GRACE notes

March 2019

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Outreach
Stewardship
Strategic Planning
Welcoming / Incorporation
Worship

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUN Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.
Christian Formation, 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, 11:15 a.m.
Celtic Contemplative Worship 5:30p

WED Holy Eucharist & Healing, 12:10 p.m.

MON-FRI Yoga Morning Prayer at Studio, 7:00 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Closed Friday & Saturday.

A Note From the Rector

Our Lenten Journey…

"You are dust and to dust you shall return." With these words a cross of ashes is placed on your forehead and you begin the 40 day journey with Jesus the church calls Lent. Those "encouraging" words are meant to be a reminder of something very simple.

Remember how Adam and Eve got into trouble in the garden – when the serpent tempted them to eat the fruit in order to become like God, with the supreme irony that they were already created in the "image of God." So they succumbed to the temptation to become their own Gods… and so do we. That's how our Lenten journey begins – "you are dust and to dust you shall return" – in order to remind us of our profound need for God.

This is actually good news because in the progression of the liturgy we move from the recognition of our mortality and brokenness to an awareness of our need to change and be changed by God. Our repentance (read - change of mind and heart) becomes not an end in itself but a renewed relationship with God opening us to more fully experience God's love, mercy, and peace – which are always available to us.

Some people look on this season as something to be endured, a marathon of self-inflected torture that saps the fun out of life, until we get to Easter when we can return to normal. But returning to normal isn't the point of Lent or of Easter — the point is change, transformation – to become more like Jesus whom we are following on this journey.

Lent is the time when we examine ourselves and our habits in the hopes of finding a better way of living.

Lent is also about balance. We are called to a period of fasting and self-denial because we have too much already. Our acts of self-denial remind us that there are people who are perpetually hungry and constantly poor. Balance what you have with what others do not.

This Lent ask yourself why you do what you do? Why do you fast? Why do you pray? If your answer is so that God can bring a healthier balance to your life, then your Lent is off to a good start.

Self-denial and sacrifice (read – dedicated for God's purpose) are important aspects to Lent; but they mean nothing if they don't lead to a deeper relationship with God and a more balanced life.

Many people give up something for Lent, but it could be just as beneficial to take on something, a spiritual practice that can help you focus on the real question of Lent "What do I really need?" Finding the answer to that question will make your celebration of Easter even more profound.

Peace,

Parish Retreat

Headed to Camp Mitchell…

The annual parish retreat is happening the first weekend in March! Look for live updates on social media, and plan to join us in 2020…

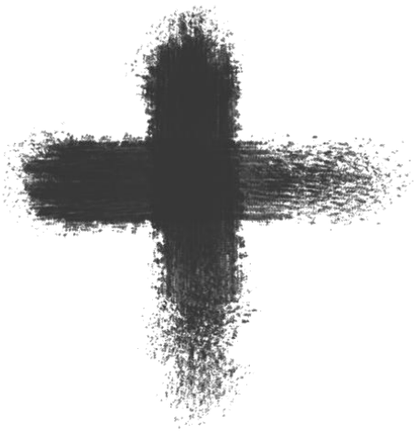
Lent Begins!

Shrove Tuesday…

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, March 5th starting at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for children….all proceeds will go to The Genesis House, and all are welcome!

If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall, or contact Bay in the office. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday…



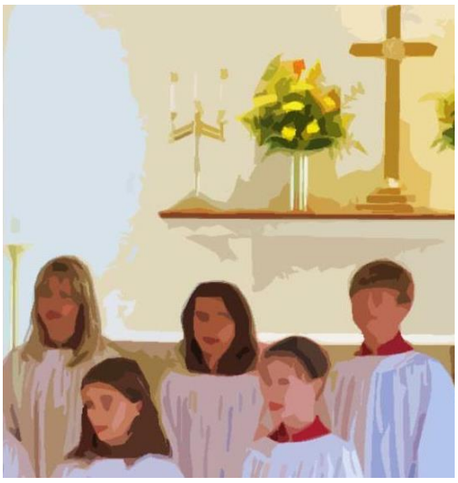
Ash Wednesday is March 6th, join us for Holy Eucharist & the Imposition of Ashes at 12:10 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (with choir and childcare).

If you are unable to attend a service, please stop by Pour Jons for "Ashes-to-Go" and a free cup of coffee from 7-8:30 a.m., 1-2:00 p.m., or 4:30-5:30 p.m.

A Fast for Ash Wednesday…

On Ash Wednesday, Grace Church, along with other congregations in our Diocese and the Diocesan office, will be fasting and repenting for our sins against those who have been the recipient of any gender-based discrimination, harassment, or violence (including but not limited to: sexual and gender harassment, sexual assault, physically, spiritually, and emotionally abusive behavior, and oppression based on gender). Please click HERE to read the full resolution passed at Diocesan Convention.

Grace Children's Choir

Leading Worship…

The Children's Choir will be leading worship at the 9am service on March 10th. Please mark your calendars and come hear these wonderful young voices!

Choristers – Remember Choir Camp will be held on Saturday the 9th from 10-noon.

Spring Forward

March 10th…

Grace Church Youth Group

Thursday Evenings…

Grace youth group no longer meet on Thursday evenings due to scheduling conflicts with youth members. Instead, please look for information regarding monthly fellowship and service events.

Please contact Jayme with any questions or if you hear of an event that the youth might enjoy!

Vestry

Sunday, February 24th…

The Grace Vestry will meet on Sunday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m. If you are on vestry and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Bay.

Additionally, vestry members, please mark your calendars for a Saturday vestry retreat on April 13th. Thank you!

Community & Upcoming Events

Lenten Reflection at St. Paul's…

All are welcome for a morning of Lenten Reflection held at St. Paul's on Saturday, March 9th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Spend time apart from the usual Saturday activities and discover how "your" Lent presents itself. For more information contact St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville (www.stpaulsfay.org).

Holy Week…

Holy Week for 2019 will begin with Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 14th with services that week on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil on Saturday, and Easter Sunday on April 21st. Look for more information regarding service times in the coming weeks.

Spring Break at Camp…

Camp Mitchell is holding a new "Spring Break Camp" this year for children grades 6-12. Please see the website for more information, www.campmitchell.org.

Outreach at Grace

Outreach & Justice Meeting

Monthly Meeting…

The Outreach & Justice Group meeting for February will be on Tuesday the 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Grace House. The monthly meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month, and anyone who is interested can attend…even for just one month.

Sunday Collections

Sunday Collections…

Collections will be made during both services on Sundays to support the Little Free Pantry, thank you for your continued support!

Frozen Food Fridays

Continuing on Fridays…

The Garden has begun a food recovery program called Frozen Food Fridays. Free frozen packaged meals will be handed out every Friday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. next to the Little Free Pantry. Meals are available for anyone so please spread the word. If you would like to help please contact Patty or the office.

FROZEN FOOD FRIDAYS 3:00-4:00PM

Grace Communications

Realm…

All members and participants at Grace should have received an invitation email to join Realm, our online database and social networking platform. Please use the link in the email to create a password, then download the app!

With the app you can find contact information for other parishioners, read Stan's Weekly Word, check your giving, and stay up to date with your various groups (Altar Guild, Christian Formation, etc.). If you did not save the invitation email, please contact Bay (bay@gracesiloam.org) or Victoria (victoria@gracesiloam.org) and one can be sent to you. Thank you!

Find us on Instagram (@gracesiloam), Facebook, & Twitter

Lectionary

March 3rd

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

March 10th

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 17th

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 24th

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 31st

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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