



Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Feast: The First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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.

A Penitential Order

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn: There is a Redeemer - WR 117

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus 1

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Hope for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

CCLI Song # 11483 // Melody Green (adapted WR 117)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

The people kneel as they are able.

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Penitential Sentence

The Presider then says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

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.

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.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Deuteronomy (26:1-11).

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an

outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

BCP p. 719

Qui habitat

- I He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn: Lead Me to Calvary - WR 253

Chorus

Lest I forget Gethsemane

Lest I forget Thine agony

Lest I forget Thy love for me

Lead me to Calvary

Verse 1

King of my life I crown Thee now

Thine shall the glory be

Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow

Lead me to Calvary

Verse 2

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid

Tenderly mourned and wept

Angels in robes of light arrayed

Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept

Verse 3

Let me like Mary through the gloom

Come with a gift to Thee

Show to me now the empty tomb

Lead me to Calvary

Verse 4

May I be willing Lord to bear

Daily my cross for Thee

Even Thy cup of grief to share

Thou hast borne all for me

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:1-13).

Glory to You Lord Christ

After his baptism ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you Lord Christ

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon - The 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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Travis our Rector, Mimi our Deacon, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Guy, Clarence, and Katie our State Senators, Elijah and John our Representatives, Jessica, Jennifer, Eric, Terri, Shane, and Vanessa our State Delegates, Opel and Elizabeth our Council Members, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city of Elkridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let

us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

A period of silence is kept.

Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

A period of silence is kept.

The Priest says

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Offertory Hymn: Take Us to the River

Verse 1

Take us to the river
Take us there in unity
To sing a song of Your salvation
To win this generation for our King
A song of Your forgiveness
For it is with grace that river flows
Take us to the river
In the city of our God

Verse 2

Take us to Your throne room
Give us ears to hear
The cry of heaven
For that cry is mercy
Mercy to the fallen sons of man
For mercy has triumphed
Triumphed over judgement by the blood
Take us to the throne room
In the city of our God

Misc 1

(Bridge)
(For) the Spirit of
The Sovereign Lord
Is upon us
This is the year of the Lord

Verse 3

And take us to the mountain
Lift us in the shadow of Your hands
Is this Your mighty angel
Who stands astride
The ocean and the land
For in His hand Your mercy
Showers on a dry and barren place
Take us to the mountain
In the city of our God

CCLI Song # 2607692 // Robin Mark

Presentation Song

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ his Son

repeat

And now let weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what The Lord has done for us

repeat

Give Thanks

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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.*

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us peace.*

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: At the Cross - WR 258 & Grace Alone - WR 436

At the Cross - WR 258

Verse 1

Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I

Chorus 1

*At the cross at the cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day*

Verse 2

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree

Verse 3

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in

When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

Verse 4

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do

(adapted to WR258 At the Cross)

CCLI Song # 29499 // Isaac Watts | Ralph E. Hudson

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Grace Alone - WR 436

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Chorus 1

*Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone*

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

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

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn: We Fall Down

Verse 1

We fall down

We lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus

The greatness of mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus

Chorus 1

And we cry holy holy holy

And we cry holy holy holy

And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

CCLI Song # 2437367

Chris Tomlin

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Welcome & 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

The Grace Episcopal Church Mutual Ministry Survey is NOW OPEN. The Vestry welcomes all parishioners to respond.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GraceSurvey2019>.

This survey is the first step in the Mutual Ministry Review process. Please review the entire survey before responding. This survey is sent to all vestry members and the rector. This is intended to be an evaluation of the ministry we do together and a resource for planning for the future. The goals of these questions are;

- To celebrate what is going well and to identify what needs attention/change,
- To give clear and reliable feedback, to speak the truth in love,
- To identify lay and priestly development needs,
- To renew/establish goals and priorities for the next review period,
- To deepen and enhance communication between the congregation, vestry, and rector for the building up of the community.

The survey will be open through the end of March.

Thank you and take care,
.../Bob Puppa, Sr. Warden

Tuesday Suppers – Soup Supper every week during lent 6pm

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: Mar 5 (Shrove Tues), Apr 23, May 28. Soup Supper Days for Lent: Mar 12,19,26, Apr 2,9, 16 (Seder – Fr. Travis)

Lenten Soup – Tuesdays between March 12 & April 16 – Weekly soups needed please see Fr. Travis to sign up.

Lenten Tuesday Soup Supper Week 1: As you know we are going to be reading together Dwight Zschiele's book *People of the Way*. This is a way of visioning together for a future that makes room for both the Holy Spirit and the changes that are happening in our society. For our first Tuesday night soup supper on 3/12 at 6 pm we will read the Introduction (pgs. 1-15) and Chapter 1: The Legacy of Establishment (pgs 17-31). Here are the questions that we will ponder together as we are reading these chapters: Where have you met God, was it in the church or elsewhere? How did you come to the Episcopal Church? What is at stake in its renewal for you personally? Do you ever feel like Martha in Luke 10, "worried and distracted by many things?" What might it mean for you personally and for your congregation communally to focus on "the one thing" that Jesus calls us to? What establishment influences and assumptions do you see shaping your congregation's life and ministry? What signs do you notice in your community of the cultural shift to a post establishment world? How does your personal story resonate with what has been discussed in this chapter? Does the loss of establishment bring a loss of something precious to you?

Save the Date:

Easter Week Service –

- 4/14 - Palm Sunday 9 am @ HSC
- 4/16 - Seder Supper 6pm @ FLC
- 4/18 – Maundy Thursday 7pm @ HSC
- 4/18 -19 – Vigil Prayer @ HSC
- 4/19 – Good Friday 12noon & 7pm @ HSC
- 4/20 – Grace Side Service 8am @ HSC
Holy Saturday Service 8pm @ HSC
- 4/21 – Easter Service 7:30 am @ HSC & 10am @ FLC

Spring Tea 2019 - May 4

Annual Spring Tea – workshop

We are planning to make fascinators for the Spring Tea on May 4. There will be a workshop on March 15th at the Peddicord's home at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to help. If you have and would like to donate items to work with, please bring them with you.

Supplies Needed are: Headbands, small stuffed birds, feathers, decorative ribbon, large Spring flowers. We would also like to borrow Children's butterfly wings and wig stands. If you have any questions, please call Judy @ 410-796-0070

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

Let's go ~To Mars & Beyond~ Launching into Service in God's Galaxy

Grace is reviving a tradition so this month is an "In-reach" focus. The generosity of Grace will benefit the children in our community. Parishioners will have an opportunity to help in a variety of ways. Volunteers are needed for before and during the 3- night session. Supplies need to be donated, and money is needed to purchase motivating materials.

Our first and most pressing need is for people who hear Jesus's words,
"Let the little children come unto me..."
and want to help make those words come to life in 2019 by
volunteering their time and talents.

Volunteering Time: Mission Team Member, Mission Team Helpers (5th Grade & UP) - Help your church & get service hours, Registration' Set - up Team, Decorating Team, Music Consultant, Technology Consultant, Snack Team, Iron Decals on T-shirts, Sewing "Sit-upons", Safety Coordinator

This month's "in reach" ministry focus is a bit different in that it is not just about money or "things". It is about time and talent to nurture the children. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this very special "in-reach".

Scheduled for June 26-28 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ FLC

If you are interested in helping VBS this year or have questions, you please give Marion Hayes a call (443 618 1894) / mkhayes02@gmail.com) OR Elaine Williams cell 240-893-1501 / dekka25@yahoo.com

Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School - new series starts March 10 -

Streams of Living Water Week 1: Have you ever asked why do I come here every week? What is the purpose of this hour on my Sunday morning? The answer is yes, because many of you have asked me this very question. One answer was the answer to Betty's question a

month ago, which is to seek first the kingdom of God; the second is to imitate Jesus in your life. Unfortunately, this means we now have another question: what does it mean to imitate Christ? In the gospels we see “Jesus living and moving among human beings, displaying perfect unity with the will of the Father. And we are taught to do the same, taking on the nature of Christlikeness – sharing Jesus’ vision, love, hope, feelings, and habits.” This is the answer Richard Foster gives in the book we are picking in Sunday School for Lent: Streams of Living Water. We will look at how six different traditions of Christianity answer this question, and how those answers intersect with one another. My hope is this that we as Grace Episcopal Church begin to be inspired and challenged in our imitation of Jesus. I hope you will accept this challenge and join me next Sunday at 9 am.

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 –next meeting 4/9 (Tuesday after Lenton Soup)

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

Loving Embraces – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us in making prayer shawls for those in need. We are looking for people willing to create knit, crochet, or even quilt prayer shawls to be donated to Grace members, St. Agnes ICU, Ronald McDonald House or anyone in need of comfort.

- If you have supplies you’d like to donate, please bring them to Grace.

- If you want to learn, please come we will be available if you have questions about your knitting or crocheting.
- We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10-11 am and on the 3rd Thursday from 7-8 pm at Grace (except March & April)
- Please drop in and join us whenever you can or questions please contact Annie Burke afb1776@gmail.com.

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.

Grace Early Learning Center

Looking for Summer Camp - Spread the word as Grace Early Learning Center is offering one this year from ages from Toddlers to Age 10. Please see Flyer on wall or back of chapel.

YOGA and KARATE

If interested, please contact Tom Harman tom.harman111@gmail.com

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.

March: 10 – Rita Chelton, Jody Nation, Ginny Stickles, Isobel Schum

 17 – Betty McMullen, Roste Gloth, Ginny Stickles, Rita Chelton

 24 – Jody Nation, Bob Puppa, Karen Stewart,

 31 – Ginny Stickles, Michelle Matto, Isobel Schum, Ginny Stickles

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

NRSV

Parish Calendar Week of March 10, 2019

Monday, March 11th

Office – CLOSED

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

7:30 pm – Pack 432 Committee Meeting @ FLC conf rm 1

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, March 12th

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

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

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Suppers

8:30 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, March 13th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, March 14th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

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

4:00 pm – GECC Parent Appreciation Dinner

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

7:00 pm Loving Embraces @ FLC conf rm 1

8:00 pm – Yoga @ FLC (OFF for Winter)

Friday, March 15th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd & 5th Friday in March)

Saturday, March 16th

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

Sunday, March 17th

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

Parish Prayers of Intercession

Mar 10 – Mar 16

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace, New Market; St James', Mt Airy; St Paul's, Point of Rocks

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

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: Michael Charles

Prayers of Special Intentions: Lawrence Altman, & Family, Mel Baumer, Blount & Family, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Chris & Beth Eble, Geri Ellen, Rosemary Klochko, Henry, Linda Jordan, Vanessa Jones, Gabriel Louis, McBride & Family, Murphy, Patricia Parker, Rachel, Dan Rice, John Roycroft, Eric Scott, Joyce Shields, Ken & Amy Shotting, Bruce Trent, Kailyn Thompson, Nancy Williams, Cory Woodall, Tessa & Family, Pam & Family

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

Birthdays:

Anniversaries: Leonard Becker & Amy Cameron,

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

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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