Heading Towards Holy Week and Beyond

Lenten and Holy Week Services at Grace Church

Sunday, April 7  5th Sunday of Lent: *Find the Right Structure*
Reverend John C. Weatherhogg, preaching

Sunday, April 14  PALM SUNDAY: *Live More Deeply*
Rev. Tracy Fye Weatherhogg, preaching
Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Palm Sunday Processional
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received

Thurs., April 18  Maundy Thursday Communion Service: 7 PM in Fellowship Hall
Again this year we worship in Fellowship Hall around round tables for this service remembering Jesus’ meal in the upper rooms with his disciples.

Friday, April 19  Good Friday Tenebrae Service: 7 PM in the Sanctuary
Join us for this moving service of shadows as we move from the light into the darkness with the story of the passion of Jesus through scripture and anthems.

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday:  Go Off-Plan
*Sunrise Service* at Ashcroft-Billings Farm at 6 AM
(731 Creek Road, North Clarendon)
*Help spread the word to others who might like to attend!*
*Easter Breakfast* in Fellowship Hall at 9 AM
*Sanctuary Service* at 10 AM (No Chapel Service)

Sunday, April 28  Second Sunday of Easter: *Earth Sunday*

Easter Memorials
Easter at Grace Church is a special time when we can remember our loved ones with an Easter Memorial of flowers to grace our Sanctuary, or flour to feed the hungry. If you would like to honor your loved ones, please send their names and your choice of flowers or flour, along with a donation amount of your choice, to the Office no later than April 15 for publication in the Easter bulletin and the STAR. Suggested donation is $25 per memorial.
In his book, *Halftime*, recently deceased author and successful Christian businessman Bob Buford offers several powerful questions for those pondering the meaning of the “second half” in their lives:

- What do I want to be remembered for?
- Am I living a balanced life?
- What is my primary loyalty in my life? (Jesus or money?)
- Where do I look for inspiration, mentors and models for my second half?

Before one can answer these questions, Buford talks about the power of the “halftime”. Many understand that the halftime show can be more thrilling than the game itself, or, it can just be a filler of space until the second half begins. Buford would invite us to welcome that space as holy and sacred, seeking to hear the voice of God as Elijah heard it from within the **sheer silence of solitude**. (I Kings 19) “What are you doing here, Elijah?” the Lord asked Elijah. “What are you doing here, church?” God is asking of us.

The improvisational response might be to respond, “What else could this be, God?”

 Churches, nowadays, are beginning to play the game with their aging buildings and no-longer-impactful, out-of-date ministries – “What else could this be?” The Methodists down the hill from us were fortunate enough to meet their building crisis with the opportunity to open a completely new “ministry center,” complete with a mini-kitchen and constant flow of coffee to welcome those coming in from the cold winter day. Their worship space on Sundays immediately transforms into a welcome space for the tired and weary every other day of the week! “What else could this be?” was elegantly empowered by their ability to say goodbye to their sanctuary home that had a ton of memories but way too many bills to make right! Did they do the right thing? They listened to God’s voice and acted in faith.

Deep spirituality for profound days…
A joyful resurrection experience to you all.

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

**What Else Could This Be?**

MaryAnn McKibben Dana, author of our Lenten book, *God, Improv, and the Art of Living*, shares this about her favorite improv game called, ‘What Else Could This Be?’ The premise is simple: you pass around an object – a pool noodle, an egg-beater - and ask people to imagine and pantomime other uses for it. (The noodle can become a set of horns, the eggbeater a unicycle for a leprechaun!) The game is a marriage of vision and imagination. The goal is to see the item in all its intricacies in order to imagine other uses for it. She tells of a church that had a long unused balcony that became a dumping ground for all kinds of old furniture and church stuff! After a couple rounds of ‘What else could this be?’ the church transformed it into a worship space for children, complete with comfortable chairs, crafts and picture books. Kids could hear the service, yet were given the freedom to move around during the service rather than being tied to hard wooden pews down below!

The Resurrection of Jesus comes in the middle of April. It is the most powerful experience of God in our worshiping life. The power of resurrection is unimaginable – **unless we believe its power is harnessed and available for us...to re-imagine (reVision) how God wishes us to engage in our mission and ministry here in this place!**

How does God want us to live out the “second half” of our game? **How are we to transform ourselves, our space, our ministries in response to the voice of God emanating from the sheer silence of Elijah’s solitude, or from the sheer power of Jesus’ resurrection??** What is our primary loyalty as a community of faith? These are powerful questions, indeed... **What else could this be??**

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In her book, *Encountering Angels*, Judith MacNutt tells about a friend who had asthma as a child. It was very frightening because asthma causes constricted airways in the lungs and makes it hard to breathe. When she had an asthma attack her mother would prop her up in bed with pillows and would sit with her through the night to comfort her. One night her mother was too tired to sit up with her and left the room to get some rest. After her mother left the room she was quite anxious and struggled to breathe. Suddenly she was startled by a large glowing angel beside her bed. The angel sat down in a chair next to her bed and began singing a beautiful lullaby. As the angel sang to her the little girl relaxed and felt an incredible peace and comfort that she had never felt before. Before long her breathing became normal, the asthma was gone and she went to sleep.

I had a similar experience a few years ago. I was suffering with painful ulcers around my left ankle that would not heal. The doctor said that my blood circulation was blocked by a bad vein that would have to be removed. I went to the hospital and was prepared for the operation but I was very anxious. A nurse gave me a shot to get me to relax then left me alone until the operation. As I lay there I suddenly was aware that I was not alone. There were angels all around me. There were two on my right and two on my left, one at my head, one at my feet and one hovering above me. They assured me that they would be with me and would watch over me and the doctors and the nurses during the operation. I said a prayer of thanks to God for sending seven angels to watch over me. I relaxed and the operation went very well. My leg healed and I have had no more ulcers.

Grace Church offers a Healing Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, with the next one being on Sunday, April 14 at 11:25 a.m. in the Chapel. Those who need healing are invited to come and receive the love of Jesus with the laying on of hands by the deacons, the cleansing and healing of prayer by the gathered congregation, the anointing with oil by the pastor, and the power of the Holy Spirit. In prayer you may ask Jesus for repair of physical damage, healing from illness, emotional, psychological disorders, or inner healing of hurtful memories. You may ask Jesus to extend healing to your family members and friends and others about whom you are concerned. Members of the congregation are also urged to come to praise God for healings they have received or have heard about and to offer prayers for those who have come seeking healing.

Every Wednesday I am in my office at the church from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and am available at other times for healing prayers and consultations. You may contact me by phone at 802-773-3057 or by email at revrbtwl@myfairpoint.net.

**Lenten Dinners Continue!**

Join us on **Wednesdays, April 3 and 10** for our Lenten Midweek Dinners at 5:30 PM with a table activity to follow. Note: April 10 will be a potluck dinner hosted by the Property Committee. All are welcome!
Benefit Concert: March 31 at 4 PM

Please join the Grace Church Sanctuary Choir, the Slate Valley Singers and other local musicians for a benefit concert at 4pm on March 31st. The Mentor Connector will be the recipient of the offering.

Rehearsals for RAC Spring Concert: John Rutter’s Gloria

Rehearsals for the Rutland Area Spring Concert, featuring the Gloria by John Rutter, will begin on April 7th. Rehearsals will start at 2 p.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m. - please note the half hour longer than normal rehearsal time!

Rehearsals will be April 7, 14, 28, May 5, and 12 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. One rehearsal may be missed, if necessary. Please do not leave rehearsals early. The mandatory dress rehearsal will be May 18 from 1 - 4 p.m. The concert will be May 19 at 4 p.m., with a 2 p.m. call that day.

RAC Spring Concert: John Rutter’s Gloria: Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 PM

The RAC will be joined by a professional brass ensemble to offer John Rutter’s world-famous Gloria. The chorus will also sing Rutter’s setting of Psalm 150, which was written in 2002 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and J.S. Bach’s sublime anthem, Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring.

Grace Handbell Choir Participates in ‘Spring Ring’

On April 27, the handbell choir will travel to Colchester to participate in the Vermont Spring Ring. This day-long event brings choirs together from all over the state, to ring together and participate in workshops, rehearsals and a concert. The Grace choir will offer a solo at the concert, which begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Grace handbell choir is an exciting and committed group of musicians. We meet each Monday evening from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. and offer music in worship at least once a month. The Grace handbell choir is also preparing for a concert in the Grace Church Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

Spring Hymn Sing - April 28 at 4:00 PM

Please join us in the Grace Church Sanctuary to sing seasonal hymns and hear Alastair perform on the wonderful Aeolian Skinner organ. A reception will follow in the Parlor.
WHAT IN GOD’S NAME IS GOING ON IN VERMONT?

VERMONT CONFERENCE 224th ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 26 — Saturday, April 27
Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT

Members of the Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ will gather for our 224th Annual Meeting on April 26th and 27th at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee and will join together with the theme: “What in God’s Name is Going On in Vermont?”

The format will be a bit different this year to allow for some extended experiential engagement with the principles and application of Appreciative Inquiry for our Conference and our congregations. We are excited to welcome the Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle, Episcopal priest, psychologist, executive coach, teacher, trainer and founder of the Clergy Leadership Institute. Rob has been coaching and training clergy, church leaders and others in the Appreciative Way for over 30 years. Please visit his website: www.clergyleadership.com for more information and to read the many positive comments about Appreciative Way training and Rob as teacher and coach.

Please remember and pray for our delegates and the work of the Vermont Conference!

Youth Showcase of Talent

Our youth choirs, Joyful Noise and the Children’s Choir, presented an amazing evening music on March 10th. They performed show songs and medleys including a large portion of the musical Grease. The free-will offering (including monies raised from the refreshments) totaled $2,158, which was raised for the HEAL organization. Joyful Noise is now working on Phantom of the Opera for a presentation on June 30th.

Thank you to all who helped make the evening a great success!
Lenten Reflection with Our Neighbors

Holy Week Noon Time of Prayer

First Baptist Church (81 Center Street, Rutland)
Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19 from 12-1 p.m.

The Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church will be open at 12 noon for Guided Prayer (15 minutes) followed by silence. All are welcome. Bring your lunch along and join others in the lovely Sanctuary surrounded by stained glass.

After a time of prayer, the labyrinth will be available for personal use. Individual instruction on how to use the labyrinth as spiritual practice will be available for those who are new to this practice. For more information, contact the Rev. Patti Stratton (353.2110).

Grace Church in the Wider Community

From Florida to Iowa to California, the consequences of climate change are increasingly evident across the country. These impacts have created a new force for change as mayors, governors, businesses, and everyday citizens launch local climate solutions …

Paris to Pittsburgh

National Geographic Documentary Films
Grace Church: Monday, April 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

A panel discussion will follow the film.
Sponsored by Vermont Climate and Health Alliance and Vermont Interfaith Power and Light
For more information, contact Betsy at 802.434.3397 or info@vtipl.org.
Youth News!

**Sundays, April 7 and 14**—Normal Sundays!

**Sunday, April 21**—Happy Easter! No Youth Group.

**Sunday, April 28**—Welcome Table Dinner Sunday. Come at 5 p.m. to help serve dinner.

**Monday, April 15** is the next STAR deadline for the May 2019 issue.

Summer Camping Opportunities

Anyone interested in learning more about summer church camping opportunities should stop by the Church Office. There you will find information about …

- The Horton Center, a church camp in New Hampshire
- Rock Point Camp at Rock Point in Burlington
- Silver Lake in Sharon, CT
- Bethany Birches in Plymouth, VT

Consider spending a week at camp this summer! Don’t let cost stand in the way … scholarships are available through Women’s Ministries.

VT UCC Southwest Association Sponsors Faith and Nature Camp

**June 24-28, 9 AM—3 PM**

30 Orchard Road, Middletown Springs, VT

Children 7-14 years old are invited to an SWA-sponsored Faith and Nature Camp held in a lovely rural farm setting with nearby woods and water. Outdoor skills and environmental stewardship will be taught through worship, crafts, music, outdoor games, activities, and projects. Fun!

The cost is $75/person and scholarships are available. To learn more, contact Jane LoBrutto at 802.867.2260 or dorsetchurch@gmail.com.

Grace Preschool Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 6, 9—11 AM**

This awesome event will be held in Fellowship Hall with breakfast at 9 a.m. and the Egg Hunt beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets are $4 per person and will be sold by Preschool families and will also be available at the door. Donations for "egg fillings" (i.e. candy and tiny trinkets) would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Preschool or the Church Office.
### ON-GOING WEEKLY EVENTS

#### SUNDAY
- 8:30 Chapel Service
- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Sanctuary Service
- 11:15 A Time of Fellowship
- 11:45 Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

#### MONDAY
- 8:00 AA
- 5:30 AA
- 6:45 Tintinnabula
- 7:00 Boy Scouts

#### TUESDAY
- 9:00 Yoga
- 12:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:00 Women’s AA
- 6:00 Bereavement Support
- 6:30 Wit’s End
- 7:00 AA
- 7:00 GA

#### WEDNESDAY
- 7:00 Prayer Group
- 8:00 AA
- 9:00 Healing Ministry Office open
- 11:30 Men’s Luncheon
- 12:00 AA
- 4:00 Children’s Choir
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir

#### THURSDAY
- 12:00 AA

#### FRIDAY
- 8:00 AA

#### SATURDAY
- AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
- GA - Gamblers Anonymous
- GPS - Grace Preschool
- RAC - Rutland Area Chorus

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Communion  
Blessing of the Tartans  
Food Shelf Sunday  
11:30 Spiritual Growth Committee  
3:00 RAC rehearsal  
4:00 Confirmation Group  
5:00 Youth Group  

**4.8**  
9:30 Women’s Small Group  
9:00 Yoga  
12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive

**4.14 Palm Sunday**  
Soup Sale/Equal Exchange  
OGHS offering  
9:00 Palm Sunday pancake breakfast  
9:45 Palm Sunday processional  
11:25 Healing Prayer Service  
2:00 RAC rehearsal  
5:00 Youth Group

**4.15 STAR DEADLINE**  
9:00 Yoga  
9:00 Sewing Group

**4.21 Easter Sunday**  
9:00 Women’s Small Group  
9:30 Palm Sunday pancake breakfast  
9:45 Palm Sunday processional  
11:25 Healing Prayer Service  
2:00 RAC rehearsal  
5:00 Youth Group  

**4.22**  
6:00 Sunrise Service  
(No Chapel Service today)  
9:00 Easter breakfast  
10:00 Easter Sanctuary Service  

**4.23**  
9:00 Yoga  
9:00 Packing of CWS kits

**4.28 Earth Sunday**  
2:00 RAC rehearsal  
3:00 Holocaust Remembrance Event at Rutland Jewish Center  
4:00 Hymn Sing  
5:00 Youth Group  
5:30 Welcome Table Dinner  

**4.29 Rummage Sale Set-up**  
9:00 Yoga

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| 7:00 Prayer Group  
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9:30 Bible Study  
9:30 Prayer Shawl  
2:00 Lifetouch Photography  
4:00 Children's Choir  
5:30 Lenten Potluck Dinner  
6:00 SSAA Choir  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir | 2:00 Lifetouch Photography  
5:30 Listening for God Book Discussion | | |
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| 7:00 Prayer Group  
9:00 Healing Ministry Office - Open  
9:30 Bible Study | 2:00 The Fortnightly | 7:00 Maundy Thursday service | 7:00 Good Friday service |
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9:30 Bible Study  
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April 2019
Book Reviews by Florence Boutwell

40 Days with the Holy Spirit by Jack Levison

This little book is about 40 days - 40 days of Lent, 40 days Moses waited on Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, 40 days etc. That is nine times around the calendar with five days left over. You can read one description daily, or several readings all at once.

I picked up the book in our library expecting some heavy reading. I was pleasantly surprised. It is not an "overly intellectual" book about the Holy Spirit. Find a cozy spot, a chair beside a window or other place, away from the distraction of all the work you think you need to do… Each entry for the day begins with a quote from the Bible scripture, the author comments upon the scripture, then it is suggested that the reader reflect on the commentary, and the author offers a short prayer. It is all very down-to-earth language, easily understood.

There are nine active verbs we can attach to any reading which lead us from deep inside ourselves to life in the wider world. They are: Breathing, Praying, Practicing, Learning, Leading, Building, Blossoming, Plan, and Place. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are quoted from, beginning with Genesis 1:1-2 and ending with this prayer:

Holy Spirit,

    Spirit of Jesus
    Spirit of learning
    Spirit of generosity

I began these forty days hoping to be full, joyful, fulfilled
And I am—but not quite
    I still need ears to hear,
    I still need a parched throat craving you.
I still need empty pockets and open hands
Hands open to receive you as a gift.
Open hands to give you to those who'll receive.
Those who'll receive you
    the Spirit of generosity,
    the Spirit of learning,
    the Spirit of Jesus.


You will want the book for your own. I know I do! Books are available for purchase in the Church Office.
Listening for God Book Discussion
Thursday, April 11

Our next Listening for God Book Discussion will take place on Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 PM in the Parlor. We will be reading the poetry of your choice by Mary Oliver, or another poet. Come and bring your favorite poems to share with the group. Any questions, contact Janice Prindle (345.2924/jlpen77@gmail.com) or Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/tracy@gracechurchvt.org). All are welcome!

Holocaust Remembrance Event
When the Unimaginable Became Real:
American Soldiers Confront the Holocaust
Speaker: Dr. Louis D. Levine
Sunday, April 28, 3-5 PM at the Rutland Jewish Center

Americans knew from an early date that the lot of the Jews in Nazi Germany was horrendous. Some even knew that vast numbers of Jews and others were being murdered by the Nazi regime. But as the war was ending in a cauldron of ferocious fighting, this unprecedented crime against humanity became real to America’s soldiers. Personal G.I. testimonies collected by the Museum of Jewish Heritage will allow us to see what they saw, and how they reacted to what we today call the Holocaust.

Dr. Louis D. Levine has had a career as an academic, archaeologist, museologist, and public historian. He taught at the University of Toronto, the Hebrew University, and the University of Copenhagen. He was the Assistant Commissioner for Museums in New York State, Director of the New York State Museum, and served as founding Director of Collections and Exhibitions at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City. While there, he directed and curated twenty-four exhibitions on twentieth century Jewish history and the Holocaust. He is now retired, living in the Berkshires, and writing a biography of the Israeli hero Hannah Senesh.
Fourth Sunday Welcome Table Dinner
Sunday, April 28, 5:30 PM

The Welcome Table Dinner is a free meal offered the 4th Sunday of each month here at Grace Church thanks to the help of many volunteers. Volunteers are needed each month to:

♦ help serve
♦ help with clean-up
♦ coordinate the meal
♦ help to prepare food
♦ be a table host
♦ donate desserts

To volunteer or to learn more about coordinating a Fourth Sunday Dinner, contact Tracey Marsh (773.7537/traceymvt@comcast.net) or Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/ tracy@gracechurchvt.org) or check out Perfect Potluck (www.perfectpotluck.com/meals).

Root Words, SAGE, and the Vermont Farmers Food Center present
TRADITIONS TABLE: A POP-UP DINNER SERIES

Traditions Table Dinners continue from 5-7 PM at the Vermont Farmers Food Center. Looking to nourish body and spirit in Rutland? SAGE Root Words, VFFC's Farmacy Project, and Everyday Chef present: Traditions Table, a pop-up dinner series celebrating the importance of food to family identity and tradition. Food will be served until it runs out! Cost is $5/plate and supports the work of VFFC and SAGE!

April 1 – Moroccan

April 8 - Italian

Women’s Ministries
Soup Sale Sunday
Sunday, April 14

Individual containers of soup will be available for sale immediately after each service for a suggested donation of $5. Come see the selections and help support mission in our community.

Willing to make soup? Contact Helen Willis (773.2115) or Sue Best (775.5079/ dsjbest@comcast.net).

A Few Schedule Changes Due to Easter

Equal Exchange Sales will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14

NO Third Sunday lunch on Easter Sunday, April 21

Don’t forget!
Food Shelf Sunday—April 7th!
THE FORTNIGHTLY
Thursday, April 18th   2PM Chapel
History of the Congregational Church of Rutland
All are invited to hear Lincoln Fenn discuss the History of the Congregational Church of Rutland. We are sure to learn a great deal about the origins of our church, both its people and its buildings.

As always, tea and sweets will be served in the Parlor. To learn more or for help with transportation, contact Bonnie Kelly (775.2249).

Save the date for our Annual Fete Day Celebration luncheon on May 16 as we end the 140th year of THE FORTNIGHTLY.

Towards Racial Healing: April 6 and May 4

Toward Racial Healing, a 2-session workshop on the challenges of diversity, identity and inclusive practice, will be held on Saturdays, April 6 and May 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kilton Public Library, 80 Main Street in Lebanon. In order, the sessions include “Discovering Your Best Self” and “Understanding Power Dynamics”. The sessions are linked, but attendance at both is not required.


Blessing of the Tartans
Sunday, April 7 at the 10 AM Service

Under ancient English rule, Scottish Tartans and bagpipes were forbidden, but on April 6, 1320 the Scottish Declaration of Independence was signed and the people of Scotland were allowed to wear their clan tartans and play their bagpipes again. The U.S. Declaration of Independence was modeled after that document and nearly half of the signers were of Scottish descent. A US Senate Resolution was passed on March 26, 1998 designating April 6 as National Tartan Day.

Just as people of Irish descent celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, those of Scottish descent celebrate their Scottish heritage on National Tartan Day. If any of your ancestors came to the US from Scotland you are invited to wear your tartan kilts, dresses, scarves, neck ties, etc. to the church service on Sunday, April 7 for a “Kirkin of the Tartans”.

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Happy 100th Birthday, Peg Johnson!!

On February 18, Peg celebrated her 100th birthday with cake and lots of well wishes from family and friends.

Still snuggling after all these years!

With prayers for Gene and Phyllis Bont

Rummage Sale in May!

Thursday, May 2 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday, May 3 from 9 a.m. - Noon (Bag Sale)

It is time to start thinking about cleaning out your closets to donate items to the Grace Church Rummage Sale! Have you been watching Tidying Up with Marie Kondo on Netflix? Here is your opportunity to take the plunge and really organize your life!

Donations will be accepted in Fellowship Hall starting on Monday, April 22. The week of the sale, no donations will be accepted after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1.

Set-up and Sales Help Needed!

Set-up help is needed to set up and sort Monday through Thursday, April 29-May 2.
Sales help is needed on Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3.
Clean-up help is needed after the sale on Friday, May 3. Sign up after worship in Fellowship Hall on Sundays April 7, 14, and 28.

For more information please contact Mary Doyle (772.4834), Helen Willis (773.2115), or Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/tracy@gracechurchvt.org).
Women’s Small Group
April 8 and 22
9:30-11:30 AM

We gather in the Parlor for conversation, fellowship, and study. All are welcome to join us. To learn more about the group, please see Tracy Weatherhogg (775.4301/ tracy@gracechurchvt.org).

Let’s Do Lunch!
Thursday, April 25
11:45 AM at Roots

Join us on Thursday, April 25 at 11:45 AM at Roots for an informal gathering and time of fellowship. Please contact Tracy (775.4301; tracy@gracechurchvt.org) by Wednesday so a reservation may be made. All women and friends of Grace Church are welcome to join us!

Material Aids Sewing Group

We are still collecting items for the CWS Hygiene Kits, which help struggling families in the face of floods, hurricanes, tornados, violence, or grinding poverty and help make the difference between sickness and health. **We need the following items:**

- Hand towels (approximately 16” x 28”), washcloths, finger/toenail clippers, toothbrushes in original packaging, bars of soap (bath size in wrappers), standard size band aids, combs (large tooth kind). Boxes for these items will be at the West and Center Street doors.

Our final meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, and on April 23 we will be packing the kits for mailing. We could use some help! Contact Helen Willis (773.2115) or Dena Ackerman (773.6435) with questions.

Seeking Knitters!

We would love to have you join us to knit and crochet Prayer Shawls. A Prayer Shawl is a gift to someone, to “wrap” them in prayers and bring them comfort, love and strength. Many blessings and prayers are knitted and crocheted into each shawl as it is made and later blessed.

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30 AM for an hour or so. To learn more please contact the Church Office at 775.4301 or Marty Barclay at 775.1076.
Grace Church Memorials
The Sanctuary and
Chapel Flower Memorials

April 7 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Edward W. Curtis by his family.

April 14 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Harley C. Tuttle and Mrs. Charles Silloway.

April 21 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of all who have
entered God’s Eternal Home.

April 28 to the Glory of God.

(Please note: If you would like to have a flower memorial in
memory of a loved one or for a special celebration, please contact
David Hazen: 483.2337/peren@aol.com).

The Church Spire will be illuminated

April 7 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Scott R. Smith by Margaret Agnoli,
Rebecca MacCormick and Matthew Smith.

April 14 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Sister Margaret Dwyer by Judi Fisch and David Heaton.

April 21 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Axel J. and Jane Olney Anderson
by Robert L. Anderson and family and Carl Anderson and family.

April 28 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Naomi Hendee by the family.

****If you would like to have the Church Spire lit in
celebration or in the memory of a loved one please contact the
Church Office (775.4301). The cost for this is $20.

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

John and Tracy, in coordination with the Personnel
Committee, are working out the details of changes
to their schedules following the decisions made at
the Annual Meeting in February. Continue to
watch the STAR for additional information.