

# Grace Church Chronicle

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To My Family of Grace,

There is a calendar in the Church Office that has a cartoon for each month of the year. This year it is a cartoon of different Valentine's Day cards with some funny sayings because Valentine's Day was also Ash Wednesday. The one that really tickles my funny bone is a card that says "Roses are Red, Violets are blue, Lent is beginning, No Chocolate for you!" It immediately brought a smile to my face and I really laughed out loud when I read it. I smile every time I pass it by.

This then brings to mind the idea that some folk "give up" something for lent. Usually you hear "I gave up sweets" or "I gave up candy" or "I gave up desserts." Actually, when you think about it, giving up those things is good for us. And, as you know as I am wont to do, my mind started wandering a little about giving stuff up for Lent, and I came up with a short list of what I would really like to see people give up:

1. Hateful speech
2. Spreading rumors
3. Prejudice against others for not:
  - a. Looking the same
  - b. Having the same political affiliation
  - c. Having a different color of their skin
4. Ignoring people who are in need and discomfort
5. Attacking people anonymously on social media
6. Lying
7. Cheating

What a wonderful world it would be if people would not only give these up for Lent but give these up FOREVER. Imagine a world where people actually listened in patience and love to each other. Imagine a world where all people would have the same opportunity to health care, education, housing, food, and free speech.

Yes, just imagine. Then realize that Jesus tells us that "the kingdom of God has come near." And to me, this would be a wonderful start to a wonderful Eastertide that would lead to a wonderful peaceable Kingdom of God, where the "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

May this Lent lead you all into peace.

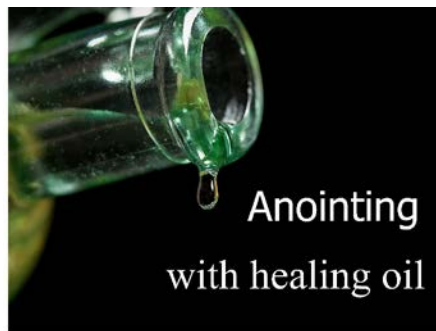
Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. Chip+



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	March 25	10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	March 29	7:00 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae service	March 30	7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	April 1	10:00 AM



On Sundays during Lent, immediately after the organ postlude, Fr. Chip and Deacon Denise will remain behind the altar rail for anyone wishing to come forward for the laying on of hands or anointing with healing oil.



## STATIONS *of the* CROSS

Fr. Chip and Deacon Denise will lead the Stations every Thursday through March 22, promptly at 12 NOON. Please plan to join us if you are available or stop in during your lunch hour if you work nearby! It should only take 15 - 20 minutes! For those who would like to stay for additional Devotional/Meditative prayer following the Stations at 12:30pm, Deacon Denise will lead a 15-20 minute Candlelight Vespers Service.



Flower memorial envelopes are due **no later than Sunday, March 25.**

### FundIt

You can buy FundIt gift cards through Carol Flanagan on Sunday mornings at Coffee hour or call her at 860-688-1141. There are a wide variety of cards to choose from.

### Camp Washington Scholarship

ECW offers a \$200 scholarship to Camp Washington in Lakeside, CT for summer camp.

The scholarship is offered to any child of Grace Church ages 6-16 for the summer sessions June-August. Please contact Joanne Roach at 860-688-8091 or at jrtoothfairy@aol.com if you are interested.

Go to [campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org) for more information about the different camps, when they are and pricing.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

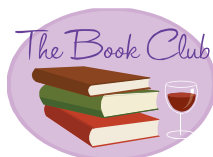
Sarah LaPorto, Sarah Thrall, Sue Elliott, Rose Phillips, JoAnne McLeod, Patricia Nye, Andrew Hutchinson, Patricia Nye, Bonnie Richards, Jacqueline Simpson, Peta-Gaye Davis, Mitchell Girard, Mark Korber, Joanne Roach

### Rummage Sale



There will be a rummage sale on Saturday, May 12th from 9-1 in the Great Hall. Please bring in all the “stuff” you don’t need or don’t want anymore!  
*Please no books or electronic equipment.*

**The February Vestry meeting was delayed, so there are no approved minutes to report for January at this time.**



### **Grace Church Book Discussion Group**

Date: March 27  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Place: LPH  
Host: Camille Alleyne  
Book: Hillbilly Elegy  
Author: JD Vance

From a former Marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class

Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.

The Vance family story begins hopefully in postwar America. J. D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love," and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually their grandchild (the author) would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of their success in achieving generational upward mobility.



But as the family saga of Hillbilly Elegy plays out, we learn that this is only the short, superficial version. Vance's grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother, struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, and were never able to fully escape the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. Vance piercingly shows how he himself still carries around the demons of their chaotic family history.

A deeply moving memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, Hillbilly Elegy is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Stations of the Cross, 12 noon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Stations of the Cross, 12 noon	<b>9</b> Windsor Club	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Vestry, LPH, 7 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Stations of the Cross, 12 noon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Stations of the Cross, 12 noon	<b>23</b> Windsor Club	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  Flower Envelopes due - no exceptions!	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Book Discussion, LPH, 1 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  MAUNDY Thursday <b>7 PM</b>	<b>30</b>  Service of Darkness <b>7 PM</b>	<b>31</b>

# April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 African Violet Society, LPH	6 African Violet Society, LPH	7 African Violet Society, LPH
8	9	10 Vestry, 7 PM	11 LPH in use, evening	12	13 Windsor Club, LPH, 7:00 PM	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study, 5:45, Music Rm.	19 Blood Drive 12-7 	20	21 South Park Inn
22	23	24 Book Discussion, 1 PM, LPH	25 Bible Study, 5:45, Music Rm.	26	27 Windsor Club, LPH, 7:00 PM	28
29	30					



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*To share and extend to  
others our experience of  
God's love through worship,  
education, fellowship and  
service.*

**Sunday Worship 10 AM**

**Sunday School 9:45 AM**

**860-688-1232**

## Dates to Remember

- Sundays - Laying on of hands and anointing with healing oil after organ postlude
  - Tuesday, March 13 – Vestry, 7 PM, LPH
  - Tuesday, March 27 – Book Discussion, 1 PM, LPH
  - Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday service, 7 PM
  - Friday, March 30 – Good Friday Tenebrae service, 7 PM
  - Sunday, April 1 – Easter
  - Monday, April 2 – Office closed
  - Thursday, April 5-7 – African Violet Society using LPH and Kitchen
- If there is news you feel should be included in the Chronicle, please let Carol know by e-mailing your announcement to:  
[carol@gracewindsor.org](mailto:carol@gracewindsor.org)
- Please submit any information for the Chronicle by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.