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Holy Eucharist - Sunday at 9am
Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

PACE OF GRACE



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	3 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	4 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	5 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR,	6	7
8 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	9 12:00 PM – Hi Noon 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	10 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 Vestry - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	11 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	12 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - MMR 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR,	13	14
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22 4th Sunday of Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Baptism 2:00 PM Mei Tsen-Chen Student Recital	23 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	24 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	25 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	26 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR, L	27	28 8:30 – 4 PM Tag Sale
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



Pace of Grace

April 2018

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Easter is eternal

truth

If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

—Donald H. Tippet



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in April

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Easter April 1	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
2 nd Sunday of Easter April 8	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
The Annunciation April 9	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 45	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
3 rd Sunday of Easter April 15	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
4 th Sunday of Easter April 22	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
St. Mark April 25	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 2 or 2:7- 10	Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16	Mark 1:1-15 or Mark 16:15-20
5 th Sunday of Easter April 29	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22-24-30	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8



April BIRTHDAYS

- 4/04 Elizabeth Gallagher
- 4/09 Jonathan Page
- 4/11 Barbara Johnson
- 4/12 James Dumont
- 4/20 Pat Rogorzenski
- 4/21 Walt Parker



Hi-Noon Group

HI-NOON - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and short excursions. All are welcome!

April 9, Monday – Prudence Crandall Center Tour, New Britain - following bag lunch in Parish Hall, car pool to Center.

May 7, Monday – Quinnipiac Valley Alpaca Farm will bring an alpaca to our meeting. Program will begin in Parish Hall following “bring your own” lunch.

June 4, Monday – Picnic in Parish Hall. Meal provided – volunteers for salads/desserts. Donation for meal.

July (date TBD) Lobster Roll Dockside in Clinton & Hammonasset Park.



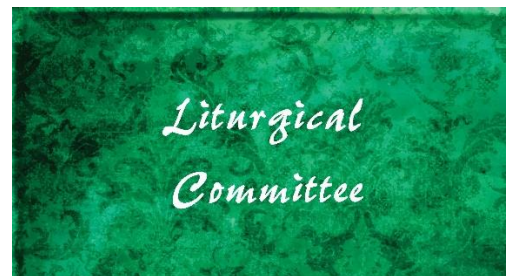
April ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/20 George and Barbara Johnson



Save the Date

- April 9th: Hi Noon
- April 10th: Vestry Meeting
- April 14th: Book Club Meeting
- April 28th: Tag Sale



Schedule to Pentecost

April 1 - Easter – Service at 9 am

May 20 - Pentecost – Service at 9 am
Balloons, Karen – Bowl of Fire

Beverley Manning

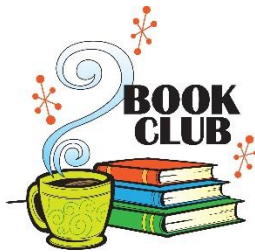


Food Collection

Newington Food Bank: The Newington Food Bank needs jarred spaghetti sauce, minced onion, canned crabmeat, 100% fruit juice, and beef stew. Thank you!



Lay Recertification Training for lay persons will be held here at Grace on the evening of June 6th: Lay recertification training is designed for lay ministers who attended a comprehensive basic safe church training (either a full day or the hybrid option). Certification is for three years; recertification training is done every three years thereafter. This training is two and a half-hours long and offers new and updated information. The focus is on the protection of children and youth and prevention of elder abuse. Registration must be done online on the Episcopal Church of CT website, www.episcopalct.org.



Despite not meeting for four months, the Grace Church Book Club continues to be a forum for discussion, fellowship and laughs,

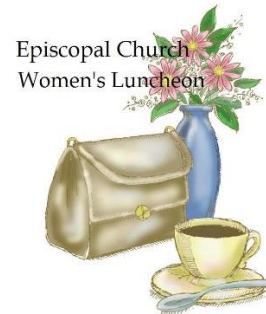
Our recent club was held on Saturday, March 10. The book selection was *The Girl in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware. Considering most of the group thought the book was “just OK,” we had a full and lively discussion. A member of the group, who had read the book when it first came out, commented she was inspired to read it again after listening to the conversation about it. Another listened to the book as an audio book, and thought the accents of the readers were well suited to the venues of the book and added an extra dimension to her enjoyment of the book.

Because of our extended hiatus between clubs was so long we decided as a group to have a “standing day” for our meetings. The day we selected for our meetings is the second Saturday of the month. There will be no regularly scheduled meetings in July, August and December. We understand that not everyone can

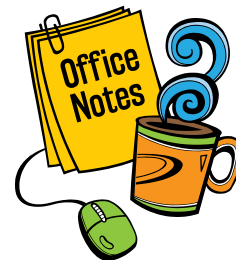
attend every meeting but we hope people will plan around it if they possibly can. The book club is open to all.




Our next book club is scheduled for Saturday, April 14. The meeting is always held in the church library from 2 to 4 pm. The book selected is *The All Girls Filling Station Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. We are also going to discuss *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn billed as “the most surprising, crowd pleasing thriller since *Gone Girl*.” Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



ECW Luncheon: The CT Episcopal Church Women’s luncheon will be held on May 3rd at the Aqua Turf in Southington. We will discuss carpooling at church. For questions see Beverley Manning. 860 667-0122



-  **Deadline for May *Pace of Grace* – Thursday, April 26th.** Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly.
-  We normally prepare the bulletin on Thursday. All items to be included in the calendar insert should be received by Wednesday evening.
-  Normal Office hours are Monday 11-4, Tuesday 1-5 and Thursday 11-5.



CREATIVE ENERGY TEAM — EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

This is the fundraiser list for 2018. More information will follow for each individual event.

EASTER FLOWERS – Available for pick up in the narthex on Easter Sunday after church. Cash is the preferred method of payment. There may be extra bouquets available for purchase.

TAG SALE - Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30 am - 2 pm

Cost is \$15 for table space.

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE & CHAIRS.

Rain date is Saturday, May 6, 2018

8:30 am - 2 pm.

The church will have a smaller section this year. Church members are encouraged to have their own tables. The fee of \$15 is the same for church members.

Location - Food & drinks will take place on the front patio entrance. Front driveway near front entrance will be used by church members. Going around the curve along hedges will be for others and there will be spots available on the grass.

Food – CJ, with help from Mari, will be cooking on the CET small grill. We will be selling donut holes in a cup, hotdogs, chips & small Gatorades. Coffee & water will be free. Donations will be accepted. Tag sale donations can be brought to the church the week before. Items can be placed in the nursery, gathering room or back of sanctuary.

Savers - At the end of the day, anything left over will be brought to Savers for a price paid per pound to Grace Church.

Help is always welcome the week before, during and for clean up afterwards. **If you have any questions please ask Lynn Page or Valerie Dumont**

ECW LUNCHEON – Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 8 am – 3 pm at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Please talk to Valerie Dumont or Lorraine Belyea if you would like to help.

DINING FOR DOLLARS – This will be held in September at Bertucci’s. Watch for the date!

FALL FESTIVAL 2018 – Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 9 am - 3 pm

Please mark this on your calendars!! **It is our largest fundraiser!** We would love to have everyone help; there will be something for everyone to do – leading up to and the day of!! This festival is a tremendous amount of work - before, during and after. This is a church-wide event. We try not to ask for much help except for this. Please volunteer or we will be asking you!! This year we will be looking for greeters and counters.

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG and SILENT AUCTION – Saturday, December 1, 2018 5 pm - 8 pm

A holiday fundraiser with lots of Christmas spirit. The silent auction preview starts at 5:00 with appetizers and wine; music at 6:00, Silent Auction and desserts at 7:00. Bidding ends at 7:30; winning bids will be announced at 7:45. Event ends at 8:00. This year there will be more Christmas music and singing of carols.

**Lay Ministry Schedule
April 2018
9 am Holy Eucharist**

	April 1, 2018	April 8, 2018	April 15, 2018	April 22, 2018	April 29, 2018
	Easter	1 Easter	2 Easter	3 Easter	4 Easter
LECTOR	Mabel Maynard	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell	Liz Welk
CRUCIFER	Jane Stewart	Liz Welk	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Walt Parker
USHERS		Bob MacCalmont	Brandon & Kathy	Nancy Beilman	Mark & Kathy
		Charlie Albrycht	Johnson	Marianne Doolittle	Shoemaker
FELLOWSHIP		Walt Parker			
NRRRC-10:30am	JoAnn Cromwell		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL	JoAnn Cromwell		JoAnn Cromwell		
CTR-12n					
ALTAR GUILD	Elissa Schumann	Elizabeth Welk	Elizabeth Welk	Marie Ritchie	Marie Ritchie
	Barbara Johnson	Jeanne Parker	Jeanne Parker	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato
	Candy Casciano	Jane Stewart	Jane Stewart	Kathy Shoemaker	Kathy Shoemaker
COUNTERS	JoAnn Cromwell	Beverley Manning	Walt Parker	JoAnn Cromwell	Beverley Manning
	Nancy DiPrato	Bette Forcash	Lorraine Belyea	Bette Forcash	Paul Crosswaith

