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## Children's Christian Education

### Sunday School

Team teaching by:

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We are disciples of Jesus:  
helping one another be the  
hands and feet of Christ by  
sharing God's love with the  
world.

Deadline for the next PACE is  
Friday, February 29th, 2024



# The *Pace* of Grace

February 2024



### *Why Do We Do That?*

Well, I'm glad you asked! Sometimes, the shortest month of the year feels like the longest. We begin February with Candlemass (which has morphed into a day where we celebrate a rodent looking for the sun) and this year ends with an extra day to help balance our Julian Calendar with the astrological calendar. That's a long way of saying February begins with Groundhog's Day and ends with a Leap Year day.

In the middle of the month, we begin our Lenten season by spreading burnt blessed palm leaves on our foreheads. Ash Wednesday comes relatively early this year because the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox is early this year. That is, Easter Sunday is on March 31 and Lent begins 40 days beforehand (plus 6 Sundays or Feast Days of Our Lord, where we are called to feast not fast). Clear as mud, right!?

Lent is a traditional time of preparation and solemnity. During Lent beginning on February 21 at 5:15 pm we will gather for a Soup Supper, and I will lead a discussion on Transitions. We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings through Lent to discuss change. I hope to see you. And if you would like to make a batch of soup, please sign up on the bulletin board, that would be very helpful.

And finally, I will be leading a preparation group on Sunday morning between services starting at 9:00 am. Beginning February 11 until April 21 when we host our new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly! If you would like to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirm your Baptismal Covenant, or if you simply want to know why we do the things we do in the Episcopal Church, please come, and see!

I am very much enjoying my time with you as your Interim Rector, and you all continue in my daily devotions.

Faithfully yours,  
Fr Jeff+

## **A few more notes from Fr. Jeff....**

We have a sign-up sheet to make soup for Wednesday evenings through Lent. Dates: 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20. More info to follow.

Also, I'm leading a class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Dates: 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 4/7, 4/14. Anyone interested in more information about the Episcopal Church, becoming a member, being received, The Bishop will be making a visit to Grace Episcopal April 21, 2024. This book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: Jesus Was An Episcopalian (And You Can Be One Too!)

## **Grace Volunteers Needed**

2024 is opening up so many new doors for all us to explore! Are you feeling a tug on your heart strings to maybe help out in a new way this year? We have several committees that could always use an extra hand and we have several behind the scene groups that need an extra hand, someone run (walk), drive, fold, staple, mail, bake, phone call, visit, the list can go on and on.

**Tues Night Bible Study** meets at 7pm on zoom follows the weekly reading led by Dave Webster. Come join us!

Zoom credentials for the meeting follow:

**Bible Study – Tuesday 7:00 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845285740?pwd=TjMwVDVoM3JYZ0gzYy9NMk5vR28rdz09>

Meeting ID: 898 4528 5740

Passcode: 152079



The Prayer Shawl group has been working all year making shawls, baby blankets, baby sweaters and hats.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2 pm in the social area. We are off during the summer.

Please come and join us. You don't have to knit or crochet.

Ray, Beth, Thora, Pat, and Bobbin.

We want to thank all those who have donated yarn.

Beth Sphatt

### ***Wednesday Morning Study Group***

We started a second book by Corrie Ten Boom called TRAMP FOR THE LORD. It is about her inspirational life for over 30 years after getting out of the German concentration camp. Father Jeff Baker joined us over the Summer and is our advisor for some of the theology questions. Our discussions are general enough that anyone can join us on Zoom if there is an opening on an occasional Wednesday morning. Tell me or Sherrie if you need the link. Sue Mancino

Topic: Wednesday Morning Study Group

Join Zoom Meeting via PC, MAC, iPad, iPhone or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89185778099?pwd=S2NjVXEyUGlWYVdKaStCN2IyajlkQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 8577 8099

**Passcode: 491065**

Or dial by telephone +1 408 638 0968 US



# Altar Flowers

Have you been meaning to sign up for Altar Flowers but have not done so yet? Here is your chance! Altar Flowers add to our worship services, a reminder of the many good gifts we receive from God. Altar Flowers are a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the many blessings we have. Flower arrangements for a Sunday are \$40. Use the form below to sign up. *Please note* more than one person/family can sign up for the same Sunday.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*sign-up poster in hallway by restrooms



Electric Wheelchair up for grabs!!! Just asking for the cost of the 2 new batteries (\$200) that have recently been put in it. Other than that, the chair has never been used! If interested, please give Ray (440)-725-9920 or Beth Sphatt (440)-622-8566 a call.

More Pictures from the Clam Bake in November 23'-  
thanks Mary Miragliotta!!!





## READINGS FOR THE DAY

### **February 4**

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Isaiah 40:21-31
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- Mark 1:29-39
- Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

### **February 11**

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Mark 9:2-9
- Psalm 50:1-6

### **February 14**

Ash Wednesday

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- *or* Isaiah 58:1-12
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

### **February 18**

First Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 9:8-17
- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Mark 1:9-15
- Psalm 25:1-9

### **February 25**

Second Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Romans 4:13-25
- Mark 8:31-38
- Psalm 22:22-30

### **March 3**

Third Sunday of Lent

- Exodus 20:1-17
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- John 2:13-22
- Psalm 19