



Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Feast: The Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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 - Come Away from Rush and Hurry WR 655

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release,
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing in to service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens - life's confusions, fears and pain
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

WORDS: Marva J Dawn (1948-) MUSIC: Attr BFWWhite (1800-1879)

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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Genesis (15:1-12,17-18).

¹The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,"

Lector

The Word of the Lord
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light

Refrain:

*The Lord is my light and my salvation,
Of whom shall I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?*

The Lord is my light and my help;
Whom should I fear?
The Lord is the strong-hold of my life;
Before whom should I shrink?

Refrain

There is one thing I ask of the Lord;
For this I long:
To live in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life

Refrain

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living
Hope in God and take heart
Hope in the Lord

Refrain

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn: Sanctuary WR 482

Chorus 1
Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true

With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

CCLI Song # 24140 // John W. Thompson | Randy Scruggs

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:31-35).

Glory to You Lord Christ

³¹ Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Travis our Rector, Mimi our Deacon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We remember today Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Katie, Guy, and Clarence our State Senators, Elijah and John our Representatives, Opel and Elizabeth our Council Members.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

A period of silence is kept.

Collect

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Welcome & Announcements

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: Let there be Praise

Let His love fill the air
Let His love fill the air and let there be praise!

Let there be praise
Let there be joy in our hearts
Sing to the Lord
Give Him the glory

Let there be praise
Let there be joy in our hearts
Forevermore, let His love fill the air
And let there be praise

He inhabits the praise of His people
And dwells deep within
The peace that He gives none can equal
His love, it knows no end

So lift your voices
With gladness sing
Proclaim through all the earth
That Jesus Christ is King

Let there be praise
Let there be joy in our hearts
Sing to the Lord
Give Him the glory

Let there be praise
Let there be joy in our hearts
Forevermore, let His love fill the air
And let there be praise

When the Spirit of God is within us
We will overcome
In our weakness His strength will defend us
When His praise is on our tongue

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Let there be joy in our hearts
Sing to the Lord
Give Him the glory

Let there be praise
Let there be joy in our hearts
Forevermore, let His love fill the air
And let there be praise
Let His love fill the air
And let there be praise
Let there be praise!

Words and Music by Dick and Melody Tunney

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 Hymns: One Bread One Body WR 689 & Father We Adore You WR143

One Bread One body (WR 689)

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

*one cup of blessings which we bless.
And we, though many through-out the earth,
we are one body in this on Lord.*

1. Gentil or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, nomore.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
on in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, all.

WORDS: John B Foley (1939 -); Music: John B. Foley (1939-); Gary Alan Smith (1947-)

Father I Adore You WR 143

Verse 1

Father I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Verse 2

Jesus I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Verse 3

Spirit I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

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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

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: Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days Vs 1,3,5 WR252

Verse 1

Lord who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins
And close by you to stay

Verse 3

As Thou did hunger and did thirst
So teach us gracious Lord
To die to self and so to live
By Thy most holy word

Verse 5

Abide with us that so this life
Of doubts and hope and pain,
An Easter of unending joy
We may at last attain

CCLI Song # 2312509 (adapted WR252)

Annabel Morris Buchanan | Charles H. Webb | Claudia Frances Ibotson Hernaman

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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: Apr 23, May 28.

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

Soup Supper Session Two: Last Tuesday we tackled some important questions about the establishment and in the midst of that conversation also recognized many of the places where we meet God. We struggled with the crumbling of the old normal way of life, and the

way that the world is changing. This week is all about the apostolic call that comes with our Christianity – that call to go into the world and make disciples – and connect it with the call to communion. So here are the questions for this week: Think about people you know who don't participate in church or in any faith community. Why do you think they don't? What can the church learn from them? What might those people be missing? How might you communicate that to them or provide them a taste of it? How might the church offer a different sense of belonging, meaning purpose, and security than the dominant culture in America? What does the Eucharist mean to you? When have you experienced the creation or restoration of community? How do you imagine God might have been at work there? What signs do you notice of God circulating around your neighborhood? How might God be present? What might God be up to? These are the questions that complete chapters two and three in the book we are studying together for Lent: People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity by Dwight Zschiele. You didn't have to go last week to join us this week. All are welcome.

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

Streams of Living Water: Chapter Two: The Contemplative Stream

It is the prayer filled life to which the contemplative tradition of the Christian faith invites us. It is in every denomination and within our own tradition we have monastics living out the prayer filled life both within the walls of a monastery, and in the world around them. This week the class will provide a historical and a biblical paradigm for understanding this tradition. We will find resources on how to invite silence into our own worship here at Grace, and into our personal devotional life with the LORD. Next week we will look at some of the contemporary contemplative practitioners while at the same time recognizing the

pitfalls of the contemplative stream. I believe most of you sitting here will find this stream the most complicated and the most rewarding of all the traditions that we will practice over the next several weeks. I look forward to being with you for 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.

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: 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 17, 2019

Monday, March 18th

Office – CLOSED

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

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, March 19th

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

6:00 pm – GECC Advisory Meeting @ FLC conf rm 1

8:30 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, March 20th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, March 21st

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:00 am – 7:00 am – Yale Revival @ FLC

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

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

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Yale Revival @ FLC

8:00 pm – Yoga @ FLC (OFF for Winter)

Friday, March 22nd

Office Hours CLOSED

6:00 am – 7:00 am – Private Rental -Yale Revival @ FLC

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

6:00 pm – Pack 432 Meeting

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

Saturday, March 23rd

6:00 am – 7:00 am – Private Rental - Yale Revival @ FLC

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

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Private Rental - Yale Revival @ FLC

Sunday, March 24th

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

Parish Prayers of Intercession

Mar 17 - 23

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Ascension, Scarboro; Christ Church, Rock Spring; Emmanuel, Bel Air

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

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: Michael Charles, Bill Schuler, Vanessa Jones

Prayers of Special Intentions: Lawrence Altman, & Family, Mel Baumer, Blount & Family, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Chris & Beth Eble, Geri Ellen, Rosemary Klocho, Kyle Kratz, 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, George Perry, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

Birthdays: Sam Skaanland-Smith, Zach Nation,

Anniversaries: Peter & Lynda Maymon,

* 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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