



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 2018

Happy Easter! The Lord is risen!



INTERIM PRIEST'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Richard Maxwell

Easter is the most important festival of the Church year, and we celebrate the season until Pentecost, which this year falls on May 20th. This is the season when we especially celebrate the Resurrection and our redemption through Jesus Christ. We Christians make a lot of claims about Jesus, rooted in the Crucifixion and Resurrection, and I hope these claims are not viewed simply as dogma that must be adhered to. Because these claims about Christ are rooted in the lived experience of the earliest Christians.

If we look closely at the stories of the Resurrection in the Bible we may become frustrated by their descriptions of the risen Lord: he walks through locked doors, yet eats breakfast; he can be in two places at once, yet offers himself to be touched; Mary Magdalene doesn't recognize him, yet he's clearly the Jesus she knows. It's impossible to know for certain what the risen Christ was like. And this is because the authors of the Gospels were not interested in these miraculous qualities.

It seems that Jesus' disciples and the earliest recorders of his life didn't particularly care about questions we



might like answered. They were interested in something else. They were interested in what happened to the people who encountered the risen Lord. And what happened to them is that they got a taste of the Kingdom of God through their experiences of Christ. Their understanding of how the world works was turned upside down, while their understanding of what Jesus taught them was finally made clear. And then, filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they were empowered to spread the Good News.

Something else happened to the first followers of Christ as well. After Christ left them (the event we commemorate with the Feast of the Ascension) the disciples learned that they could continue to encounter the risen Lord through sharing bread and wine, as Jesus had taught them

during their last supper together. As he gave them the bread and the wine he told them to "do this for the remembrance of me." The disciples quickly discovered that Jesus was not telling them simply to remember him the way we remember an old friend no longer with us. Jesus was leading his disciples—and us—into a special kind of remembrance.

The fancy word for this kind of remembering is 'anamnesis'. I expect that all of us have had an experience of anamnesis: Have you ever been ambushed by the memory of a time when you were deeply embarrassed? Even though the event may have occurred decades ago, suddenly you're reliving it. Your heart may pound and your breath quicken. The present falls away and you're feeling excruciating embarrassment as you relive the experience. It's as if the event were occurring this very moment rather than years ago. That's anamnesis.

Each time we take Communion we are offered an opportunity to encounter the risen Lord just as those first disciples did. We're offered the opportunity to taste the Kingdom of God. This Easter season I hope that each of us encounters Christ in a way that transforms our lives and turns us into ambassadors of Christ's love.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

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PRIEST ASSOCIATE'S MESSAGE

by The Rev. Canon Michel Belt

You might not know this “dirty little secret”—clergy often experience writing blocks. Most of us get into a routine, so these blocks don’t usually occur when writing a sermon (although they do occasionally occur!). Instead, it is most often when we have to deal with “regular” written articles, like those for the (mostly) monthly issue of *The Messenger*.

Part of the issue may be the pressure we clergy put on ourselves: it must be insightful; it must be humorous; it must be human (i.e., sharing the human foibles we all have, but don’t expect our clergy to have); and of course, it must be religious or spiritual (or both) without being “preachy.” Needless to say, like any writer facing a deadline, sometimes it almost “writes itself,” and other times, it feels kind of like “birthing a baby” (nothing seems to happen, until it is suddenly “that time”), which often includes frustration and pain.

So, I often find myself watching, as the deadline nears, for something that catches my attention, and something that hopefully will be interesting to those of you who faithfully read these “musings.” Sometimes it comes from a news story on TV, sometimes from some recent experience in church, and sometimes from something I’ve read (an article or a book).

In a regular feature in the bi-weekly magazine *Christian Century* titled “The Buechner Narrative Writing Project,” the magazine

offers a quote by the writer Frederic Buechner, and then accepts first-person narratives (under 1,000 words) in response to a topic. A recent issue’s topic was “door.” At first, I thought it was not only simplistic, but a bit pedantic. Then I began reading the essays, and it brought back my own recollections of the importance of a door, both for me personally and for the church.

One door, and sometimes the more important door, is the physical door into a building. At my parish in Connecticut—a beautiful 1850 Richard Upjohn Gothic Revival edifice (with a 1960s Parish House addition)—physical doors were often a great hindrance to entering the church. A parishioner told of her first visit to St. James one Sunday. Arriving early, she started at the parking lot entrance and stepped in; but with no signs, it didn’t look like the entrance to the grand church building she saw. So she stepped back out, and tried the next door, which was locked. So were the next two doors that she tried. (She didn’t realize she was trying to enter the undercroft (the “basement” of the church), so she walked around to the front of the building. There she encountered the front doors, and not realizing the heavy wooden doors required the door handle to be turned, all while “putting your back” into pulling the door open—she thought it too was locked, and she was puzzled: the sign by the front door listed a service about to start in fifteen minutes, and surely it would already be open. She ended up trying



all the doors, before heading back to the front, where she met parishioners who “knew the secret” to get in, and opened the door for her. Later she shared how she loved the service but almost didn’t come back because it was so hard to get in; clearly she wondered whether we wanted anyone to enter or not. Hearing that, we began to focus on what it took physically to enter our church.

My first time back at Grace, having been here about once a month for a diocesan service many years ago, I had an idea of the old layout, so entered the first door I came to from the parking lot, and knew the church was at the opposite end. But not all visitors are so lucky. You can often tell a stranger because they almost always walk to the front door, anticipating access will be easier to negotiate from that point. Last summer, some visiting Drew students, having seen our website, knew we had daily services, and arrived here a couple of times to find the front doors locked, and left frustrated. Eventually they began a trip around the building until they found a door that was unlocked and

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DIOCEAN NEWS

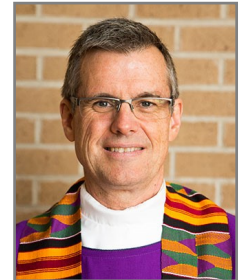
Bishop Search



The Rev.
Carlye J. Hughes



The Rev.
Lisa W. Hunt



The Rev. Canon
Scott G. Slater

On February 28, 2017 Bishop Mark Beckwith called for the election of the next bishop. The search and call of a bishop typically takes 18 months, and the Presiding Bishop's office has set a date of September 22, 2018 for the consecration of the 11th Bishop of Newark. The candidates are:

The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, *Diocese of Fort Worth*

The Rev. Lisa W. Hunt, *Diocese of Texas*

The Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater, *Diocese of Maryland*

The Service of Ordination and Consecration is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 at the NJPAC in Newark, with the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, officiating.

Learn more about the Bishop Search process, and the candidates at www.dioceseofnewark.org.



Rector Search

Committee Update as of April 15, 2018

Since the Committee convened on March 20 we continue to receive applications. There are several weeks to go in our open window for accepting applications, which will end in early May. The Committee is meeting weekly reviewing the applicants and narrowing them down to those who will move on in the process, as outlined on the bulletin board near Neiman Hall. Please let any member of the Committee know if you have any personal referral you would like to make for the position.

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entered. After that occurred, Mike Kostial, our Parish Administrator, put a sign on the *porte cochere* doors inviting people to enter at the lobby across from the Rectory for weekday services.

Now there is another “door” that can have an effect on people as well. Every Episcopal Church believes itself to be the one Episcopal church that is friendly. As I shared with the Wardens and Vestry some two years ago, that was not my personal experience over the seven or eight months that I was “lurking” in your pews. Granted I only attended church here every other week (alternating weeks I was in the pews of another Episcopal Church). But, with the exception of Mother Lauren and George Hayman, both of whom I previously knew, no one ever introduced themselves to me, welcomed me, or engaged me in conversation. So ... like many visitors, I usually stood off to the side, drinking my coffee, and watching the interactions of those who clearly “belonged” here.

Next time you arrive on Sunday morning, and if the weather is nice, look and see if the front doors are open. If Kirk Oakes is ushering, you can be sure they are. They represent a physical sign that Grace is “open,” and if you are wandering by, you are welcome and invited to come in. Next Sunday, look around; is there somebody you don't recognize or don't know? Introduce yourself to them. This is the hard part in a church this size; we probably don't know everyone, and we tend to be afraid they might respond to our question (“Is this your first time?”) with something like “I've been a member here for 20 years!” So, we don't say anything!

Instead, offer your hand, offer your name, and if they don't give you their name, you can say something like “I'm really bad at names, can you remind me of your name?” Fr. Max has tried to create a “greeter” position, to support our ushers. But, as we prepare to welcome clergy candidates and a new Rector, if we are serious in welcoming, and in growing our community, we all need to be that “door” that easily swings wide open, that invites the stranger in, that makes them feel at home. We can all do this!

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Transitions Abound

The search for the next Bishop of Newark

While we are busy dealing with transitions here at Grace, we should not forget that a significant transition is afoot at the Diocesan level.

Our incumbent Diocesan, the Rt. Rev Mark Beckwith, is retiring in September of this year. The Diocese is going through a process that is similar to the one we are using to identify and nominate candidates for Bishop. A Profile Committee was formed that created a profile of the Diocese that was published along with an application form. A Search Committee was formed to review, interview and screen candidates. Both committees were populated with representatives from every corner of the Diocese—churches large and small, intercity and rural took part. Many people with connections to Grace were involved including our former curates Tom Murphy and Tom Matthews who were on the search committee. The whole process is overseen by the Standing Committee of the Diocese where John Garde serves as a member. The Trustees of the Diocese, chaired by our former Rector, Lauren Ackland, also have a hand in the process.

The result

We have three nominated candidates for Bishop of Newark: The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, current Rector of Trinity Church in Fort Worth, Texas; The Rev. Lisa W. Hunt, Rector of St. Stephen's Church in Houston Texas and The Rev. Canon Scott Slater, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Maryland. Bios for each of the

candidates are on the Diocese of Newark website. Each bring different backgrounds and experiences to the office of Bishop. Each are called by the Holy Spirit to offer themselves for the process of election.

The process after nomination and approval by the Standing Committee is a bit more democratic in the case of a Bishop than it is for a parish rector. Traditionally the candidates offer themselves for what is known as a Walkabout. In our case there were multiple sessions over the course of three days—May 4, 5 and 6 and anyone in the Diocese could go and meet the candidates and ask questions.

What happens next?

An election of course. Lay representatives from each of the 99 churches and all Canonically resident clergy (that excludes Father Max and Father Michel) attend and vote by orders. The first candidate to get a majority in both orders is the Bishop Elect of the Diocese of Newark. Our friends at St Peter's Morristown will be hosting the electing convention on Saturday, May 19.

A number of things happen after an election is held that have to do with consents from other Dioceses and so on. Bishop Beckwith is still the Bishop and will be until the next Bishop is consecrated on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Performing Arts Center in Newark. The Presiding Bishop will officiate. More details about that and about a retirement party for Bishop Beckwith (scheduled for Saturday,

September 8) will be forthcoming. What happens to Bishop Beckwith after September 23? Well, he retires to his house in New Hampshire and a townhouse in Worcester, Massachusetts where he served as Rector before his election as Bishop of Newark. He has not announced his post retirement plans as of yet, but we expect that he will still be involved and very active in the many areas of Church and public life where he has passionate interests.

This is an exciting time for the Diocese of Newark. Just as you do for our Search Committee, Wardens and Vestry, please keep the candidates, the Diocese, its churches and the many people involved in this process in your prayers as we discern the path of our common life together.

*Your Wardens, John Garde
and Tom Honohan*

Sharing their perspectives

Senior Sermons are around the corner. They begin in June—you won't want to miss a single one! They are scheduled for June 3, 10, and 17 at the 10am services.

All graduating high schoolers are welcome, give a sermon. Let Fr. Max or Fr. Michel know if you would like to share your story.



MUSIC AT GRACE

by Anne Matlack

Musical Sundays in Spring

Sunday, May 6

Greater Love by British composer John Ireland (all choirs); *Sing to the Lord* featuring School Choir II. Remember, there are also services at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm if you are doing the Madison 5K. ☺

Sunday, May 13

Rogation observed
Chapel Choir Recognition

The kids will all join in a favorite: Tom Chapin's *This Pretty Planet*. There will be a Rogation procession outside at the end of the service, weather permitting, with the choir "band" and Catie Gilhuley playing bagpipes.

Sunday, May 20

The Day of Pentecost



Lots of cool anthems: *Christ Sends His Spirit*-Proulx with flute; *Lord Pour Out Your Spirit*, and *Songs of Faith*-Hopson. Remember to wear RED!

Sunday, May 27

Trinity Sunday

As Surely as God is our Father-Mathias (Adults and School Choir II), *Prayer of St. Patrick* (School Choirs)

Sunday, June 3

Vertue-Chilcott—School Choirs, *We Shall Walk*-Moore (all)

Sunday, June 10

Choir Recognition

Crosses awarded, ribbon colors change, senior sermons by head choristers Peri Munter, Elizabeth Monkemeier and Noah Wilde.



ROGATION SUNDAY

May 13 at 10 am

What is Rogation?

The word "rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare*, which means "to ask," and the Rogation Days are set apart to bless the fields, and to ask for God's mercy on all of creation. On these days, the congregation used to march the boundaries of the parish, blessing every tree and stone, while chanting or reciting a Litany. At Grace Church we have a tradition of doing this at the beginning, or more recently at the end of the service, as we march out to the garden singing *All Things Bright and Beautiful* with our butterfly banner!



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Memorial Service for Mia Hewitt
Sunday, May 20 at 2:30 pm
Grace will have a public memorial service for Mia Kissil Hewitt. For all who knew Mia, or know her family, please celebrate her life with us.
Harmonium Choral Society, Yale Russian Chorus, and many more will offer music in her honor.

GRACE COMMUNITY MUSIC



Let the River Run

JUNE CONCERT AT GRACE
Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 pm;
Sunday, June 3 at 7:30 pm

Eclectic settings from the Renaissance to today, and featuring the winner of the 21st annual High School Student Composition.

This is our last concert of the season, and our most family friendly! It includes the title work by Carly Simon, folksongs from Russia to Cuba, spirituals, the stunning *Water Night* by Eric Whitacre, and the performance of two really great winning pieces by student composers: winner Reshma Kopparapu from Newark Academy and Carl Hausman from Mt. Olive High School. Save by buying your tickets in advance. Tickets available now at www.harmonium.org.

*Other exciting
Harmonium News*

Harmonium has committed to do a real bucket list of mine next year, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion!* To celebrate my 30th anniversary with Harmonium Choral Society, we want to present Bach's

St. Matthew Passion with double orchestra and chorus on April 7, 2019 at St. Mary's Abbey in Mendham. This is a tour-de force and a "bucket-list" piece for me, and a big financial undertaking for the chorus. Easter is nice and late (April 21), so save the date to make this profound work a part of your Lent 2019!

One of our potential grants sources asks us to crowd-fund first, and you can learn more about this (and hear some lovely Bach) by following this link www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/harmonium-choral-society. If you can just donate a small amount, like \$10, and then please share the link on social media, that will be immensely helpful! **The deadline is May 11.**

The world needs more Bach! And more people deserve to experience this profound work. There will be an opportunity for members of our School Choirs to participate with members of the New Jersey Youth Chorus. Stay tuned!



"Bach opens a vista to the universe. After experiencing him, people feel there is meaning to life after all."

~Helmut Walcha

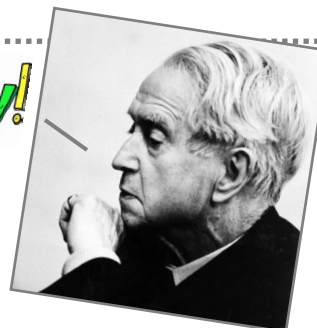


Summer Evensong

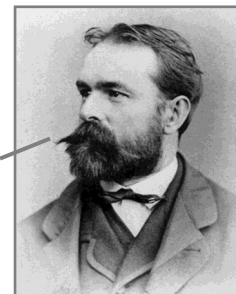
Saturday, June 23 at 5:00 pm

Music by Herbert Howells, Josef Rheinberger, R. Webster, and more. British reception to follow performance. Combined Adults and School Choir II, Choir Campers, and friends.

Yay!



Yay!



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey during which his supporters shook palm branches as a show of support for him as he made his way past them, according to Christian belief.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Youth lock-in



Our teenagers would like to extend their thanks to Mrs. Jackie Connell. Again this year, Jackie took on the planning and execution of our Maundy Thursday Teen Lock-in—the snacks, the crafts, the pizza, the activities, the donations. Imagine, if you can, about 20 teenagers locked into a relatively small space (Grace’s facilities) from 10 pm until 6 am the next morning, and you have some idea what a trial this might be—but it turned out to be an adventure, a “feeding frenzy,” and lots of fun. If you’re a teenager, plan to join us on Thursday in Holy Week. And ...

thanks again, Mrs. Connell, we can’t wait for next year!



The Great Vigil, Holy Saturday



A Spring Time Basket filled with Easter Thanks!

Our Easter flower delivery took place on both Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3 this year. We woke up to another snow fall, and the delivery of 24 plants began that day at 1:00 pm. Those who were able to come, arrived and picked out plants that Judy Honohan had selected and placed in the library. Many thanks go to Judy and Maureen Link who filled in for me that day and also delivered plants.

On April 3, an additional group of ladies arrived to select plants to be delivered to those on our list. It was a nicer day and on both days, the ladies followed the postal service code: Neither snow, sleet, or rain... the mail must go through!



A big smile of thanks goes to all the ladies who came to deliver: Sheila Chidester, Ginny Easley, Maureen Link, Ginger Maione, Janet Molstad, Stacy Wilde, and Beverly Wand. You make my job s-o-o-o easy! Enjoy the spring weather! ~Peggy Oakes

EASTER DAY

April 1 Sunday of the Resurrection



Photos by Michael Pacheco and Dora Monserrate



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

by *Elias Ortega-Aponte*
Director of Children's Ministries

Memories serve as the signposts of events that mark who we are. Memories also shape how we orient ourselves toward the future, providing direction on how we should act, what to expect, and how far we should be willing to go. I want to share two memories of my growing up in church; two memories that I once thought to be cute, yet trivial at face value, and just part of being a member of a church community. As time passed, I have come to cherish them as formative in my adult faith life. It took me years of working with children and youth to extract the lessons I gleaned from them, and how valuable they were in orienting my faith journey.

I need to start with an admission: I am not particularly fond of sitting still and often fail at being quiet, whether at home or at church. I am more likely to be moving, wiggling, tapping, or fidgeting with something than being still. It should come as no surprise that Tigger is my favorite Winnie the Pooh character. After all, in Tigger's own words, "The wonderful thing about tiggers, is tiggers are wonderful things. Their tops are made out of rubber. Their bottoms are made out of springs. They're bouncy, trouncy, flouncy, pouncy, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun."

Memory # 1: I am sitting in a church pew during Sunday morning service, and feeling rather bored. An elder rummaged through her purse, pulled out two pens, and gave me the following instruction: "During the next hymn, drum out the beat!" On



subsequent Sundays, you could see a small yet inspired little drummer in a church pew.

Memory # 2: During a Saturday church cleaning day, I noticed an old drum laying around the church's storage. After dusting it off, I moved it to the music section, hoping to play it during the coming Sunday service. Shortly before the start of worship, I noticed an elder taking the drum back into the storage room. I asked if I could bring it out and play it during the service, but was quickly denied. "Adults, not children, should play the instruments during worship." I wasn't allowed to drum in that church until I reached adulthood, and this, during a trip home from college.

Over my years of working with children and youth in different congregational and organizational settings, I have often encountered the attitudes reflected in the two memories I shared. In fact, these attitudes have proven to be signposts of congregational ministry towards children, youth, and their families.

On the one hand, I have experienced congregations where the contributions of children, youth, and

their families are considered central, not only to the stated mission of the faith community, but also as stakeholders and valuable contributors to the life, ministry, and direction of such congregations. They are given space and guidance, as I was given pens, to set a beat to a congregation's sacred rhythms. They are active participants and feel deeply connected to their faith community, a community which they help co-create.

On the other hand, I have also witnessed how some congregations, while boldly proclaiming, "These children and youth are the future of our faith," only make concessions for "cute participations" for them in the midst of their adult worshiping practices, and these often relegated to special occasions or rites of passage. More often than not, they are told what to do and how to do it. They are not co-creators of the sacred space but passive participants.

For many children and youth, such attitudes and practices can create a wedge between the adult worshiping life and their own experiences of the sacred. Not feeling included or sufficiently valued as active stakeholders in their congregations, they grow distant and disillusioned with their faith home. Families are also impacted by this attitude. They may experience worship as a segregated time, the adult things vis-a-vis the children's spaces out of sight. While, at times, being able to sit among the company of adults feels like a welcomed relief, it may not necessarily nurture the fullness of faith lived together. How do we teach and learn to worship together if not by doing it together?

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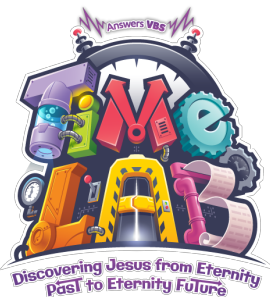
Perhaps we should shift our perspective as follows: let us consider that children and youth are the future of our faith, but understand that they are present in our midst now. Then let us work together to create a shared vision and mission of radical inclusion where the youngest and oldest among us are committed to the co-creation of our faith community. What would this look like? Who might we become on this journey?

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Sunday School Teacher Recognition
is May 20, at 10:00 am.
June 10 is the Last Day
of Sunday School.
June 17 there will be a
Sunday School Celebration

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



TIME LAB

July 16-20, 9 am-noon

Now imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important person ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time. We'll do just that with the *Time Lab* Vacation Bible School. We'll

use key words to help us remember that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

Enrollment for VBS is now open to all campers. There are many opportunities to volunteer as well, teens can receive services hours! For more information, contact Dr. Elias at GraceMadisonKids@gmail.com

Wise Wonderful Women
Lecture Series

The Thursday Morning Club of Madison invites you to a presentation by **Lisa Firkser, Ph.D.**,



executive director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Morris and Sussex Counties as the keynote speaker of the *Wise Wonderful*

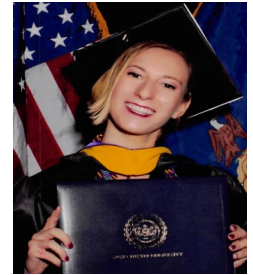
Women lecture series on **Thursday, May 17** at 11 am-1 pm at 25 Cook Avenue, Madison. This lecture series is open to the public. Admission is \$35 and includes a lunch. Reservations are requested by May 14. More information and membership information at www.tmcch.org

Proceeds to benefit the Madison Community House which is owned and operated by the Thursday Morning Club along with its Community House Nursery School, and its Before and After School child care program.

College Graduation

Mary W. Meyer

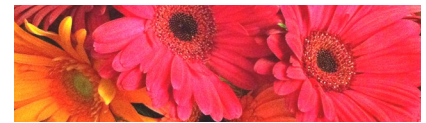
graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in December 2017, completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She channeled her passion for education into dual majors, Elementary and Special Education with a Reading Minor. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Education Honor Society and participated in Kappa Kappa Psi, the music fraternity during her college career. Mary was a member of the Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band Color Guard for four years, serving as a Captain her senior year. Mary is employed as a Learning Support Special Education Teacher by the School District of Philadelphia at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. Outside the classroom, she also holds the positions of Color Guard Captain Head, Designer and Choreographer for Lancaster Catholic High School Marching Band in Lancaster, PA and Head Lifeguard at The Upper Main Line YMCA. Mary would like to thank the Grace Church community for giving her the confidence, drive and faith to reach her goals.



We gratefully thank those who have served in our worship services and in Christian education programs. We will recognize them at the 10 am services on the following Sundays:

- May 6:** *Choir Recognition*
- May 13:** *Chapel Choir Recognition*
- May 20:** *Teacher Recognition*
- June 3:** *Acolyte Recognition*
- June 10:** *Choir Recognition*

FUNDRAISING



Pick up your plant orders!

If you ordered flowers and plants— Thank you! The plants will be ready for pick up on **Friday, May 18.**

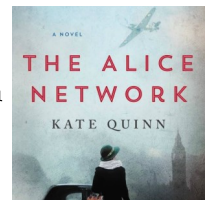
Make sure you swing by and pick them up in Grace Lobby.

Proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip.

Women of Grace

Book Group will meet Monday, May 21 to discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn, a story about two women: a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I; and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 who are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

Looking ahead to June: we will have a special guest—Vivien Fransen, author of *The Straight Spouse: A Memoir*, a love



story about a woman who is married to a man who was gay—and how she deals with it in unexpected ways. As always, you are most welcome. ~ Joan Nolan (973) 267-2638

Men's Book Group

will discuss *Killing A King* by Dan Ephron on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 pm at John Wand's home. There



are eight copies available in the library system. Contact Bruce Rudin with any questions or directions: brucedora@verizon.net.

Rummage collection begins

Sunday, May 6, at 1:00 pm.

The Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Our rummage sale provides a great opportunity to clear the clutter while contributing to a great cause. Sign up to help receive and sort treasures during the week (May 6-11) and also to work on Rummage Sale Day (apron optional.)



Rummage Preview Night

for Parishioners and Friends
Friday, May 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

For just \$10 you can shop early, avoid the crowds! Drinks and snacks as well— what's better?



Save the date! • GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL AUCTION! •

Saturday Night, October 27 The Auction is a big night for Grace. It's our biggest fundraiser and a very festive party! We welcome new ideas and new ideas planning this important event!

GRACE COUNSELING CENTER



How to Create a Healthy Life

A series of free talks at Grace Counseling Center

Come join us for a series of monthly discussions to help you create a more meaningful life. Grace Counseling Center is offering these discussions free to the community. Each one focuses on an aspect of life that can help you unleash true happiness.

Secrets of a Happy Retirement (it's not about the money)

Monday, May 7, 7:00-8:00 pm *Presented by Susan Chrystal, M.Div.*

Why won't my child listen to me? (challenges of parenting)

Tuesday, June 5, 1:00 pm *Presented by Ryan Williams, M.A.*

GRACE COUNSELING CENTER 16 Madison Avenue, Madison
Please RSVP to (973) 822-0707 **SPACE IS LIMITED.**



OUTREACH Helping Others *ReStart Ministry in Action*

Earlier this week Eliot and Kit were the "middle-men" in delivering of a big donation of ShopRite grocery cards, given by a single Grace Church donor. In addition to the in-person thank you-s, they sent along these notes:

Thanks so much for the generous donation of gift cards for our food pantry. Your kindness is truly appreciated, and will be put to good use, that's for sure! Our food pantry distributed 1500 bags of groceries to the needy last year. This ministry has helped many individuals and families. Thanks again for thinking of us. God bless you! Sincerely, Kathy McFarland, Parish Administrator

Thank you so very much for all that your church does for Trinity Lutheran Church. Your donations of food, on a regular basis, help us to continue to feed the community in need. Thank you, Mabel



The Lighthouse at the Church of the Incarnation, Jersey City.
Photo: Michael Dempsey, The Jersey

Through the generosity of a Grace Church parishioner, the Restart Ministry was able to give Deacon Jill Singleton some ShopRite gift cards to help feed the nine current residents from The Lighthouse in Jersey City. A note from Deacon Jill:

Father Tom (Murphy) surprised me with quite a stack of ShopRite gift cards this morning! I wish you could see the reactions when I gave them out [to the Lighthouse residents] after church. Michelene shouted out "Alleluia" and everyone else joined in. It was very special. I will be sending a proper note of thanks to you and Eliot and your wonderful ministry group, but wanted to offer thanks to you right away!

In April of 2017, The Lighthouse for Asylees began welcoming individuals who have been granted asylum in the United States to the Church of the Incarnation in Jersey City. To learn more or make a donation: www.gofundme.com/thelighthouseforasylees



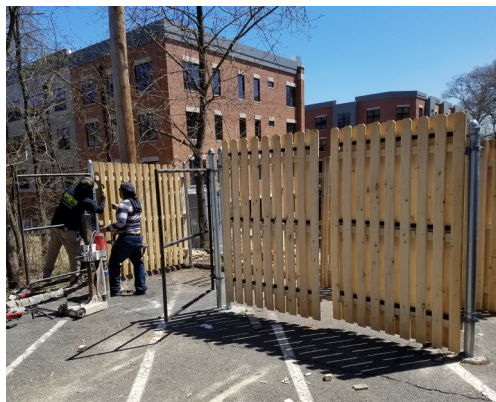
A place for everything, everything in its place. ~B. Franklin

The Acolytes want to express their thanks to Michael Cullen for custom building us a special case for storing our acolyte crosses. It, as you can see, is beautiful. Thanks!

THANK YOU

Our Senior High Youth Group wants to publicly thank Mrs. Randi Jermansen Albiston and her mother for all the incredible work they willingly undertook to help us raise funds for our 2018 Summer Youth

Mission Trip. The Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner was a hit with our parishioners—people have already asked if we'll do it again next year! The food was great; people seemed to not want to leave, and many enjoyed seconds (or thirds). And with all Mrs. Albiston's hard work—along with a little help from us—we were able to successfully raise \$1,452 toward the trip. None of it would have been possible without her help!



A Generous Gesture

The new enclosure surrounding our dumpsters in the parking lot is courtesy of KRE Real Estate Group, developers of the apartment-condominium complex next door. We thank them for their generosity!
~Judy Jurgensen for B&G

FELLOWSHIP



Come share a meal, meet new people and catch up with friends. Potluck starts at 6:15 pm and our presentations begin at 7:00 pm.

June 1: Opioid Epidemic *Det. Kenneth R. Shannon, Madison Police*

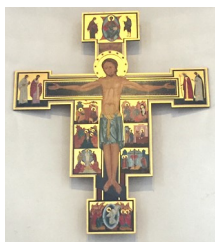
This talk will give you a better understanding of drugs and how to identify the symptoms of the different drug categories, and will discuss specific trends including “vaping” and the opioid epidemic we are facing nationwide. This presentation will give an overview of what to look for when concerned about a loved one, and a list of items of paraphernalia commonly associated with drug activity. *Due to the subject matter, this presentation is not appropriate for young children.*

Adult Forum

Most Sundays in May are filled with events—Rummage prep & Sale, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day weekend.

We will have one Adult Forum on May 20. Join Fr. Max as he explains the church’s Liturgical Seasons of the Year, and how the seasons change things like our altar dressing, flowers, and liturgy.

Women's Retreat



On March 2, 2018, facing a rapidly deteriorating weather forecast, five intrepid women of Grace embarked on their journey North to the annual Women’s Retreat held this year at Holy Cross

Monastery in West Park, NY. Although the retreat was registered to capacity before the storm, many had to cancel the trip due to the weather. Five more women joined on Saturday morning making up our group of 10 for the Saturday session. We learned about religious icons, and how to use them in prayer, and about spiritual “thin spaces” where heaven and earth intersect. We did a scavenger hunt for certain characteristics of icons hanging throughout the Monastery. We even spotted two bald eagles soaring past the dining room window overlooking the Hudson during lunch—a true thin space moment for even the novice bird watcher. Holy Cross Monastery was warm and hospitable with delicious food and first rate accommodation. The weekend was filled with time for spiritual reflection, fellowship and even a hike providing all with a break from their everyday lives and the bleak March weather.



GRACE NOW! The Pastoral Care Team invites your participation in a new ministry—Grace NOW! We have identified some common circumstances when our priests need hands-on help, often on very short notice, to provide pastoral care to parishioners. These circumstances may include: help with a funeral reception; providing rides to church or appointments; making drugstore runs; making a meal; visiting or calling a parishioner; or doing a simple household chore. Interested? Contact Fr. Max: GraceMadisonInterim@gmail.com.



Peonies by Paul Kline
On May 6, the Art League of the Chathams Spring Group Show reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Haggerty Education Center at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township. The exhibition runs from May 1 through May 29. Our own Paul Kline is exhibiting some of his work.



HOLY DAYS

Thursday, May 10
ASCENSION DAY

7:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 20
DAY OF PENTECOST

Wear your red!

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 27
TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Thursday, May 31
VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



If you are interested in having your child baptized or being baptized yourself, let us know—speak to one of our clergy or call the church office.

Our next baptisms will be at the 10am service on **Pentecost, May 20**

Summer date: **Sunday, July 1**

All Saints' Sunday, November 4

GRACE COUNSELING CENTER

Violent Youth



by Gabrielle Marshall-Salomon, MD DLFAPA

Violent youth tend to be male, in their teens or twenties and have a history of alienation from their family, friends, and schools or work. Risk factors include histories of childhood abuse, neglect, abandonment, learning differences and mental health issues. These children feel humiliated and full of rage and can act violently.

Many of these distressed young people have reached out for help in some form. They have trouble at school, incidents with the police, violence at home, with a friend or girlfriend. Yet, these teens slip through our fingers. These youth become increasingly alienated and disenfranchised from society. Eventually, even if offered help, they will reject and refuse most treatment.

Any 18-year-old teen has the legal right to refuse mental health services unless deemed by a mental health professional to be an immediate danger to himself or others. Most troubled teens know what to say in order to be released from a hospital emergency room. Even if he does accept help, affordable options for these immense problems are limited. A few days in the hospital or a few visits with a clinician will unlikely address these complicated problems.

For families with children under the age of 18, the State of New Jersey provides a cost free program: NJ Children's System of Care, available 24 hours a day, seven days of the week (877) 652-7624, www.performcarenj.org. If needed, an emergency team can be dispatched to the home to assess the need for in-home treatment or immediate hospitalization. A clinician can develop a therapeutic program, which involves all members of the family. There may be referrals to other social service agencies or long-term residential treatment facilities. The program was developed to mitigate the need for the psychiatric hospitalization of children.

The alienation of teens leading to violence is a complex issue. Early identification of children and families at risk and expanded intervention services can help. With more knowledge, perhaps some of these troubled children can be treated and tragedy for all averted.

Save the Date

Night of Comedy to benefit the Grace Counseling Center

on Friday, September 14. This will be the first event at Rose Hall, the Community space at the new facility on Kings Road, with proceeds used to support the non profit Centers' continuing mission to provide mental health services to the surrounding community.

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Sat., May 5	8:30-11 am	May Day in Madison / Spring Clean-Up
	5:30 pm	<i>Experience Grace: Mystery Dinner, Nieman Hall</i>
Sun., May 6	9:00 am	Usher's Meeting (make-up), <i>Library</i>
	11:30 am	<i>20-something Lunch, meet in Grace Lobby</i>
	1:00 pm	Rummage collection starts & continues all week!
Fri., May 11	7:00-8:30 pm	Rummage Pre-Sale for Parishioners & Friends <i>\$10 entry fee per person—snacks and drinks too!</i>
Sat., May 12	9 am-3 pm	(World-Famous) Rummage Sale <i>Bag sale starts at 2:00 pm</i>
Sun., May 13	10:00 am	Rogation Sunday and Mother's Day Chapel Choir Recognition <i>No Adult Forum</i>
Fri, May 18		Plant Pick Up (Youth Mission Trip), <i>Grace Lobby</i>
Sat., May 19		Election Convention for Bishop of Newark
Sun., May 20	10:00 am	Sunday School Teacher Recognition
	11:30 am	Adult Forum: <i>Liturgical Seasons with Fr. Max</i>
Mon., May 28		<i>Office closed in observance of Memorial Day.</i>
Friday, June 1	6:15 pm	First Friday Potluck, <i>Grace Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Presentation: Opioid Epidemic,</i>
Sat., June 2	7:30 pm	Harmonium Concert, <i>Grace Church</i>
Sun., June 3	10:00 am	Acolyte Recognition
	7:30 pm	Harmonium Concert, <i>Grace Church</i>
Tues., June 5	6 am-8 pm	Primary Elections, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Sun., June 10	10:00 am	Choir Recognition <i>Last Day of Sunday School</i>
Sun., June 17	11:30 am	Sunday School Celebration, <i>Grace Hall</i>
Sat., June 23	5:00 pm	Summer Evensong, <i>Church</i>

Ongoing Weekly Groups

2nd Sunday	9:00 am	Buildings and Grounds Committee
Mondays	9:30 am	Tai Chi, <i>Grace Hall</i>
1 st Monday	7:00-8:00 pm	Mindfulness for Adults, <i>Senior High Room</i>
2 nd Monday	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care, <i>Nieman Hall</i>
3 rd Monday	7:30 pm	Finance Committee, <i>Library</i>
3 rd Monday	7:00 pm	Women of Grace Book Group, <i>Nieman Annex</i>
4 th Monday	7:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Craft Guild, <i>Library</i>
3 rd Tuesday	7:30 pm	Men's Book Group, <i>see Bruce Rudin for location</i>
3 rd Tuesday "even" months		Grace's Day at Community Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays	10:15 am	Women's Meditation & Centering Prayer, <i>Library</i>
	noon	AA (Men's Group), <i>Grace Hall</i>
2 nd and 4 th Wed.	7:30 pm	Survivors of Suicide, <i>Library</i>
Fridays	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Waverly Place Restaurant</i>

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