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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
25 2 nd Sunday of Lent	26 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	27 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	28 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	1 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR,	2	3
4 3 rd Sunday in Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	5 12:00 PM – Hi Noon 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	6 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	7 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	8 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR,	9	10
11 4 th Sunday in Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 12-4 pm – Parish Hall hold for Lynn Page 	12 12:00 Interfaith Clergy Assoc. Meeting – PH 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	13 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 Vestry - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	14 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	15 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, L	16	17 9 am – 3 pm ECW Meeting MMR or PH 
18 5 th Sunday in Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	19 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	20 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	21 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	22 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, L	23	24
25 Palm Sunday Commitment Sunday 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Stewardship Brunch after church	26 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – PH	27 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	28 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L 7:00 PM Tenebrae	29 Maundy Thursday 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:00 PM Seder 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR, L 9:00 PM – Midnight - Watch	30 Good Friday 12 PM Holy Eucharist and Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Marthomas Hall Rental – PH 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	31 7:00 PM Easter Vigil

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



**To renew, to
serve, and to
accept all people, as we
grow together in Christ.**

Pace of Grace

March 2018

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



Tiny breeze or mighty wind,
swirling round as God commands.
Hats go flying. Branches bend.
Little seeds spread through the lands.

God Almighty makes the wind;
great big gusts can shape the sands.
Awesome is the power of God,
when even wind obeys his plans.

—MaryAnn Sundby



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

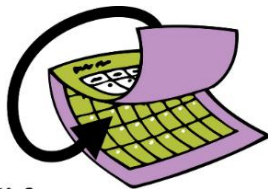
	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
3rd Sunday in Lent March 4	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
4th Sunday in Lent March 11, 2018	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
5th Sunday in Lent March 18, 2018	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-13 or 119:9-16	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
St. Joseph March 19	2 Samuel 7:4,8-16	Psalm 89:1-29 or 89:1-4, 26-29	Romans 4:13-18	Luke 2:41-52
Palm Sunday March 25 Liturgy of the Palms	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:12,19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 11:1-11
Monday in Holy Week March 26	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday in Holy Week March 27	Genesis 17:1-7, 15- 16	Psalm 22:22-30	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
Wednesday in Holy Week March 28	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday March 29	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 March 30	Isaiah 52:13-53-12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday March 31	Job 14:1-14	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42



03/09 Melissa Haseley
 03/10 Benjamin Page
 03/16 Emilia Herrington
 03/23 Jane Stewart



03/06 Brandon and Kathy Johnson



Save the Date

March 5th: Hi Noon
 March 13th: Vestry Meeting
 March 17th: ECW Board Meeting
 March 25th: Palm Sunday and Stewardship Brunch
 March 29th: Maundy Thursday
 March 30th: Good Friday



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!

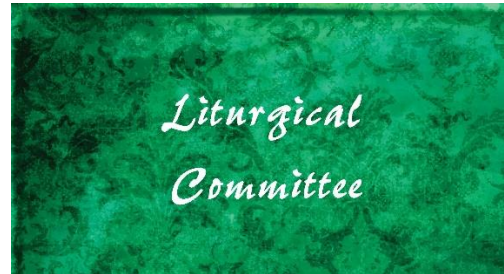
March 5, Monday - Restaurant Adventure - Mykonos Mediterranean Restaurant, Newington - Meet at 12 noon in church parking lot to carpool to the restaurant.

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.



Schedule to Pentecost

Holy Week

March 25 - Palm Sunday – Service at 9 am
 Palms, Dove

March 28 – Tennenbrae – Service at 7 pm

March 29 - Maundy Thursday – Seder at 6 pm,
 Service at 7 pm, Stripping of the Altar,
 Watch 9 pm to Midnight

March 30 - Good Friday - Services at noon and 7 pm
 Stations of the Cross – noon

March 31 – Easter Vigil – Service at 7 pm

April 1 - Easter – Service at 9 am

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

Beverley Manning



The Altar Guild will be cleaning the church for Easter on Saturday, March 24 at 9:30 am. We will need some men to help with the heavy lifting



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.



Cancellation of services due to weather will be posted on NBC Connecticut (channel 30) and WFSB (channel 3) and on their websites

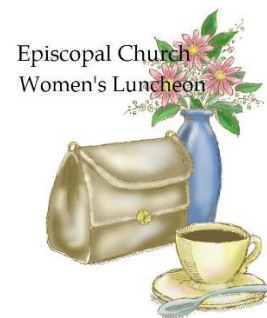


Annual Spring Training and Gathering: The 6th Annual Spring Training & Gathering will be held Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden, CT. Join Episcopalians from across Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning prayer and fun. All are welcome - people in the pews to Vestry members to parish leaders and staff.

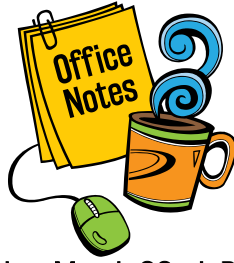
The Spring Training Workshop booklet is available at - www.episcopalct.org/springtraining/ for more information and to sign up.

Register Early! Last year over 300 people attended and this year we expect even more! **Regular registration ends March 11, 2018 at 11:30 p.m. and is \$15.00 Late registration is \$25.00 and ends March 25, 2018.** After March 25th, registration is closed. If there are any remaining openings after March 25th, you may register at the door for a fee of \$35.00.

Snacks, coffee, tea and lunch are provided. The fee helps defray the cost of food and is non-refundable.



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. The cost is \$20.00, and a check should be made out to ECW in CT. Luncheon choices are salmon, chicken or vegetable lasagna and needs to be indicated when you sign up. The sign-up sheet is on the board in the narthex. Let's try to get our reservations in by March 18th. For questions see Beverley Manning. 860 667-0122



- ✎ Deadline for March *Pace of Grace* – **Thursday, March 22nd**. 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.



If you wish to donate 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.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR

NAME OF DONOR

ADDRESS OF DONOR

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____

AMOUNT: _____

	March 4, 2018	March 11, 2018	March 18, 2018	March 25, 2018
	3 Lent	4 Lent	5 Lent	Palm Sunday
LECTOR	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Liz Welk	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Mabel Maynard
USHERS	Marty Dumont	Bob MacCalmont	Brandon & Kathy	Nancy Beilman
	Chelsea Belyea	Charlie Albrycht	Johnson	Marianne Doolittle
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am	JoAnn Cromwell		JoAnn Cromwell	
HTFD REGIONAL	JoAnn Cromwell		JoAnn Cromwell	
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Shoemaker	Jane Stewart	Jane Stewart	Elissa Schumann
	Jeanne Parker	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato	Barbara Johnson
	Candy Casciano	Pat Rogorzanski	Pat Rogorzanski	Candy Casciano
COUNTERS	Melissa Haseley	Beverley Manning	Walt Parker	JoAnn Cromwell
	Bette Forcash	Nancy DiPrato	Paul Crosswaith	Lorraine Belyea

Holy Week Schedule	Wednesday March 28, 2018	Maundy Thursday March 29, 2018	Good Friday March 30, 2018	Holy Saturday March 31, 2018	Easter Sunday April 1
	Tenebrae 7:00 PM	Seder 6 PM Service 7 PM Watch 9-12 pm	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	7:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard Karen Halpert JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams
MINISTER OF COMMUNION			Lynn Page	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith
CRUCIFER			Karen Halpert	Liz Welk	Jane Stewart
PRAYERS			Karen Halpert	Beverley Manning	Paul Crosswaith
USHERS			Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith
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