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

PACE OF GRACE



April

2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	2 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	3 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	4 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	5	6 All Day - Parish Hall Rental
7 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Morning Prayer	8 12 pm Newington Interfaith Clergy Assoc Mtg - MMR 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	9 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group - MMR 6:00 pm Vestry Mtg - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	10 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	11 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	12	13 2:00 pm Book Club Meeting - L
14 Palm Sunday 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Church School 2:00 pm Student Piano Recital - Sanctuary	15 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	16 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	17 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service	18 Maundy Thursday 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:00 pm Seder 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	19 Good Friday 12 pm Noon day prayer, Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	20
21 Easter 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	22 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	23 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	24 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - PH	25 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - MMR 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	26	27 All day - Community Tag Sale Spring Training at the Diocese
28 Second Sunday of Easter 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Church School	29 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	30 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR				

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



Pace of Grace

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"The Pace of Grace" is a monthly publication of
 Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT

Dear "Graceful" Friends,

Please join us during Holy Week and on Easter morning to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gift of God's life giving love.



Palm Sunday	April 14	Holy Eucharist	9 am
Tenebrae	April 17		7 pm
Maundy Thursday	April 18	Seder	6 pm
		Holy Eucharist	7 pm
Good Friday	April 19	Noon Day Prayer and Stations of the Cross	Noon
		Holy Eucharist	7 pm
Easter Sunday	April 21	Holy Eucharist	9 am

Easter Blessings, JoAnn Cromwell & Walt Parker



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 7, 2019	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Palm Sunday April 14, 2019	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-31
Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1, 10-17	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 19	Isaiah 52:13-53; 12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday April 20	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	Psalm 31: 1-14, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
Easter Day April 21	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 12-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
Second Sunday of Easter April 28, 2019	Acts 5:7-32	118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
St. Mark the Evangelist April 29	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 2	Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16	Mark 1:1-15 or Mark 16:15-20



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



04/20 Barbara and George Johnson



SENIORS ON THE GO HI-NOON - The group meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and/or short excursions. Activities planned through Summer 2019 are listed below. All are welcome!

Change of April Event - Monday, April 1 (No fooling) the group will visit the New Britain Museum of Modern Art. A special Georgia O'Keefe Exhibit is on display. Following a bag lunch in the Parish Hall the group will car pool to the museum. Museum cost for seniors \$12, Exhibit cost an additional \$8. A museum pass may be available at the library to pay the \$12 admission (pass good for four people). Hi-Nooners will visit the originally scheduled Barker Character

Comic and Cartoon Museum in Cheshire in the Fall **May 6, Monday - Alpacas** - The best attended and probably most interesting event last year was the visit



to Grace Church by an Alpaca. This year the Hi-Nooners will visit the Alpacas at their home. Following a bring your own lunch (coffee, tea, juice provided) in the Parish Hall at Noon the group will car pool to **Quinnipiac Valley Alpacas** in Cheshire. **June 3, Monday - Picnic, Parish Hall and Patio.** Hot dogs and hamburgers served - pot luck for salads and desserts.

Summer - (Date to be determined) - Dockside Lunch in Clinton & Hammonasset Park - Lobster Landing on the dock in Clinton will be the location of lunch. Lobster Rolls are featured, other items available. The group will then visit Hammonasset Beach for a short stroll. Meet at Church parking lot at 12:00 to car pool.



Save the Date

- April 1 Hi Noon
- April 8 Newington Interfaith Clergy Assoc. Mtg.
- April 9 Vestry Meeting
- April 13 Book Club Meeting
- April 14 Palm Sunday
- April 14 Church School
- April 17 Tenebrae - 7 pm
- April 18 Maundy Thursday 6 pm Seder, 7 pm Eucharist
- April 19 Good Friday, Stations of the Cross - Noon Holy Eucharist - 7 pm
- April 21 Easter
- April 27 Community Tag Sale
- April 27 Spring Training at the Diocese
- April 28 Church School



BAKE A CAKE – Every month Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated the **FIRST** Sunday of the month with a cake served at Fellowship Time after the service. Please consider baking or buying a cake to be served. Notify Debbie in the Church Office by email or phone the month you will bring a cake: office@gracechurchnew.org / 860-666-3331. A cake baked in a standard 9 X 13 pan using one cake mix package or homemade ingredients is a good size.



Book Club: The Book Club Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13. The book we will be reading is “The Stars are Fire” by Anita Shreve. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

“A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read” - Mark Twain

Melissa Haseley



Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank with spaghetti sauce, minced onion, canned crabmeat, 100% fruit juice and Beef stew.

JoAnn Cromwell

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of Central CT Annual Spring Fundraiser to benefit homeless families with children

May 4, 2019, 6 to 9pm. Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain.

Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For tickets call 860.259.5649.

Silent and live auction, entertainment, food and drinks, Kentucky Derby attire optional. Learn more at <https://familypromisecct.org>. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Central CT.

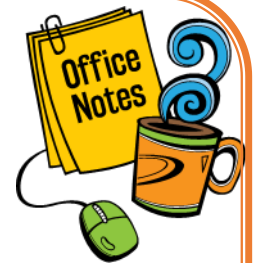


Recycling: Good for You! Good for Grace! Good for the World!

Our St. Pauly Textile drop off shed benefits ALL! At our shed in 2018 roughly 11,510 garments of clothing were donated. This was enough to clothe an estimated 1,396 people. This clothing is being used by people in up to 44 different countries included the USA. Grace Church raised \$686 in 2018 by hosting the shed.

Clean your closets, Help the needy, Raise money for Grace. Thank you!

The deadline for the May Pace of Grace is Tuesday, April 23rd. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.



Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5: and Thursday 11-5.

Debbie Forrest



With supply clergy celebrating our services, it's important that everyone wear their name tags. If you are in need of one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will

make one up for you. Thank you!



Sing With Us

Please join us to sing anthems on Sunday services. Feel free to stop by weekly rehearsals at 6:30 on Thursdays. This Easter would be a great time to start! Thank you.

Mei-Tsen Chen

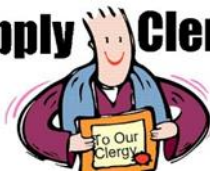


Morning Prayer

Please join us for a peaceful, centering time of prayer and worship. Early week Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. All are welcome. Beverley Manning and JoAnn Cromwell rotate leading the service



Supply Clergy



Supply Clergy Schedule:

April 7	Morning Prayer
April 14	Rev. Valerie Miller
April 18	Rev. Valerie Miller
April 19	Rev. Valerie Miller
April 21	Rev. Valerie Miller
April 28	Morning Prayer

QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: FEBRUARY 31 2019

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>			
Pledge Income	\$ 87,558	\$ 14,885	\$ 11,675
Total Income	\$125,908	\$ 20,575	\$ 16,843
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$125,328)	(\$ 21,552)	(\$ 15,504)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	\$ 580	(\$ 977)	\$ 1,339



SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Safe Church Training Option 2

Option 2: Online component followed by abbreviated in-person component

Option 2 training sessions in-person (live) component will be offered Mon. – Thurs. evenings 6:30-9:00 p.m. with light supper provided or Saturday mornings 9:00-11:30 a.m. The links to the online course modules will be sent to you via email within 2 weeks of your completed registration and no sooner than 4 weeks before the live training session. The online course modules must be completed prior to attending the live session and two (2) days prior to the live session to receive your certificate that day. Trainings will have a minimum of ten (10) registered attendees; trainings with less than 10 may be cancelled. Register for a live session below.

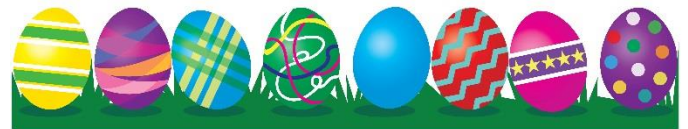
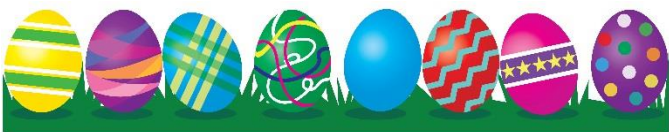
Tues., May 7, 2019, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.: St. John's, 3 Trumbull Place, North Haven -Register here

Sat., June 8, 2019, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.: St. John's, 92 Main St., East Windsor -Register here

There are many other locations for the Option 2 Safe Church Training. These are the closest.

Please let the Wardens and the office know which session you will attend.

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking. In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right. And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.





Creative Energy Team
April 2019

Fundraiser dates for 2019

EASTER FLOWERS – Sign-up will be available through Palm Sunday.

Pick up will be in the Narthex on Good Friday between 10 am -12 noon or Easter Sun April 21st after church services. The bouquets are \$15.00 each. If you forgot to sign up there are usually a few left for immediate purchase. If you have any questions please ask Walt Parker, Lorraine Belyea or Valerie Dumont

TAG SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019 8:30 - 2PM

COST IS \$15 FOR TABLE SPACE. BRING YOUR OWN TABLE & CHAIRS.

Rain date is Saturday, May 4, 2019

The church section will be smaller this year. Church members can also have their own tables. The fee of \$15.00 is the same for church members and our guests.

Location - The tables for Grace Church will be on the front driveway near front main entrance of church. Going around the curve along hedges will be for other vendors. Spots on the grass in the front grassy area are also available.

Food - food & drinks will be available on the front patio entrance. We 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 are always accepted.

Donations for the Tag Sale- Can be made to the church starting now. All items can be placed in the nursery, gathering room. After April 21st - Easter Sunday you may place your Tag Sale items in the back of the Sanctuary.

Savers - At the end of tag sale all clothing items will be brought to Savers for a price paid per pound to Grace Church. All other items will be donated to appropriate people or stores.

Help is always welcome the week before the Tag Sale, day of and clean up after.

If you have any questions please ask Lynn Page or Valerie Dumont.

ECW Luncheon – Thursday, May 2, 2019, 9 am – 3 pm at The Aqua Turf in Southington. Please see Valerie Dumont or Lorraine Belyea if you would like to help.

Dining for Dollars – Puerta Vallarta, Monday, June 3, 2019, 3 pm – close. No coupons – 20% off all orders for the restaurant.

Dining for Dollars – Location TBD, tentatively Thursday, September 19, 2019

Fall festival 2019 – Saturday, October 19, 2019—10 am – 3 pm

Episcopal Convention - Convention Center in Hartford

Saturday and Sunday - October 26th & 27th

We will be selling our prayer beads & religious jewelry

Please like our Facebook page & join us - Grace Episcopal Church - Newington

We look forward to seeing everyone in the month of April!!

Valerie Dumont & Lynn Page



Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	April 7, 2019	April 14, 2019	April 21, 2019	April 28, 2019
	5 th Lent	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday	2 nd Easter
Supply Clergy	Morning Prayer	Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Valerie Miller	Morning Prayer
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Walt Parker
MINISTER OF COMMUNION		Shirley Adams	Karen Halpert	
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk
PRAYERS	Mabel Maynard	Beverley Manning	Marie Ritchie	Karen Halpert
USHERS	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Brandon & Kathy Johnson
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL CTR - 12n		JoAnn Cromwell		
Lay Eucharist Visitor			Elizabeth Welk	
ALTAR GUILD	Elizabeth Welk Kathy Shoemaker Marie Ritchie Elissa Schumann	Elizabeth Welk Kathy Shoemaker Marie Ritchie Elissa Schumann	Kathy Shoemaker Jane Stewart Candy Casciano	Kathy Shoemaker Jane Stewart Candy Casciano
COUNTERS	Walt Parker Nancy DiPrato	Beverley Manning Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell Nancy DiPrato	Melissa Haseley Lorraine Belyea

Holy Week Schedule				
	Wednesday April 17, 2019	Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019	Good Friday April 29, 2109	Good Friday April 29, 2019
	Tenebrae	Seder 6 pm	Noon Day Prayer	Holy Eucharist 7 pm
Supply Clergy	Dcn CJ Puskarz	Rev. Valerie Miller	Noon Day Prayer	Rev. Valerie Miller
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Mabel Maynard	Paul Crosswaith	Walt Parker
MINISTER OF COMMUNION		JoAnn Cromwell		Kathy Johnson
CRUCIFER		Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk
PRAYERS		Walt Parker	Karen Halpert	Beverley Manning
USHERS		Jane Stewart		Nancy DiPrato
		Paul Crosswaith		Lorraine Belyea



If you wish to donate flowers for the Altar for Easter in memory or honor of someone or in thanksgiving for blessings, you may fill out the following form and mail it with your contribution, made out to Grace Church, to:

Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT 06111-2719

You may also drop off the form and your check at the office or place it in an offering plate on Sunday.

Envelopes are also in your offering packets and available in the narthex. Please return no later than April 14

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR

NAME OF DONOR

ADDRESS OF DONOR

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____

AMOUNT: _____

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
AGING AND LIFE PLANNING MINISTRY NETWORK

ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2019

*50th (or more) Wedding
Anniversary Celebration*

Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.
at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut

Mark your parish calendars! If you are a couple who has previously reached or will reach this significant milestone in 2019, please let your clergy or warden know, so they can send your name and mailing address to Chrissy Shingler at The Commons, by January 4, 2019.

We would also like to recognize those same-sex couples who have been together for 50 years or more, and are married.

If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy by phone at (203) 639-3501, x108 or email cshingler@episcopalct.org



COMMUNITY TAG SALE

****COME SELL – COME SHOP****

****DONATIONS ACCEPTED****

**Saturday, April 27, 2019
8:30am-2pm**

Grace Episcopal Church

124 Maple Hill Ave, Newington, CT

Rent a space for \$15.00 Bring your own Table

Set up at 7am

Rain Date is May 4, 2019

Contact Lynn Page for info 860-667-1835

