



Grace Episcopal Church Honesdale, Pa.
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Grace Notes

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EARLY SUMMER 2021

PARSON'S CORNER

Summer is the Time for Re-Creation

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Grace Church [Jerusalem] as a joy, and its people as a delight.

Isaiah 65:17-18

God is constantly creating new, from the beginning - even before time existed - through these days. The people of Israel had gone through terrible devastation. In the midst of the destruction and exile, the prophet Isaiah, at least six times that I can count, promises to make all things new, the old will pass away, and will be remembered no more. And God through the prophet's voice, instructs the people to, "Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!"

Isaiah 42:10

As I write, the Rectory is full of boxes, newspaper, bubble-wrap, and packing tape. The end of May, Sue and I will step out into a new chapter of our life, just as Grace Church will do likewise. None of us know what the future will hold. I pray there is a sense of excitement of possibilities in Wellsboro and indeed here at Grace Church.

We have just come through Easter - thanks be to God that we able to hold in-person worship on Palm Sunday and Easter! And in the darkness of our communal life of a spiritual Good Friday and Holy Saturday, sadly Grace Church has lost some believers. I pray that the 'remnant of Israel' will be strengthened by (to use an agricultural metaphor as it is Spring) putting the shoulder to the plow.

Use that image in your meditations. A cold hard earth is waiting to be opened for seeds to be sown. They may not be the same seeds as have been sown before, yet a rich harvest awaits, if the fields of ministry are not left fallow.

Or perhaps, fallow is a good way of looking at the next several months, letting the field rest a bit in order to gain strength for the new yield of faith and devotion to this beloved parish.

I think how in Grace's history you all have survived two floods and a fire, priests dying young, and, OK, maybe a few staying too long. Yet Grace Church and her people have stood firm in your conviction to ministry. We've hopefully in this past year have learned that adaptability is possible, *IF* we allow God to work in and through us. May the faith of Resurrected Life empower us to do what we may never dream - but God does!

Father Erb

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

April 2021

At its meeting on Sunday, April 25th,

- + Vestry discussed plans for the Confirmation Service on 1 May with Bishop Nichols coming. A tent is being hired so the service can be held in the courtyard.
- + Fr. Erb noted that a portion of Mrs. Cable's bequest has been received - the moneys for the Organ Fund have been placed in the Menner Trust at The Wayne Bank; other unrestricted funds were temporarily placed at the Dime Bank, and are to be transferred to the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT).
- + Junior Warden Peter Mikulak reported on bids for replacing the Rectory roof, repairs to the Church sidewalks and replacing windows in the Parish Hall.
- + Fr. Erb is to be removed from the Wayne Bank Trusts; Sr. Warden Matthew Corso, Finance Committee Chair Neil Petrosky and Jr. Warden Peter Mikulak are to be added. Additionally, the parish credit card account is to be closed until such time as a Rector is called.
- + Dr. Corso mentioned that the Thanksgiving Together program is being moved from Grace Church. Several other parishes and organizations have 'taken the ball,' and are continuing the distribution of food. The supplies in the basement and freezers are being taken by these other groups. When the 'dust settles' it is hoped that Grace Church parishioners will once again become involved.
- + The schedule of services for the summer was shared. Fr. Peter Pearson will be covering the Saturday evening Communion services all summer long. Fr. Earl Trygar will offer Communion several Sundays, and Brother Carl Hooker will return to Grace Church to lead Morning Prayer other Sundays. (*see below.*)
- + The Annual Parish meeting will be held Sunday, June 13th at noon. Especially in this time of transition, it is important for every parishioner to plan to attend for direct communication of information, elections and moving forward.

Vestry then went into Executive Session.



Confirmation

We are pleased that five youth have undergone Confirmation Class this Spring and Confirmed their faith before Bishop Kevin Nichols when he visited Grace Church on Saturday, May 1st - the feast of Saints Philip and James.

Elise Marsh
Ewan Marsh
Lucas Stephens
Ethan Corso
Harry DeVrieze

They partially used Fr. Erb's Religious Emblems book (written for Episcopal Scouts), had a crash course through the Bible - most of them having gone through Godly Play Christian Education in childhood - English Reformation history, the history of the American Episcopal Church, and Grace Church herself and concluded with exploring Personal Faith in Christ.

SCHEDULE of SERVICES

(pending Covid restrictions)

Sat, June 5	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, June 6	Morning Prayer	Brother Carl Hooker	Church
Sat, June 12	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, June 13	Morning Prayer	Brother Carl Hooker	Church
Sat, June 19	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, June 20	Morning Prayer	Brother Carl Hooker	Church
Sat, June 26	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, June 27	Holy Communion	Fr. Earl Trygar	Church
Sat, July 3	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, July 4	Holy Communion	Fr. Earl Trygar	Church
Sat, July 10	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, July 11	Holy Communion	Fr. Earl Trygar	Church
Sat, July 17	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, July 18	?	?	
Sat, July 24	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, July 25	?	?	
Sat, July 31	Holy Communion	Fr. Peter Pearson	Parish Hall
Sun, Aug 1	?	?	

details are still being worked out for 'blank' Sundays.

BIRTHDAYS

(Remember our Parish family in your prayers)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

June

6	William Mikulak
9	Ed Jellock
17	Karter Mikulak
23	Karen Repsher
27	Jared Peer

July

11	Eileen Wasman
12	Jane Bunnell, William Bush
15	Jeanne Roskoski
17	Peggy O'Connor
28	Carolyn Wilson

WHO ARE WE MISSING?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2021</h1>			<h2>All services are dependant on Covid numbers in Wayne County.</h2>			
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00 Holy Communion
6 PENTECOST 6 (Proper 5-C) Morning Prayer at 8:00 & 10:00	7	8	9	10	11 St. Barnabas	12 5:00 Holy Communion
13 PENTECOST 7 (Proper 6-C) Morning Prayer at 8:00 & 10:00 noon - Annual Parish Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19 5:00 Holy Communion
20 PENTECOST 8 (Proper 7-C) Morning Prayer at 8:00 & 10:00	21	22	23	24	25	26 5:00 Holy Communion
27 PENTECOST 9 (Proper 8-C) 8:00 & 10:00 Holy Communion	28	29 Ss. Peter & Paul	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2021</h1>				1	2	3 5:00 Holy Communion
				4 PENTECOST 10 (Proper 9-C) Independence Day 8:00 & 10:00 Holy Communion	5	6
11 PENTECOST 11 (Proper 10-C) 8:00 & 10:00 Holy Communion	12	13	14	15	16	17 5:00 Holy Communion
18 PENTECOST 12 (Proper 11-C)	19	20	21	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23	24 5:00 Holy Communion
25 PENTECOST 13 (Proper 12-C)	26 St. James the Great	27	28	29	30	31 5:00 Holy Communion

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Let us pray that, as in the summer 2020, in-person services may be held in the Church.
Pray also for all in our area who may be suffering in many ways.

DID YOU KNOW?

What's "Proper" and what's "Ordinary"?

During the season of Pentecost each Sunday is assigned a "Proper" Number - the set of Scripture and Prayers to be read on a particular calendar date. The Book of Common Prayer will list readings for, as an example, the Sunday closest to June 1st. These readings and prayers are called the propers for the Mass, as they are the ones 'proper' for that day.

In some traditions, the "green seasons" of Epiphany (between Christmas and Lent) and Pentecost (between Trinity Sunday and Advent) are called "Ordinary Time." It simply comes from the Latin sense of coming "in Order."

Relating to the "Propers" of the Mass, there is also the "Ordinary" of the Mass - or the "Order of Worship." In previous generations, they were the unchangeable same-thing-every-week items: The Kyrie (Lord have mercy); the Gloria in excelsis (Glory be to God on High), the Credo (Creed), the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). Since the 1979 Prayer Book and later supplements, there are options for the Kyrie & Gloria (which we call the Song of Praise), and the Agnus (which we call the Fraction - from the "fracturing"/breaking of the bread - Anthem.

The (lead) Bishop of a Diocese is sometimes called "The Ordinary," - he/she is in charge of keeping order in the Church, and of ordaining others. An assistant to the Bishop in charge of discerning people for ordained ministries is usually called "The Canon to the Ordinary."

NOW YOU KNOW.

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