



## Grace Notes March 2024

Our Mission Statement:  
To know Christ and to make Christ known

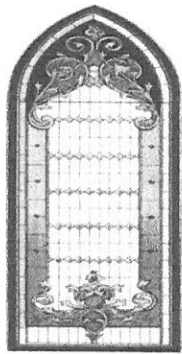
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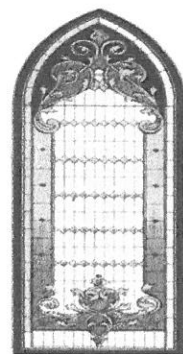
“And now Friends, I will ask you a terrible question, and God knows I ask it also of myself. Is the truth beyond all truths, beyond the stars, just this: that to live without him is the real death, that to die with him the only life?” **Frederick Buechner**



Tenebrae Service.....7:30 pm  
Maundy Thursday.....7:30 pm  
*Overnight Vigil in the Chapel following the Maundy service*  
*Sign-up with Steve Cornish (sccornish@comcast.net)*  
Liturgy of Good Friday.....7:30 pm  
Easter Vigil.....7:30 pm  
Easter Sunday.....9:30 am



**Milestones  
March**



**MILESTONES**

Happy Birthday to the following March birthday celebrants!

2	Julie Alig Scala	7	Ann Hewins
9	David Kjellander	10	John Day
	Chris Turner		
	Amber Mathison		
	Melissa Kowalewski		
14	Stephanie Blevens	19	Ed Zimmerman
	Tracy Gillick		Daniel Blevens
	Amanda Harding		
21	Pam Gallagher	27	Debbie Hendry
			Noah Turner
			Megan Mathison
30	Ellen Zimmerman		

Please note: if you don't see your birthday listed, that means that we do not have it. Please call the office so that your special day can be acknowledged.

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Book of Common Prayer, Page 83**

# art THE show

We are blessed indeed to have many talented artists among Grace church parishioners! The Janesville Foyer Players (Bernie and Susan Tonnar, Andrew Freshour and Marcus Forand, Christine and Tom Stevens) are organizing an art display in the Great Hall beginning on Palm Sunday and running through Easter Day. This will be a display only event, no sales. Various forms of art are welcome – paintings, pottery, glasswork, etc. - one piece per artist. Please have the artist's name and contact information displayed with the art offering. All items will be stored in the Finance Office, which will be locked when not in use. The deadline for submission is March 17. Contact Andrew Freshour at 603-247-3757 or [Andrew.kfreshour@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.kfreshour@gmail.com) for details or questions.



February Winner: Dr. Gail Schuman

#### **Contest: Reader Challenge**

How carefully do you read the newsletter? Embedded in one of the articles you will find the secret code: **gnlt**  
The first person to find the code and email the editor will receive a ten dollar gift card to Dunkin Donuts! Winners should wait one year to compete again.

### **An Important Anniversary!**

**By Jane Van Zandt+**

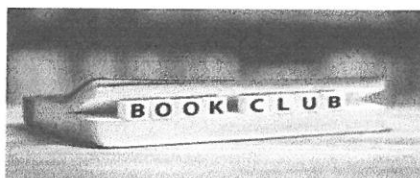
This year, on July 29, we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women as priests in the Church. The full length documentary, *The Philadelphia Eleven*, is being shown nationwide in anticipation of July 29<sup>th</sup>. I saw it for the third time at Christ Church in Andover MA recently; I had bought the right to screen it. The good news, for those who wish to see it online, is that it will be available on March 8 at 8 PM EST.

Google "The Philadelphia Eleven documentary"

Click on "Watch" Click on "Buy Tickets". Pay \$10.00

It is better on the big screen at a theatre, if you can find it. I saw it on my computer when Carter Heyward (one of the eleven) stayed with us, then at the Brattle Theatre in Cambridge, and finally at the church. The film chronicles the events leading up to the historic ordination and the fallout after. It is well worth watching how the Church tried to ignore the eleven deacons, by saying things like "It needs further study" or "Let's wait; it's not time" and then, the death threats and hate mail.

Carter is presenting a weekend at Adelynrood in Byfield MA on August 16-18 on *The 7 Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism*, her latest book. The documentary will be shown in the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Carter will be there for a Q & A afterward.



### **The Grace Church Book Group**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 10 am in the Library. We will be discussing Lady Clementine by Heather Terrell. **Note the new meeting time.** All are welcome to join our group.

April: The Best Strangers in the World by Ari Shapiro.

May: The Stolen Lady by Laura Morelli



### **Christian Education**

March 3

Linda Lassonde, Lisa Atkinson (Last Supper)

March 17

Kelley Muir, Rob Fox (From Garden to the Cross)

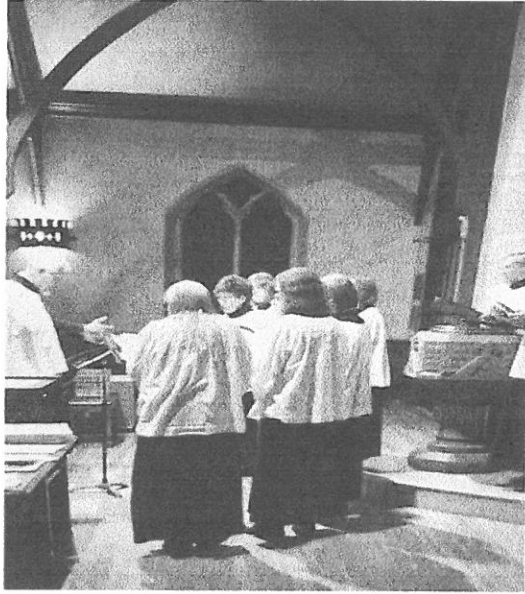
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Easter Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt (No Sunday School)



### **Wednesday Adult Ed Bible Study**

The Adult Ed Bible Study class continues to meet from 11:00 am to 12 noon in the Grace Church library. We are exploring Comparative Religion, via video and discussion, presgntented by Professor Charles Kimball, Presidential Professor and Director of the Religious Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma. Please consider joining this active and questioning group of learners. For more information, contact **Lyn Marino** ([ciaomarin02@gmail.com](mailto:ciaomarin02@gmail.com)).



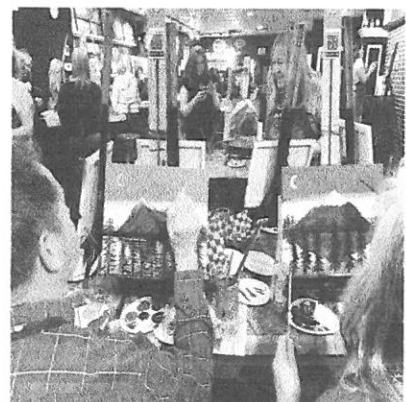
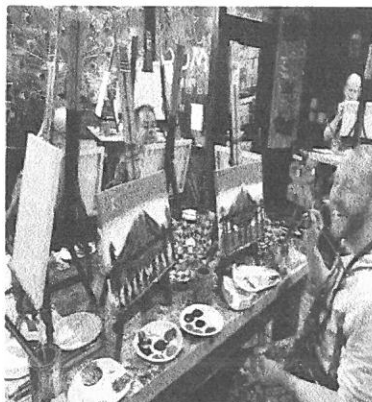
### Grace Church Choir

Our fine choir continues its rehearsal schedule, meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Whittemore Room (Choir Room) All adults and high school students who love to sing are encouraged to participate in this important ministry. Please call Mark Cleveland, Choir Director (603) 398-1957 or contact the Church Office at [gracechurchmanchesternh@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchmanchesternh@gmail.com) for further information

### Outreach Committee News

**Reminder:** 1269 Café can still use new underwear for both men and women. Please drop it in the box at the rear of the church.

### Foyer Group “Night Out” at The Muse



### Hospitality

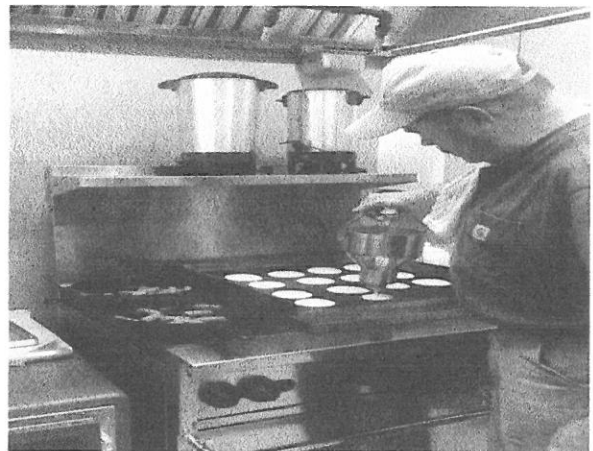
Please consider signing up for **Coffee Hour**. Hospitality members are available to anyone that would like to offer coffee hour together. Sign up sheet is on the Kiosk.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef Dinner will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10.00 per person/\$25.00 per family if purchased in advance. \$15.00 at the door. Please sign up on the Kiosk or contact Steve Cornish for tickets.

## Shrove Tuesday Dinner



Tom carefully overseeing the sausages



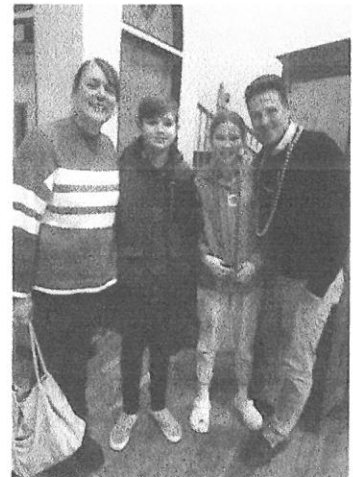
Duffy's meticulous and delicious pancakes



Marcus, Andrew, Darby



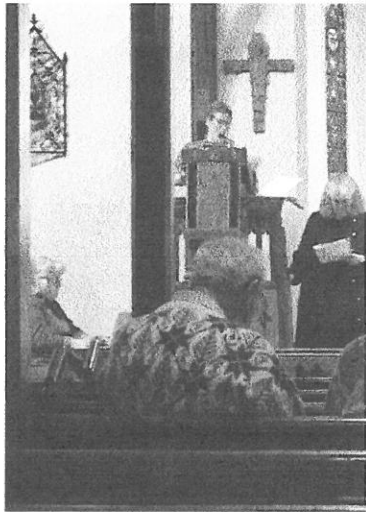
A delicious pancake and sausage dinner.



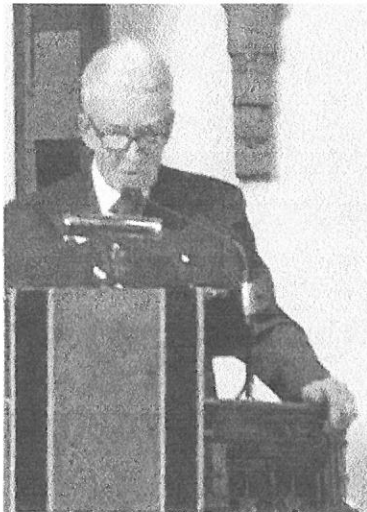
The White family



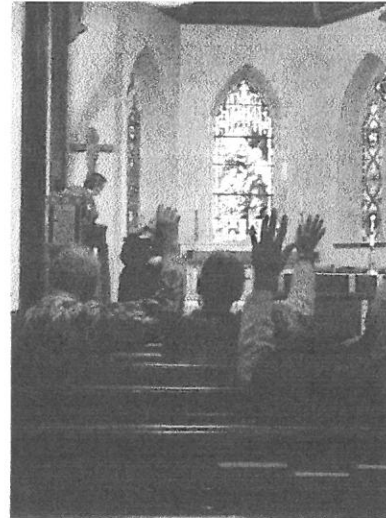
**Annual Meeting  
February 18, 2024**



Wardens Brumfield and McIntosh.



Treasurer Jim Higgins.



Parishioners vote



**Sewing Group Reappears!**

The Grace Church Sewing Group will reopen their gatherings on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Church Library. Formerly known as The Grace Church Knitting Group and expertly overseen by Karen West and Linda Chamberlain, the group was a popular gathering place for relaxed conversation and needlework of all kinds. We will provide coffee, tea and pastries. Bring your current project and plan to spend an enjoyable hour or two with friends.

For additional information, Contact Eileen Suckley 603-660-2424 or [Eralphs@Comcast.net](mailto:Eralphs@Comcast.net)



**Easter Flowers**



Grace Church is continuing its tradition of offering you the opportunity to contribute towards Easter flowers. The suggested contribution is \$30 or whatever you care to give. Please contact Lyn Marino ([ciaomarinno2@gmail.com](mailto:ciaomarinno2@gmail.com)) by **Friday, March 15**, with the wording you would like printed in the Order of Service for your memorials or thanksgivings. Your checks can be either placed in the collection plate at church or mailed to the church office (106 Lowell Street, Manchester NH 03101). Be sure to write "Easter flowers" on the memo line of your check.

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The Reverend Jamie Hamilton

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Teddi Mcintosh, Warden  
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Eileen Suckley, Clerk of the Vestry

**Vestry at Large**

Valerie Anderson, Carol Cote, Hank Gagnon, Gail Schuman,  
Deb Schuh, Barnaby Thomas, Chris Turner, Meghann White, Kurt Wicks

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**Newsletter**

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

**March 22**