



Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Easter Day April 21, 2019 - 10:15 am

*Old men ought to be explorers
Here and there does not matter
We must be still and still moving
Into another intensity
For a further union, a deeper communion
Through the dark cold and empty desolation,
The wave cry, the wind cry, the vast waters
Of the petrel and the porpoise. In my end is my beginning.*

TS Elliott

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 or call the office at 410—796-3270.

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Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today - They Hymnal 1982 p.207

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

WORDS: Latin, 14th Cent.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Opening Acclamation

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| Celebrant | Alleluia. Christ is risen. |
| People | <i>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</i> |
| Celebrant | There is one Body and one Spirit; |
| People | <i>There is one hope in God's call to us;</i> |
| Celebrant | One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; |
| People | <i>One God and Father of all.</i> |

Collect of the Day

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| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| People | <i>And also with you.</i> |
| Celebrant | Let us pray. |

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; 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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Isaiah (65:17-25).

¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

A period of silence is kept.

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn: Alleluia Sing to Jesus - WR 320

Verse 1

Alleluia sing to Jesus!
His the scepter His the throne
Alleluia his the triumph
His the victory alone

Hark the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed by His blood.

Verse 2

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now
Alleluia he is near us
Faith believes nor questions how
Though the clouds from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His promise
'I am with you evermore'

Verse 3

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest
here on earth our help our stay
Alleluia here the sinful
cry to you from day to day
Intercessor Friend of sinners
Earth's Redeemer hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea

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The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18).

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried

him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon - Rev. Travis K. Smith

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

Sponsor I present Riley Grace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Sponsor I present Shannon Lee to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Celebrant asks the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *People* We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *this person* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open *them* heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his

fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Baptism

Riley Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Shannon Lee, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Riley Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

Shannon Lee, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Presentation of the Candle

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized

Celebrant and People *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

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.

A period of silence is kept.

The Holy Communion

A period of silence is kept.

The Priest says

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

Offertory Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name - WR 106

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In

him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Communion Hymn: In the Garden - WR 300 & Christ Arose! - WR 294

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 has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *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: Christ is Alive! - WR 312

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Announcements and Calendar

Just for You: Care Note Booklets are available!

The Care Notes cover a variety of topics to assist people when they are struggling with different aspects of their lives. They provide Hope, Help and Healing with the information about how you might deal with different topics like bullying, illness, hospice, death, marriage, just to name a few. and they cover all ages- Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors. They are near the front door of the FLC on the bookcase. Help yourself- they are for you and they are free compliments of the Pastoral Care Ministry committee.

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: Apr 23, May 28.

Spring Tea 2019 - May 4 @ 2pm

If you are able to help please log into sign up genius.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4CA5AE2FA31-grace>

Tickets are \$25.00.

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

Ladies Night (Day) Out

Ladies will meet the last Sunday in April - 12 noon @ Bob Evans 8325 Benson Drive, ELKRIDGE.

Please let Jody Nation know if you can join us. (410)207-9870.

VBS Summer 2019 -- Time Change 5:30 to 7pm

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 7:00pm @ 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

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.

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 Learning Center

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

10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel

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

April: 21 – Betty McMullen, Rita Chelton, Ginny Stickles, Isobel Schum

28 – Jody Nation, Keith Cameron, Karen Stewart, Rita Chelton

May: 05 – Ginny Stickles, Jody Nation, Bob Puppa Ginny Stickles

12 – Betty McMullen, Rose Gloth, Ginny Stickles, Rita Chelton

19 – Jody Nation, Bob Puppa, Isobel Schum,

26 – Ginny Stickles, Michelle Matto, Rita Chelton, Karen Stewart

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

Parish Calendar Week of April 21, 2019

Monday, April 22nd

Office – CLOSED

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

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, April 23rd

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

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

6:00 pm – Tuesday Supper

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, April 24th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, April 25th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

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

Friday, April 26th

Hall CLOSED at 3pm for cleaing

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd & 3rd Friday in April)

Saturday, April 27th

Hall CLOSED for cleaning

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

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 am – Holy Eucharist @ HSC

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

10:00 am - Family Service @ FLC

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

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Team –next meeting 6/10

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.

Parish Prayers of Intercession

Apr 21 – Apr 27

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Christopher's, Linthicum Heights; St John's, Ellicott City; St Mark's, Highland

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One

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:

Prayers of Special Intentions: Lawrence Altman, Cooper Altman & Family, Mel Baumer, Blount & Family, Ann Burt, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Chris & Beth Eble, Geri Ellen, Rosemary Klochko, Kyle Kratz, Henry, Linda Jordan, Katie Lingg, Gabriel Louis, McBride & Family, Murphy, Kathryn Newman, Patricia Parker, Rachel, Dan Rice, John Roycroft, Eric Scott, Joyce Shields, Ken & Amy Shotting, Bruce Trent, Kailyn Thompson, Constance Wolfe, Cory Woodall, Tessa & Family, Pam & Family

For the hospitalized, sick and home bound: Rev. Lloyd Aiken, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Jon Bullock, Doris Clay, Barb **Durham**, Eleanor Gyr, Candice Harvey, George Perry, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

Birthdays: Bruce Harman, Karin Greene

Anniversaries:

* 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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