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Holy Eucharist – 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at
9 am
Morning Prayer – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9 am

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2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR	3 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group - PH	4 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	5	6 Scrapbooking Event - PH All day
7 5 th Easter 9 am – Morning Prayer 11:30 am – 2:30 pm KNA - S	8 12:00 pm Hi-Noon 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	9 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR 6:00 pm Vestry	10 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group - PH	11 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	12	13
14 6 th Easter 9 am – Holy Eucharist 11:30 am – 2:30 pm KNA - S	15 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	16 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR	17 12 pm – Book Club - L 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group - PH	19 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	19	20
21 7 th Easter 9 am – Morning Prayer 11:30 am – 2:30 pm KNA – S	22 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	23 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR	24 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group – PH	25 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost 9 am – Holy Eucharist 11:30 am – 2:30 pm KNA – S 	29 	30 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR	31 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men’s Group – PH			

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; S=Sanctuary; MG=Memorial Garden



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May 2023

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**The Future of Grace Church
Parish Meeting
Sunday, June 4
(following worship service)**

Save the date. You will soon receive a letter with meeting details. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of Grace Church in light of our current financial situation and what the viable options are to remedy. Your Vestry strongly feels that our parishioners should be involved with their ideas, suggestions and thoughts and this meeting will be designed to hear your opinions. You will be invited to a parish-wide town hall style meeting in the Parish Hall on Sunday, June 4 immediately following our worship service. There will be a Pot Luck Brunch as well.

Sincerely,

JoAnn & Walt
Wardens



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

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Saints Philip and James, Apostles May 1, 2023	Isaiah 30:18-21	Psalm 119:33-40	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	John 14:6-14
5 th Easter May 7, 2023	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
6 th Easter May 14, 2023	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Ascension Day May 18, 2023	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
7 th Easter May 21, 2023	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 31, 2023	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 113	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57



May 14 Nathaniel Page
 May 15 Richard Buika
 May 24 Mitch Page
 May 29 Lynn Page



May 7 Nicholas & Candy Casciano



May 7 Morning Prayer
 May 14 Holy Eucharist
 May 21 Morning Prayer
 May 28 Holy Eucharist - Pentecost



The deadline for the June issue is Tuesday, May 23, 2023. 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.



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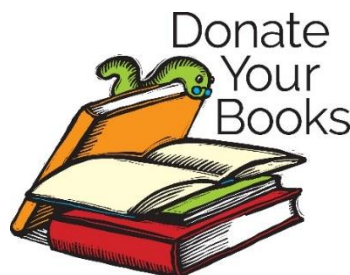
Hi-Noon – All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the meetings of Hi-Noon. The group’s activities vary and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events.

Upcoming Events:

May 1, Monday: Conversation – Parish Hall - Bring a bag lunch (coffee and tea provided).

June 5, Monday: Annual Picnic – Parish Hall and Patio – Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided – Pot-luck picnic – please bring your favorite salads or desserts or other yummy picnic foods to share.

SAVE THE DATE: June 4th – Parish-wide meeting and brunch immediately following the service. This is very important, as it will have an impact on the future of our parish.



SAVE THE DATE: June 3
 Book and media sale.
 Donations are being accepted.



Our next book club meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23. We will be reading *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idiby.

Below is a list of reads for the rest of the year.

June 21 *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

Summer Reads:

Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

The Horsewoman by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

September 20 Our Summer Reads

October 18 *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

November 15 *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

December 13 Holiday Luncheon no book to read – the luncheon will be at Kathy’s house and catered by the Italian Gourmet

The book discussions start at 12 noon unless otherwise noted, bag lunch and wrap up by 2:00.

Happy Reading!
Melissa Haseley



Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank by donating toothpaste and brushes, canned fruit (100% fruit juice), ketchup, paper towels and 100% Juice boxes. You are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

JoAnn Cromwell

Notes from the ECCT, North Central Region:

Save the Date: June 17, 2023

There will be a North Central Region Picnic Supper here at Grace beginning around 5 pm.

Parishioners from around the region will be attending. The dinner will be a potluck picnics held in the Parish hall and outside on the patio.

Bring your family and friends! Bring the children and grandchildren!

Bring your favorite potluck main dish, salad or dessert. Paper products will be provided by the NCR leadership team.

If you have any questions please let me know. I am now the representative from Grace Church.

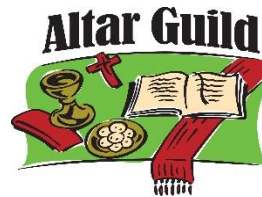
Liz Welk



Coffee Hour – Easy to do!

Anyone can easily set up coffee hour. Providing snacks would be nice, but not required. The coffee pot is in the

Narthex and all supplies are in the file cabinet in the Narthex Closet (except creamers / Mini-Moos which are in pastor’s office refrigerator). Instructions are posted in the Closet. It’s easy: 10-minute set-up, 5-minute clean-up.



I would like to thank all the members of the Altar Guild, including Walt Parker and Mark Shoemaker, for the hard work done during Holy Week—cleaning the church and changing the hangings on the big Cross. I would also like to thank Melissa Haseley for delivering the daffodils we had on the Altar for Easter Sunday. In addition, thank you for all the help with the three Sundays in a row we had Holy Communion and Roy’s Funeral.

Liz Welk



QUICK UPDATE: MARCH 31, 2023

	<u>MARCH</u> <u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTAL 2023</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 5,430	\$ 14,493	\$ 14,867	\$ 61,946
<u>INCOME:</u>	\$ 12,923	\$ 24,223	\$ 23,740	\$ 99,061
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$ 10,356)	(\$ 33,173)	(\$ 34,732)	(\$ 133,596)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	\$ 2,567	(\$ 8,950)	(\$ 10,991)	(\$ 34,535)
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 5,695		<i>End 2022 Checkbook:</i> \$ 14,570	



We are still collecting ink and toner cartridges.
Please drop off in the box on the shelf in the narthex.

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
Clergy		Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller		Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller
LWL	Elizabeth Welk		Richard Buika	
LECTOR	Beverley Manning	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
PRAYERS	JoAnn Cromwell	Marie Ritchie	Karen Halpert	Beverley Manning
CRUCIFER				
MINISTER OF COMMUNION				Karen Halpert
ALTAR GUILD	Jane Stewart	Jane Stewart	Kathy Shoemaker	Kathy Shoemaker
	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Pat Rogorzenski	Pat Rogorzenski
COUNTERS		Melissa Haseley		JoAnn Cromwell
		Lorraine Belyea		Nancy DiPrato