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Finance, Mike Moss
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Adult Forum & *Godly Play*, 9:45 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist, 11:00 am
Monday Morning Prayer, 7:15 am
Wednesday Holy Eucharist &
Healing, 12:10 pm
Lenten Evening Prayer, 6 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00
p.m.
Please submit all information for
inclusion in the newsletter to the
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From the Vicar

Keeping a Holy Lent

Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it." Luke 9:23-24

It is too easy and promotes too cheap a grace to focus only on the high points of Palm Sunday and Easter without walking with Jesus through the darkness of his journey to Jerusalem and the cross of Good Friday, a journey that begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a way to place ourselves before God humbled, bringing empty hands and open hearts, desiring nothing but God's grace and mercy. It is a way to confess our weakness and inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretenses to righteousness, to come before God in dust and ashes. It is a way to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our "perfectionist" tendencies that blind us to the "beam in our own eyes."

Through prayer and reflection, we seek to open ourselves up before God and to hear anew the call "Take up your cross." We seek to recognize and respond afresh to God's presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands, again. And we seek by abandoning ourselves in Jesus' death to recognize again who God is, to allow His transforming grace to work in us once more and to come to worship Him with a fresh victory and hope that comes with Easter resurrection.

One of my favorite contemporary spiritual writers is a Benedictine nun, Sister Joan Chittister, who makes this observation about keeping a holy Lent:

*"Lent is not a ritual. It is a time given to think seriously about who Jesus is for us, to renew our faith from the inside out. It is the moment when, as the baptismal waters flow on every Easter Vigil altar, we return to the baptismal font of the heart to say yes once more to the call of Jesus to the disciples, "Come and see" (John 1:39). It is the act of beginning our spiritual life all over again refreshed and reoriented." From *The Liturgical Year: The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life* by Joan Chittister (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009).*

As we follow Jesus to Jerusalem this Lenten season may we take up our crosses anew so that we may also experience the joy of resurrection this Easter. Peace, Stan

Parish Directory Updates

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True Lenten Disciplines



Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.

Fast from negatives;
Feast on alternatives.

Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from worry;
Feast on faith.

-Anglican Digest

GRACE CHURCH LIFE

Christian Formation

Godly Play

Godly Play has been going very well so far this year. We have had good attendance and have been supplied with many insightful comments from the children! We have added a few new stories about Anglican saints and are about to begin our Easter series. If your child has turned four

years old, please remember that they are welcome to join in! We also need to fill out our schedule for the spring. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to tell a story or be a door person. Thank you!
-Bay GreenHill

Adult Forum

During Lent in Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9:45, Fr. Stan is leading a discussion of "An Outline of the Faith: commonly called the Catechism," found in the Book of Common Prayer. This is an excellent study of what we believe as Episcopalian Christians. Please join us!

Did you know?

So many of our parishioners enter through the east door to our church and miss seeing the main entrance stained glass on the north side. There is a very interesting story behind these windows. Plans to include stained glass in the new building for Grace were first made by the architect Gordon Brooks and our Vicar at the time, Father Fred Barbee. Openings were designed for the east and west walls of the narthex. These windows were glazed with clear glass with the idea of placing stained glass panels against them at a later date.

During the initial planning, Lee Blair and Mary Benjamin were enrolled in a stained glass workshop taught by the late Bea Stebbing, who designed and constructed church windows in her Siloam studio. At this time the three women discussed creating windows for the narthex in a workshop

situation.

For the next decade the window project was set aside while more urgent needs were met. A special memorial gift was presented to the church in 1989 and interest once again turned to the windows. Kathy Moss, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, presented to the vestry plans for two stained glass windows to be constructed in Stebbing Studio, with interested members of Grace to assist. The actual work began in 1991.

Since the narthex is a place of coming in and going out, it seemed appropriate that one window should welcome the worshippers and the other send them back into the world to love as Christians. The two windows carrying out these themes were designed by Bea Stebbing.

Assisting with design enlargement, drafting

and preparations of templates, as well as other phases of the work, were Mary Benjamin, Kathy Moss, Kathy Mayer, Marjean White and Lee Blair. Lee and her sister, Marjean, assisted Bea with almost the entire process including cutting glass, grinding, leading, cementing, cleaning and applying rebars, which Don Blair had cut to size. Mayo Selby II installed the windows with the help of John Blair. The first window was installed in the east opening just before Pentecost Sunday in 1991 and the second was installed in August of that year.

A brochure about the symbolism of the windows can be found on the shelf of the white table where guest book is located. Also, there is a list of donors who so generously gave for the windows to be completed.

-Kathy Moss

March Church Services and Events

Lenten Season

Evening Prayer Service During Lent

You are invited to attend a short Evening Prayer service each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

Palm Sunday – Liturgy of the Palms Sunday, March 28th

On this day we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Holy Week follows with the remembrance of His death on Good Friday and resurrection on the third day.

Children's Choir

Our choristers will help lead worship and will sing at the offertory on March 7th and on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

March Lectionary

March 7th: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 14th: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21st: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 *or* Luke 23:1-49

Daylight Savings



Don't forget to spring forward and set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 13th.

New Small Group in Easter Season

During the Easter Season our church will be holding a study group to help us GROW IN GRACE, which will be our theme as we read the book *Joshua* by Joseph F. Girzone. The group will meet in six weekly sessions to discuss the book, the goal being to enrich

our relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and with others as we proceed on the path of faith. More details on the meeting place and time to come in April. Please see Cliff Brooks for more information on the study.
~Cliff Brooks

New Acolyte Training

Fr. Stan invites all new acolytes to a short training session on Sunday, March 7th immediately after the service.

Potluck

Our monthly potluck will be on Sunday, March 7th after the Sunday service. Please bring a favorite dish, salad, side dish or dessert and join us for lunch. Also note that we will have families of the choristers in the Children's Choir with us that Sunday. We may all want to bring extra food so that they feel

welcome to join us. Thank you!

Usher Training

All ushers are encouraged to attend an usher training session on Sunday, March 14th immediately following the service. The training is especially for new ushers, but is also a 'refresher' for all ushers. Fr. Stan would like to meet with the ushers to talk about seating arrangements and other possible changes as we anticipate the increase in attendance on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Pancake Supper Update

Thanks to all who made the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success again! There were at least 155 people who attended and we raised over \$600 (after costs) for local ministries. We especially thank Tom Cannady for his tireless work and direction each year!

Inquirer's Class

Beginning in Easter Season, Fr. Stan will offer an Inquirer's Class from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings. If you are interested in being baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, we encourage you to attend. However, all are invited to attend since this is a great opportunity to learn more about our Anglican tradition. More details to come in April.

Vestry Elections

Fr. Stan has appointed Leslie Moore as Sr. Warden and the vestry elected Jesse GreenHill as Jr. Warden for this year. Your vestry for 2010 is Victoria Bossler, Heath Lane, Bryan McKenzie, Mike Moss and Todd Simmons, Treasurer. Thanks to all of our vestry members for their dedication to Grace Church!

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

1	Jenni Johnson	27	Kathy Mayer
5	Heath Lane	28	Stan McKinnon
5	Bob Thompson	30	Ed Ericson
8	Grace Davis		
17	Shelley Simmons		
20	Sarah Goldstein		
21	Asher Goldstein		
22	Liam Hall		
26	Dorothy Brooks		

March Anniversaries

17	Colleen & Andrew Anderson
18	Frank & Li Ping Blume

Church Event Photos

If you have any photos of church events or services that you would like to share, please send them to Anne Jones at anne@gracesiloam.org. There are many great things going on at Grace Church and we would like reflect that on our church bulletin board and Facebook page.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of a loved one, please put your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. The suggested donation is \$40. You may take your lily home after the Easter service that Sunday.



Where the priesthood of all believers has a goodly chance of including everyone, including people of all shapes, sizes, ages, colors and abilities. ~The Rev. Dr. Barbara T. Cheney, Diocese of Connecticut

From 101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian, #51

