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



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MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	2 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	3 ECW Annual Meeting at Aqua Turf 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal MMR 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR,	4	5
6 6th Sunday of Easter 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7 12:00 PM – Hi Noon 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - PH	8 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 9:00 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 Vestry - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	9 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	10 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,	11	12 8:00 AM NA Breakfast 2:00 PM Violin & Viola Concert 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting - L
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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

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God Be With You

Dear Grace Church Family,

This is the last piece that I will write for the *Pace* before I leave Grace, Newington. It seems hard for me to believe that the years and months have passed by so quickly, but the calendar does not lie. It has been a remarkable time with the inevitable mix of joys and regrets, but the things that I will most fondly take away are the lasting friendships that have enriched my time with you. How to find a way to make an appropriate closure? I have been thinking about that a lot in these last few weeks. One of the things that I do know and in which I firmly believe is that separation as Priest and congregation is not the end. Rather, it is the beginning of the next chapter in our story for Grace, and for me. In the church, we believe that we are all brothers and sisters indelibly linked by our baptism and our life together as people of faith called to a common mission and to the search to discover what God is up to in our lives. Having said that, what else do I say?

Last week, as I was cleaning Prince's stall I thought I heard the soft melodious strains of a well-known hymn by a nineteenth century hymnodist. The text was written by Jeremiah E. Rankin and J. W. Bischoff. It was set to music by William G. Tomer and is included in *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. The hymn text begins, "God be with you till We Meet Again". Where was the music coming from? There was no one else in the barn. Buttercup, the pony, used to hum quietly and I guess Prince has picked up that gift because that is the only explanation I could imagine. It seemed appropriate and the texts of the verses describe what all Christians feel for one another at leave taking. The first verse is:

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

According to Rankin's biographer, the text was written as a Christian good-bye called forth by no specific person or occasion but rather as a hymn based on the etymology (origins) of the familiar phrase "good-bye" which is derived from the ancient Christian expression "God be with you." The text seems most appropriate on occasions, such as this one, when we are about to separate from our brothers and sisters in the faith and are unsure of what exactly lies ahead. This is just such an occasion for all of us.

So, I will not say good-bye to all of you and to this Parish for which I have great and abiding affection. Rather, I will say God be with you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as we continue our journeys and, know this, our paths will cross again. We are a small church and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Faithfully,

David+



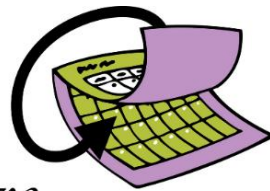
Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in May

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles May 1	Isaiah 30:18-21	Psalm 119:33-40	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	John 14:6-14
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
Ascension Day May 10	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after the Ascension May 13	Acts 1:15-17, 21- 26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Day of Pentecost May 20	Acts 2:1-21 Or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Trinity Sunday May 27	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or Canticle 13	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 113	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57



5/01 Paul Barr
 5/14 Nathaniel Page
 05/24 Mitch Page
 05/29 Lynn Page

5/04 Thomas & Susan Raimondo
 5/07 Nicholas & Candace Casciano
 5/09 Steven & Nancy Tatsapaugh



*Save
the Date*

May 3 rd :	Annual ECW Meeting at the Aqua Turf
May 7 th :	Hi Noon
May 8 th :	Vestry Meeting
May 12 th :	Mei-Tsen Chen Violin & Viola Concert
May 12 th :	Book Club Meeting
May 13 th :	Mother's Day
May 19 th :	Golden Oldies Concert at Trinity, Wethersfield
May 28 th :	Memorial Day



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!

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.



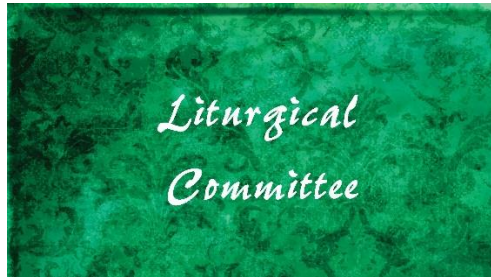
Quinnipiac Valley Alpacas to Visit Newington

“Just one look and you’ll fall in love” is the catch phrase of the New England Alpacas Owners and Breeders Association. Cousins to the llama, alpacas have fleece that is called “fiber of the Gods”. Learn about alpacas and meet the Quinnipiac Valley alpacas up close and personal and fall in love!

The Grace Episcopal Church Hi-Noon Group will host a visit by the alpacas on Monday, May 7. The event is open to the public. At 12:00 there will be an optional bring your own lunch. The group will provide coffee, tea and juice. The alpaca program and presentation begins at 12:30.

There is no charge for the event and reservations are not required. The program will be held in the church Parish Hall located at 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington. The entrance to the hall is located on the left side of the building. Please call the church office at 860-666-3331 with any questions.

Please call Melissa Haseley at 860-977-4181 with questions about this article.



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

Beverley Manning



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. **Please note:** You will receive a confirmation email after you have successfully registered. If you have difficulty registering, do not receive a confirmation email, or have any questions about the training contact Deb Kenney at dkenney@episcopalct.org.

Registration ends at 11:30 p.m. on May 30, 2018, or when training is full, whichever comes first.

Check-in is at 6:00 PM with a light supper served at that time.

Training begins promptly at 6:30 PM.



Newington Food Bank: The Newington Food Bank needs salsa, brownie mix, garlic powder, crackers, whole grain and canned tuna. Thank you!

Newington Hunger Action Team:

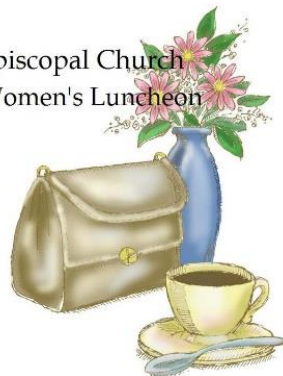
Got Lunch Newington is a collaborative community program that will feed over 100 hungry children in Newington for 10 weeks this summer. The program relies on donations to provide the groceries necessary for healthy lunches each week. Last year, Grace Church generously donated to this program and we are asking that Grace parishioners do so again. We are in need of the following *specific* items which can be dropped off in the Food Bank basket any time in the month of May.

- 5 ounce cans of water-packed tuna or chicken
- 30 ounce plastic jars of mayonnaise
- 16 ounce plastic jars of peanut butter
- 16 ounce plastic jars of grape jelly

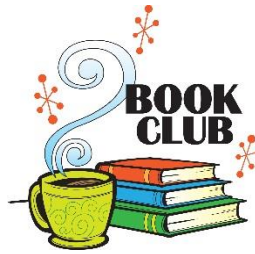
Please check expiration dates as some donations will be stored and used toward the end of the summer. For more information, go to GotLunch.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

Contact JoAnn Cromwell, member of the HAT Team, at 860-841-6296 for further information.

Episcopal Church
Women's Luncheon



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



On a bright, sunny, warm spring day, the Grace Church Book Club gathered to discuss their latest read: “The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion” by Fannie Flagg. The group actually met outside to enjoy the lovely spring weather as well.

The book was well received by all and a wide-ranging discussion ensued. The book was funny, entertaining and educational with, for the most part, likable, compelling characters. The book focuses on a little known aspect of America’s involvement in World War II: the WASP’s or the Women’s Airforce Service Pilots whose job was to fly planes from the manufacturers to various military bases to free up the men for combat overseas. They served as volunteers with not even a free ride home after they were done with their service. And they didn’t get a thank you either! They were courageous pioneers, heroes and role models with absolutely no recognition. We were all outraged by the way they were treated. Their record of service was classified and sealed for 35 years, before their story was known.

The underlying story centers on one of the main characters when she accidentally discovers a secret about her mother which calls into question everything she knows about herself. She searches for answers from California to Wisconsin (who knew) and back into the 1940’s which ultimately links the two story lines together. It was an engaging blend of fact and fiction with lots of familial love within the two families as well as heartbreak and adventure. All around it was a satisfying read.

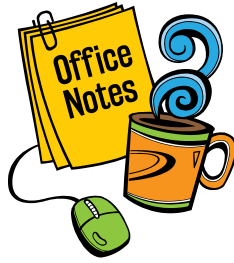
The group also had a brief discussion about “The Woman in the Window”. Those who finished it, liked it, even though it was similar to another book recently read by the group. The discussion was not a full one since we didn’t want to spoil it for those still reading. And one can’t talk about it without revealing several spoiler points with all the twists and turns of the book!

The next book club meeting will be on May 12 from 2 to 4 pm in the Library.

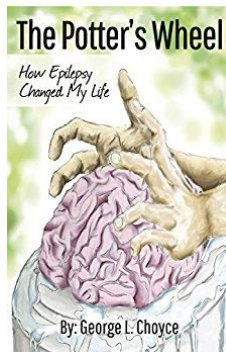
The next book selection is “The Time Traveler’s Wife” by Audrey Niffenegger.

Happy Reading!

Melissa Haseley



- ✎ Deadline for June *Pace of Grace* – **Thursday, May 24th**. 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.



The Potter's Wheel: How Epilepsy Changed My Life.

Many of you remember when George Choyce and his family were with us from 1997 to 2002. George accepted a call to St Timothy's Church in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, with a bright future ahead. A few years later, George developed Epilepsy, a disease that most people, including George, know very little about. His first seizure occurred while he was preaching a sermon one summer Sunday.

George began a very different journey, as he sought diagnosis and treatment. George also began a long spiritual journey, questioning, seeking healing and comfort. He met others with the same problems, and a few priests who were coping with Epilepsy. George had the support of his family, especially his wife Anne and the children, who are all adults now.

This book is a journal, both medical and spiritual, of George's life.

We have a copy of the book in the Library. Please sign it out if you borrow it, so we can share.

Beverley Manning, Church Librarian



CREATIVE ENERGY TEAM — EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

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

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

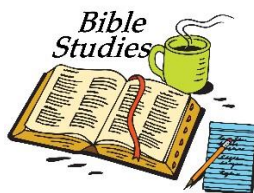
Please mark this on your calendars!! **It is our largest fundraiser!** We would love to have everyone help; there will be something for everyone to do – leading up to and the day of!! This festival is a tremendous amount of work - before, during and after. This is a church-wide event. We try not to ask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

Events at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield:



Bible Study: Life in the Holy Spirit – Power from Above for Our Life Here Below

This Bible study will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit with a broad strokes look at the book of Acts and will have a special prayer component on Pentecost Sunday. Each class will look at a different aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit in the early Church as told by the book of Acts. The scope of this study is practical and personal. How does the Holy Spirit work in our lives today? Classes will take place in the Parish Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

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| May 3 | Silver and Gold I Have None: the Power to Heal
Acts Chapters 3 & 4 |
| May 10 | Stephen, the Deacon/Martyr: The Power to Serve Sacrificially
Acts Chapters 6 & 7 |
| May 17 | My Chosen Instrument: The Power to Proclaim
Acts Chapters 9 & 13 |
| May 24 | God Shows No Partiality: The Power to See the World Differently
Acts Chapters 10 & 15 |
| May 31 | What You Worship as Unknown, I Now Proclaim to You:
The Power to Meet People Where They Are
Acts Chapter 17 |



Golden Oldies Concert on Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield. Presented by Sal Basile playing guitar and singing favorite songs in the Parish Hall. Bistro-Style seating, hot and cold appetizers, fruit and punch will be provided. If you have a favorite appetizer recipe, please make it and bring to share and enjoy an evening of wonderful music and a fun time! \$10 at the door with proceeds to benefit Trinity's Outreach Committee Programs in Wethersfield, Hartford, Haiti and Nigeria.

Jobs Workshops: Connecticut Area

Job Search in the Digital Age

Discover how to search and apply for great jobs online

- Explore the latest job search websites and apps
- Learn how to set yourself apart from the competition
- Age-proof your resume and boost your online presence

Enjoy light refreshments!

Sharpen Your Networking & Interview Skills

Refresh your image and put your best self forward.

- Discover how to effectively network
 - Create a winning "elevator pitch"
 - Learn tips to ace your interview

Enjoy light refreshments!

The next session is May 17, 2018 at the Russell Library in Middletown from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

For questions about this workshop call 1-866-740-6947.



Central Connecticut Health District Offers Free Dental Cleanings for District Residents

Are you over the age of 60? Do you live in Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, or Wethersfield? Are you in need of a dental cleaning? If you have answered yes to all three, the Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) has you covered!

In partnership with the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) and Atria Greenridge Place Senior Living, CCHD is hosting FREE dental cleaning clinics to district residents age 60 and over.

These clinics will be held on May 17th & 18th from 8:45 AM to 12:45 PM at Atria Greenridge Place Senior Living, located at [One Elizabeth Court, Rocky Hill, CT 06067](#).

Please note that those participating MUST reside in one of the following towns: Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, or Wethersfield, CT. Donations are graciously accepted for this service.

There is a limit of 5 patients per day, so please reserve your spot by calling Luis Pantoja, Health Educator, at (860) 258-2706.

For more information on CCHD please contact us by visiting www.ccthd.org. Find us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter [@CCTHD4](#)!

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

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
	6 Easter	7 Easter	Pentecost	1 Pentecost
LECTOR	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Lynn Page	Shirley Adams	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie
USHERS	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht	Brandon and Kathy Johnson
FELLOWSHIP				
NRRRC-10:30am		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL		JoAnn Cromwell		
CTR-12n				
ALTAR GUILD	Elissa Schumann Pat Rogorzenski Barbara Johnson	Elissa Schumann Pat Rogorzenski Barbara Johnson	Elizabeth Welk Jane Stewart Kathy Shoemaker	Elizabeth Welk Jane Stewart Kathy Shoemaker
COUNTERS	Walt Parker Nancy DiPrato	Melissa Haseley Lorraine Belyea	Beverley Manning Bette Forcash	JoAnn Cromwell Paul Crosswaith