

Welcome to Grace!!

April 14, 2019

We are glad you are with us today! If this is your first time, please sign our guest book. If you'd like to know more about Grace, please fill in a Welcome Card and give it to the usher to place it in the offertory plate. Please join in the Gathering Place up the ramp, for coffee and fellowship following the service.

Brief Reminders

- If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let an usher know.
- If you need a large print prayer book or hymnal, they are located on the desk in the front of the church.
- Please give a dollar donation when lighting a votive candle.
- If you notice something that needs attention (a light out, a roof leak, a clogged sink or toilet) please put it in the book outside the finance office. **Speak to Jim Kemp or Jerry Mrowczynski if you can help with small property needs.**
- Check out the bulletin board as you are going to the Gathering Place, there are community events, volunteer opportunities, and church news that might be of interest.

Mark Your Calendars

- April 17th Holy Eucharist 10am
- April 20th Easter Vigil 8pm
- April 21st Easter Day- Choral Festival Eucharist 8am & 10am
- April 28th Mariners' Sunday 10am
- April 29th Book Club – Grace kitchen 7pm
- May 3 Talent Auction 5pm

Those serving in today's Service

LEM:

5:30pm Saturday:

Brian Campbell

8am Sunday:

Jeff Thomson

10am:

Kati Kubbe, Cindy Minnie, Jeanette Ettin, Tim Johnson, Tanna LeClair & Lysa Mrowczynski

Acolytes:

8am: Jim Kemp, Jeff Thomson

10am: Connor McPharlin, Christopher Larson, William Gibson & Kegan McPharlin

Ushers:

8am: Bernie Jonas & Art Smith

10am: Michael Gruver, Ginny Irland, Peter & Nancy Jungquist

Altar Guild:

8am: Sue Smith

10am: Cindy Minnie & Gayle Farr

Those in our prayers for healing:

Leslie Buckley

Larry Babin

Blanche Chafe

Ted

Dave Shook

Eleanor Porada

Daniel Rose

Lori

Billy LeCaine

Matt Helsom

Carolyn George

JoAnn Eldredge

Dolores Kelly

Doris Meade

LaTea Brothers

Nancy Steele

Connie

Judy

Tom

Gayle Stevens

If you wish to be removed from our prayer list, or know of someone, please contact the office.***

Prayers for those in the military:

Tristan Lotz

Peter Latham

Dillon Judd

Nathan Hurst

Phillip Latham

Christopher Clarke

Shelby Bixler

Ben Chute

Prayers for those who have died:

Rock Stevens, Nathan Seeley , James Lloyd &

Dorothy Latham

APRIL

4/14 PALM SUNDAY 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Jr. Choir 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Coffee Hour 4:30pm C4 Church 7pm AA	4/15	4/16 10am CE 1pm CE 4pm Yoga 5pm Finance Mtg 7pm AA	4/17 10am CE 10am Holy Eucharist 1pm CE 6pm NA 6:30pm Adult Choir	4/18 10am CE 10am Krafters & Knitters 1pm CE 7pm Maundy Thursday	4/19 10am CE 12pm Good Friday/Stations 1pm CE 6pm NA	4/20 10am AA 7pm AA 8pm Holy Eucharist/Easter Vigil	4/21 EASTER 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Jr. Choir 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm C4 Church 7pm AA
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FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for the continued donations to the food pantry. We are providing food bags weekly to Woodrow Wilson, Cleveland, Holland Woods, and Roosevelt schools. We continue to quickly use peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pudding cups, canned spaghetti o's, fruit cups (peaches & pears) and juice. It is with a humble heart I share with you how much these food items are appreciated.

ALTAR FLOWERS: One way to enhance our worship at Grace is by making donations for the altar flowers, in honor or remembrance of a friend or family member. The recommended donation is \$40.00 per vase. Please contact the office to discuss dates and arrange payments. **Please see insert to fill out your Easter Lily Remembrances donation form.**

COFFEE HOUR: We are looking for volunteers to host the coffee hour for, May 5th, 19th & 26th. Please sign up on calendar in the Gathering Place. Reminder there's no food to be served during Lent.

BOOK CLUB: Will be meeting April 29th at 7pm in the Grace Kitchen to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Bring a snack if possible, hope to see you there.

Tuesday, April 16th & 17th: There will be no Lenten Program

GRACE-FULL Sunday April 14th (Palm Sunday.): 11:45-2 p.m. Simple Lunch will be provided. We will explore Easter themes and symbols and will make decorated eggs. There will be a technique for every age and ability level. Bring a smock or old clothes to change into. We are inviting each household to bring ½ dozen cooked white eggs and ½ dozen raw white eggs, if possible. Stay after church for this fun intergenerational afternoon. Please sign up outside of the finance office and indicate your name, number of adults and number of children. We need active participation to continue this activity.

STRIPPING THE ALTAR: One of the most moving Holy Week traditions is known as "the Stripping of the Altar." We remove all the color and shiny metals from the church, as if we are stripping a body or clearing out a house after a death. This is usually done after the Maundy (Holy) Thursday service but today we are going to do it at the end of our service, because this is the last time we will be in church until Good Friday. Many people don't attend the Maundy Thursday liturgy, so they don't get to see this touching farewell, which makes good sense after the reading of Luke's Passion Gospel.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th; at 7 pm: This year we will remember Jesus' last supper in a different way, gathering in the Gathering Place for Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing in the context of a symbolic simple meatless meal. The choir will be there to support our singing at the table. This year, there will not be a "Watch" or "Vigil" following the service.

Good Friday, April 19th: Good Friday Liturgy at Noon in church, followed by Stations of the Cross. Tenebrae at 7 p.m. in Holy Innocents' Chapel:

This year, in addition to the traditional Good Friday liturgy, followed by the Stations of the Cross in the Garden (weather permitting) there will also be a dramatic evening service of Tenebrae (from the Latin for shadows or darkness), a service of chanted psalms and passages from scripture, rooted in Medieval monastic tradition.

Easter Vigil, Holy Baptism and First Eucharist of Easter 8 p.m. April 20th:

We will gather outside to light the new fire, to listen the history of God's mighty acts and to proclaim the resurrection. We will be welcoming into the household of God by baptism Juliet Kubbe. This year there will be chanting and a small string ensemble to enhance our worship. There is no 5:30 service on this day. **Bring a bell to ring in" the Easter season.** Red eggs will be distributed and there will be a festive reception following the service. Incense will be used at this service.

The Feast of the Resurrection, Easter Day, April 21st

Choral Festival Eucharist at 8 and 10:

Beloved Easter hymns, many accompanied by our youth instrumentalists, Holy Eucharist and sermon, followed by Easter Egg hunt following the 10 a.m. service.

MARINERS' SUNDAY April 28th; 10AM:

Grace Church is once again hosting the Mariners' Service. This long-standing tradition at Grace includes a festive service with mariner-themed music that attracts mariners from throughout St. Clair County and Canada. The fellowship hour following the service will feature a variety of nautical-related displays. Cookies and other treats are needed for the reception. Please sign up to donate outside the church office.

Holy Family, Blue Water to Celebrate New Sanctuary with Easter Cantata Saturday April 20 at p.m.

Eastern Michigan's newest congregation hits a big milestone

The congregation of Holy Family, Blue Water will mark a big milestone this season - the breaking in of their new worship space! The new sanctuary will be the location of an ecumenical Easter Cantata, performed by a joint choir of Episcopalians, United Methodists, ELCA, and UCC singers and bell-ringers. The cantata is an original composition by Holy Family Rector, the Rev. David Vickers. The performance will take place on the Easter Vigil, at 5pm, followed by a reception. Holy Family is Eastern Michigan's newest congregation - formed from former communities in St. Clair, Marysville, and Marine City. Since their new community began, the congregation has been worshipping in the fellowship space of the former St. Paul's building.