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Ash Wednesday Services at Grace

7 a.m. Ashes & Holy Communion

7:30 a.m. Ashes to Go at the Haddonfield PATCO

Noon Ashes & Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Ashes & Holy Communion



4th Annual Good Libations
"A Toast to our 175th Anniversary"
Saturday, March 25th at 6:30 pm.
Grace Performance Hall
(must be 21 years of age or older)

**Wine and Beer
Tasting
with
Appetizers
and Desserts**



**Basket
Auction
and
50/50
Raffle**



\$25.00 per person or 4 for \$80.00



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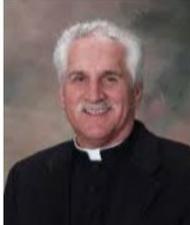
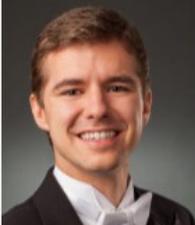


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From the Rector



Dear Friends in Christ:

This past month has seen us bury a number of members and friends of Grace Church. The reality of death strikes us in the face in a very personal way. I have been making multiple trips to local hospitals as some of our best members have been stricken with serious and critical health issues. It has come to my attention that we should talk about death, and what we can do when a family member or friend is hospitalized.

First, if someone is hospitalized in ICU or CCU, the first thing we can do is pray for the sick. Respect the needs of the family during this time. Unless you are a close personal friend, please refrain from visiting. It would even be best to ask the family member about visiting. Most hospitals limit visitations of this kind to only a few family members. Understand that the hospital is trying to address the emergency and immediate needs of people in their care.

Next, please make sure that the Church Office and I are informed of the member's hospitalization. I will visit as soon as I know someone is admitted. If someone is scheduled for surgery, please let us know. We will include these people in our prayers both privately and in Church services. If you have a friend who is not a member, please let their Church know. Please don't assume that someone else has called. I would rather have 12 people telling me instead of no one letting us know!

Next, please respect the privacy of the hospitalized person. I will not share what a hospitalized person is experiencing, especially without the permission of the family. Too often people quiz me for details. I will not, and I ask the staff and Vestry to refrain from sharing details of the member patient's health issues. I recently had the experience of asking for prayers for someone and then hearing people asking me if the person had another unrelated health issue. We must maintain confidentiality.

I do not recommend visiting a friend until they are out of ICU or CCU. These times are for intensive treatment of people. They often are sedated, heavily medicated or on life saving machines. Again, check with the family, and if you do visit, make it short. I do encourage people to be in touch with the family of the sick person. Remember they are often deeply concerned or feeling overwhelmed. Cards, texts, phone calls, or visits may lift their spirits. Don't feel bad if they don't get back to you.

Sometimes I have people ask, "What do I say?" Words often fail at a time like this. Stop talking and listen. Be a presence with the sick person or family member. Simply being there is more powerful than you could ever imagine. Words sometimes get in the way! Sitting with a person, holding their hand, giving them a hug ... respectful human touch is often the best way to be with another.

With the sick person, when I visit, I touch their shoulder or stroke their head. When I pray with them, I ask the patient, or if they aren't awake ... the family, "What do you want to pray for?" Respect their request and offer that prayer. Pray with the other family members. Prayer is a powerful practice, and we Christians believe it connects us with God in a special way. Always

offer to pray. Don't worry about the words. Just pray.

When a friend is out of ICU or CCU, make a visit. Flowers, cards and visits can help cheer the person. Make visits short, as the patients still need their rest. Longer visits can come when they are home. Wait until the patient is home to offer to bring food. Always ask the family if they would like food and what kind! We are usually very good about dropping off food, usually too much! Find out the patient and family's special food and make it a treat for them! It's a wonderful way to show our love and concern for family and friends.

When a person dies, I also get asked "What can I do?" I have found most people are showered with attention for a week or two, and then everything drops completely off. Tell people to call you if they need someone to talk with about the loss. Make plans to take the person out to lunch or dinner 3 months, 6 months and a year later. Our culture too often doesn't recognize that grieving takes more than a month. It takes years, even a lifetime, to integrate the loss of a loved one into our lives. Again, listen more than talk. Let the grieving person share what they are going through at the moment.

Life is precious and fragile. We can never show enough love to those closest to us. Death is a reality all of us have to face. Along the way, our faith and how we deal with each other can make a difference. Lent reminds us that God knows what we are going through. Jesus was a human like us, who wept, grieved, hurt, felt pain, suffered and died. I believe God grieves right along with us at these most difficult times.

Remember to pray. Remember to show care and compassion. Remember to love. Remember to have faith. These are the things that can help us through these most difficult times. Remember that God is always with us, and most especially in these times.

With warmest regards, I remain, faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

Creation and Doubt



King David in Psalm 8 proclaims ...when I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers...the moon, the stars...what are human beings that you should be mindful of us? In all of creation, why would you care about us? Doubt is the constant partner of faith.

Consider what we know today; there are trillions of galaxies with billions of suns just like our own in each one. We look out into the heavens and ask the same questions today? Who am I Lord that you should be mindful of me...look at how very, very, very small I am!

We all doubt God at some time in our lives; and for many today we doubt God even exists. Yet these questions are not new. In centuries past all people believed in God but secretly doubted God existed in their lives. Many of these doubts can be seen in the different ways of viewing God. Is God a clever figment of our imagination – Atheism. In fact, the first Christians were actually called Atheists because they worshiped a God with no physical form (a temple or an idol). Then as the Christian Church formed, many doubted that God really cared...the Gnostics. And if God does care, then does God actually love me or is he some distant master designer – Deism, etc, etc. People have always wrestled with our concept of the Divine. And today more and more people proclaim to be Atheist but then secretly doubt and wish there was something more to life beyond their small existence.

In all of human history, we have wrestled with this idea of the Divine. The word Israel itself actually means to struggle or wrestle with! For Christians, God came near and put a face and name on God -self in the form of Jesus. Jesus became God incarnate; God took on flesh and blood to show us a glimpse of the Divine among us. Imagine a God living in relationship with us the way Jesus taught us.

During our pilgrimages to Israel, in my adult formation seminars, in visiting the sick; people ask me questions of faith and belief all the time. I have changed my own perspective in how I come to answer these questions. In the past, I would give answers that were given to me through my own Christian formation. But I saw that answering questions of doctrine really didn't change anything. Did it matter whether Mary was a Virgin, did it even really matter if Jesus was God or Man? These are all questions I cannot empirically prove. My studies give me no answers as to the existence OR nonexistence of God! Yet in connecting with people on their journey, one thing became clear. The experience of God was really all that mattered. The connection and relationship with one another, the intimacy shared on a pilgrimage, the intimacy shared in deep conversation about one's own story and witness to something more in our lives, the intimacy shared with the sick and dying. That is what mattered! Dogma never changes a thing; in fact, matters of doctrine tend to separate and divide us. Questions like whether Adam and Eve were people or symbol - these things do not change the way you live in relationship with God and one another.

Jesus never addresses these kinds of questions. Jesus always focuses on where a person's heart is, and He enters into that space. Jesus enters into a person's story in an intimate way.

I have experienced God intimately in many ways during my life. But many people have not experienced God for themselves. Experience always trumps belief! And I have often found that God was indeed present for many folks; but they were unaware or unfocused – unable to see God right there with them, as if they were alone.

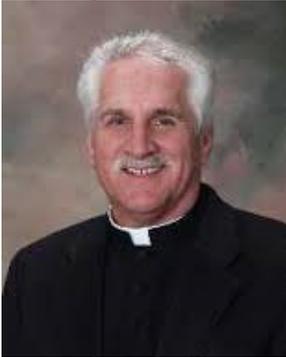
All of the cosmos is lived in relationship. Inside each of us are billions of atoms in constant motion, mirroring the immensity of the cosmos itself. Who am I Lord that you should be mindful of me? When I come home and ask my seven-year-old child how his day was and what he did, I really know the answers before he speaks. Why do I ask? Because he is my child, a creation I helped birth into the world. I am mindful of every nuance of his being. That's why!

And we are all children of the cosmos, living spirits in relationship with self and all of creation. We call this - God! When I consider the heavens, an atom, or my child, the doubt in me fades – perspective! WOW! How great thou art! I wonder what the quality of our lives would be if we focused upon living in harmony with God and one another the way that Jesus taught us? So many of us want answers. So many of us want to change the world. Let's just begin by being present to our own lives and to the people in them. Then we will experience the living God come near! Because in the end, that's all that really matters.

Your faithful servant,

carmen

Living our Christianity



A friend of mine sent me a quote, which I looked up to confirm, and I wanted to share it with you. If you have not been introduced to Chesterton, take a few minutes and Google him. His life was truly amazing and his writings were so impressive that even though he died in 1936, you would think he was still writing today.

But – who is this guy? Let me introduce you....

“Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) cannot be summed up in one sentence. Nor in one paragraph. In fact, in spite of the five biographies that have been written of him, he has never been captured between the covers of one book. But rather than waiting to separate the goats from the sheep, let’s just come right out and say it: G.K. Chesterton was the best writer of the 20th century. He said something about everything, and he said it better than anybody else. But he was no mere wordsmith. He was very good at expressing himself, but more importantly, he had something very good to express. He was the greatest writer of the 20th century because he was also the greatest thinker of the 20th century.

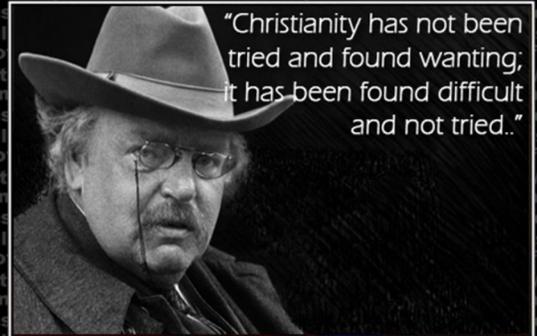
Born in London, G.K. Chesterton was educated at St. Paul’s, but never went to college. He went to art school. In 1900, he was asked to contribute a few magazine articles on art criticism and went on to become one of the most prolific writers of all time. He wrote a hundred books, contributions to 200 more, hundreds of poems, including the epic “Ballad of the White Horse,” five plays, five novels, and some two hundred short stories, including a popular series featuring the priest-detective, Father Brown. In spite of his literary accomplishments, he considered himself primarily a journalist. He wrote over 4000 newspaper essays, including 30 years’ worth of weekly columns for the *Illustrated London News*, and 13 years of weekly columns for the *Daily News*. He also edited his own newspaper, *G.K.’s Weekly*. (To put it into perspective, four thousand essays is the equivalent of writing an essay a day, every day, for 11 years. If you’re not impressed, try it sometime. But they have to be good essays – all of them – as funny as they are serious, and as readable and rewarding a century after you’ve written them.)

“Chesterton was equally at ease with literary and social criticism, history, politics, economics, philosophy, and theology. His style is unmistakable, always marked by humility, consistency, paradox, wit, and wonder. His writing remains as timely and as timeless today as when it first appeared, even though much of it was published in throw away papers.” (Dale Ahlquist, American Chesterton Society). You get the idea – Chesterton was very special.

From my first year in college, I read everything by CS Lewis and still have a morning quote come up on my computer every day from him. But when you look at the life of Lewis, you find that it was the book, *The Everlasting Man*, written by GK Chesterton, that shook up a young atheist (Lewis) and caused him to begin his search for God.

How are we doing with “trying” to live out our “Christianity”? What road blocks have we encountered this week that kept us from being the hands, feet, and love of Christ to someone that God has placed in our way? One of the strengths of Grace church, and there are many, would be the availability of opportunities to serve Christ in the community – both inside and outside our walls.

Great Quotes From Great People



G.K. Chesterton

<http://Quotefulness.com>

Often, we can follow the lead of our teens as they “get involved” and actually want to help. We have big programs, small ones, powerful ones, loud ones and yes – some that are barely visible. ALL of them give us an opportunity to **practice our faith**.

Look up all the opportunities in this week’s Service Leaflet. Start with prayer and then a conversation with just one other Grace member. Talk about where you can get involved with an opportunity that already exists or something new!

Grow your faith by living it... because, as Chesterton once said.....
“Do not look at the faces in the illustrated papers. Look at the faces in the street.” – ILN, 11/16/07

Deacon Carl

Staff Changes

Deacon Carl Dunn will be leaving us after Easter to serve at Good Shepherd Church in Pitman. He has been a wonderful addition to our Church and we appreciate his being with us. We will have a special coffee hour on Sunday, March 26th to thank Carl for being part of us. He will still continue to work with the Camden Christmas project. Deacon Jim Gowland has joined us on Saturday evenings. He currently works with Samaritan Hospice in Voorhees, and therefore will be mainly at Grace Church for the Saturday evening services. Since his duties at Samaritan Hospice will limit his Sunday attendance. We welcome Jim and look forward to getting to know him. We will have more on him in next month’s newsletter.



Ash Wednesday - March 1



7:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
 7:30 a.m. Ashes to Go at the Haddonfield PATCO
 Noon - Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty days of Lent. Christians have been preparing for the celebration of Easter by walking through a "Holy Lent" since ancient times. This is patterned after Jesus temptation in the wilderness. Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and self-reflection. Of course, all of this happens with the sure knowledge of God's love and grace to us through Christ.

Lent and Ash Wednesday are in no way about *condemnation*. They are a time in which human beings, given a pronouncement of forgiveness and absolution through Christ, can be honest with God, with themselves, and with each other. With the terror of judgement removed, we can speak truth. Ash Wednesday is the day in which Christians gather to receive the imposition of ashes.

Ashes on the head have signified repentance from biblical times. Job said, "I repent in dust and ashes." Ashes also represent mourning, as Tamar in the Old Testament used them to mourn her abuse which was not in any way her fault, but which devastated her. Ashes are the result of burning. This burning in our lives is from our own sins and follies and from the abuse of others. Ashes represent both. They remind us that we are living in this mortal world, this fallen world, and that we are made from dust, when all else is burned away. We are mortal and will return to our maker.

Christians believe, rightly, that God is good and that he loves us. We believe that through Christ we can be forgiven and "boldly go before the throne of grace." We know that even though we don't understand exactly how God will make the wrongs of the world right, he will. And yet we live in a time in which all of those promises are not yet fulfilled. We feel the pain of sin and brokenness. Ash Wednesday and Lent remind us that we still live in this fallen world, and that we are a part of that fallenness. No one is free of sin. It gives us permission, in fact it calls us, to acknowledge the reality we see within ourselves and around us.

Goebel, Greg. "Ash Wednesday." *Anglican Pastor*. N.p., 24 Mar. 2016. Web. 09 Feb. 2017.

Parish House Holy Communion



March 5th at 9:30 a.m. will be our first Parish House Holy Communion service in Lent this year. The service takes place in the Grace Performance Hall on the second floor of the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend and participate in the service. The service is less formal and is designed especially to encourage children and families.

After the service we will celebrate March birthdays with cake and ice cream in the second floor open space.

Haddonfield Council of Churches Choir & Hymn Fest

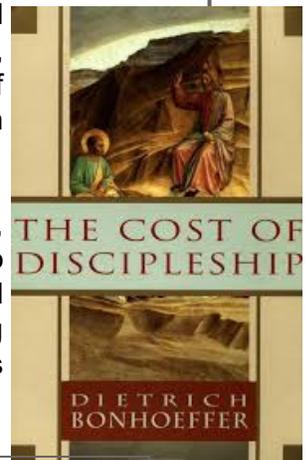
This will take place on Sunday, March 19, 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield, 20 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Come and enjoy an afternoon of song, featuring the inspirational choirs of Grace Church in Haddonfield, First Baptist Church in Haddonfield, First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield, Haddonfield United Methodist Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church. Both adult and youth choirs will participate in the program. There will also be a free will donation to benefit Feed My Starving Children.



Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Series

Beginning Tuesday, March 7, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will hold its annual Lenten series at Grace Episcopal Church. The service begins at noon with a hymn, followed by a prayer, reading of a Holy Scripture and preaching by one of Haddonfield's clergy. The service will be followed by a soup lunch in the Grace Church Parish Hall.

This year's preaching topics will be reflections on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic book, "The Cost of Discipleship." Bonhoeffer uses the Sermon on the Mount as a text to challenge us to think about what it means to be a Christian, a disciple, and the ethical demands of being a follower of Jesus Christ. His book was written in the 1930's during the rise of the Nazi movement in Germany. It has a timeless quality and will provide us with deep reflection on what it means to be a Christian in our world today.



Date	Topic	Scripture	Preacher
March 7	Grace & Discipleship	Matthew 4:12-22	Bill Getman, First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield
March 14	Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 5:1-12	Patrick Close Grace Church in Haddonfield
March 21	The Hidden Character of the Christian Life	Matthew 6:1-18	Wayne Zschech Our Savior Lutheran Church
March 28	The Separation of the Disciple Community	Matthew 7:1-12	Chris Heckert Haddonfield United Methodist Church
April 4	The Messengers	Matthew 9:35-38	Michael Feicht First Baptist Church in Haddonfield
April 11	The Church of Jesus Christ & the Life of Discipleship		Anthony Talton Mount Olivet Baptist Church

Camden Convocation of Churches Lenten Series



Beginning Wednesday, March 8, the Camden Convocation of Churches will hold a Lenten series "Speaking Our Faith." The series will take place at a different participating church each Wednesday at noon and 6:30 p.m. There will be a brief service, followed by soup and bread and a guided discussion.

"Speaking our Faith" is a five-session video-based class designed to get participants talking to one another about faith. Some are afraid; some are uncomfortable; and some are not sure what it is we really believe. But our Baptismal Covenant says we are to "proclaim by word and by example the Good News of God in Christ." Speaking Our Faith can help us to figure out what words will work for each of us as we share our stories.

Date	Location	Topic	Service
March 8	Grace Church In Haddonfield	Why is it hard to talk about Faith?	Eucharist Rite I
March 15	St. Bartholomew's Cherry Hill	How do you know what you know?	Stations of the Cross
March 22	St. John's Maple Shade	Who is the God that you know?	Evening Prayer Rite II
March 29	Holy Trinity, Collingswood	Faith in Action	Eucharist Rite II
April 5	Grace Church, Merchantville	This I believe	Evening Prayer Rite I

Life Events

We celebrated these newlyweds in February

♥ Gabrielle Doyon & Thomas Connolly - 2/25/2016

We commend to God's eternal care: (service dates)

✠ Theodore Churchill Widener Strom - 2/15/2017

✠ Marie T. Finley - 2/16/2017

✠ Robert G. Zoll - 2/23/2017

I Love Lent

Dear friends,

I love Lent. The attitude of fasting, prayer, and penitence all seem to resonate with the quieter, introspective parts of my personality. Moreover, with every passing year, I become more aware of the deep spiritual rewards of taking some time to “fast in the desert” alongside Jesus. I recently happened upon a correlation between Lent and my life as a musician, which helps to illustrate the nature of the season for me.

It started at a recent piano lesson, where my student Eva and I were having an exchange about practice methods. She was working on a tricky passage of fast sixteenth notes and had difficulty connecting them together into one smooth run. To explain techniques for how to practice this, I brought out an example, a piece of organ music I was working on at the time for Transfiguration Sunday (Feb. 26), wherein my right hand played a long uninterrupted stream of very fast notes from beginning to end.

As I showed Eva how I slowly took apart, examined, and pieced back together these hundreds of notes, one section at a time, she started to grasp how many hours of painstaking work must go into merely three to four minutes of music. She said, “That must not be fun at all!” I replied, “On the contrary! These hours are some of the best times of my day.” “Why is that?” she asked. I thought for a while, then replied, “Because the music makes it worthwhile.”

A truly great piece of music brings joy to even the most deliberate slog through its technical challenges. The music itself is worth it. Many young students have difficulty with this concept because they haven’t yet had an opportunity to fully know or experience the aesthetic and emotional profits of performing great art. Thus, all they can see is the slow slog of practice.

My attitude towards Lent is informed by my understanding of the rewards of deliberate practice. To a person who hasn’t yet known its spiritual benefits, Lent sounds like no fun at all. But just as I gladly spent “forty days in the desert” with the impossibly dense notes of the Transfiguration organ piece, I will gladly spend forty days striving to make room for God by better acknowledging my frail, broken humanity. And, just as every musician has their own set of practice tricks and methods that work for them, every person will find their own way of living into Lent, whether it’s by meditation, fasting, prayer, abstinence, or spending more time studying scripture.

One of Fr. Pat’s catchphrases for this season is, “You have to go through Good Friday to get to Easter.” I hope we all have the courage to risk some of our immediate comfort in order to spend some time alongside Christ on his journey to the cross.

Peace,

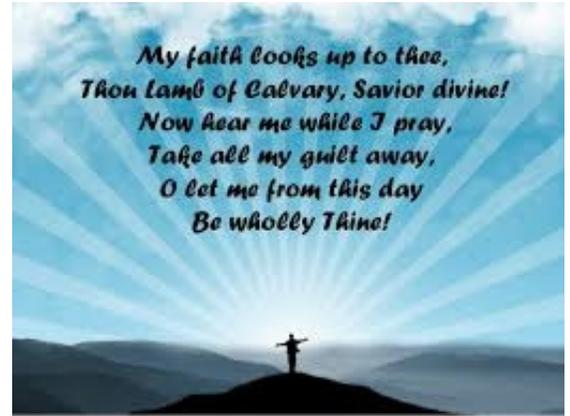
Max



Hymn of the Month -

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
Text by Ray Palmer (1808-1887)
Music (*Olivet*) by Lowell Mason
#691 in the *Hymnal* 1982

*“My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior Divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.”*



Ray Palmer (b. Little Compton, RI, 1808; d. Newark, NJ, 1887) wrote these words while employed as a teacher at a private girls' school in New York. He had experienced a difficult year of illness and loneliness and was inspired to write this verse one night after meditating on a German poem that depicted a sinner kneeling before the cross of Christ. He later stated, "The words for these stanzas were born out of my own soul with very little effort. I recall that I wrote the verses with tender emotion. When writing the last line, "O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!" the thought that the whole work of redemption and salvation was involved in those words. brought me to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears."

Palmer jotted the text into a notebook, which he shared two years later while visiting with the composer Lowell Mason in Boston. Mason's prophecy that Palmer "will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee' " has certainly come true. A hymn of prayer, this song asks for forgiveness (st. 1), for purity of love (st. 2), and for divine guidance (st. 3). Stanzas 1 and 2 are popularly judged the best and the most useful. The gloom of stanza 3 is similar to some Old Testament laments.

Palmer is often considered to be one of America's best nineteenth-century hymn writers. After completing grammar school, he worked in a Boston dry goods store, but a religious awakening prodded him to study for the ministry. He attended Yale College (supporting himself by teaching) and was ordained in 1835. A pastor in Congregational churches in Bath, Maine (1835-1850), and Albany, New York (1850-1865), he also served as secretary of the American Congregational Union (1865-1878). Palmer was a popular preacher and author, writing original poetry as well as translating hymns. – *Psalter Hymnal Handbook*

I love the way this hymn simply and concisely sums up our constant call to confess our sinfulness, and the assurance of God's forgiveness. These themes of confession and devotion are central to the season of Lent. This hymn will be sung on March 12 and 19 at the 9:30am service, and on March 5 at the 8:00am service.

Max

Opportunities in the Music Ministry

If you are interested in the music ministry or have any questions, please contact Maximillian Esmus by email, musicdept@gracehaddon.org or phone, 570.637.2566.

Instrumentalists

We are always seeking instrumentalists and soloists to increase the breadth of our worship through music.

Adult Choir

Rehearses Thursday nights 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Grace Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion from September through June. New members are always welcomed. No previous choral experience is needed. The choir sings a mix of traditional choral music, spirituals, gospel songs and contemporary selections.



Teen Choir, grades 6 - 12

Rehearses Sundays 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

The teen choir sings sacred music of all genres, working on advanced choral skills including harmony, music reading and stylistic expression. The teens serve as role models and group leaders for the St. Michael's Singers.

St. Michael's Singers, grades 1 - 5

Rehearses Sundays 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The children and youth choir program at Grace Church is dedicated to nurturing the social, emotional, and spiritual development of young people through singing in community. We have lots of fun! New members are always invited to sit in for a rehearsal.

Assistant Organist of the Day

Have you ever wondered how the pipe organ really works?

What exactly does one do with all those fancy buttons and switches?

Want a closer look at the organist's fancy footwork?

Sign-up to be an "Assistant Organist of the Day!" This is an opportunity for anyone who attends Grace Church to sit at the organ console with the organist during a service. There are also opportunities to help by pushing the buttons, turning pages and even playing a few notes. No preparation is required. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.



Assistant Organist, Gavin Korejko and Maximillian Esmus

Church School News



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Many families pass on to their children the tradition of giving something up for Lent. During Church School snack, I have already heard, "I am giving up chocolate for Lent, what are you giving up?" Lent is a reflective time for Christians, the purpose of giving something up is to use that opportunity to focus on our relationship with God.

For the past few year at Grace, we have encouraged members to take something up for Lent; help with an outreach project, volunteer to pack food for Feed My Starving Children, begin a new spiritual practice or routine of prayer, reading scripture, or meditation. This year, we will also ask Church School Families to complete a quarter collection folder to go to Feed My Starving Children. The folders will be given out on Sunday, March 5 and we will collect them during the Palm Sunday brunches on April 9.

Lenten practices are about reflecting on what we do, how we do it, and why. As Christians we are told, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," (Matthew 22:37) and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39). When you are doing things this Lent, take time to reflect about God's love.

With Grace,

Betsy Murphy

March in Brief

Sunday. March	Theme	Readings
5	Be Ready!	Matthew 24 –25
12	Jesus Calls	Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 9:9-13, Matthew 10:1-4, Matthew 10:5-15
19	From the Garden to the Cross	Matthew 26:36-27:66
26	Jesus Enters Jerusalem	Matthew 21

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing "Holy Week and Easter." Second year students should invite their mentors to attend the class session and dinner 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Snack and dinner will be provided by the Soumilas family.



Confirmation Class

Members of the Confirmation class should continue to work on their service hours. Upcoming opportunities include: Kids Ally Café, the 30 Hour Famine and Feed My Starving Children.

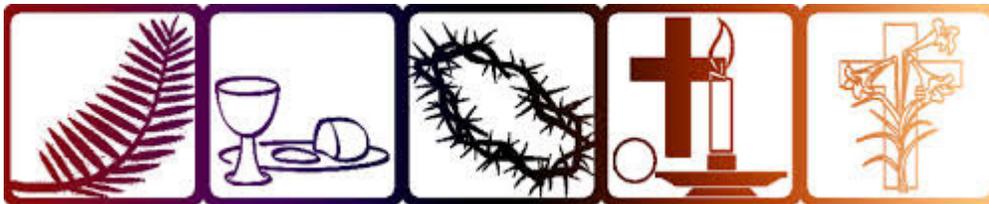
Communion Class

Although many of the children at Grace Church receive Communion before these classes, Communion is still an important milestone. Communion classes begin the first Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2017, and end on April 8, 2017. Classes take place on Sunday mornings during Church School, 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Students are required to attend every class. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend classes.



Communion instruction is designed to help children develop an understanding of the symbolism and importance of the Eucharist. Each week there will be instruction, an activity and a memory verse. Students will also receive booklets with projects to complete during the week to reinforce the lessons. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend class each week.

In addition to the regular classes on Sunday mornings during church school, students will be required to attend an Instructed Eucharist on Saturday, April 8, at 9:30 am. This will give everyone an opportunity to ask questions about the church service. After the Instructed Eucharist, we will go to the Parish Hall to make the communion bread for the Maundy Thursday service. We should be finished before 11 am.



Chat with Father Pat - Coping with Information Overload

Join Father Pat in the parlor on Sunday, March 5 at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the news, social media and our children. Today, both adults and children are constantly updated with information, some of it is not always pleasant. How can adults help children to process all of this information without becoming overly afraid or worried? Join the discussion.



God Talk Webinar

What if you could see the world as God sees it—not only with an open mind, but with an open heart? Come! Discover what God has been trying to show us all along. God will meet you wherever and however you are...Right Here, Right Now!



This is an exciting Christian Adult Formation Series of free webinars that will enrich your understanding of the Bible as well as strengthen your relationship with God and others. Deacon Carmen will use visuals from his new book, *The Heart of Discipleship* as well as images from his trips to Israel to make biblical concepts come alive. Come join us!

The Webinars will “go-live” every Monday evening beginning September 26th through on-line invitation. The time is from 8:00-9:00 p.m. To sign up, please email theheartofdiscipleship@gmail.com. Previous webinars are available on youtube, For more information about the series, contact Deacon Carmen by phone (267.236.5163) or by email dac.viola@gmail.com.

5 Marks of Mission, 5 Marks of Love

This Lenten Study group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Library.



The Anglican and Episcopal Church have been discussing for years God’s mission in the world and the Church’s role in that mission. So far they have determined five “marks” or signs:

- * To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- * To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
- * To respond to human need by loving service.
- * To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- * To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation sustaining and renewing of the life of the earth.

This six-week series, developed by the brothers at the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, SSJE, invites us to observe and reflect on the ways in which the Divine Life expresses itself in and through us; individually and in our faith communities, as well as in the world around us. Week by week we will explore each of the Anglican Communion’s five “Marks of Mission” (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, and Treasure) through videos, questions, and exercises designed to help us speak clearly and act truthfully, motivated always by hearts marked by God’s love. The Brothers of SSJE believe that the Marks of Mission are actually “Marks of Love,” signs that God’s love is making its mark on us, and through us, on the world in which we live.

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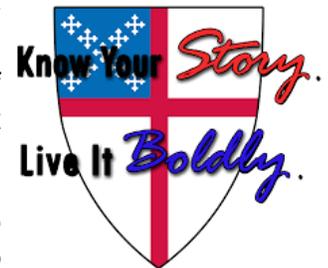
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We are eager to share with others our experience that these Marks of Love are not a list of tasks to be checked off; rather they are signs that our life is rooted and grounded in the Being of God. Therefore throughout the series, we will reflect not on what we should do, but on how we should live. We will draw on our own monastic spirituality to suggest how we all can balance action with contemplation, so that our words and deeds proceed from the deepest places of our hearts, where God dwells.

Join Father Pat, Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall library to take part in the discussion. If you are interested in the program, but unable to attend on Thursday mornings, please see or contact Father Pat.

Camden Convocation Lenten Learning– “Speaking Our Faith”

Five churches from the Camden Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey are running a shared Lenten program “Speaking Our Faith.” The program will take place on Wednesdays at noon and 6:30 p.m. Each session will include a brief worship service, a soup meal and a guided discussion. This will be a great opportunity to spend time with some of our local churches.



"The world is desperate for Good News, and it is our delight to share it. This course offers a path toward changing our culture – encouraging and empowering us all to share our faith and, in so doing, to see our own faith grow deeper." - Scott Gunn, Executive Director, Forward Movement

Most Christians have trouble pinpointing exactly what they believe and finding appropriate ways to articulate it. Author, pastor, and Episcopal priest Kit Carlson knows this. She spent years studying the fundamentals of faith discovery and communication in mainline, Christian communities. She developed Speaking Our Faith as part of her doctoral thesis and now offers it to the Church as a way to bring renewal and vitality to believers and faith communities.

- March 8 - Grace Church in Haddonfield - Eucharist Rite I, “Why is it hard to talk about faith?”
- March 15 - St. John’s, Maple Shade - Evening Prayer Rite II, “How do you know what you know?”
- March 22 - St. Bartholomew's, Cherry Hill - Stations of the Cross, “Who is the God that you know?”
- March 29 - Holy Trinity, Collingswood - Eucharist Rite II, “Faith in Action.”
- April 5 - Grace Church, Merchantville - Evening Prayer Rite I, “This I believe”

Faith in Life - Weekend Series at Our Savior Lutheran Church



The Lutheran Church of Our Savior presents:
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RACHEL HELD EVANS, SPEAKER, FOR "FAITH IN LIFE " WEEKEND
 FRIDAY, MARCH 10 , 7:00 PM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR. FREE WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT CHARITY.



Friday, March 10 , 7 PM

Rachel Held Evans
New York Times Best-Selling Author

Hailing from Dayton, Tennessee Rachel writes about faith, doubt and life in the Bible Belt. Her books include *Faith Unraveled: A Year of Biblical Womanhood* and *Searching for Sunday*.
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Saturday, March 11 , 2 & 7 PM

Tony Campolo
Pastor, Sociologist & Author

Tony is a professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Penn, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education.
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Rachel has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Christianity Today*, *Slate*, *The Huffington Post*, *The CNN Belief Blog*, and on NPR, *The BBC*, *The Today Show*, and *The View*. She served on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and keeps a busy schedule speaking at churches, conferences, and colleges and universities around the country.

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Rachel is married to Dan, and the two recently welcomed their first child – a baby boy. To learn more about Rachel visit rachelheldevans.com.

TONY CAMPOLO , SPEAKER, FOR "FAITH IN LIFE" WEEKEND
 SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2:00 AND 7:00 PM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR. FREE WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT CHARITY

Tony Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books. He is one of the founders of the Red Letter Christian movement and blogs regularly at their website, RedLetterChristians.org. He can also be found on both Facebook and Twitter. Dr. Campolo and his wife Peggy live near Philadelphia and have two children and four grandchildren.

In November 2012, Tony Campolo received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Youth Worker's Convention.

William W. Mayo, Charles F. Menninger and their sons

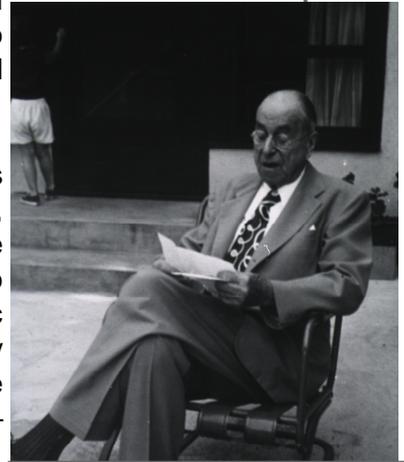
William W. Mayo, with his two sons, William J. Mayo and Charles H. Mayo, built St. Mary's, the first general hospital in Minnesota. When a devastating tornado struck Rochester, Minnesota, in August 1883, the Mayos joined with the Sisters of St. Francis to respond to the disaster. This partnership between the Episcopalian Mayos and the Roman Catholic Sisters raised a few eyebrows, but became well known for a new type of patient care that emphasized the whole person, spiritually as well as physically.



William J. Mayo, William W Mayo and Charles H. Mayo

Building on a vision of doctors working as a team with other medical professionals, not as solo diagnosticians, the Mayos aggressively opened their doors to other doctors and medical researchers. St. Mary's Hospital and what would become The Mayo Clinic became a model for integrating person-centered medical care with the best in cutting-edge scientific and medical research. The Mayo Clinics continue today as outstanding centers for patient care and medical research.

Charles F. Menninger, together with his sons, Karl and William, were pioneers in establishing a new kind of psychiatric treatment facility in Topeka, Kansas, founded in 1925. They played a major role in transforming the care of the mentally ill in ways that were not only more medically effective but were also more humane. Among the notable accomplishments of the Menninger Clinic has been its advocacy for better treatment and a more informed public policy in support of the needs of the mentally ill. In 1973, Dr. Karl Menninger wrote the influential book, *Whatever Became of Sin?* The work looks at sin—personal, corporate, and systemic—and insists that recognizing sin, within us and among us, is a key component in personal and relational health. He believed strongly that naming sin and dealing with its consequences contributes positively to good health in persons and in communities. The book was a standard textbook in theological seminaries for a generation or more.



Dr. Charles F. Menninger

The work of the Mayos and Menningers was transformative because of their commitment to treating the whole person—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Divine Physician, your Name is blessed for the work and witness of the Mayos and the Menningers, and the revolutionary developments that they brought to the practice of medicine. As Jesus went about healing the sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, bless and guide all those inspired to the work of healing by thy Holy Spirit, that they may follow his example for the sake of thy kingdom and the health of thy people; through the same Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Excerpt from:

Holy women, holy men: celebrating the saints. New York: Church Pub. Inc., 2010. Print., p. 260

Stewardship of our Environment



Food: In our ever-expanding global economy, goods are often produced without the environment or workers in mind. Your dollar is your vote; vote for fair wages and a healthier environment by choosing products that are Fair Trade Certified. This certification ensures that the workers making the products were given a fair wage and that the item was crafted sustainably. Look for Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, teas and other artisan products: <http://www.tradefairusa.org>.
Eco-tip provided by GreenFaith: www.greenfaith.org

Online Giving



Tired of writing a check each week for your pledge or donation?

Sign up for safe and secure online donations via the Grace Church website www.gracehaddonfield.org/givingatgrace/.

It can be done on your smart phone, tablet, iPad, laptop or desktop. You can do it for one payment or setup a recurring payment for the number of times you want to contribute. Online donating is the way to go.

It takes less than 5 minutes.

Entering Glory

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, who served as pastor of London's Westminster Chapel for almost 30 years, couldn't speak at the end of his life. Days before dying, he wrote, "Do not pray for my healing. Do not hold me back from the glory."

The Apostle Paul was torn between staying on earth and going to heaven: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ... I am hard pressed between the two" (Philippians 1:21, 23).

Neither of these men feared death, nor should any Christian. As Haddon Robinson said, "For those who trust Jesus Christ, death is not a sheriff dragging us off to court but a servant ushering us into the presence of a loving Lord."

175th Anniversary Sponsorships

Grace Church is looking for sponsors to help us offset the costs of our 175th celebration.

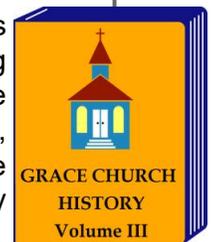
We are looking for individuals, organizations or companies that will donate. If you know someone or a group that might help us with our festivities this year, please speak with Father Pat or the wardens, Carl Willers and Tom Westerfield. We are trying to keep costs down for participants in our events by securing sponsor for the many things planned.

175th Planning

The next meeting of the 175th Committee will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall library. The committee is chaired by Lynne Ryan. If you like crafts, are artistic or have ideas come and join us. To help make our celebration great. New members to Grace Church are encouraged to help with these fun projects. If you would like more information, please email Lynne Ryan, lynneanddon@verizon.net.

Grace Church History, Volume III

We are compiling Grace Church's History, Volume III to cover the last 25 years, 1992-2017 for the 175th Anniversary Celebration. Please look in your old albums, bottom desk drawers or anywhere you might have stowed old pictures, articles from newspapers, etc. showing Grace Church and its parishioners in action from 1992 to the present. We will not keep the items but will copy and return them. It would help us if you identify the people in the pictures, but please bring them even if you cannot. Shared items can be brought in an envelope labeled with your name to the volunteer room and placed in the 175th's mail slot. Many thanks!



July 4th Parade Float

They say everyone loves a parade. This year, we are entering a Grace Church float in Haddonfield Fourth of July Parade. The parade will be here before we know it! We will need a variety of volunteers to help with several aspects including: ideas, design, construction, donations, driver, and riders. Volunteers of all ages are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Chris Strasser, by email, castrasser@verizon.net, or by phone, 610.246.3541. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



Kids Alley Café Lunch Making - Saturday, March 4



Saturday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m. volunteers will be meeting in the Parish Hall to make 100+ nutritious bag lunches for the Kids Alley Café Saturday Live Program. This is an excellent service opportunity for all ages and takes about 1 hour.

Kitchen Committee - Sunday, March 5



Sunday, March 5 at 11:30 a.m. the kitchen committee will be meeting to continue their reorganization and clean up of Grace Church's kitchen. The kitchen was used a lot in February and will also be busy in March, The more the merrier! New members are always welcome.

Acolyte Team Meeting - Sunday, March 5



On Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. will be a meeting for all the acolytes at Grace Church. We will be going over information for Lent and Easter church services. We will also have some promotions. There will be a brief snack after the meeting. The meeting should take about 30 minutes.

Anyone who is at least 7 year old and interested in becoming an acolyte should attend. If you have questions about serving as an acolyte or training, please contact Nora Bollinger, noramsn@aol.com or Betsy Murphy, gracehaddonchurchschool@gmail.com, 856.433.2151.

All Acolytes should be wearing black vestments in LENT.

Not Just for Men Breakfast - Saturday March 11



Everyone is invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Our topic this month is "A Photo tour of Europe by Train." Bill Sweeney will share his experiences during Karen and his recent tour of Europe by train.

Come see Europe from the perspective of a train passenger. You will see the country sides and the downtowns, as well as traditional tourist sites of interest. You can also share your experiences with the group.

Your favorite cooks and volunteers cook the breakfast. March will feature pancakes and sausage.

Book Club—Monday, March 13

The next meeting of the Book Club is Monday, March 13, at 1:15 p.m. in the parlor. The March selection is the young adult book, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. The *New York Times* has called it rich and memorable. It was a *Times* notable book of the year. The discussion will be lead by Betty Phillips.

The April selection is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. It is a biographical novel of Mamah Borthwick's illicit love affair with the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Jean Horn will lead the discussion.

The book club would like to welcome new members Anne Pugh and Iliana Heriskoto to the group.



Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's – Saturday, March 18

The St. Wilfrid's Free Medical Clinic will be open on Saturday March 18, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On February 18, the open door clinic at St. Wilfrid's provided approximately 50 health screenings, slightly used clothes, food and assistance to patrons. Two social workers were also there to help. Thank you for all of the wonderful clothes that were donated in the past month.

The clinic's needs for March include shirts for women and men, soaps, shampoos, and toothpaste. Travel size items are particularly helpful. Donations can be left in the bin in the Parish Hall.



Knit Wits - Saturday, March 18

The Knit Wits is an informal knitting group that shares projects, helps and support each other's yarn work, and donates some of their works to the Seamen's Institute and the Mitten Tree. The group welcomes all ages and experience levels. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m.; In the Parish Hall Library.



Grace Gardeners - Spring Flower Sale

The Spring Flower Sale is coming soon. Grace Gardeners will be taking orders for your spring planting needs starting in March. Please look for the order forms in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions or need help with your order, please contact Gretchen Poliero by email, gretchensbaskets@hotmail.com



St. Anne's Guild, ECW - March 15

Thank you to everyone who donated pajamas and books for the children of Camden! We had over 50 sets collected, and the children are thrilled.

Please save your gently used purses and travel size toiletry products for another project in April. More information to follow.

The St. Anne's Guild meets on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall library. All women who attend Grace Church are welcome to join us. If you are interested in helping with St. Anne's Guild but unable to attend meetings, please contact Gretchen Poliero by email, gretchensbaskets@hotmail.com, and she will add you to the mailing list.

Kids Alley Café Easter Baskets - Donations Needed - March 15



On Wednesday, March 15 at 9 am, St. Anne's/ECW will be putting together 50 Easter Baskets for Kid's Alley Cafe. Please join us for this hoppin' good time. Donations of individually wrapped candy and money for candy and goodies are being accepted. Please drop them by the Church office or give them to Gretchen Poliero or any St. Anne's Member.

EYC - Episcopal Youth Community



The EYC will have a busy month in March. On March 24 & 25, they will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine. Members of the EYC will fast for 30 hours. During that time they will also be packing food for Feed My Starving Children and shopping for St. Paul's Food Bank. If you would like to support the EYC in these efforts or participate in the Famine, please contact Betsy Murphy, gracehaddonchurchschool@gmail.com or 856.433.2151.



The EYC is also working on planning is Mission Trip for 2017. They will be gone from Sunday, June 26 - Friday, June 30. The youth are still deciding on whether they will be going to a rural or urban location. All youth ages 13 and older who are interested in the Mission Trip should contact either Dana Cotter, dana.cotter@comcast.net or Betsy Murphy, gracehaddonchurchschool@gmail.com.



The EYC would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper a success, especially Al Schmidt, Nick Youngstein, Michael Luther, Amy Watts, Dana Cotter, Kate Myers, Christopher McFadden, John Poliero, Laura Miller, and Polly Youngstein.

IHOC

IHOC would like to thank all of those who helped during the men's three week stay at Grace Church. A special thank you goes to Al Schmidt who set up a shower for the men and was available for any concerns during the men's stay.

Marlene & Carl Axeloff
The Baxter Family
Jane Beers
Ellen Berntson
Nora Bollinger
Rick & Toni Bonnette
Larry Buenzle
Father Pat & Diane Close
Stephanie Connors
Trey & Maggie Conte
Dana Cotter
Sharon Cottrell & Andy Pleninger
The Darly Family
Kim DiMaurizio
Brian Flynn
Candy Gallo
GRACE CHURCH EYC
Darlene Haines
Lori & Greyson Heberley
The Hopely Family
Jean Horn
Lynne & Bill Irving
Cindy Kessler
Kim Knapp
Jane Leichner & Alice Kilkelly
The Lieber Family
Kate Lin
The Luther Family

Karen Marshall
Tom Martin
Davit Martinez & Elizabeth
Perdichizzi
The McAuley Family
Mary McGrath
Laura Miller
Lori & Bruce Monaghan
Jeanne Mugler
Karen Murdock
Betsy Murphy
Wynn Myers
The O'Donnell Family
Mark & Kathy Platzer
The Poliero Family
JP Russell
Don & Lynne Ryan
Al & Bobbie Schmidt
Bill Schultz
Luke & Alex Soumilas
Chris Strasser
The Tsuda Family
Robert Weil
Tom Westerfield
The Wielehowski Family
Carl Willers
Polly Youngstein



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Express your love for your neighbor. Visit <https://hatehasnohomehere.wordpress.com/> to get more information and order your yard sign.



Get your Taxes Done and Help Grace Church



The Sentarus Group will be doing tax preparation at Grace Church on Sunday, March 19, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Office appointments are also available. They are offering a 10% discount to members of Grace Church who use the code: GE-LM802. They will also be donating money to Grace Church for each tax return they complete for one of our members. Handouts with a list of items to bring to your tax preparation appointment are available in the Parish Hall.

For more information contact: Linda Macklin, The Sentarus Group, 736 S. White Horse Pike, Suite 101, Audubon, NJ 08109, phone 856.528.4760 ext. 802 or email, linda.macklin@sentarusgroup.com.

Diocese of New Jersey Annual Convention - March 3 & 4



The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey will be holding its 233rd Annual Convention on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton, NJ.

This year's featured speaker is Becca Stevens from Thistle Farms. Thistle Farms— Magdalene is a community of women who have survived prostitution, human trafficking and/or addiction. At Thistle Farms the women learn skills and receive counseling. More information about Becca Stevens

and Thistle Farms can be found at <http://thistlefarms.org>



More information about the convention can be found online at www.dioceseofnj.org/diocesan-convention.

Grace Church at the 76ers



Saturday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. friends and member of Grace Church will be going to the Philadelphia 76ers vs. the Milwaukee Bucks. Seats are located in the 207 & 207 A section and are \$15.00 each. For more information contact John Poliero 856.429.5766.

Feed My Starving Children

On March 25 & 26, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host a food-packing event at the Haddonfield Middle School gym. In 6 two-hour shifts, 1,500 volunteers of all ages will pack, by hand, a combination of soy, rice, dehydrated veggies, vitamins and minerals to be given to children in schools, orphanages and remote villages who are suffering from starvation and malnutrition.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian 501(c)3 company that has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the 10th consecutive year.

92% of every dollar donated to FMSC goes to the food program. 99.96% of all food shipped has reached its intended recipients. Since 2013, the Haddonfield community has packed over 497,800 meals enough to feed 1,358 children every day for a year. This year the goal is to raise \$70,000 which will go toward providing 300,000 meals, feeding 822 children for a year.

Support the mobile packing event at <http://fmsc.org/mobilepack/events>, and enter the specific event #1703-041MI . The sign-up for time slots will open on February 14. For more information contact Gerry Rice, by email gerviola@mac.com or phone 609.238.9363.

Grace Church will be collecting change throughout the Lenten season for Feed My Starving Children.



Sunday, March 12, 2017

Daylight Savings Begins



Lent at Grace Church

Church Services

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017



- 7:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
- 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Ashes to Go @ Haddonfield PATCO
- Noon Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

Tuesdays, March 7 - April 11

- Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches
- Preaching Series "The Cost of Discipleship"
- & Soup Lunch



Wednesday Services

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Healing & Holy Communion

Wednesdays, March 8 - April 5

- Noon & 7:30 p.m. Camden Convocation Lenten Series
- "Speaking our Faith"

Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. Instructed Holy Communion



Formation Programs

Mondays, 8:00 p.m. "God Talk" Webinar with Deacon Carmen

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30 10:00 a.m. "Five Marks of Love" With Father Pat

Sunday, March 5, 10:45 a.m. "Chat with Father Pat"

Sundays starting March 5, 10:30 a.m. Communion Class for 2nd Graders & older

Lenten Meditations By Episcopal Relief & Development are available.





Holy Week at Grace Church

Palm Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion

8:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, The Passion
& Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch

Holy Wednesday, April 12

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:00 p.m. Seder Meal Reenactment &
Communion Class celebration

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 14

Noon Stations of the Cross

2:30 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 15

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter, April 16

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Festive Holy Communion

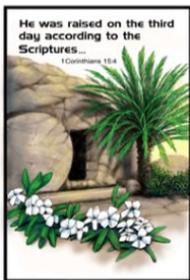
8:00 a.m. Festive Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Festive Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Parish House Festive Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Scramble

11:15 a.m. Festive Holy Communion



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THE CHAMBER SINGERS OF THE GREATER SOUTH JERSEY CHORUS



THE PINE BARONS BARBERSHOP CHORUS

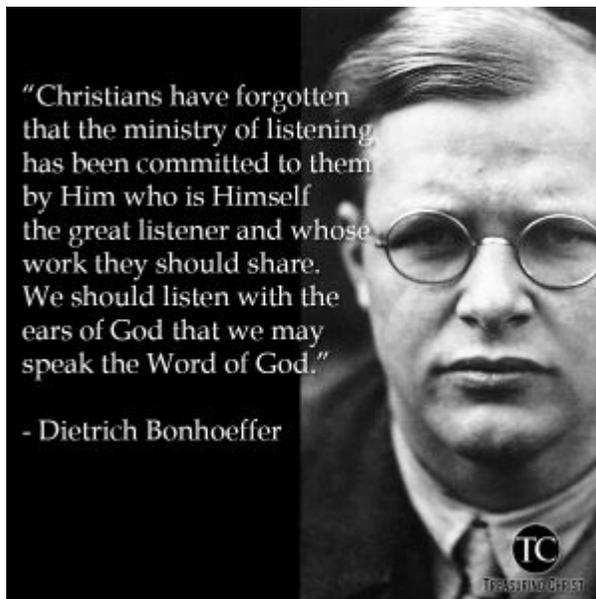
**saturday, march 18, 2017
7:00pm**

**grace church
performance hall
19 kings highway east, haddonfield, nj**

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"Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by Him who is Himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the Word of God."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Your prayers are asked for God's richest blessings on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March



Ronald Francis Connors, Jr. 3/1
Erica Bergstralh 3/2
Kelly Francis Ferrante 3/2
Michael Hempstead 3/2
Taylor Sproul 3/3
Ashley Dawn Maddison 3/3
Taylor John Sproul 3/3
Harris Gregory Lauk 3/3
Victoria Bonnette 3/3
Shannon Marie Slater 3/4
Kristen Patricia Slater 3/4
Nicholas James Stolte 3/4
Ronald Frank Cox 3/5
Darrin Christopher Cox 3/5
Gretchen Marie Pinto 3/5
Jane Esther Beers 3/6
Kevin David Ries 3/6
Macy Rose Simonet 3/6
Theodora Haubrich 3/6
Karen Elizabeth Hill-Quimby 3/6
Olivia Claire Welch 3/6
Mario Lucio Giannini 3/7
Michael Corvino 3/7
Stephanie Kelsey Coolahan 3/7
Katherine Paige Reilly 3/7
Catherine Meehan 3/7
Samuel David Hanger 3/8
Patrick Raymond Close 3/8
George Ralph Deal, Sr. 3/8
Angelo Joseph Vollmar-Bratelli 3/8
John Doyon 3/9
Glenn Eric Soloner 3/9
Jun Tsuda 3/9
Melanie Anne Maista 3/9
John Coxe, Jr. 3/9
John Thomas Schaeffer 3/9
Ellen Rose Ensminger 3/9
Bruce Thomas Hirschlein 3/10

Ava Strommen 3/10
Jack Robert Meditz 3/11
Janet Conrad Roush 3/12
Jillian Paige Hinkle 3/12
Kristen Jennings Hildebrand 3/12
Nicholas Daniel Youngstein 3/12
Jeanne Bristow Pinkham 3/12
Anne Philpott 3/12
Rosemary Theresa Lang 3/13
Adam Christopher Marchesani 3/13
Linda Ann Onimus 3/13
Danielle Katherine Tucker 3/13
Kelley Elizabeth Davis 3/14
Ellen Dunn 3/14
Cole Harrison Philpott 3/15
Kelsey Nicole Coolahan 3/15
Edgar Thomas Honey 3/15
Lee Jay Ensminger 3/15
Sharon Katherine Domenico 3/16
Ella Rose Epright 3/16
Richard Reicherter 3/16
Jane Ellen Martine 3/16
John Nicholas Beluch 3/17
George William Bisirri 3/17
Trevor Wayne Miller 3/17
Sarah Ann Goebel 3/18
Robert Graham Fuller 3/18
Micah Guthrie Hamilton 3/18
Liam Finley Wikberg 3/20
Jacob Fredrick Strobel 3/20
Davit Javier Martinez 3/20
Savannah Olive Barbato 3/20
Chloe Kilkelly 3/20
Ruthe Tauber Buzby 3/21
Steven Vincent Pfeffer 3/21
Monroe Howell 3/22
Bridgette Lee Torky 3/22
Eli Christian Renshaw 3/22
R. Lyn Irving 3/22
Joseph Patrick Russell 3/22
Reagan Grace Reichelderfer 3/22
David Martin Rosica 3/23
Laurence Gill Gallagher 3/24
Fredrick Neil Bucci 3/24
Ryo Tsuda 3/25
Christian Albert Strasser 3/25

Megan Lynn Stanton 3/25
Kevin David Ries 3/26
Jay Alexander MacMoran 3/26
Cullen Matthew Barr 3/27
Robin Carol Euler 3/28
Laura Michelle Corvino 3/27
Michael Guerrieo 3/28
Nora Cordle Lovett 3/28
Jacob Lambert 3/28
Isabella Julia Strom 3/29
Thomas Powell Stevenson 3/29
Benjamin Thomas Bednarczyk 3/29
Jackson Alexander Ferrante 3/30
Hudson Leonard Bednarczyk 3/30
Rose Louise McAuley 3/31
Melissa Lee Davis 3/31
Rebecca Eleanor Randazzo 3/31



Anniversaries

Christian Anton & Sherry Jane Johnson 3/3
Richard Albert & Victoria Bonnette 3/6
James Edgar & Mary Josephs Reilly 3/7
Richard Henry & Dawn Marie Stolte 3/9
Gary Paul & Karen Emmons Marshall 3/12
Richard Allen & Janet Virginia Hallahan Montegna 3/17
Stephen Edward & Deborah Derkoski 3/20
Robert Joseph & Melanie Anne Maista, Jr. 3/24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 2017						
			<p>1 7 am Ashes & Holy Communion 7:30 am Ashes to Go Noon Ashes & Holy Communion 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Ashes & Holy Communion</p>	<p>2 10 am Bible Study "5 Marks of Love" 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm Grace Speakers</p>	<p>3 9 am Diocesan Convention in Princeton 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>4 Diocesan Convention 9 am Kids Ally Café Lunch Makers 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion</p>
<p>5 8 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Parish House Holy Communion 10:30 am Church School 10:30 am Communion Class 10:45 am Chat with Father Pat 11:45 am Youth Choirs Noon Acolyte Meeting</p>	<p>6 10 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Property 8 pm God Talk Webinar</p>	<p>7 Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch, "The Cost of Discipleship" 7 pm Stewardship 7 pm Zumba</p>	<p>8 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing & Holy Communion Noon Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup "Speaking our Faith" @ Grace Haddonfield 6:30 pm Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup "Speaking our Faith" @ Grace Haddonfield 8 pm Running Club</p>	<p>9 10 am Bible Study "5 Marks of Love" 7 pm Education 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Grace Speakers</p>	<p>10 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>11 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion</p>
<p>12 8 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Church School 10:30 am Communion Class 11:45 am Youth Choirs</p>	<p>13 10 am Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Book Club 7 pm Finance 8 pm God Talk Webinar</p>	<p>14 Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch, "The Cost of Discipleship" 7 pm Zumba</p>	<p>15 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing & Holy Communion 10:30 am St. Anne's Guild Noon Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup @ St. Bart's 6:30 pm Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup @ St. Bart's</p>	<p>16 10 am Bible Study "5 Marks of Love" 4 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Grace Speakers</p>	<p>17 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>18 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 10 am Knit Wits 11 am St. Wilfrid's Free Medical Clinic 5:30 pm Holy Communion 7 pm HCSPA Concert</p>
<p>19 8 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Church School 10:30 am Communion Class 11:45 am Youth Choirs 4 pm Haddonfield Choir & Hymn Festival</p>	<p>20 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Vestry 8 pm God Talk Webinar</p>	<p>21 Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch, "The Cost of Discipleship" 7 pm Zumba</p>	<p>22 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing & Holy Communion Noon Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup @ St. John's Maple Shade 6:30 pm Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup @ St. John's Maple Shade</p>	<p>23 10 am Bible Study "5 Marks of Love" 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm Grace Speakers</p>	<p>24 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 4 pm 30 Hour Famine Begins</p>	<p>25 Feed My Starving Children Food Packing 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 4 pm 30 Hour Famine Ends 5:30 pm Holy Communion 6:30 pm Grace</p>
<p>26 Feed My Starving Children Food Packing 8 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Church School 10:30 am Communion Class 11:45 am Youth Choirs 7 pm Celtic Service</p>	<p>27 10 am Staff Meeting 8 pm God Talk Webinar</p>	<p>28 Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch, "The Cost of Discipleship" 7 pm Zumba</p>	<p>29 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing & Holy Communion Noon - Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup @ Holy Trinity, Collingswood 6:30 pm Camden Convocation Lenten Series & Soup @ Holy Trinity, Collingswood</p>	<p>30 10 am Bible Study "5 Marks of Love" 6:30 pm HCSPA Board Meeting 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm Grace Speakers</p>	<p>31 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	

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APRIL 2017						1 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Kids Ally Café Lunch Making 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion
2 8 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Parish House Holy Communion 10:30 am Church School 10:30 am Communion Class 10:45 am Chat with Father Pat 11:45 am Youth Choirs	3 10 am Staff Property 7:30 pm 8 pm God Talk Webinar	4 Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch, "The Cost of Discipleship" 7 pm Stewardship 7 pm Zumba	5 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing Noon Camden Convocation Lent Series & Soup @ Grace Merchantville 6:30 pm Camden Convocation Lent Series & Soup @ Grace Merchantville	6 10 am Bible Study "5 Marks of Love" 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm Grace Speakers	7 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open	8 9 am Altar Guild Clean Up 9:30am Instructed Communion Noon Palm Cross Making 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion
9 8 am Palms & Holy Communion 8:45 am Brunch 9:30 am Palms & Holy Communion 10:45 am Brunch 11:45 am Youth Choirs	10 10 am Staff 1:15 am Book Club 7 pm Finance 8 pm God Talk Webinar	11 Noon Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch, "The Cost of Discipleship" 7 pm Zumba	12 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing 7:30 pm Tenebrae 8 pm Running Club	13 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Seder Reenactment Dinner & Holy Communion Celebration 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	14 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open Noon Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm Children's Stations of the Cross 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy	15 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 10 am Knit Wits 11 am St. Wilfrid's Free Medical Clinic 7 pm Easter Vigil
16 6:30 am Sunrise Communion 8 am Easter Holy Communion 9:30 am Easter Holy Communion 9:30 am Easter Parish House Holy Communion 10:45 am Egg Scramble 11:15 am Easter Holy Communion	17 Office Closed	18 7 pm Zumba	19 10:30 am St. Anne's Guild	20 8:30 pm Grace Speakers	21 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open	22 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion
23 8 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Church School 11:45 am Youth Choirs	24 10 am Staff 7 pm Vestry 8 pm God Talk Webinar	25 7 pm Zumba	26 7 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Healing	27 10 am Bible Study "Crazy Christians" 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm Grace Speakers	28 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open	29 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion
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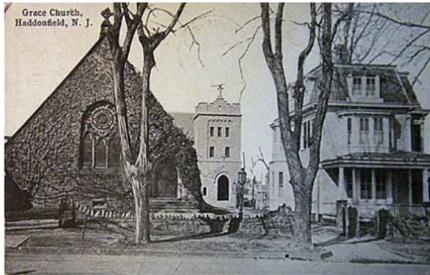


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Regular Church Services

Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite I
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II
1st Sunday 9:30 a.m. Parish House Holy Communion
Last Sunday 7:00 p.m. Celtic Service

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Healing & Holy Communion

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Meetings And Committees

Church School	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
St. Michael's Singers (Grades 1 - 5)	Sunday 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Teen Choir (Grades 6 - 12)	Sunday 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
God Talk Webinar	Monday 8:00 p.m.
Property Committee	1st Monday 7:30 p.m.
Book Club	2nd Monday 1:15 p.m.
Finance Committee	2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.
Vestry	3rd Monday 7:00 p.m.
Stewardship	1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Running Club	2nd Wednesday 8:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Guild, ECW	3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study	Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Grace Speakers (AA)	Thursday 8:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class	3rd Thursday 4:00 p.m.
Thrift Shop	Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast	1st Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
Kids Alley Café Lunch Makers	1st Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Knit Wits	3rd Saturday 10:00 a.m.