



The MESSENGER

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 2020

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside
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Dear People of Grace,

Perhaps this has happened to you too: you have turned your house upside down looking for something you already have in your hands, or on your head, or in your pocket. The other day, I ransacked my couch cushions, my purse, my coat pockets, my kitchen counters, seeking the car keys that were in the pocket of my jeans the whole time. Once this summer I was on a desperate search for my sunglasses. They were resting on the top of my curly hair the whole time. I just couldn't feel them because my curls were wrapped in a headband.

There is a second of embarrassment when you realize that what you were looking for was right there all along, but (for me anyway) embarrassment is quickly replaced with relief. I never lost my car keys after all. My sunglasses are just fine, so I can drive as the sun is setting. These things were with me all along.

The season of Epiphany is all about seeking and finding, doing some holy ransacking, looking for Jesus, the Light of the World. The magi were the first ones to set out on a quest to find the

Lord, and so their story kicks off the season. The rest of the season is filled with stories of Jesus being revealed in unlikely places, God made manifest in unusual ways—John the Baptist finding Jesus on the muddy banks of the Jordan, the disciples finding Jesus in the middle of a day of work.

So this is our season to search for the Lost Lord—who actually isn't lost at all! In our searching we find, again and again, that Jesus is never far. He has been with us the whole time. We just forgot, for a moment, where we had last known him and where we had most recently noticed his presence.

Come be with us this Epiphany season, and you will find Jesus exactly where he said he would be: in Food and Wine; in the community of God's people; and most definitely with you, his beloved one.

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MONDAY

5:00 pm Evening Prayer, Rite II

TUESDAY

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Rite I

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer, Rite I
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, Rite II

THURSDAY

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
Light breakfast at 8:15 am

FRIDAY

5:00 pm Evening Prayer, Rite I

SATURDAY

8:00 am Morning Prayer, Rite I

CANDLEMAS
evensong

Combined choirs of
Men & Gargolyes.
Music by Willan, Tallis,
and Gretchaninoff.

**Saturday, February 1,
at 5:00 pm**





ASSOCIATE'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Asa David Coulson
acoulson@gracemadison.org

During my monthly Clergy Forums we have been taking a 'bird's eye' view of some of the ancient spiritual practices of the church, some of the practices which still can be relevant in our twenty-first century lives. One of the key elements of all the spiritual practices we examine is their invitation to disrupt our lives, in a good way: to wake us up to the beauty of God that is present with us, which often can be veiled by the demands of our common existence.

As we approach the season of Lent it is an appropriate time to highlight three of the spiritual practices which have historically been connected to that season. Should you choose to adopt any one of them in the upcoming liturgical season they could make your daily discipleship and devotion all the more meaningful.

The first spiritual practice, which we talked about during January's clergy forum, is the practice many would call Pilgrimage. As humans we are built to wander, our ancestors were nomadic peoples. There are obvious reasons for it: to have greater access to food, to avoid inhospitable weather, or to escape war and plagues. Sometimes, though, humans wander, travel, journey – at great expense and risk – in search of a place that feels sacred, a place that speaks to the heart, being drawn towards holiness. Most often we associate pilgrimage with physical travel to an exotic location, and if you can experience that version of pilgrimage, great — however for

most of us finding ways to experience pilgrimage even on our busiest days can be more helpful in our discipleship.

A key concept to hold during pilgrimage is that the journey is as important as the destination. What might your day look like if you viewed the morning jog around your neighborhood with new eyes, looking for the ways God might be speaking to you on that route? What if your daily commute to school or work became an opportunity to listen for the voice of God in the stillness and solitude of your personal vehicle? There are many opportunities for pilgrimage that do not necessitate leaving home. Where might yours be? Jesus invites his disciples to "follow me" – and so during this Lent I encourage you to follow him through pilgrimage.

The second spiritual practice was the one we spoke about during our December clergy forum, Prayer, particularly 'fixed hour prayer' which in our Anglican/Catholic tradition is most commonly associated with the Daily Office. At Grace we have a pattern for worship in prayer that is offered to God at specific times throughout the day, week, and year – our public and communal cycles of prayer are an important part of the ethos of this parish. The Daily Office and other structured prayer cycles are meant to be a way the universal church's prayer may be continuous, and God's work in our world may be sustained by it. Yet, this spiritual

practice can be highly personal also – an anchor between the daily and the Divine, the mundane and the marvelous. While I'd certainly encourage you to begin a practice of attending the daily worship opportunities held in our parish's Chapel of All Saints, I'd also invite you to find a time in your daily schedule, even for a few brief moments each morning and evening, for prayer during the lenten season. The Book of Common prayer has some simple liturgies for families and individuals to use which are abbreviated forms of the services we celebrate together in the chapel; you may want to check out pages 137 through 140 in the coming weeks.

The final practice I'd like to lift up to you is the one most commonly associated with the Lenten season; Fasting. The Christian acts of penitential fasting have often been considered "at odds" with the human body. At times Christians have wrongly viewed the body and physical desire as the enemy of spirituality. What if we considered 'whole body' spirituality instead – a focus in which fasting is a pivotal role in bringing balance and fullness to our lives - not to deprive us. What if this season of fasting was not putative, but an invitation to hunger for the presence of God? After all, that is the real thrust behind this practice—to align our will and awareness with what God is already doing in, around, and through us. Often we choose to abstain from a certain food, and that is good—but as Lent approaches what are other things in your life that might be distracting you more than chocolate? Maybe for you to refrain

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from Netflix and Hulu during this season would give you back some time, or what if you choose to stop using social media during the week? What if you choose to give up shopping for anything other than true necessities? Whatever you choose, fasting should not be about losing weight, or picking up a new good habit, rather fasting is about allowing ourselves to take time and resources usually focused on self, on our wants and desires, and turn that attention and time towards the Divine.

So over the next few weeks, prior to Ash Wednesday (February 26), consider how you might incorporate some version of one, two, or even all three of these ancient spiritual practices into your modern life during Lent—you might be surprised come Easter what those 40 days of intentional practice can make in your relationship with God and with your neighbor.

Ora et Labora,



◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆
we're here for you.

Please remember that your clergy are available for conversation, counseling, and prayer. Call at (973) 377-0106 or email to make an appointment.

Mother Susan Ironside
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Fr. Asa Coulson
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IN THE PARISH

WE NEED YOU

**As of January 28, 2020,
we have received
\$406,671 in pledges.**

**Thank you to the 153
who have pledged!**

We have not yet made the 2020 pledge goal, and there is much to cover in the coming months. If you have not made a pledge, please submit it to the Parish Office so that the Finance Committee and the Vestry can finalize the budget. Pledge cards are available in the hallway, or you can pledge online at

[www.gracemadison.org/
make-pledge](http://www.gracemadison.org/make-pledge)

Thank you in advance for supporting Grace Church.

~ Stewardship Committee



**2020 Vestry
Nominations**

The Nominating Committee makes the following nominations for Wardens and Vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting on February 9, 2020:

Warden—two year term:
Chris Wilde

Vestry—three year terms
Andy Bolt
Kathleen Hower
Mike Ling (second term)
Peggy Potter

Vestry—two year unexpired term
Marilyn Musielski

Members of Nominating Committee:
*Dora Monserrate, Kirk Nixon,
John Garde, and Evangeline Tross,
with the Rector as ex officio.*

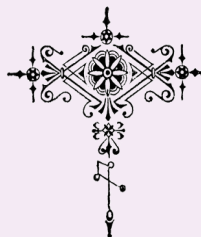


Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 9
at 11:30 am

During Grace Church's annual meeting, parishioners will vote on our new Vestry members, learn about our finances and our budget for next year. Your attendance is crucial to healthy communication within our parish.

The Annual Meeting will begin after the 10:00 service. Childcare will be available; and an activity for older kids too.

*We will have all three of services
on Sunday—8:00 am, 10:00 am,
and 5:00 pm*



**Our next Baptism will
take place during the
Great Vigil of Easter,
Saturday, April 11,
at 7:00 pm.**

If you are interested for yourself
or your child,
speak with one of our
clergy or call the office.

W O R S H I P

Holy Days

Sunday, February 2
THE PRESENTATION
OF OUR LORD

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, February 24
ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, February 26
ASH WEDNESDAY

First Day of Lent

9:00 am Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Rite I
12:15 pm Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 pm Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 pm Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist, Rite II, choirs
There will be a children's program at 7:00 pm



On Ash Wednesday, February 26, Grace will offer *Ashes to Go* from 6:30-7:30 am at the Madison Train Station on the NY-bound side.

Many of God's people are involved in their daily lives: rushing to work, to pick up the kids, to get to the appointments and chores of our very busy lives.

Look for us if you are at the train station and can't make church that day.



Wednesdays in Lent
Stations of the Cross

March 4—April 8, 5:00 pm

The service for Veneration of the Stations is a half-hour service on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent where congregants follow the liturgy by walking from one place to another throughout the church—candles are lighted in each of the window bays. After the final prayer, participants can stand in the front of the nave and see it truly kindled and enlivened by the flickering of their lights.

Please join us for this experience.



Lenten Bible Study
with Fr. Asa

March 4—April 8
9:30 am or 7:00 pm
(no gathering on March 25)
See article on page 8.

Thursdays in Lent
Chanted Compline

February 27—April 2
8:45-9:00 pm

The choir will again be offering Chanted Compline.

Come and experience it!

Fifteen-minutes of candlelight calm to end your day.

Fridays in Lent

Lenten Organ Recitals

Our mid-day organ recitals have been a Madison tradition since the 1950s.

We begin with a brief Noonday Prayer service at 12:15 pm, followed by a half-hour of music. The concerts are free and open to the public. The organ console and pedals will be projected onto the wall for audience viewing. Lunch by Slamwich is available after each performance for just \$8, and includes sliders, salad, drinks and dessert. Stay and join us!

February 28 Anne Matlack
Folksong hymn-tune settings

March 6 Pingry Middle School String Orchestra directed by Vera Izano and accompanied by Andrew Moore

March 13 Christopher Jennings
A French Fifth: music of Dupré

March 20
HELEN E.J. THOMAS
MEMORIAL CONCERT
Patricia Ruggles & Anne Matlack with guest violinist
Buxtehude,
Telemann, Milhaud



March 27 Christopher Hatcher
Bach and Beyond

April 3 Anne Matlack
Women composers

MUSIC AT GRACE

Dr. Anne Matlack
amatlack@gracemadison.org



February 2 is a Sunday *Why you should be excited:*

No, it's not about the Super Bowl (it will also be *Souper Bowl Sunday!*)
It's not a chance to watch the movie *Ground Hog Day* over and over—
(*although you COULD*)
It's not an influential Swedish doom metal band (*Well—that is a real band*)
It is CANDLEMAS—also known as the Feast of the Presentation!

Falling on a Sunday, it actually takes precedence over the “regular” Sunday in our lectionary. Ask any choir child, and hopefully they can tell you that this service of light celebrates the story of the Song of Simeon, or the *Nunc Dimittis*, that is, the epiphany that the old priest Simeon had when he saw the infant Jesus, whom God had promised to show him before he died:

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Traditionally candles are blessed, lit, and borne in a procession in celebration of Jesus being the light of the world. In AD 638, Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, proclaimed the importance of the celebration in his sermon to the church, stating:

“Our bright shining candles are a sign of divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.”

The timing for Candlemas is also in accordance with the Mosaic Law, which required that a woman should purify herself for forty days after giving birth, and, at the end of her purification, should present herself to the priest at the temple and offer a sacrifice (LEVITICUS 12:6-7). In the Roman Catholic Church this is known as the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, while in English Anglican Churches women gather with feasting and socializing known as The Wives’ Feast.

On February 2 at our 10:00 am service we will have some extra candlelight and special music including Eccard’s *When to the Temple Mary Went*. Being the first Sunday of the month, the Chapel Choir will join us to sing *Give Light!* Also traditionally, Dr. Anne leaves her Christmas lights up through Candlemas!

Candlemas is related to Groundhog Day as evidenced in this old rhyme;

If Candelmas day be fair and bright
Winter will take another flight.
If Candlemas Day be cloud and rain
Winter is gone and will not come again.

Christmas Thank You!

We had a lovely season, with beautiful singing throughout Advent in all services. December 21, we presented Vivaldi’s *Gloria* as part of our Advent Evensong, and if you missed it you can watch it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-az_tqUF7Y

From Pageant to late service, Christmas morning and Lessons and Carols, I cannot thank the choir families enough!

We had a fantastic First Friday Concert by *The Metropolitan Sax Quartet*, including our own **Erik Donough**.



We will celebrate the eve of Candlemas with EVENSONG sung by the Choir Men and Gargoyles on Saturday, February 1, at 5:00 pm. Please come enjoy this short candlelight service including the music of Willan, Gretchaninoff, plainsong, and the beauty of men’s voices.

Reception follows with English ale and yummy food.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Pastor Hilary Floyd
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Who is my neighbor?

Recently, in Sunday School, we talked about the parable of the Good Samaritan. I explained to the kids that Jesus told this story in response to someone's question about which was the most important commandment and who qualified as a neighbor. Then the kids got to act out the parable, which naturally led to lots of questions (and some laughter as the "Good Samaritan" tried to bind the wounds of the hurt person with gauze and ended up binding their wrists together like handcuffs!). Finally, I asked each of the kids to write down on a post-it note the name of someone they didn't like, someone who they had a hard time getting along with or being friends with. As they were thinking and

writing, I brought out a big sheet of paper with the question "Who Is My Neighbor?" written on it. I talked to the kids about how all of the people whose names they had written down were also their neighbors, and so they put their post-it notes on the paper. I hope that this kind of lesson helps to spark conversations about what it means to love our neighbors, especially when that feels like a really difficult thing to do. The kids of Grace Church are bright, curious, energetic, and thoughtful, and I love having these conversations with them and getting to see them growth in faith and in love.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Hilary



SCOUT SUNDAY

This year, we will honor and celebrate all the Scouts of our parish —Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts on **Sunday, February 23**. We will have a special prayer during the 10 am service to recognize their commitment and dedication.

All Scouts and adult leaders are invited to attend in uniform. Please pass the word along—help us celebrate these wonderful service organizations.



Pizza! Pizza!

Pizza Compline -1st Wednesday
Pizza Communion—3rd Wednesday
from 5:30-7:00 pm

Both Pizza Compline & Pizza Communion are especially designed for families to worship together. There are lots of opportunities for children to serve during the worship. Children and their families will make pizza together at 5:30 pm with Father Asa. Then, everyone joins Pastor Hilary for a craft in Nieman Hall while the pizza cooks. Following dinner, will have a Compline service in the Church, or Holy Communion at the Children's Altar.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25,
from 5:30-7:00 pm

Come and enjoy the last evening before Lent with breakfast for supper!

Pancakes, eggs, and other treats will be served. No sign up needed, stop by for some dinner!

Cost is \$5/person
or \$15/family



OUTREACH



Some of our honored guests.



Barbara Hughes, organizer, Mother Susan and Fr. Asa welcome guests.

Lunch for Veterans

Our first annual Veteran lunch was a tremendous success! Over 70 veterans attended. Thank you to all who cooked, set tables, decorated, served, chatted, cleaned up and publicized the event. Mark your calendars now for the 2021 Veterans Lunch on January 30!



Members of our School Choirs sang at our first Veteran's Lunch.



Sunday, February 2, will be a Souper Sunday!

Look for our youth who will be collecting non-perishable food items and money for local food banks. Thank you for your generosity!

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feed lives. fuel futures

On Tuesday, February 18, Grace will provide meals and serve at the soup kitchen, nourish.NJ, at Redeemer Church 36 South Street, Morristown. Food donations, servers, and certified kitchen workers are needed. Servers must register by February 11. Volunteer guidelines and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board in Grace Lobby. Thanks for your help!



End Hunger 3.6 Event at Drew

Every 3.6 seconds someone in the world dies of starvation. In NJ and NY, one on five children relies on food stamps to provide daily meals.

The Rotary Club of Madison is organizing End Hunger 3.6 on Saturday, **March 7** at the Simon Forum Athletic Center at Drew University. Volunteers will package 250,000+ non-perishable, ready to cook meals to feed the hungry in NJ and NYC. The meals will be distributed by over 40 organizations.

- Register by visiting www.madisonrotarynj.org
- Click on **Volunteer Registration**
- On the End Hunger 3.6 site, click on the **green Register** button
- Choose **Session One: 10:30-12:30 pm**
- Fill in your information. We are group: **Grace Church Madison**

This is a fantastic way for Grace to help out in to the community and to include all ages in important volunteer work. Let's make a big showing! *Questions? Speak with Fr. Asa.*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Psalmist's Cry

Scripts for Embracing Lament

Wednesdays in Lent

March 4—April 8 (no gathering on March 25)

9:30 am or 7:00 pm

Did you know?



Hallie Mae Wilde graduated from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music on December 14, 2019 with a B.F.A. in Ballet Performance and a minor in Early Childhood Education and Development. Hallie continues to dance professionally with Manassas Ballet Theater in Manassas, Virginia and teaches ballet at Virginia Dance Center.

We live in a constant state of denial. Culture tells us all problems are solvable, or at least manageable; we simply need to try (or buy) the right solution. Our culture is prone to masking symptoms and calling that mask a cure.

But as long as we deny our pain, we lose the danger of the Gospel - the part where we give up control and allow God's mystery to unfold in our lives—and in doing so, we lose the depth of the goodness in the Good News.

Over the Season of Lent we will explore some of the Psalms as scripts for lament—guides for how to express feelings honestly, in ways normally not permitted or expected within Christian communities. Together we will seek to discover a fullness in God when we allow our lives to become about God healing us, and not about us controlling or managing our way through life.



Thank you!

Greening Grace for Christmas was a festive and joyous affair on December 22. We managed to lunch and work quietly while pageant rehearsal was in progress. The sanctuary was transformed with greens, trees, poinsettias and our beautiful Nativity scene.



Many hands made light work and we have these people to thank: Paul and Laura Lemaire, Doug Harter, Mark Sacher, Jason Leffler, the Weilandy family, Angela Finlay, Barbara Hughes, John Garde, Tom Honohan, Janet Ross, Melissa Honohan, Judy Jurgensen, Doris Purdy (kept all the plants watered for two weeks!), Kirk and Sue Nixon, Chris and Mike Cullen. I feel I have left some out and it is not deliberate, just panic as we left for the airport at 1:30. My apologies to any forgotten.

A final thank you to the unknown angel who cleaned up the kitchen following our lunch. Bless you!

Clean up following Epiphany was carried out by Doris Purdy, Kathleen Munter, Peri Munter, Elizabeth Smith, and Ruth Tranberg. Eleanor Rawitz filling in for a recovering Peggy Oakes led a terrific team distributing poinsettias to many of our friends and parishioners.

~Judy Honohan

Women's Retreat

There are two spots still available at the Women's Retreat at Stony Point Retreat Center in Nyack, NY, on February 21 & 22 (with an option to stay Saturday night—for an additional fee.)

Cost for one night: single room \$300, shared room \$250 each. Meals and retreat leader fee are included. Your payment reserves your place at the retreat.

Contact: Kathleen Hower khpm@hotmail.com

IN OUR PARISH

Greener Grace



Thank you for your contribution of reusable bags! Some were used by our own members, and the rest were donated to our friends at *Wind of the Spirit*. Please keep them coming! Not only are they useful for keeping single use plastic bags out of our landfill, but Madison will be severely limiting the use of single use plastic bags beginning in March, and the reusable bags will be in even more demand.

Our team has over ten participants, from children to adults, and we are busy brainstorming ideas and following up on new ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Feel free to share your ideas or come to a meeting and see what we're about.

Our next meeting will be a road trip to the Madison Library for Madison Environment Commission's forum: *How to Live Plastic-Free* on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 pm.



Greener Grace & Wind of the Spirit partner to help reduce the use of plastic bags.

Register at MadisonNJLibrary.org, select *Adult Events*, then events are listed by date. Hope to see you there!
~Marilyn Musielski

Escape
ROOM
For Youth
GRADES 6-12
COST: \$20
RSVP BY 03/08
SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Let's find our common ground.
6TH-12TH GRADE
COFFEE HOUR
Sundays
11:15am-12Noon
AT THE 2ND FLOOR
"YOUTH ROOM"

FIRST FRIDAY FIRST FRIDAY FIRST FRIDAY

ALL THAT JAZZ *with Kaitlin McCulloch*

Take a tour of the history of theatre. Kaitlin McCulloch will perform scenes from her recent production, *Announcements of Various Fundraisers*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Potluck begins at 6:00 pm,
program at 7pm.

Bring a dish to share!

GROUPS & GATHERINGS

Tai Chi

Weekly, Mondays, Grace Hall

Beginners: 9:30-10:30 am

Beyond Beginners: 10:30-11:30 am

Contact: Brian Coffey (908) 647-1563

Mindfulness for Adults

2nd Monday of the month,

7:00 pm, Senior High Room

Evelyn Callahan leads this

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction practice group. No fee.

evelyncallahan1@icloud.com.

Women of Grace Book Group

Monthly, Mondays, 7:00 pm, Library

February 24—Dutch House

by Ann Patchett.

March 16—White Dog Fell from the Sky by Eleanor Morse.

Joan Nolan, perchance1@verizon.net

nourish. NJ—soup kitchen

3rd Tuesday “even” months

Food donations and servers needed for lunch at soup kitchen at Redeemer Church, Morristown.

Contact: Kirk Nixon at

kirknixon1103@gmail.com

Women’s Meditation & Centering Prayer

Wednesdays at 10:15 am, Library

Led by Paula Roper, this group for women alternates between meditation and centering prayer.

\$5/session

repaulainterfaith@gmail.com

Circle of Women

Monthly, Noon & 7:00 pm, two sessions

next gathering—Tuesday, February 25, Library

Mother Susan will facilitate this group—part book club, part support group and a safe place to explore our beliefs and feelings. sironside@gracemadison.org

Survivors of Suicide

2nd and 4th Wednesdays,

at 7:30 pm, Library

Grace has hosted this community group for 30+ years. The meetings are open to all those 18 years or older who have lost a loved one to suicide. There are no fees.

www.sosmadison.com

sosmadisonnj@gmail.com

Friday Morning Men’s Breakfast

Weekly on Fridays, 7:30 am,

meet at The Waverly Restaurant

Come have breakfast and conversation.

Saturday Morning Meditation

Saturdays, 11:30-12:30, Library

Led by Francine Ling and

Mary Lea Crawley. New and regular meditators welcome!

No fee. francineling@yahoo.com

OUTREACH



Compassionate Collections

We collect an assortment of items to help people in need. Please consider adding an item to your shopping list. Your donations can be put in the shopping cart in Grace Lobby.

For Trinity Church’s food pantry in Dover

Non-perishable food—soup, tuna, peanut butter, beans, canned meat, shelf-stable milk, cereal, quinoa, canned vegetables

Toiletries—toothpaste, soap, menstrual products, shampoo

Hats, gloves, scarves

Contact: Kit Cone

kcone@gracemadison.org

For North Porch-Women & Infants’ Center

Baby and toddler supplies—

Enfamil 12 ounce yellow cans, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6, Pull-ups, baby wipes, baby and toddler food, baby toiletries

Contact: Stacy Wilde
cswilde@optonline.net

Reusable grocery & tote bags

(not single-use plastic bags)

Contact: Anne Matlack

amatlack@gracemadison.org

Re-Start Ministry

Furniture and housewares—

twin, full and queen-sized beds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, coffee tables, small appliances, kitchen necessities

Contact: Nancy Willis (973) 610-2325

For Pluckemin Medical Supply Ministry

Medical Supplies—

Re-Start Ministry will transport equipment to the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church where they accept/loan medical equipment such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, commodes, adult diapers, and transport chairs. (908) 396-6057

www.ppch.org/get-involved/
medical-equipment



Morning fun with the Craft Guild!

The Craft Guild

Weekly on Tuesdays, 10 am, Library

—> **Please note the new time!**

The group will now gather during the morning! Please join us in the library to visit and if you like, work on your current needlework, knitting, or craft project. All are welcome! Call Joyce Alexander (973) 377-0276 with any questions.

Men’s Book Group

Third Tuesday, at 7:30 pm

February 18—Carry Me Across the Water by Ethan Canin at Ray Arczewski’s home.

The March book selection will be Call of the Wild by Jack London.

Bruce Rudin, brucedora@verizon.net

IN THE COMMUNITY

Harmonium Choral Society

Saturday, February 29, 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 1, 3:00 pm
at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown
57 East Park Place in Morristown



The acclaimed 100 Harmonium Choral Society will perform its early spring concert, *Open Minds* at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, a gorgeous and large new venue for us.

I am honored to present a major new cantata *Open Minds*, by Rob Redei based on the poetry of Deborah Kennedy. My daughter Grace sang in the premiere of this work at Rowan University, and passionately convinced me to program it. The music and poetry are incredibly powerful. *Open Minds* seeks to encourage open discussions of the emotions, thoughts, and impact of mental health challenges. The media is full of extremes – crazy funny, crazy scary, celebrities misbehaving. We don't see those who manage, who work to seem 'normal,' and the struggles they face when plans and pills fail. *Open Minds* is a ten-movement choral piece that gives voice to people with mental health challenges and the people who love and care about them. The program is balanced with some other works that turn states of despair into beauty, or bring comfort and hope, including Allegri's *Miserere*, the world premiere of *I Am in Need of Music* by Thomas Parente, and music by Ysaye Barnwell, Dale Trumbore, James Taylor, and more.

There will be tables with resource information from local mental health support groups, and curated personal stories from the membership. Please come join the conversation! ~ Anne Matlack

Event info & tickets: www.harmonium.yapsody.com
www.openmindssavelives.org

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Coffee hour for the 10:00 am service is now super easy! On the way to church, swing by the bagel shop and pick up fresh, hot bagels—no money or ordering necessary! When you get to church, make some coffee, and set out supplies. No shopping, no baking, no stress—*Voila!* Coffee hour for the masses done! Sign up to help and we can give you the details.

Thank you! Thank you! Thanks to all those who helped out this past year. We hope to expand our volunteer list in 2020—you can help by volunteering! Please feel free to reach out with questions.

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Adult Forum

Sundays at 11:30 am
Grab a cup of coffee and join the discussion.

February 9
Annual Parish Meeting

February 16
Clergy Forum with Fr. Asa

February 23
Human trafficking 101
with Keyla Munoz,
FBI Victim Specialist

March 1
VBS—ideas & discussion
with Pastor Hilary

March 8
Exploring Holy Week
with Mother Susan

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Sat., Feb. 1	5:00 pm	Candlemas Eve Evensong. <i>Combined Choir of Men and Gargoyles.</i>
Sun., Feb. 2		Souper Bowl of Caring <i>Collection for local food pantry</i>
Wed., Feb. 5	5:30 pm	Pizza Compline
Fri., Feb. 7	6:00 pm	First Friday Potluck
	7:00 pm	<i>All That Jazz</i> with Kaitlin McCulloch
Sat., Feb. 8	6:00 pm	Chili Cook-Off <i>Cooks are welcome to come anytime after 3:00 pm.</i>
Sun., Feb. 9	11:30 am	Annual Meeting, followed by lunch <i>Babysitting & children's activities provided.</i>
Mon., Feb. 11		Deadline to sign up to serve at nourish. NJ, <i>Church of the Redeemer, Morristown</i>
Tues., Feb. 12	7:00 pm	<i>Greener Grace</i> to attend <i>How to Live Plastic-Free</i> <i>—workshop at Madison Library</i>
Sun., Feb. 16	9:00 am	Buildings and Grounds Committee
		<i>Note: date change due to Annual Meeting</i>
	11:30 am	Clergy Forum with Father Asa
Mon., Feb. 17		President's Day— <i>Parish Office closed</i>
Tue., Feb. 18		Serve at nourish.NJ Soup Kitchen
	9am-1pm	Clergy Day, <i>Grace Church</i>
	7:30 pm	Men's Book Group: <i>Carry Me Across The Water</i>
Wed., Feb. 19	5:30 pm	Pizza Communion, <i>Nieman Hall</i>
Sun., Feb. 23	10:00 am	Scout Sunday blessing for both Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts— <i>wear your uniforms to Church</i>
	11:30 am	Adult Forum: <i>Human trafficking 101</i> with Keyla Munoz, FBI Victim specialist
Mon., Feb. 24	7:00 pm	Women's Book Group: <i>Dutch House</i>
Tues., Feb. 25	Noon	Circle of Women, <i>Library</i>
	5:30-7pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
	7:00 pm	Circle of Women, <i>Library</i>
Wed., Feb. 26		Ash Wednesday Services 9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:00 pm, & 7:00 pm (<i>with children's program</i>)
Thurs., Feb. 27	8:45 pm	<i>Thursdays during Lent</i> —Chanted Compline
Fri., Feb. 28	12:15 pm	<i>Fridays during Lent</i> —Mid-day Organ Recital <i>Lunch available in Grace Hall following recital.</i>
Wed., March 4	9:30 am	Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Asa
	5:00 pm	<i>Wednesdays during Lent</i> —Stations of the Cross
	5:30 pm	Pizza Compline
Fri., March 6	6:00 pm	First Friday with Pastor Hilary
Sat., March 7	10:30-12:30	Outreach: End Hunger 3.6 at Drew University
Sun., March 8	10:00 am	Pajama Sunday
	11:30 am	Adult Forum: <i>Holy Week with Mother Susan</i>

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