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Grace Church in Haddonfield

Parish Newsletter, March 2018

Church Newsletter

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Holy Week at Grace Church

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:00 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion

9:30 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 28

7:30 pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Passover Dinner

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

Good Friday, March 30

Noon Stations of the Cross

2:30 pm Children's Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 31

7 pm Easter Vigil & Open Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 1

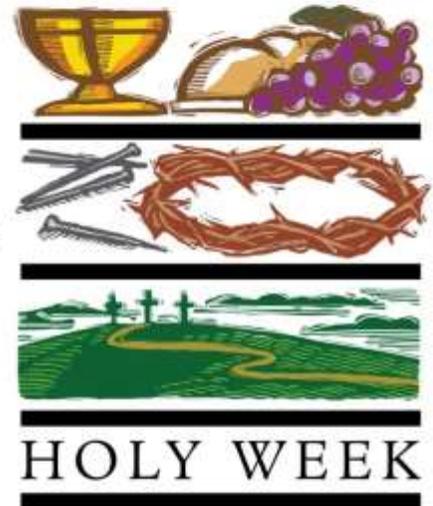
6:30 am Sunrise Easter Liturgy & Holy Communion

8 am Festive Easter Liturgy & Holy Communion

9:30 am Festive Choral Easter Liturgy & Holy Communion

9:30 am Parish House Festive Easter Holy Communion

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt





Dr. Reverend
Patrick Close,
Rector

From the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ:

The season of Lent continues for us this month. What difference does it make in our lives? The days are growing longer, we have had flashes of spring with warmer weather (mixed with reminders that winter still hangs on), and spring officially begins this month. Where are we in our walk with the Lord? What do the readings of Lent stir in our hearts, minds and lives? Where is the change taking place that is our mark of repentance?

The Gospel readings are rushing us towards facing the death of Jesus. We heard about him being in the wilderness tempted by Satan. Next, it's Jesus talking about his very own death. Later it is the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple; then it will be the familiar quote that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son ..." and before we know it ... it's Palm Sunday! Lent is meant to help prepare us for Holy Week and Easter. Are we prepared to face the honest truth ... pain, suffering and death?

It's amazing to think that Jesus would go through life, suffering and death ... just for our sake. The understanding of self-sacrifice has long been a characteristic of Christianity. What and/or who would we be willing to give up our life for at this very moment? Maybe we would think of our child, or our spouse or significant other. Perhaps we would be willing to give up our life for a close friend or other relative. Just how far would we be willing to go for another? Jesus went all the way for us, out of love for us, out of a desire to draw the whole world closer to God. Now that's self-sacrifice!

Is the concept of self-sacrifice disappearing? So many people around us and so much of the advertising and marketing of our world say for us to focus on ourselves. Who or what invites us to focus on others? For us, One place that still does is our own faith. One of the earmarks of being a Christian is caring for and about others! It's a message that gets lost in many places but demands our attention. Lent challenges us to do the same ... to have a change of heart and mind, to focus on the needs of others, not just our needs.

Jesus spent his life and ministry caring about others first. He did so all the way to the cross. Lent is the reminder of his sacrifice and his call to us to do likewise. We are into Lent now, and it's time for us to make some changes to our lives, our thinking and our actions. There is an expectation of us to make a difference in our relationship with God during this season. What will we DO to show God that we are changing, that we are using our lives to help bring the

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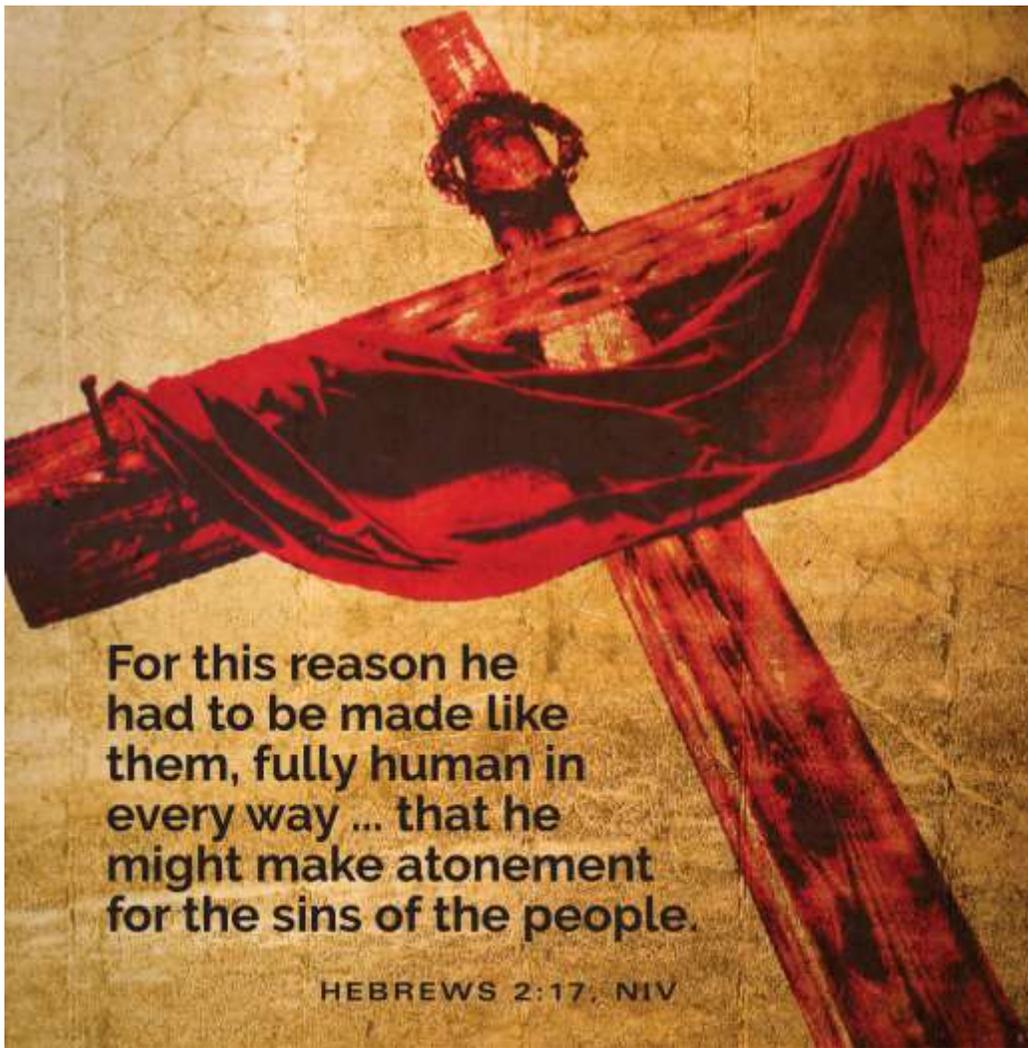
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Kingdom of God closer for all people?

Lent asks us to follow the life and teachings of Jesus as closely as we can. It may even some day ask us to make the ultimate sacrifice. What sacrifices will we make today?

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

Fr. Pat.



**For this reason he
had to be made like
them, fully human in
every way ... that he
might make atonement
for the sins of the people.**

HEBREWS 2:17, NIV



Venerable Reverend
Carman Viola,
ArchDeacon

To or From

For many of us “Christians” how we come to understand God may not be as important as where we actually start from. As a parent relates to their child, and for healthy families, the parents love their child unconditionally from birth. They correct and guide the child from that place in their hearts! Their love is given freely at the moment of creation, and the child is loved by the parents from that point on. Now look at it from the other side. Many of us, from the point of view as a child, are still trying to make our parents “proud” or to get them to accept us or to love us. We are trying to get “to” them! The entire perspective changes when we realize that we really come “from” them and there is no cause to move toward them.



If a parent asks us to do something, we can either see this as something we need to do to keep our relationship whole in order to keep their love and acceptance of us, or we can see our relationship as already whole knowing that our parent is asking us out of their love for us. So we come to relate to God a lot like this. Many think we are striving to get “to” God. That is to say we are ever striving to be good disciples and follow the way of Jesus so as to gain worth in God’s eyes and in doing so also gain self-worth. That is the exact opposite of the way we should view our relationship with God. God first speaks in scriptures to his child Jesus: “You are beloved; with you I am well pleased”. Notice God says this at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, before Jesus takes any actions in scripture! Why? Because God is saying we are worthy of God’s love right from the start! We are worthy without doing anything. This is what we come to call “grace.” You can easily see this same dynamic played out in a parent’s love for a child as soon as it enters the world. From this perspective, things change dramatically. We now act not as one craving acceptance but as one already loved. When we act “from” this love everything changes. We have nothing to prove! Acting from this perspective, living our life becomes one of trust and joy. Things will, of course, happen, and we all will stray from the path in one way or another. We’ll certainly stumble and fall along the way. But instead of God being in front of us, judging our actions and worth, God actually stands behind us; awaiting our return into His arms for the love and support we need to get up and go forward once again. Isn’t this what a good parent does? Why would we expect anything less from a loving creator who wants to be called Abba (translated in Hebrew as a term of endearment - Daddy)?

We keep searching for God, searching for love, searching for approval...when these things have already been granted to us! We have only to know that God has always been right there with us all along. Repent, in Greek *metanoia*, means to change ones’ mind or to turn around. When we can’t see God, one literally just needs to turn around! Change your perspective. Change your heart. The only thing that can ever separate us from God’s love is our own limited perspective.

So may you all come to believe that you are wholly loved and that you were loved before you were even born – before you took a single action. You are loved as a human “being” (created in the maker’s own image – a child of God) not as a human “doing”. Come to know that you will be loved forever by the Parent who created you. As the Apostle Paul confirms to the early churches struggling themselves for God’s favor and approval, “I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

What else needs to be said!? What else needs to be done!?

Your faithful servant,

Carmen



in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Parish House Holy Communion

Sunday, March 4, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for the Parish House Holy Communion! This is a special service, designed to be kid-friendly and interactive and appreciated by all ages. It takes place in the Grace Performance Hall on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

Haddonfield Council of Churches Lenten Preaching Series & Soup Lunch Tuesdays at Noon

Each Tuesday in Lent at Grace Church in Haddonfield at noon in the church a preacher from a Haddonfield Church will lead a prayer service with hymns and a reflection on *The Book of Joy* by his Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. "In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?" (amazon.com).



The visiting preachers will bring an organist from their churches and a hot soup lunch to share in the Parish Hall after the service. This series is a great opportunity to hear a variety of leaders from our local churches. Everyone is invited to join us for the services and lunch and bring a friend.

February 20 - "Forgiveness" by Rev. Michael Feicht, First Baptist Church

February 27 - "Gratitude" by Rev. Bill Getman, First Presbyterian

March 6 - "Generosity" by Rev. Wayne Zschech, Lutheran Church of Our Savior

March 13 - "Humor" by Rev. Chris Heckert, HUMC

March 20 - "Compassion" by Rev. Anthony Talton, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

March 27 - "Acceptance" by Rev. Christina LeLache, HUMC

Celtic Liturgy

Sunday, March 18

Congregations are permitted use historical liturgies for special occasions, such as, major anniversaries. The use of historical liturgies is also an effective way to teach about liturgical change and liturgical movements. They show how liturgy is an ever evolving discipline, influenced by culture and indigenous customs.

Congregations may also use liturgies or parts of liturgies from other current Anglican Prayer Books. The use of approved alternative liturgical resources is intended for education and enrichment of worship and should never replace the use of *The Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church. (<http://www.diowestmo.org/clergy/historical-and-other-anglican-liturgies-policy.htm>)

To celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick, Grace Church will be using a Celtic liturgy. Celtic worship is drawn from the liturgical traditions of Iona and Northumbria, and the music at these services is contemplative, lively and haunting. The prayers are at once earthy, holy and inclusive.



Annual Instructed Holy Communion

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.

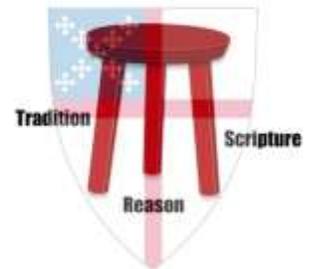
Ever wonder why Episcopalians do some of the things we do during a church service?

Do you have questions about our service?

Are you new to the Episcopal Church?

Join Father Pat for an Instructed Holy Communion. The service takes about 45 minutes. It includes explanations of service traditions, lots of interesting church words, and the opportunity to ask questions. No question is stupid, although some of them could be entertaining.

This service is a requirement for all members of the Communion Class.



Life Events:

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

We welcomed these newly baptized members in February:

- ◆ Lucy Cate Kirk, February 11, 2018 - service date
- ◆ Mary Reese Kirk, February 11, 2018 - service date

We commended to God's eternal care:

- ✠ Samuel David Hanger, February 13, 2018 - service date



Holy Week



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the last week of Lent. It begins on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 and ends on Easter, Sunday, April 1, 2018. It is a time to commemorate and enact the last days of Jesus' life. The last three days of Holy Week are known by some as the Triduum. It begins on Maundy Thursday and continues through Easter Sunday.

Holy week serves to move us from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey with palms waving to celebrate the arrival of the King to a focus on Jesus' humility, suffering and death. "It is important to place the hope of the Resurrection, the promise of newness and life, against the background of death and endings. It is only in walking through the shadows and darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday, only in realizing the horror and magnitude of sin and its consequences in the world incarnated in the dying Jesus on the cross, only in contemplating the ending and despair that the disciples felt on Holy Saturday, that we can truly understand the light and hope of Sunday morning!" (www.crivoice.org/cyholyweek.html). At Grace Church we provide a variety of opportunities to reflect, repent and renew.

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

Sunday, March 25, 2018



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' celebratory parade into Jerusalem. He arrives on a donkey, and the people are surrounding the parade route, trying to see the messianic king. Everyone is celebrating and joyful. This changes in just a few short days. At Grace Church, weather permitting, we begin the Palm Sunday services on the church lawn, and after everyone receives palms, we parade into the church singing joyful hymns.

Another name for Palm Sunday is Passion Sunday because this is also the Sunday that Jesus' Passion or suffering is read in church. This begins our reflection on the solemn acts that will take place later in the week. The reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday also allows the focus of Easter Sunday to be Jesus' resurrection; the suffering of the previous week is gone and a new hope is arisen. The Passion is also read on Good Friday.

Tenebrae

Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae is sometime called the service of darkness or service of shadows. It is a reflective service of readings and chanting lead by the Men's Choir. It opens those who attend to the solemnness of Holy Week. The service begins with a series of several lit candles throughout the church, and slowly throughout the service the candles are extinguished, symbolizing Jesus' light leaving the world. At the end of the service the Christ candle is carried out, to represent Jesus' death, followed by a loud noise, symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. Worshippers then leave the church in silence. This is a powerful and reflective service and one that everyone should make an effort to attend at



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the day before Jesus was arrested. The service includes a variety of elements from the last supper. Prior to the start of the service at 6 p.m. there will be a Passover dinner in the Parish Hall.



The service itself includes important elements from Jesus' last meal with his disciples. One component of the service is the washing of feet. The washing of feet is a reminder to all of us as Christians that we should be humble in service to others. Members of the congregation will be invited to have their feet washed or wash the feet of others. It was on Maundy Thursday that Jesus said to all his disciples, throughout the ages, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

It is also during this service that we celebrate the completion of Communion Class. Members of the Communion Class are the first to receive Holy Communion that night. Members of the Communion Class will then be lead to the Parish Hall. After everyone else receives Communion, the servers and altar guild will begin to strip the altar for Good Friday.



Stations of the Cross, Good Friday,
March 30, Noon

Children's Stations of the Cross, Good Friday,
March 30, 2:30 p.m.

Along the walls of Grace Church, there are fourteen beautiful plaques. Each one is a station of the cross. During Stations of the Cross, participants will walk through the church and focus on each station with an accompanying reading or psalm. The stations represent Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial and death. The Stations provide a different way to experience Holy Week with sight, sounds, and movement. The times of Stations of the Cross are significant. Jesus was crucified at noon and drew his last breath around 2:30 p.m.



Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

The Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. is just a liturgy; there is no Holy Communion, symbolizing Jesus' departure on the cross. The liturgy is a combination of readings, reflections and choral interludes. This year during the service, the choir will be accompanied by a cello instead of the organ, reflecting the mood of the service. It is a service of mourning the death of Jesus and the sins of the world. At Grace Church this is the last somber service, before the celebration of Easter Vigil.



Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil occurs after sunset on Holy Saturday and is the first celebratory service of Easter. It is a service of light and often begins with the lighting of a new fire in the church. The Pascal, which was extinguished on Maundy Thursday at the end of the service, is relit. The focus of the readings is on Jesus' resurrection and its meaning. At Grace Church we will have open baptism at the Easter Vigil to welcome new members into the family of God. It is also the first time that Holy Communion is returned to the service since Maundy Thursday.



This service brings together the two great sacraments of the Christian Church, Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist. It is marked by increasing light, joy, the return of the "Gloria", the addition of Alleluias to the service, and a profound sense of celebration. For the Church, there is the understanding that God has responded to death on Good Friday by raising Him from the dead! God's promise of life is manifested in Jesus Christ's Resurrection. The suffering and death of Jesus on Friday give way to His Resurrection.

Easter

Sunday, April 1, 2018

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. &
9:30 a.m. Parish House Holy Communion

Easter proclaims the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With it comes the dawn of a new day and a new age. It is the principal feast of the Church and the defining moment of Christianity. Easter is also known as the Paschal Feast, recalling God's saving act in the life of the people; this includes both the Exodus and the Resurrection. In the Resurrection, Jesus has overcome death and, by his victory over the grave, opened to us everlasting life. The sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday offers us a new relationship with God through Christ on Easter. We have the promise of a new life. The Biblical stories record the women and disciples finding the empty tomb. The symbols of Easter are eggs, butterflies, empty crosses, and other symbols and signs of new life. The greeting for Easter is "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" with the response "The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!" Early Christians greeted each other on the way to Church with this greeting to proclaim the great saving act of God in Jesus' Resurrection. The Church is richly decorated with Easter lilies to add to the glory and celebration.



Shadows



Maximillian Esmus,
Director of Music &
Organist

Dear friends,

On Wednesday in Holy Week (March 28 this year) we observe the service of *Tenebrae*. It is no secret that this is among my most beloved services of the year. The loud Hosannas of Palm Sunday are past, and Good Friday approaches. We gather quietly in the dim light of a few lamps and candles (*Tenebrae* is the Latin word for “shadows”), while the men of the Grace Choir and Teen Choir sing Psalms to ancient Gregorian chant and we hear readings that summarize mankind’s deep need for salvation.

Rather than directly retell the Passion story, the readings and psalms provide an extended meditation upon the spiritual and emotional import of the final moments of Christ’s earthly life, guiding our hearts into a deeper experience of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

After each reading, candles are gradually extinguished one by one until only a single candle, considered a symbol of Christ, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, signifying the apparent victory of the forces of darkness. At the very end a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection, the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence. The service ends rather abruptly with no blessing or dismissal, since, of course, the story is not finished – not until we celebrate the Resurrection a few days later.

As you might imagine, *Tenebrae* can be a powerfully emotional experience. Most of our services throughout the year are uplifting celebrations, and *Tenebrae* stands in stark contrast. Choir members, adults and teens alike have at times been brought to tears by the emotional force of the chant and readings.

I find that experiencing this darkness is important. I once read somewhere that celebrating Easter without observing Holy Week is like watching the triumphant end of a movie without seeing the middle. “Okay, a bunch of people are jumping up and down and hugging, so what?” Without an understanding of the characters and what they’ve gone through on their way to victory, you are unable to share their joy. I think a similar dynamic is true for our experience of Easter.

The key musical moment of *Tenebrae* comes near the end, when the choir sings the anthem *Christus Factus Est*, from Philippians 2: “Though in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. Being found in

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human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name above every name.” Tenebrae is our opportunity to dive headfirst into this ultimate and mysterious truth.

Peace,

Max

Hymn of the Month

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

“There is a green hill far away”

Cecil Frances Alexander

Hymnal 1982 no.167

“There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.”

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) was born at Redcross, County Wicklow, Ireland, the second daughter of a British Army Major. She was a devout Christian who came under the influence of the high church movement. From an early age she showed a great aptitude for writing.

When she was just twenty five she published her *Hymns for Little Children* (1848). Dedicated to her ‘little godsons’, the book was written to illustrate and explain the Church Catechism. The *Hymns for Little Children* contained other well-known hymns by Mrs. Alexander, among them, “All things bright and beautiful” and “Once in Royal David’s City,” written to celebrate the statements from the Nicene Creed “Creator of heaven and earth,” and “Born of the Virgin Mary.” She is rightly regarded as one of the greatest of British hymn writers.

“There is a green hill” was written to illustrate the words of the creed, “He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.” Mrs Alexander begins the first verse by painting a picture. As a skilled teacher she

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knew that her first task was to capture a child's imagination.

The second verse celebrates the mystery of the cross, 'We may not know, we cannot tell....' The passion of Jesus, though difficult to comprehend, is something he endured for us and for our salvation. This is celebrated in the next two verses, "He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good... There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin." The noted New Testament scholar, Professor A. H. Hunter, once wrote, 'It was given to an Irish woman, in a hymn she wrote for little children, to express better than many a learned tome the purpose, the necessity, and the challenge of that sacrifice which has in principle redeemed our prodigal race.' The hymn ends with a call for us to "love as he has loved us."

Though written for children this is a classic hymn for young and old. It sets the scene of our Lord's passion and celebrates the mystery, the purpose, the necessity and the challenge of the cross. It is sung to the tune *Horsley*, written by William Horsley (1774-1858).

Mrs. Alexander devoted her life to Christian education, the care of the young, and the poor. All the profits from the sale of her writings were donated to a home for deaf children. She was widely respected as a writer, and many of her poems were published posthumously by her husband who survived her by sixteen years. She was buried in her beloved Derry, outside the city walls. – Adapted from "Hymns We Love" by the Parish of Oystermouth, Swansea <http://www.oystermouthparish.com/>

Assistant Organist of the Day



Wonder how the pipe organ works? What does one do with all those buttons and switches? Want a closer look at the organist's fancy footwork?

Sign up to be "Assistant Organist of the Day!" This program creates an opportunity for churchgoers of any age to sit with the organist at the organ console during the service and help by pushing buttons, turning pages and even playing a few notes. If you are interested, a sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Each person's experience will be tailored to his or her age level, and no preparation is required.

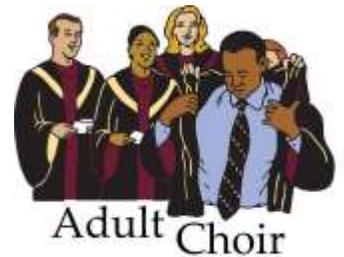
Contact Max Esmus with any questions: musicdept@gracehaddon.org or 570.637.2566.

Grace Choir

Rehearsals, Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

The Grace Choir is for adults and teens, by permission. Rehearsals take place on Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m., in the choir room on the third floor of the Parish Hall. The choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion service on Sundays from September to June.

The choir sings a mix of traditional choral music, spirituals, gospel songs, and contemporary selections. New members are always welcome; no previous experience is expected.



Teen Choir

Rehearsals as Announced

The Teen Choir sings sacred music of all genres, working on more advanced choral skills including harmony, music reading, and stylistic expression. We are a welcoming and supportive group and are always excited to add new members. All young people, regardless of experience or skill level, are welcome to join at any time. Rehearsals are as scheduled; please check Grace Notes. Contact Max Esmus at musicdept@gracehaddon.org or 570.637.2566 for more information.



St. Michael's Singers

Rehearsals, Sundays 11:45 a.m.

The Saint Michael's Singers, grades 2 - 6, learn sacred music from the medieval era to today, practicing healthy vocal skills, learning music reading, and working toward a common goal with focus and discipline. All young people, regardless of experience or skill level, are welcome to join at any time. Contact Max Esmus at musicdept@gracehaddon.org or 570.637.2566. Rehearsal are every Sunday 11:45 am - 12:15 pm



Instrumentalists & Soloists

Always Welcome

Grace Church is always looking for instrumentalists and soloists to increase the breadth of our worship through music. Contact Max Esmus by phone 570.637.2566 or by email musicdept@gracehaddon.org to volunteer your talents.



Children and Lent



Betsy Murphy

Director of Christian
Formation

Families of Grace,

Lent is an important season in the Episcopal year. There are many things happening in the church and spiritually. Many people make an extra effort to attend church during Lent, others give up something for Lent or take on a new activity. Our children see and experience all of these events, but how much of it do they understand and how can we explain it to them?

The Pre-school class spends much of the season of Lent talking about Jesus' resurrection. The focus is that Jesus came back from death to help us become closer to God. This seems to be an easy way to introduce them to Lent and Easter. I will always remember and so will Dana Cotter, the year that my son Ryan was in that class, he left class excited one Sunday, because he had it all figured out. "Mom, Mom Jesus was a Zombie," he said. "Not exactly, Ryan I think you missed something." I said. "No Mom, he was a Zombie because he died and then became undead." he insisted. This is what made sense in Ryan's four year old mind. This led to several weeks of gentle recurring conversations, some involving Father Pat. Jesus was not a zombie; he was not undead. We believe that he actually came back to life. He was not the same as before he died, but he was not undead. He came back so that humankind would experience God's love, and he only stayed for 40 days until he returned to heaven with God. Jesus came back to life to save us and help us learn to love others.

In Communion Class, we spend Lent thinking about Church. We talk about why we go to church, the parts of the church service and symbols we used in church. We ask the children to continue or begin a routine of daily prayer. We talk about the gifts that God has given us and how we can use them to help others. We talk about the two parts of the church service: the Liturgy during which we hear readings from the Bible, as a part of the service based on Jewish tradition and the Eucharist, which comes from the New Testament and the Last Supper, during which we thank God, share a symbolic meal and experience Jesus' presence.

On Sunday, February 11 in Church School, we had a celebration of Lent. Most of the children said that they were giving up something for Lent, usually chocolate or candy and some video games. I asked them why they gave up something for Lent, and most of them believed that it was about Jesus' temptation in the desert and that he went 40 days with out things. This is logical because the reading for the first Sunday of Lent is the Temptation of

Christ. The reason that Jesus went to the desert and the reason that Christians give up things during Lent is to change their focus from earthly things to building a closer relationship to God. So, if one gives up candy for Lent, one could save that money and donate it to help others. If one give up video games, one could spend that time either reading Bible stories or making things for shut-ins or others in need of help. Lent is a season to remind us to return to God and His ways over the ways of the world. Many of the lessons that we hear in Lent deal with the coming of Jesus' crucifixion or death. These are complex issues and not always easy to explain or talk to our children about, especially depending on their ages. Each child processes information differently, and I would urge parents to follow their child's lead when talking about Lent. If you need more information, please contact me and I will try to help. Blessed Lent!

March Church School

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Date	Lesson	Bible Readings
March 4	"Jesus' Hour Had Come"	John 12:12-13:38
March 11	"Jesus' Arrest, Trial & Death"	John 18:1-19:42
March 18	"Brigid & Patrick of Ireland"	<i>Holy Women, Holy Men</i>
March 25	Palm Sunday Brunches NO CHURCH SCHOOL	



Communion Class

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

March 4 - "Our Church Service, What Do We DO in Church and Why?"

March 11 - "The Eucharist, Why Do we Do it? What Does it Mean?"

March 18 - "Symbols of God and Jesus"

March 24 (Saturday, 9:30 a.m.) - Instructed Eucharist

March 29 (Maundy Thursday) - 6:00 p.m. Passover Dinner,

7:15 p.m. Class Photo in Parlor,

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

The purpose of Communion class is to continue to develop a deeper understanding of some of the signs and symbols of the Episcopal Church and the meaning of Communion. Classes will take place during normal Church School hours on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Parents are invited to attend class with their children. If you would like more information about Communion instruction, please contact Betsy Murphy by email, gracehaddonchurchschool@gmail.com or by phone, 856.433.2151.

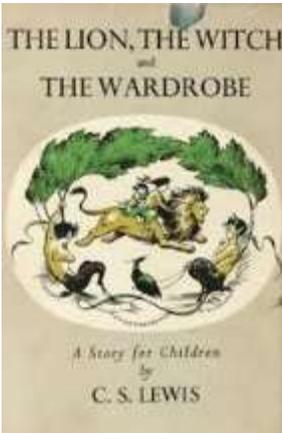




Confirmation Class

Thursday, March 15, 4:00 p.m.

In March during Confirmation Class, we will be discussing "Church and Society, Our Mission Today." All members of the Confirmation Class should be working on service hours. Dinner and snacks will be provided by the Monaghan Family. This will be the last class that Father Pat teaches. Class members should also be thinking about mentors for Confirmation.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Starting February 15th, Bible Study will begin studying "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" with an initial discussion about the author, C. S. Lewis, and his friendship with J. R. R. Tolkien. There will be a video included. Books have been ordered with a cost of about \$10 each. Any questions, see Diane Close or Nora Bollinger. Bible Study meets at 10:00 am in the parish hall library on Thursdays. It is not too late to join the discussion.

Chat with Father Pat

March 4, 2018, 10:45 a.m.



Join Father Pat in the Parish Hall Parlor on Sunday, March 4 after the 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion services. He will be hosting informal discussions about topics of interest and concerns of those in attendance. The discussion is open to all ages and provides a great opportunity to ponder Christian ethics and living a Christian life in our world.

Education Committee &

Vacation Bible School Committee

March 4, 2018, 11:45 a.m.



Everyone who attends Grace Church is invited to participate on the Education Committee and/or Vacation Bible School Committee. The Education Committee advises the Director of Christian Formation, Betsy Murphy, about potential topics, and curriculum. They also help with planning and running various Church School events throughout the year.



Charles Henry Brent

1862-1929

Charles Henry Brent was born in Canada in 1862 and was educated at Trinity College, University of Toronto. Ordained in Canada, he came to the United States where, in 1901, he was elected by the House of Bishops as Missionary Bishop of the Philippines. In the Philippines, he began a crusade against the opium traffic, a campaign he later expanded to the continent of Asia. He became President of the Opium Conference in Shanghai in 1909 and represented the United States on the League of Nations Narcotics Committee. He also established cordial relations with the Philippine Independent Church, which led, ultimately, to intercommunion with that Church.



Bishop Brent served as Senior Chaplain of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, and in 1918 he accepted election as Bishop of Western New York, having declined three previous elections in order to remain at his post in the Philippines. Brent was the outstanding figure of the Episcopal Church on the world scene for two decades. The central focus of his life and ministry was the cause of Christian unity. After attending the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, he led the Episcopal Church in the movement that culminated in the first World Conference on Faith and Order, which was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1927, and over which he presided. He died in 1929. James Thayer Addison, the historian, described Brent as “a saint of disciplined mental vigor, one whom soldiers were proud to salute and whom children were happy to play with, who could dominate a parliament and minister to an invalid, a priest and bishop who gloried in the heritage of his Church, yet who stood among all Christian brothers as one who served ... He was everywhere an ambassador of Christ.”

Brent was also a man of prayer. One of his prayers for the mission of the Church has been included in the Book of Common Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us with your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.”

Excerpt from:

Holy women, holy men: celebrating the saints. New York: Church Pub. Inc., 2010. Print., p. 292

Stewardship of the Environment



Grounds Maintenance: Did you ever notice those small white warning flags on nearby lawns? Those warnings indicate that a lawn has been sprayed with pesticides that are harmful to children and pets. Reduce your exposure, and improve the environment by eliminating chemicals on your lawn and encouraging your neighbors to do the same. See www.safelawns.org for more information. If you use a lawn care provider, choose one that specializes in natural lawn care, such as NaturaLawn:

<http://www.nl-amer.com/>

Eco-tip provided by GreenFaith: www.greenfaith.org

Online Giving

For your Pledge or the Capital Campaign

Ready to make all of your contributions easier?

Ready to start fulfilling your Capital Campaign Pledge?

After you make your Capital Campaign Pledge you can fulfill your pledge by using the "Giving at Grace webpage on our website. Use our safe and secure online donation capability on the Grace Church Website www.gracehaddonfield.org/givingatgrace/.



Use your smart phone, tablet or iPad, laptop or desktop PC, day or night!

It can be a single payment or a recurring payment for the number of times you want to contribute online. Make a one-time contribution and see how easy it is.

It takes less than 5 minutes. Remember, you can do it anytime and anywhere and for more than just your annual pledge. For example, contributing to St. Paul's, Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trip, etc. can be done online.

Do you still want to put something in the plate each week? Then use one of the small cards in each pew rack that says "Giving @ Grace Online".

Do you need to update your online giving information / change credit card information, etc.?

You can do that easily from our Website.

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Just go to our website, gracehaddonfield.org and click on the “Giving at Grace”.

From that screen, select the line starting with
” Click Here To Create or Access Your Online Donation Account ”
and follow the instructions from there.

Rather not give online? You can set up an ‘automatic bill pay’ from your bank,
and the check will come right to Grace Church.

Capital Campaign

Securing Grace's Future is the opportunity for our church to ensure that we have the resources needed to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds. Our Capital Campaign is the solicitation phase with a dedicated group of volunteers organizing our mailings and conducting follow up activities. The church will only be able to reach its goals with 100% participation from the church’s members; your support is needed. In addition to your capital campaign pledge, payable over three years, you may also wish to consider making a planned gift, such as a bequest in your will, a gift of life insurance, a charitable annuity, a gift of appreciated stock , or other appreciated property. For more information on the capital campaign, visit our campaign website at <https://www.givingsites.com/grace/>



If you have questions about the campaign or would like more information, please see Carl Willers, Tom Westerfield, Nora Bollinger, Susan Briant or BethAnn Flagg,

Interfaith Caregivers



The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 7:00-9:30 pm at Stanfill Manor, 109 E. Atlantic Avenue, Haddon Heights.

For 28 years **Interfaith Caregivers** has been helping people 65+ and those with disabilities live independently and stay active in their community. Our volunteers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, and social events. We grocery shop and run errands with/for seniors. Do you or someone you know need Interfaith Caregivers? If so call our office at 354-0298.

Many of your neighbors are already helping our nearly 300 clients. **Won't you join them?** Give as much time as you have –we work around your schedule. For more details, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or visit www.ifchaddons.org.



“Take me out to the ball game” is the theme for the 2018 Interfaith Caregivers Annual Fundraiser. So, root, root, root for you own team on March 22nd at the Woodcrest Country Club. The ‘ballpark’ will be open from 6:30 to 10:00 so join us and wear your favorite baseball team attire. Ballpark themed food will be provided, including wine and beer.

Tickets are just \$95 per person and you can reserve a table for ten for your own team. Order your tickets today by going to the Interfaith website ifchaddons.org or mail your check to Post Office Box 186 Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council)

We would like to thank every individual and family who donated time, talent and treasure in helping to host ten men from the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) Network Program. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who cooked a meal, provided food, stayed overnight, evening or on the weekend, helped set up before the men arrived or did anything else to make the men feel at home here at Grace Church. We had over 40 people who helped with this very important outreach effort. Special mention goes out to Al Schmidt who got the property ready for the men's arrival, Mary McGrath and Gina Tucker who spend countless hours with the men as a host, Ed Andrews who drove the men to do laundry every Saturday, and Diane Schrauth and Michael Luther who made sure the kitchen was stocked and ready to host the men. Thank you everyone for another successful year with the IHOC program. If you did not get an opportunity to participate this year, please contact me to discuss how you can help next year. Truly yours in Christ, Nevan Soumilas [609-238-4782](tel:609-238-4782).



First Saturday Breakfast

March 3, 2018, 7:30 a.m.

We invite everyone to the First Saturday Breakfast in February (formerly Men's and Not for Men Only Breakfast,) which will be Saturday, March 3rd from 7:30 to 8:30 AM in our Parish Hall.

We will be treated to a brief and not so well known History of Grace Church presented by Mark Heston. Come prepared to enjoy the food, and learn about our church history from someone who experienced some of it firsthand.

Your favorite cooks and volunteers will be preparing the breakfast. We will feature pancakes and sausage.



Kids Alley Café Lunch Makers

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 3, at 9 a.m. a group of volunteers will be making over 100 nutritious bagged lunches for participants in the Kids Alley Café Saturday Live program. The lunches include a sandwich, (either peanut butter and jelly or bologna and cheese), carrot sticks, a pudding cup, fruit cup, chips, and a juice box. It takes about one hour to make and bag all the lunches.

Volunteers of all ages are invited and welcome. In addition, to volunteers, they also need monetary donations to buy the lunch supplies. Checks can be made out to Grace Church with KAC lunches in the memo. If you would like more information about KAC lunch makers, please contact Nevan Soumilas email, nsoumilas@yahoo.com or by phone, 609-238-4782.



Tax Preparation

Sunday, March 18, 2018 starting at 9 a.m.

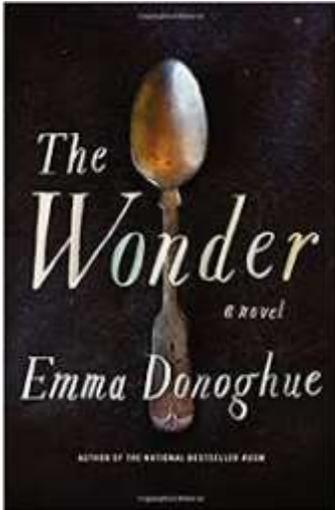
The Sentarus Group will be at Grace Church March 18 from 9 am until around 12 noon. If you would like your taxes prepared, please bring us all of your information. We will prepare your taxes, give you a 10% discount, and then give Grace Church a check based on the number of tax returns we complete for allowing us to come in and help the members of Grace Church.

If you cannot make it that day, please let us know, and we will make arrangements with you. If you have any questions, please call Linda Macklin at 856-562-1893.



Book Club

Monday, March 12, 1:15 p.m.



The book for March is *The Wonder* by Emma Donoghue. According to Steven King of the New Times Book Review, “Donoghue’s prose is as sturdy and serviceable as a good pair of brogans, but never nondescript. There are occasional flashes of lyricism — “a cloud loosely bandaged the waning moon,” for instance, a line of perfect description couched in perfect iambic pentameter — but Donoghue’s main purpose here is story, story, story, and God bless her for it. “ The book discussion will be lead by Jean Horn. New members are always welcomed.

St. Wilfrid’s Free Medical Clinic

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

at St. Wilfrid’s Church in Camden, NJ



The volunteers at St. Wilfrid’s would like to thank everyone for the donations of clothes and can goods. They are looking for additional volunteers to help at the clinic, no previous experience required. Medical and non-medical people are needed. Ability to speak Spanish is a bonus but not required. Bring your desire to help and a friendly smile to help those in need.

In January, the clinic helped 53 families, and in February 47 families.

If you are interested in helping with the clinic by donating clothes, food or time, please contact Alex MacMoran by email jatmac@aol.com.

St. Paul’s Food Pantry

at St. Paul’s Church in Camden, NJ



"It's Cheerios Sunday!! Please bring a box of Cheerios or other cereal for donation to the St. Paul Food Bank in Camden.

Any other non perishable canned goods or monetary donation will be immensely appreciated! You can write a check to Grace Church and mark it St. Paul’s Food Pantry in the memo section or donate online at www.gracehaddonfield.org/givingatgrace.

If you can help with your time, please contact Denise Sikorski at t42wthme@gmail.com "

Acolyte Team Meeting

Sunday, March 4, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

We are in need of acolytes, ages seven and older.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 4 at 11:45 a.m. We will gather in the Parish Hall before going to the church. A pizza lunch will be provided. All current acolytes must attend this meeting, and anyone interested in becoming an acolyte should attend. In addition to lunch and training, we will be discussing the Lent and Easter services. Please make sure that Nora Bollinger, noramsn@aol.com, and Betsy Murphy, gracehaddonchurchschool@gmail.com have your most current contact information, many of our phone numbers seem to need updating.



EYC Thanks you!

The EYC would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with the pancake supper. Especially:

- ☺ Dana Cotter
- ☺ Michael Luther
- ☺ Davit Martinez
- ☺ Lori Monaghan
- ☺ Shannon Morris
- ☺ Al Schmidt
- ☺ Nick Youngstein
- ☺ Aiden M.
- ☺ Aiden W.
- ☺ Alison K.
- ☺ Anne B.
- ☺ CeCe C.
- ☺ Chloe K.
- ☺ Grace M.
- ☺ Graham L.
- ☺ Henry M.
- ☺ Josh D.
- ☺ Libby M.
- ☺ Luke S.
- ☺ Max M.
- ☺ Natalie D.
- ☺ Owen L.
- ☺ Peter C.



EYC Gathering

Sunday, March 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

We will be serving pizza at the Gathering and also planning important upcoming events like the 30 Hour Famine on April 20 - 21, and Feed My Starving Children Food Packing on April 21, and a Summer Mission Lock In. In order for these events to happen, we need teens to help with the planning. We had a great turn out helping with the Pancake Supper and Pizza Making. Let's keep up the great works!

If you would like more information about our Youth Group, please contact Dana Cotter by email, dana.cotter@comcast.net.

EYC Gathering



St. Anne's Guild

Episcopal Church Women



The Episcopal Church Women's Student Service Award application is due by April 1. If you are a student who will be attending college in the fall, please visit <http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/diocesefnj/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2018-SSA-application-final.pdf> to complete an application.

On March 21st at 9 am, the ECW of Grace Church (St. Anne's Guild) will be putting together 50 Easter Baskets. Donations of individually wrapped candy are requested.

After putting the baskets together, all women of Grace Church are invited to attend our monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall library. If you can't make it during the day, there will also be an evening meeting at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

On March 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a Lenten Women's Retreat at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cranbury, NJ. If interested, please see the ECW bulletin board in the parish house hallway for more information or contact Mary Anne Clisham at 609.394.5281 ext. 10. Registration must be done by March 13 at <http://tunurl.com/y8sl8z4g>.

The next ECW District Meeting is April 16 at 6 p.m. at Grace Church in Haddonfield.

The Spring Rummage Sale will be Thursday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Grace Gardeners

Keep a look out for Grace Gardener's Spring Flower Sale! Order forms will be available soon. Any questions, please see Gretchen Poliero or any of the gardeners. Delivery will be Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5.

A group of flower lovers will be going to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Saturday, March 3. If you are interested in going, please contact Gretchen Poliero by phone, 856.429.5766 or by email, gretchensbaskets@hotmail.com.



Spring Clean up at Grace

Saturday, March 17 at 9 a.m.

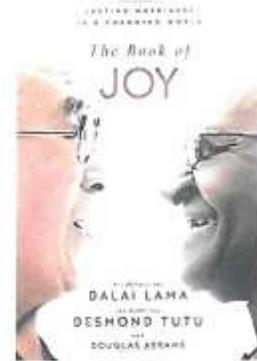
If you would like to help Grace Gardeners and the Property Committee, please show up and bring a trowel, garden gloves and hand clippers.

Tuesday Lenten Preaching Series

Suffering & Joy



**12:00 Noon
with Soup Lunch
at Grace Church**



Join us each Tuesday as we gather at Grace Church. The service begins at 12 noon with a hymn, prayer, reading of Holy Scripture and preaching by one of the clergy. Each preacher provides a reflection on suffering and joy; and their congregation provides the soup lunch in our Parish Hall.

This year we will be reflecting on "The Book of Joy", by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Date	Topic	Preacher
February 20	Forgiveness	Rev. Michael Feicht, First Baptist Church
February 27	Gratitude	Rev. Bill Getman, First Presbyterian Church
March 6	Generosity	Rev. Wayne Zschech, Lutheran Church of our Savior
March 13	Humor	Rev. Chris Heckert, United Methodist Church
March 20	Compassion	Rev. Anthony Talton, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
March 27	Acceptance	Rev. Christina LeLache, United Methodist Church

Presented by the Haddonfield Council of Churches



Cooper Episcopal Consortium Learning in Lent 2018

“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”

by
John Ortberg

Wednesdays
February 21st through March 21st
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Afternoon and evening sessions include
worship, a soup lunch or supper, and program



Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well. This six-session small group study helps you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, and a new way of knowing how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Relating the story in Matthew 14 to life today, teacher and bestselling author John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

Participants' handouts will be available at each session, but if you prefer, the book and guide are available online through Amazon, Christian Book Distributor, and several other sources.

February 21 - at Grace Church in Haddonfield

February 28 - at Grace Church in Merchantville

March 7 - at St. Bartholomew's in Cherry Hill

March 14 - at Holy Trinity Church in Collingswood

March 21 - at St. Mary's in Haddon Heights

THE HADDONFIELD CHOIR AND HYMN FESTIVAL



*An Inspiring Service
of Worship in Song*

Sunday March 4, 2018
4:00pm

Haddonfield United
Methodist Church
29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield, NJ

Over 120 singers from Haddonfield Area
Churches join their voices in song

- ♪ Combined Adult Choir
- ♪ Combined Children's Choir
- ♪ Classic and World Hymns Sung by All

Free Will Offering to Benefit



Grace Church's 5th Annual Good Libations

"International Wine and Beer Tasting"

Saturday, March 10th

6:30 pm. – 9:30 pm

Grace Performance Hall

(must be 21 years of age or older to attend)

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



Basket Auction and 50/50 Raffle

*Featuring Beer and Wine from
Great Cities around the World*

\$25.00 per person or 4 for \$80.00

Tickets at www.gracehaddonfield.org, on Sunday after the
9:30 am service; or contact Chris Strasser at
castrasser@verizon.net or J.P. Russell at bikerjp@comcast.net

**Grace Performance Hall
Grace Church in Haddonfield
19 Kings Highway East
Haddonfield, NJ 08033
856-429-0007**



Permit pending



Palm Sunday, March 28, 2018

After the 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion



Sign up to Bring a Dish to Share!

For more information contact, Nora Bollinger, moramsn@aol.com





**Maundy Thursday Passover Dinner
Grace Church in Haddonfield
Thursday, March 29, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

To Honor our Communion Class

Tickets required!

Adults (ages 16 and older) - \$20.00

Older Children (ages 10 - 16) - \$10.00

Communion Class Participants - Free

Confirmation Class Members - Free

Young Children (under age 10) - Free

Ticket available online and after Sunday services,

For more information contact Betsy Murphy,

856.433.2151, or

gracehaddonchurchschool@gmail.com

Meal includes lamb, chicken, roasted potatoes, salad, and Seder plate.

All are welcome to join us for this special meal!

Love God! Love Others! Change the World!



Photos from the January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting

Pictures Courtesy of John Poliero



Photos from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13.



Pictures

*Photos from the
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper,
February 13.*



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*Photos from the
Dedication of Skip
Slauson's Memorial Bench
Compliments of John
Poliero*



Intercessions

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



March 1

- Ronald Connors

March 2

- Erica Bergstralh
- Kelly Ferrante
- Michael Hempstead

March 3

- Victoria Bonnette
- Taylor Sproul

March 4

- Shannon Slater
- Kristen Slater

March 5

- Ronald Cox
- Darren Cox
- Gretchen Pinto

March 6

- Jane Beers
- Theo Haubrich
- Karen Hill-Quimby
- Olivia Welch

March 7

- Stephanie Coolahan
- Katie Meehan

March 8

- Patrick Close
- Ralph Deal

March 9

- John Coxe
- John Doyon
- Jason Schaeffer
- Jun Tsuda

March 10

- Ava Strommen

March 11

March 12

- Jeanne Pinkham
- Nicholas Youngstein

March 13

- Rosemary Lang
- Danielle Tucker

March 14

- Gunnar Bergstralh
- Isabelle Lamboy

March 15

- Kelsey Coolahan
- Lee Ensminger
- Tom Honey

March 16

- Sharon Domenico
- Jane Martine
- Richard Reicherter

March 17

- John Beluch
- George Bisirri
- Trevor Miller

March 18

- Micah Hamilton

March 19

March 20

- Savannah Barbato
- Chloe Kilkelly
- Davit Martinez
- Liam Wikberg

March 21

- Ruthe Buzby

March 22

- Lynn Irving
- Reagan Reichelderfer
- Eli Renshaw
- JP Russell

March 23

March 24

- Oliver Baker

March 25

- Megan Stanton

- Christian Strasser
- Ryo Tsuda

March 26

- Alex MacMoran
- Kevin Reis

March 27

- Robin Euler

March 28

- Michael Guerriero
- Jacob Lambert

March 29

- Benjamin Bednarczyk
- Isabella Strom

March 30

- Hudson Bednarczyk
- Jackson Ferrante

March 31

- Melissa Davis
- Rose McAuley



March 3

- Christian & Sherry Johnson

March 6

- Toni & Rick Bonnette

March 9

- Shawn & Kate Cuning

March 12

- Gary & Karen Marshall

March 17

- Richard & Janet Montegna

March 26

- James & Daniela Susini

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Easter 6:30 am Sunrise Holy Communion 8 am Easter Holy Communion 9:30 am Easter Holy Communion 9:30 am Easter Parish House Holy Communion 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 11 am Easter Holy Communion 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>2 Office Closed 7:30 pm Property Committee</p>	<p>3 7 pm Zumba</p>	<p>4 No Mid-Week Services</p>	<p>5 No Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir 8:30 pm Speakers (AA)</p>	<p>6 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>7 7:30 am 1st Saturday Breakfast 9 am KAC Lunch Makers 10 am - 4 pm Thrift Shop Open 5:30 pm Holy Communion</p>
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Church Services

Sundays	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Family & Choral)
1st Sunday	9:30 a.m. Parish House Holy Communion
Wednesdays	7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m. Healing & Holy Communion
Saturdays	5:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Regular Meetings at Grace Church

A.A.	Sundays, 6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
Book Club	2nd Monday, 1:15 p.m.
Church School	Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class	3rd Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
Communion Class	Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
Education Committee	1st Sunday, Odd Months, 11:30 a.m.
EYC	As Announced
Finance Committee	2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
1st Saturday Breakfast	1st Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
Grace Brewers	As Announced
Grace Speakers (AA)	Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.
Kids Alley Café Lunch Makers	1st Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
Kitchen Committee	1st Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Knit Wits	3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Property Committee	1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Running Club	2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Guild (ECW)	3rd Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
St. Michael's Singers	Sundays, 11:45 a.m.
St. Paul's Food Bank	4th Friday, 9:00 a.m.
St. Wilfrid's Free Medical Clinic	3rd Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
Stewardship	1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Teen Choir	As Announced
Thrift Shop	Fridays & Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Vestry	3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.