Shop accepts donations of household items, knickknacks, wall décor, jewelry, toys, books gently used clothing and other items. Please contact Isobel Schum for more information 410 747 9695

## Roving Radish

The Roving Radish is back, pick up will be available on Wednesday 3:30 to 5pm in the Grace parking lot.

- Go on to [www.ROVINGRADISH.com](http://www.ROVINGRADISH.com) to check our weekly recipes.
- Cost per pick up will be \$32 per meal kit (2 dinners for a family of four).
- We are fortunate to be able to offer these subsidized kits, please see web site.
- Now offering Vegetarian Meals \$32.00 (2 meals for a family of four)
- Order weekly or in advance.

Pay at the time of your order online (credit card only) or at pick-up (cash or EBT only)

The Roving Radish is a Howard County Government program dedicated to promoting healthy farm to table eating habits to our community, while creating sustainable markets for our local and regional farms. We achieve this by selling healthy meal kits, sourced from local and regional farms, to our community.

### **Saturday Evening Eucharist @ St. Hilda's Catonsville**

You now have an option for Eucharist on Saturday's evenings beginning April 7th. Located at the Old St. Timothy's building: 200 Ingleside Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

### **Tuesday Suppers**

Thank you to Jean Schutt who has volunteered to coordinate the dinners for 2018- 2019 year. If you would like help by doing a supper on a Vestry night, please contact Jean. Vestry & Supper Dates are: Aug 28, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, Dec 18, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 5 (Shrove Tues), Apr 23, May 28

Soup Supper Days for Lent: Mar 12,19,26, Apr 2,9, 16 (Seder – Fr. Travis)

### **ORSS Schedule**

ORSS is off for the summer. See you in church.

“Blessing of the Back Packs” Aug 26th 10 am service.

### **Adult Sunday School**

Adult Sunday school will continue through the summer. See you at 9am.

### **Gluten Allergy??**

Grace now has Gluten Free Host. If you are in need of the Gluten Free Host please let Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi know and they will be happy to serve you.

### **Tithing via your Credit Card**

We have an agreement with Vanco, our online stewardship/giving company, to accept Credit Card (MC, Visa, Amex & Discover) contributions. You can register your credit card via online or via text message option. You can choose to make your contribution one time, weekly or monthly.

- Online option – [graceelkridge.org](http://graceelkridge.org) – go to top right corner click on “Stewardship/Giving” and follow prompts.
  - GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow prompts after the link is open.
  - We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events.
- See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

### **AmazonSmile**

If you use Amazon - log into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge and a portion of eligible purchases will be donated back to Grace.



## **Pastoral Care Team**

Thank you for those who were able to make it on June 12th our next meeting is Aug 13th. The Celebration of Life Team is working hard to finalize the process for services. Rev. Mimi spoke about Eucharistic Visitation and our continued mission at Grace.

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care, there are opportunities for someone to serve so if you feel called to serve at Grace please drop a line to the office, Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi

## **Caring Card - Ministry**

~Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you are thinking of them? ~

- Now you can by using the new Grace “Caring Card”.
- These cards are available for you to take, write a message, and mail to someone.
- Grace provides the card, and you provide the “caring” and the postage.

There will be cards available at the Historic Stone Church & the Family Life Center.

\*Please make sure you get permission of the person you are lifting up in prayer, before you add them to the prayer list.

## **Prayer / Visitation** (Look for the Yellow Card)

Do you know someone in need of Prayers or Visit?

Fill out a yellow Prayer & Visitation cards located in the back of the FLC and the HSC, (4.5 x 5.5 yellow card). Please pass it only to the church via the offering plate, and the Pastoral Team will visit and or pray. Please make sure if requesting a visit or prayers the person is aware you are giving their name. Thank you for your support on this addition to communication to the office.

This yellow card is not in place of the weekly “Prayers of the People” to be read during services. We want to share with you, your concerns, joys & thanksgivings on the “Prayers of the People” sheet in the back of the HSC & Holy Family Chapel @ FLC.

## **Pastoral Care Team Reaches Out** to Service Members

Grace's Pastoral Care Team has started a ministry of sending prayer books and commemorative medals to people serving in the military. If you have a loved one who might appreciate receiving this gift from Grace, please contact the church office.

## **Just a Spoonful of Love** – Casserole Ministry

Grace's Pastoral Care team invites parishioners to join them in working to resume our Casserole Ministry to serve members during times of need, e.g., illness, hospitalization, arrival of new child, etc. To participate in this ministry, all you have to do is pick up a casserole pan (recipe included) from the back of the church, buy the ingredients, prepare the casserole, wrap it in plastic and aluminum foil, date it and attached the second copy of recipe card provided (so recipients can view ingredients for possible allergies), and return the casserole

to the freezer in the FLC kitchen. Members of the Pastoral Care team will handle deliveries. Receipts may be presented to the church office for notation on individual's giving statement as donation in kind. If this experiment is successful, new recipes will be available monthly or seasonal. For information, see Rev. Mimi after services or contact her at 443-277-0068

### **Sonshine Card Ministry**

Thank you for your support, we have received many cards to help with our mission. Please continue to drop extra cards to the office when you have them. This is very special mission to many people in our parish.

### **Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor**

In the fall 2017, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the "profit" from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector's Discretionary Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community.

Please consider using store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most.

### **Grace Early Childhood Center Happenings**

We are very excited that our new curriculums have arrived. The teachers are looking forward to using their new curriculums this school year. Along with the new curriculums, the teachers are excited to be introducing and using Tadpoles. Tadpoles is a wonderful online program that helps to strengthen parent-teacher communications. Now parents will be able to receive photos and videos throughout the day, so they can see their child's day as it happens. With the new school year, there will be many fun events for which our parents and the church community will be able to lend their support . . . more information on those dates and events to come.

I am looking forward to building those community bridges this new school year and I am very excited for the future of Grace Early Childcare Center.

If you are able to help please contact Sharon at [geccddirector@gmail.com](mailto:geccddirector@gmail.com)

### **YOGA and KARATE**

Classes to resume in the Fall – watch for dates

Karate: All ages (minimum age 8)

6:00pm to 6:45pm 9-week session: Fitness & self-awareness (self-defense) class (\$donation or included if you sign up for karate)

Focus on flexibility, cardio, core strength, body mechanics, mindfulness, and self-defense,

Karate: All ages (minimum age 10)

7:00pm to 7:45pm 9-week session Ryukyu Kempo Karate Class (\$60/student or \$100/family)  
Focus on body mechanics, 3 awareness's (self, environmental, and situational), and martial elements (flow, energy, theory, and practical application)

Karate students are encouraged to participate in the 6:00pm class

Yoga: All ages

8:00pm to 9:00pm 9-week session: Diurnal Yoga Class (\$donation)

Practice makes Practice

Focus on mindfulness, individual practice, vinyasa (movement through breath), core and mechanics

### **Mustard Seed Thrift Shop**

Is NOW open 1st Sunday of each month from 11am to 12:30.

Volunteers needed to help in The Mustard Seed on Tues, Thurs or Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. If interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call Isobel Schum: 410 747 9695.

As part of the mission of Grace the Mustard Seed donates the overflow of clothing for men, women & children's to Greendrop.com and Grassroots DAY Resource Center

### **Grassroot Day Resource Center**

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Grassroot Day Resource Center. They are always appreciated very much. If you would like to make additional donations, bring them with you to Sunday worship. These are the items they are in need of currently: Men's Sneakers-Gently Loved-All sizes, Men's Jeans-Sizes-All sizes, Canned Fruit-All kinds, Can Mosquito Spray-With DEET, Disposable Razors, Deodorant-Gender Neutral

Please check out their new website: [Daycenter.org](http://Daycenter.org)

### **Howard County Prescription Drop off**

Rid your home of any medication you no longer need, and in the process, help us continue to fight the opioid crisis in our area.

You can dispose of unneeded or expired medication safely and anonymously in any of our four permanent disposal boxes.

Open 24/7

Northern District Station (3410 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City)

Southern District Station (11226 Scaggsville Road in Laurel)

Drop Off During Business Hours

Community Outreach (10741 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia)

Gary Arthur Community Center (2400 Route 97 in Cooksville)

## **10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel**

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184

August: 5- Chris Fox, Rose Gloth, Finny Stickles, Rita Chelton  
12 – Rita Chelton, Bob Puppa, Karen Stewart,  
19- Betty McMullen, Michelle Matto, Isobel Schum, Ginny Stickles  
26 – Jody Nation, Judy Fox, Rita Chelton, Ginny Stickles

## **"OPEN YOUR EYES & SEE THE HARVEST"**

Parish Calendar Week of August 5, 2018

**Office will be CLOSED this week. Voice Mail and Email will be monitored.**

### Monday, August 6th

Office – CLOSED

5:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC Conf Rm 1

7:00 pm – Choir practice @ FLC Conf Rm 2

8:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

### Tuesday, August 7th

Office Hours 10- 2 - CLOSED

9:00 Discernment Study (off for Summer)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN

6:00 pm – GECC Advisory @ FLC Conf Rm 1

8:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

### Wednesday, August 8th

Office Hours 10 – 2 - CLOSED

6:00 pm Venture Crew Meeting @ FLC (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

### Thursday, August 9th

Office Hours 7:30 – 2 - CLOSED

7:30am Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

6:00 pm – GECC Meeting @ FLC Conf Rm 1

6:00 pm - Karate @ FLC (OFF for Summer)

8:00 pm – Yoga @ FLC (OFF for Summer)

### Friday, August 10th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch - off for Summer

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday's in August)

Saturday, August 11th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

2:00 pm - Private Rental @ FLC

Sunday, August 12th

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School @ FLC conf Rm 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist @ FLC

11:00 am – Grace Family Fellowship @ FLC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1st Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm –Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

# Parish Prayers of Intercession

**Aug 5 – Aug 11**

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St Mary's, Woodlawn; St Paul's, Mount Airy; St Peter's, Ellicott City

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Scottish Episcopal Church

**In our community:** We pray that we may be devoted to your worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews)*, *Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter)*, *Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law)*, *David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son)*, *John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law)*, *Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son)*, *David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law)*, *Marc Benson (Stickles nephew)*, *Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter)* and *Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law)*. We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.

**Repose of the Soul:** Dale Estey

**Prayers of Special Intentions:** Taylor Burry, Rosemary Klochko, Henry, Adrienne Guerke & Family, Josh, Amy Guerke & Family, Candice Harvey, Harry Magee, Patricia Parker, Bruce & Teresa Schutt, Ray Smith, Randolph Stewart

**For the hospitalized, sick and home bound:** David Behrens, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Doris Clay, Eleanor Gyr, Judy Peddicord, George Perry, Bruce Schutt, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

**Birthdays:** Michelle Matto, Nicole Giannini-Cook

**Anniversaries:** Don & Connie Peoples, Travis Smith & Aleta Skaanland

\* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer

## WELCOME TO GRACE - Are you our guest today?

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

At which location and service were you our guest?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Historic Stone Church      \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

How did you find us?

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend

\_\_\_\_\_ Graceelkridge.org

\_\_\_\_\_ Signs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: \_\_\_\_\_ First time guest    \_\_\_\_\_ Returning guest    \_\_\_\_\_ New to the area

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like information on Christian Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ Children

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Ministries

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to know more about Grace

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to know more about the Episcopal Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)

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