



Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Feast: The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany
February 3, 2019 - 10:00 am

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 www.graceelkridge.org or call the office at 410-796-3270.

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn - God, You Spin the Whirling Planets - WR 24

God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
we created in your images, would a true
relection be of your justice, grace and mercy,
and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry. We respond in
grateful worship, joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious images,
focus us and make us whole,
healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.

God, your will is still creating,
calling us to life made new,
now revealed to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion,
fashion us with loving care,
thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber (1926-) MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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.*

Hymn of Praise - For Beauty of Meadows WR 28

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise you, creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace;
all nature around us in ours but on lease;
your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

WORDS: Walter H Farquharson (1936 -) MUSIC: Welsh melody

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
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 Book of Jeremiah (1:4-10).

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 71:1-6

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In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *

my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn - God of Creation, All-Powerful - WR 27

God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all,
we are your children--you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years
you are the One in whom history coheres;
nations and empires your purpose fulfill,
moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
called out your church from the ends of the earth,
still you are Savior, put darkness to flight;
overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

God of your people, your Word still stands fast;
do for us now as you've done in the past!
Yours is the kingdom--your triumph we claim,
challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.
God of our now, all our trust is in you,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer, and Lord,
now and forever your name be adored!

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915 -) MUSIC: Irish Melody; Carlton R Young (1926 -)

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:21-30).

²¹ Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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 pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Travis our Rector, and Mimi our Deacon.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

We pray for Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Guy, Katie, and Clarence our State Senators, Elijah and John our Representatives, Vanessa, Terri, Shane, Jessica, Jennifer, and Eric our State Delegates, Opel, and Elizabeth our Council Members.

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

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

The Priest says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Hymn - For The Beauty Of The Earth (Dix) - WR40

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus

Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

Verse 2

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

Verse 3

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

Verse 4

For The church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

Verse 5

For Thyself best gift divine
To our race so freely given
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven

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Presentation Song

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow,

Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Lord's Prayer

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

*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.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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.

Communion Hymn - Morning Has Broken - WR 35 & It Is Well With My Soul / When Peace Like a River WR 428

Morning Has Broken - WR 35

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springin fresh from teh word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sun lit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on teh first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) MUSIC: (Gaelic Melody; ARR. David Evans (1874 - 1948))

It Is Well With My Soul / When Peace Like a River WR 428

Verse 1

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Chorus 1

It is well with my soul

It is well
It is well with my soul

Verse 2

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

Verse 3

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

Verse 4

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

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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

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn - Majesty - WR 43

Chorus 1

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

(adapted WR 43) // CCLI Song # 1527 // Jack Hayford

Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia Alleluia: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia

Announcements

Winter is Here: Cancellation Policy for 2019

If roads are Icy and ground is Snow covered at 7am there will only be one service at 10 am at the Parish Hall. A Constant Contact will be sent out or you can contact Rev Travis Smith at TravisKerrySmith@gmail.com

Giving Statements

Thank you Keith for handing out statements. If you did not pick up your statement it was mailed this past week.

If you are interested in envelopes please contact the office or Dan Gerlowski, Treasurer. You can use the envelope as a reminder each week without having to pledge.

Grace's Outreach focus for February

We will support the Columbia Pregnancy Center in two ways:

Baby Bottle Campaign

On January 27th baby bottles will be available to fill with coins, bills, or checks. The bottles can be returned to Grace, and the church will facilitate getting the donations to the Center

Collection of Unwrapped Gifts "Baby Shower"

On February 17th, the Fellowship Time following the services will be a "baby shower". Items from the list can be brought and put in special collection baskets. Items should be unwrapped.

NEEDED ITEMS:

0-3 months boys & girls:

Onesies (particularly girls), Long-sleeved & long pants outfits, Long pants

3-6 months boys & girls:

Onesies, Fall & winter outfits, Long pants

6-9 months boys & girls:

Onesies, Fall & winter outfits, Long pants

Infant boys & girls - shoes

Infant boys & girls -socks

Baby bibs

Baby spoons

Bath towels

Receiving Blankets
Diapers – Newborn size
Baby Bottles (please NO Playtex with liners)
Baby toiletries – shampoo, lotion, nail sets, diaper cream
Infant books

These items will be taken to the Center for distribution to parents who come to the Center.

Tuesday Suppers - This week

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.

Next Supper is Jan 29 – hosted by Jared Schuster - Pizza Night
Vestry Meeting was moved to 1/29

Vestry & Supper Dates are: Jan 29, 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)

Save the Date:

Pancake Supper – March 5
Lenten Soup – Tuesdays between March 12 & April 16
Spring Tea 2019 - May 4

Fun, Families, Fellowship

Save the following dates for this year's activities for the children of Grace Church and their families. We'd love kids of all ages and their families to come for fun and conversation with other Grace Church families. If you'd like to plan one of these activities or have any other questions, please contact Michelle Matto at mgamatto@hotmail.com or 410-579-8021.

April 28, 2019, 5 PM: Dance Party/Game Night (Sunday Night)
June 2, 2019, 2 PM: Nature Hike/Picnic

VBS Summer 2019 ** NEW**

If anyone is interested in having VBS this year, can you please give Marion Hayes a call (443 618-1894) or email.(mkhayes02@gmail.com). If there is enough interest, I would like to set up a meeting to explore ideas.

Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School

Week 8: The Dreaded Discipline of Submission

This week in Sunday School we will look at the discipline of submission. This is the most exploited discipline in the church and in the world. All of us have felt at some time in our lives whether from our parents, children, family, employers, government, and yes even priests that we have been exploited. The most common reaction is to refuse submission unless there is “something in it for us” in order to at least make the exploitation mutual. And yet no change would have happened in our world if the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Old and New Testament did not submit to God’s voice in their lives. This is the struggle that we will wrestle with today as we look at the Christian discipline of submission.

Week 9: The Discipline of Service

This week Foster challenges us to think about service as not the opposite of leadership but as the leader’s emblem. In this session we will be challenged to see the hope to march up the ladder of hierarchy rather than to serve those around us. What Foster doesn’t necessarily comment on in the chapter but will be illuminated in the class session is the role of discernment in service and leadership and how the act of service is a way we can discern God’s call on our lives. I hope you will join us.

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 – 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 and choose Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge and a portion of eligible purchases will be donated back to Grace.

Pastoral Care Team -

Our next meeting is 7:30 pm on February 11th

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

Celebration of Life – next meeting May 11 at 9am

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.

Roving Radish - See you in the Spring

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 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.

YOGA and KARATE

Classes to resume in the Fall – watch for dates in January 2019

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

The thrift shop is in dire (dire-an extremely serious or urgent situation or event) need of techie help to get its FACE on THE BOOK and other social media. If technology is your ministry and you are willing to help, please call Isobel Schum at 410-747-9695.

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: Canned Soup-Condensed, Chunky, Progresso, Canned Meats-Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Salmon, Tuna, Canned Vegetables-All types EXCEPT green beans, Canned Fruit-All kinds, Canned Beans-Pinto, Garbanzo, Black, Northern, Canned Meals-Chef Boyardee, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, etc.,

Please check out their new website: 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

February: 03 – Rita Chelton, Michelle Matto, Bob Puppa,
10 – Betty McMullen, Judy Fox, Ginny Stickles, Karen Stewart
17 – Jody Nation, Elaine Puppa, Isobel Schum, Bob Puppa
24 – Ginny Stickles, Rita Chelton, Isobel Schum

"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38 NRSV

Parish Calendar Week of February 3, 2019

Monday, February 4th

Office – CLOSED

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, February 5th

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

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

1:00 pm – Invitation to Grace @ FLC (make up)

8:30 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, February 6th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, February 7th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

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

6:00 pm - Karate @ FLC (OFF for Fall/Winter)

8:00 pm – Yoga @ FLC (OFF for Fall/Winter)

Friday, February 8th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd & 4th Friday in February)

Saturday, February 9th

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

11:00 am – Private Rental @ FLC

Sunday, February 10th

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 – 4pm - Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

Prayers of the People

Feb 3 – Feb 9

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Immanuel, Glencoe; St Andrew's, Baltimore; St George's, Hampstead

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi

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.

Rest of the Soul:

Prayers of Special Intentions: Lawrence Altman, & Family, Mel Baumer, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Geri Ellen, Luke Filar, Rosemary Klochko, Henry, Vanessa Jones, Gabriel Louis, Liang Family, Charlie Milstead, Petkus-Humbert Families, Patricia Parker, Rachel, John Roycroft, Eric Scott, Joyce Shields, David Sizemore, Ray Smith, Bruce Trent, Kailyn Thompson, Nancy Williams, Family of Stephanie Williams, Cory Woodall

For the hospitalized, sick and home bound: Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Doris Clay, Eleanor Gyr, Candice Harvey, George Perry, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

Birthdays: Doris Jacober,

Anniversaries:

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

WELCOME - 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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