

Welcome to Grace!!

April 7, 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 7th Building & Grounds Meeting 9am
- April 9th Lent Program 6pm
- April 10th Bible Study 11am
- April 10th Outreach 5pm
- April 13th Collecting & arranging garden items for Palm Sunday 9:30am
- April 13th Euchre Party & Potluck Dinner
- May 3 Talent Auction 5pm

Those serving in today's Service

LEM:

5:30pm Saturday:

Ann Brown

8am Sunday:

Mary Lou Creamer

10am:

Tim Johnson, Pat Stacey, Jason Gibson, Nancy Kelley
& Mary Gale McPharlin

Acolytes:

8am: Jim Kemp, Jeff Thomson

10am: Devin Mrowczynski, Praewa Montross,
Charlotte O'Brien & Cassie Gibson

Ushers:

8am: Bernie Jonas & Art Smith

10am: Tim Johnson, Pat & Sue O'Brien & Tim
O'Brien

Altar Guild:

8am: Gayle Farr

10am: Cindy Minnie

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

APRIL

4/7 8am Holy Eucharist 9am B&G Mtg. 9am Jr. Choir 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm Youth Group 4:30pm C4 Church 7pm AA	4/8	4/9 10am CE 1pm CE 4pm Yoga 6pm Lent Program 7pm AA	4/10 10am CE 10am Holy Eucharist 11am Bible Study 1pm CE 5pm Outreach 6pm NA 6:30pm Adult Choir	4/11 10am CE 1pm CE	4/12 10am CE 1pm CE 6pm NA	4/13 10am AA 5:30pm Holy Eucharis 6:30pm Euchre Party 7pm AA	4/14 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 April 14th, May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. Please sign up on calendar in the Gathering Place. Reminder there's no food to be served during Lent.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES: As mentioned at the annual meeting, the Rector is gathering a Christian Formation for all Ages Commission. The group will support the work of Tracey Larson, our Youth and Family Ministry coordinator and of our volunteer youth leaders Sara O'Brien and Christy Allen. It will also seek to develop and redevelop classes and small groups to support adults in their faith journeys. They will also explore inter-generational learning opportunities. Watch for a survey about your hopes and needs for resources to help us all grow in the love and service of God.

GOOD GRIEF: April 16th from 6pm – 7:30pm, Lake Huron Medical Center will be hosting a workshop that will address issues facing grief. The loss of job, family, friends, physical or mental health, home, resources, learning healthy ways to assist with loss. Guests presenters include Jackie Cole LPN, Rev. Amiesha Lee Williams & Adrienne Lunchenbacher, MA, LLPC. Please feel free to join us in the Lighthouse Café.

LENT AT GRACE

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter. Originally, it was the season when people prepared for baptism at Easter, a ritual of incorporation into the risen life of Christ. Then it was a season when those who had egregious sins prepared to be readmitted to communion. Now, for all of us, it is a season to examine our relationship with God and to resolve to live more faithfully as followers of Jesus. It is a season for us to be quiet and reflective -- things our culture rarely values. It is a time for us to recommit ourselves to Jesus' Way of Love.

Here are some opportunities to gather for reflection and learning with others.

Tuesday, April 8th at 6 p.m.

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Light supper (or brown bag) followed by study based on Easter Vigil Lessons and the Way of Love Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life.

Closing Prayers at 8. (March 19 the start will be delayed until 6:30 p.m.)

Please sign up a week in advance for a parallel program for children and youth and/or nursery care by calling the church office or signing up outside the finance office.

Wednesday April 9th:

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

11:00 a.m. "ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" with Amy-Jill Levine.

Thursdays at Noon April 10th:

Olde Towne Churches Lenten Lunches at St John's UCC, 710 Pine Street. Theme "For God so Loved the World." Light Lunch and reflection by local pastors.

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.

GREENING PALM SUNDAY: They cut branches, can we?

If you read the accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in the gospels, you will see that only John mentions Palm branches (possibly because they are a sign of victory.). Mark and Matthew say that people cut branches they could find and waved those, Luke just says people threw their garments on the road. Palms are often not raised sustainably, those who harvest them are often paid a pittance for them and their carbon footprint is high, since they are flown half way around the world. Some parts of the world have used Box branches or Willow Branches. Because Palm Sunday is in mid April this year, we are asking everyone to look in their gardens for branches, reeds or yucca plant leaves to share with parishioners for our Palm Sunday Commemoration. Pussy Willows would be great. You might even be able to force forsythia. Let's combine our honoring of the beginning of Holy Week with honoring the just and proper use of creation this year. Bring your branches and some to share.

**EUCHRE PARTY
AND POTLUCK
DINNER**



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1213 6TH STREET
PORT HURON, MI

SATURDAY April 13, 2019
DINNER 6:30PM ~ CARDS 7-9PM

\$5 DONATION
(AT DOOR)

WINNER CHOOSES WHAT
BUDGET LINE ITEM THE
PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARDS

PRIZES FOR TOP
PLAYERS

PLEASE BRING A DISH
TO PASS

PLACE SETTINGS PROVIDED