



Grace Episcopal Church

Plainfield, NJ

Full of Grace

The Grace Church Plainfield Monthly Newsletter

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Our vision: To provide a community for all in the service of Jesus Christ

Our mission: Grace Church of Plainfield is a welcoming and affirming Christian community characterized by diversity, worshiping and praising God in the Anglican tradition and proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed in active discipleship.

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Grace Church: Where Everybody is Somebody

WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays - 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist in All Saints' Chapel; 9 a.m. Adult Forum; 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music

Wednesdays - Noon: Adoration and Healing Mass in All Saints' Chapel

Fridays during Lent - 6 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, March 20.** Eucharist Rite I in All Saints' Chapel at 7:45 a.m.; Choral Eucharist with Procession of the Palms and reading of the Passion of the Lord at 10:30 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday, March 25**
 - Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing at 7 p.m.
 - Watch in the Garden at 9 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 26**
 - Noon. Stations of the Cross, Holy Eucharist and the Seven Last Words of Jesus with five-minute sermons from seven lay and ordained leaders. Held jointly with Holy Cross at Grace Church.
 - Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.
 - Meditation at 7:30 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday Great Vigil of Easter, April 4.** Holy Eucharist with scripture readings and five-minute sermons from Deacon Ted Moore and lay readers at 7:30 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 27.** Holy Eucharist Rite 1 at 7:45 a.m. in All Saints' Chapel; Festive Choral Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM FATHER GIDEON

Dear Friends,

Lent gives us a time to pause and to focus on all that our Lord Jesus has done for us out of pure and divine love. With the great triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and progressing through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we participate in Christ's suffering and death on the cross. Only then can we feel the awe and joy of his resurrection on that glorious Easter morning. Lent is an opportunity for growth as a human person and as a follower of Jesus. It calls us to reflect in honesty and humility on our brokenness – but not only on the brokenness, but on the grace and mercy and forgiveness of God. Our lives thus become a reflection of the vastness of God's divine mercy and love.

There are three traditions associated with Lent – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In considering these traditions, I wonder if, as we start again, we can step out of our comfort zones and approach them a little differently. Not just for the sake of “stepping out,” but to enable a deeper conversion.

Prayer: Do we spend enough time listening in prayer, not necessarily talking all the time? Being quiet in waiting to hear what God is trying to tell us at this time of our spiritual journey?

Fasting: Are we fasting not just from food or drink, but from the routines we all fall into that prevent us from living consciously? Are we willing to fast from the things that dull our awareness of God's presence in our lives at every moment, in every relationship, and in every human encounter?

Almsgiving: Are we willing to give like the widow in Mark and Luke whose gift of a mite was all that she had? Are we also willing to spend time out there in our world looking for, finding and acting in a concrete way to reach out to the poor and the marginalized?

Also, I encourage everyone to “take something up” this Lent. This might be a new spiritual practice, such as daily prayer, devotion, or Bible reading; a service activity such as volunteering in the community; weekly worship (for those for whom this is not already an established habit) – or some other way that we seek to turn ourselves outward toward God and our neighbor in ways that may help us encounter Christ in our daily life. These are part of what our spiritual journey is all about.

As we are equipped to go forth into the world to witness, to forgive and be thankful to Jesus for all we have received, let us strive to live a holy life as we journey throughout this Season of Lent. As we do, may it lead us to be mindful of the reality around us, our identity and our mission as people in the Jesus Movement. I pray for a holy, prayerful and fruitful Lenten journey in full anticipation for the Resurrection morning with hearts and minds renewed in the Lord.

Right Onward!

Fr. Gideon A. Uzomechina

PEOPLE OF GRACE

Happy Birthday to You!

Birthday blessings and prayers from the Grace Church family to: Alexis Andrew, March 1; Ivor Blair, March 2; Denise Simmons, March 4; Cynthia Smyth, March 5; Ellie Mae Uhler, March 10; Andrew Kilkenny, March 16; Kiva Brophy, March 19; Victoria David Blenman, March 23; Jason Algeo, March 30; and Conrad Roberts, March 31.

Muriel and Gary Lewis Welcome New Grandson

Congratulations to Muriel and Gary Lewis on the birth of their second grandson – Kyse Ahnle Lewis – born on February 27 to Jason and Julie Lewis.

Brenda Loncke Honored by the Guyana American Heritage Foundation

Vestry member Brenda Loncke, who is also chair of Hospitality at Grace and vice president of The Women of Grace, is being honored by the Guyana American Heritage Foundation (formerly known as the Guyana Flag Raising Committee of New Jersey) for exemplary community service. Her award will be presented at a special black tie affair celebrating Guyana's 50th Independence Anniversary on Saturday, May 7 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. To buy tickets to share this special evening with Brenda, please contact the Guyana American Heritage Foundation at 973 951-9898 or Ladyira@aol.com.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

Stewardship Update

By Jason Algeo, chair, Stewardship Committee

As of the end of February 2016, Grace church has 44 pledging members pledging \$92,200 – an average of \$2,100 a year, or \$175 a month per person. If you have not made a pledge or would like to increase your pledge, please see me on how to do either.



Plainfield Community Outreach: Annual Campaign to End Hunger

By Karen Oliver Moore, President, Plainfield Community Outreach Board of Directors

Grace's Kitchen, a program operated by Plainfield Community Outreach (PCO), Grace Church's 501(c)3 organization, has been serving meals to homeless and needy people in the greater Plainfield community for more than 20 years. Today, the need remains as strong as ever, and our commitment to feed the hungry is also as strong as ever. But we can't do it alone. So, PCO is now reaching out to you to ask you to support our Annual Campaign to Fight Hunger, which we hold in March and April every year.



Despite cutbacks in federal aid and grant programs that help provide food, shelter and other basic necessities, Grace's Kitchen managed to serve an average of 850 meals to hungry men, women and children during the last five days of every month in 2015. And we also offered screenings for high blood pressure and diabetes and free dental care delivered by professionals who volunteered their time and talent. What's more, shortly before the start of the new school year, we gave backpacks and school supplies to Grace's Kitchen children. And in December, the 21st Century Learning Program – another organization under the umbrella of PCO – gave care packages to our guests present on the fifth day of the feeding program.

We want to continue do more to make a positive impact on the lives of the individuals and families who depend on us. Please open your heart and give as generously as you can during our Annual Campaign to Fight Hunger.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Please print/clip and return this form with your donation

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To participate in the Annual Campaign to End Hunger, we need to receive your donation by April 30, 2016.

Name _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____ Telephone _____

My employer has a Matching Gifts Program.

[] Please contact me to complete the Matching Gifts paperwork. [] I will complete the paperwork so that my employer will match my donation to Plainfield Community Outreach.

Black History Month

By Anita Griffith, chair, Black History Month Committee

Black History Month 2016 at Grace concluded on Sunday, February 28 with a gala luncheon in Parish Hall featuring food of the African diaspora and performance by Grace Church Children's Sunday School students and teachers.

During church services, Father Gideon's thought-provoking homily, "Getting It Right with God," cautioned us all to not only know our story but to pass it down to our youth. He told us that the struggle of the African American people should be used as motivation to blossom and not as motive for revenge – that Lent is "springtime for our souls" and that we should use this period to reflect and reconnect with God.



At the luncheon, Sunday school teachers and children presented short bios and inspirational quotes of famous African Americans. The children also recited a poem by Langston Hughes and we were treated to a timeline on United States President Barack Obama.

Throughout the month, youth read selections from African American history at both Sunday services.

A big THANK YOU to the children and to all the parishioners who so generously lent their reading skills, time, culinary talent and monetary support to this month-long celebration.

Easter Baskets for Children

By Karen Moore, President, The Women of Grace



Last year, the Women of Grace gave Easter baskets filled with all kinds of toys, wrapped candy and other small gifts to children who attended Grace Church on Easter Sunday. About 60 baskets were given out that day to Grace kids and to children who visited. Sadly, though, we did not have enough to give a basket to each child. This year, the Women of Grace is planning on having at least 75 baskets to distribute. But we need your help. We would appreciate it if you would donate an empty basket and/or wrapped items to put in the childrens'

Easter baskets. Please give your donation of baskets, wrapped candy, toys or any other small gifts to Gina Intsiful, Josephine Intsiful, Brenda Loncke, Karen Moore, Carol Taitt or Lynnette Taitt by Sunday, March 13. The Women of Grace will meet that day or the following Sunday to fill the baskets to help make our children's Easter celebration extra joyous. We thank you in advance for your help.

Also on Easter Sunday, the Childrens' Sunday School program, lead by Lynnette Taitt, will hold an Easter Egg hunt in Ackerman Memorial Garden, weather permitting, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. Lynnette welcomes your donations of Easter candy or small items to fill the eggs. She is also looking for volunteers to help monitor the children during the egg hunt. If you can help, please contact Lynnette at lltaitt@yahoo.com or see her after church.

Little Dresses For Africa / Britches for Boys Sewing Project

By Barbara Nichols, coordinator, Women of Grace Crafts Committee



We're not just sending dresses,
we're
Sending **HOPE**

I would like to form a sewing group to coordinate Grace's participation with Little Dresses for Africa, a nonprofit group that works with volunteers through the world who create dresses for little girls using pillowcases or other simple patterns and t-shirts to create knit shorts for little boys.

The clothing is distributed through missionaries, who take them to orphanages, churches, and schools in Africa. According to Rachel O'Neill, founder of Little Dresses for Africa, the clothing gives the distributors an opportunity to identify social needs, such as clean water and education, that can be addressed with help from caring people in the United States. "Because of our strong ties and experience in Malawi, we go into a remote village, hire local tradesmen and work with the remote villages so as to not interfere with their economy. Our short term trips follow-up each year and provide encouragement, teaching and school supplies as well as little dresses for the girls and britches for the boys," O'Neill states on her website.

You don't have to be an expert at sewing to get involved because the patterns for the dresses and shorts are very simple. If you're interested in starting a sewing circle to make the dresses and shorts, please contact see me after church.

Undoing Racism Workshop and Retreat

By Deacon Ted Moore, co-chair Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission



I encourage you to sign up for the two-and-a-half day anti-racism workshop and retreat that the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission is sponsoring next month for lay and clergy members of the New Jersey Diocese. The workshop/retreat is designed to shed light on the role the church has played in perpetuating institutionalized racism, and to explore ways to eradicate racism in our church, community, country and world. The focus will be on helping participants understand racism, learn from history, develop

leadership, establish community accountability, and unearth and undo internalized racial oppression.

It will be held April 7 through April 9 at St. Francis' Church in Dunellen. It begins Thursday with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by training until 9 p.m. The instruction resumes on Friday morning and ends on Saturday, April 9 at 4 p.m.

Participants pay a \$50 nonrefundable registration fee to reserve a place and offset tuition and workshop costs. Non-members of the New Jersey Diocese will be charged a \$450 fee. All meals are provided. Double occupancy hotel accommodations shared with one other person are provided at the Hampton Inn in South Plainfield/Piscataway for those who do not want to commute.

Please see me if you would like to attend or if you have questions about it the workshop or the Anti-Racism Commission by April 1, or March 20 if you plan to stay overnight and need a hotel reservation.

Special Music Program Planned for Easter Sunday

By Andrew Kilkenny, Music Director

In March, the Grace Church choir is preparing for a musical journey throughout Holy Week, with accapella music beginning on Palm Sunday and ending with festive music with organ on the Easter Vigil, and adding trumpet on Easter Sunday!

The Youth Choir will continue to meet after the 10:30 a.m. service for about 30 minutes to rehearse the music for Easter.

Our first Evensong will be Sunday May 15.

Men's Guild Considers Joining The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

By Jason Algeo, President, Men's Guild

At its February meeting, members of the Men's Guild discussed changing the name and philosophy of the organization to that of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion. The vision and mission of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to develop and equip men and boys for faithful discipleship and changed lives for the greater glory of God; and to instill in them a lifelong discipline of daily prayer, regular study and committed service.

The Brotherhood was started by 12 young men and the rector at St. James Church in Chicago who wanted to form an outreach organization to minister to men. They were inspired by the example of St. Andrew who brought his brother Peter to meet Jesus. The first meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held on St. Andrew's Day (November 30) 1883. They initially adopted just two rules: Prayer and Service.



News of what they were doing spread quickly and by 1886 there were over 100 Brotherhoods of St. Andrew across the U.S. and Canada. There was also interest throughout the Anglican

Communion. At the first meeting of chapter representatives it was decided to form a Central Office to coordinate what was becoming an international ministry to men. Each Brotherhood of St. Andrew then accepted the authority of the Central Office and became known as a Chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The Brotherhood was incorporated by an Act of the U. S. Congress signed by President Theodore Roosevelt on May 30, 1908.

Any baptized Christian man who is a confirmed in an Anglican or Episcopal church or a church in communion with the Anglican or Episcopal Church may be a member, or brother. Each member must agree to observe the disciplines of prayer, study and service.

At the February meeting, Father Gideon explained that it is a continuing phenomenon in the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church in particular, that the vast majority of men on parish rolls do not attend worship services or participate in the life of the parish in any way whatsoever.

According to statistics, on any given Sunday, about 60 percent to 70 percent of the people in attendance are women, another 10 percent to 20 percent are children and youth with men making up only 15 percent to 25 percent. Statistics also show that when men church members are able to come together with other men to discuss their Christian Faith and study the Bible, they become more active in and supportive of the parish ministry in that their church.

“As they begin to accept the disciplines of prayer and study, they grow to accept the discipline of service. No parish needs another men’s organization, but every parish needs a ministry to its men. And the main goal of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is ministry to men,” said Father Gideon.

A meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 17 after the 10:30 a.m. service to discuss moving forward with this ministry. I encourage all Grace men and boys to attend.

Grace Sunday School Students Participate in Black History Month Activities

By Lynnette Taitt, superintendent, Children’s Sunday School Program

The students in the Grace Children’s Sunday School program learned and performed a poem by Langston Hughes and recited some quotes by famous African Americans.

In addition, the students recently have been very busy creating greeting cards to send to people on Grace’s Prayer List. This helped them live out the lesson they learned in February that “Jesus Heals the Sick.”

The Sunday School program is offered every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., except on the fourth Sunday of every month. It is designed for children from 4- to 14-years old. Each Sunday, the children read and discuss the Bible lesson of the day. Afterwards, the children participate in a craft activity that relates to the lesson. If you are interested in registering your child for Sunday School, please see me after church or contact me at lltaitt@yahoo.com.



SAVE THE DATES

- **Wednesday May 11 – Saturday May 14** to have your photo taken by a professional photographer, at no cost, to be included in the 2016 Grace Church directory.
- **June 4** – Fashion Show Fundraiser, Parish Hall, Grace Church
- **October 8** – Bus Trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country and performance of Samson at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA.
- **December 10** – Annual Christmas Fellowship Evening Dinner Dance, Parish Hall, Grace Church
- The National Commission celebrations for 2016 are: **June 4 – Guyana; July 9 – USA; and September 11 – Trinidad.**

NOTES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

February 18, 2016

From the Bishop

Dear People of the Diocese of New Jersey,

For all the saints, who from their labors rest....

Hymnal 1982 #287

I love to read the stories of the saints – some long past, like St. Paul or St. Peter, some more recent, like Mother Teresa or Thurgood Marshall. They are all different, a veritable mosaic of Christian faithfulness and living.

When I was a seminarian, The Reverend Dr. Robert Wright, Professor of Patristics (the history of the early church), encouraged a discipline of reading the lives of the saints in what was then *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* – a volume that offered brief biographies of the saints according to the church calendar along with a collect (prayer) for each as well as scriptural readings to be used at worship on the saint’s day. *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* has since “morphed” into **Holy Women, Holy Men** (New York: Church Publishing, 2010) which is available for purchase in either paperback book or Kindle editions. It’s worth owning in your home. Use it for reflection and prayer throughout the Church Year.

Lent is a time when we, as Christians, are called upon to renew our repentance and faith. Certainly reflecting on the lives of those who have “fought the good fight and finished the race” is an inspiring way to renew our own commitment to Christ.

In 2010, The Reverend Timothy Schenk, an Episcopal priest in Massachusetts, who is a popular blogger and social media figure in church circles, created ***Lent Madness*** as a fun and creative

way for us all to rediscover the saints during Lent. With a nod to the NCAA's "March Madness," Fr. Tim, Fr. Scott Gunn, and their colleagues create a "bracket" of saints. Now sponsored by the Forward Movement, each day they post a "head to head" competition between two of the saints, inviting those who participate to read the brief biographies of the saints and vote for a favorite. The bracket will whittle them down to two finalists who will compete for "the Golden Halo" by the end of Lent. It's a great opportunity to learn about the saints and to have some good natured fun in the process. Check it out at <http://www.lentmadness.org/category/len-madness-2016/>.

Know your story, live it boldly!

Blessings and peace,



The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes, D.D.
XII Bishop of New Jersey

Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry



About 150 Episcopalians from around the diocese gathered Trinity Cathedral on February 14 to celebrate the ministries of the historical Black Churches in the New Jersey Diocese. The joyous service was sponsored by the Black Clergy Caucus and the Earl B. Scott Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians. It was celebrated by Bishop Stokes. A joint choir comprised of members from several different churches led a program of uplifting music.

The preacher was Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson, rector of St. Andrew and Holy Communion Episcopal Church in South Orange, who told the people gathered, "I am a hope peddler."

She said the responsibility of Episcopalians is laid out in Isaiah 61: ". . . to proclaim good news to the poor . . . to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve . . . to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."



She said the world needs us more than ever to be who we are called to be and to give witness to the love of God. But, she asked, “If you are going to witness to the love of God, what will you say? We have to heal ourselves before we can heal the world. You must love yourself so you can offer love to others. For love, Christ has set us free. For freedom Christ has set us free. We have to know who and whose we are.”

She also urged the congregation to remember the instructions of Bishop Desmond Tutu: Tell your story and tell it honestly; name your pain; reconcile yourself to those who have hurt you and offer forgiveness; and decide whether to renew or release the relationship with those you have been at odds with. If you decide to renew, then you must fully commit yourself to reconciliation.

Bishop Stokes ended the service by declaring that we must “render to no person evil for evil.”

Absalom Jones (November 7, 1746 – February 13, 1818) was the first African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States. He was a slave at birth but in 1784 purchased his freedom. In 1772, while at prayer at the interracial congregation of St. George’s Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Jones and other black members were told that they could no longer sit with the white members and would only be allowed to sit in the balcony. They all walked out. In 1794, Jones founded the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, the first black church in Philadelphia. He was ordained a deacon in 1795 and a priest in 1804, becoming the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church. Jones died on February 13, 1818. The Episcopal Church remembers his life annually on the anniversary of his death.

MARCH 26 IS THE FEAST DAY FOR AFRICAN METHODIST

EPISCOPAL BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN (February 14, 1760 – March 26, 1831), first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) in Philadelphia, the first independent black denomination in the United States. He was elected the first AME bishop in 1816.

Allen formed the denomination as a place where black people could worship without racial oppression. He worked to upgrade the social status of the black community, organizing Sabbath schools to teach literacy and promoting national organizations to develop political strategies.

Richard Allen was born enslaved as the legal property of into slavery on, on the Delaware property of Benjamin Chew, head of the Pennsylvania Judiciary System and Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. When he was a child Allen and his family were sold to a plantation owner in Delaware and were eventually separated. Allen taught himself to read and write and at age 18 joined a Methodist church. His owner became convinced that slavery was wrong and he offered his slave the opportunity to buy their freedom. Allen performed extra work to earn money and bought his freedom in 1780.



Allen and his first wife, Flora, worked closely together to establish the AME church. A year after her death in 1801, Allen married Sarah Bass, a freed slave from Virginia. Sarah Allen is

called the “Founding Mother” of the AME Church. From 1797 until his death in 1831, Allen and Sarah operated a station on the Underground Railroad for fugitive slaves.

Allen was qualified as a preacher in 1784 at the Christmas Conference, the founding of the Methodist Church in North America at Baltimore. He was one of the two black attendees of the conference along with Harry Hosier, but neither was permitted to vote during deliberations. In 1786, Allen became a preacher at St. George’s Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, but was restricted to early morning services. As he attracted more black congregants, the all-white church vestry ordered them to worship in a separate area. In protest, Allen and Absalom Jones, also a Methodist preacher, left St. George’s and in 1787 created the Free African Society as an independent worship society for black people. Allen, Jones, William Gray and William Wilcher partnered to buy land in Philadelphia to erect a church. The site is now occupied by Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and is believed to be the oldest real estate in the United States owned continuously by African Americans.

Over time, most of the FAS members chose to affiliate with the Episcopal Church, as many blacks in Philadelphia had been Anglicans since the 1740s. They founded the African Church with Absalom Jones. It was accepted as a parish congregation and opened its doors on July 17, 1794, as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. In 1795, Absalom Jones was ordained as a deacon, and in 1804 as a priest, becoming the first black person ordained in the United States as an Episcopal priest.

Allen and others wanted to continue in the Methodist practice. Allen called their congregation the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Converting a blacksmith shop on Sixth Street, the leaders opened the doors of Bethel AME Church on July 29, 1794. At first affiliated with the larger Methodist Episcopal Church, they had to rely on visiting white ministers for communion. In recognition of his leadership and preaching, in 1799, Allen was ordained as the first black Methodist minister. However, he and the congregation still had to continue to negotiate white oversight and deal with white elders of the denomination.

In 1816, Allen united four African-American congregations of the Methodist Church in Philadelphia; Salem, NJ; Delaware and Maryland. Together they founded the independent denomination of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), the first fully independent black denomination in the United States. On April 10, 1816, the other ministers elected Allen as their first bishop. The African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest and largest formal institution in black America.

Allen died at home on March 26, 1831. He was buried at the church he founded. His grave remains on the lower level. Allen is honored with a feast day, March 26, on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA). A stamp honoring Allen was issued by the United States Postal Service on February 2, 2016.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

One of the most profoundly human things you can do is talk to someone instead of about them.



**Old ways
won't open
new doors.**

Do you have news to share? Is your birthday or anniversary coming up? Send a note to karen@graceplainfield.org to include it in Full of Grace.