

News You Can Use

Palm Sunday

March 22, 2018

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Bruce Gray, Rector
The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon
Jolene Johnston, Director of Children's Ministry and
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Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator
Bethany Paden, Music Director

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday from 9 AM -2 PM

The Vestry:

Senior Warden Ben Paden, Junior Warden Debbie Talbert;
Treasurer Betty Bogeman; Ian Johnston (youth), Fred Stahly, Susie
Beard, Doug Tannas, Lauren Wilson, Lee Cahalan, Hillary Blake,
Chris Brown, Ruth Everett; Clerk TBD

The next vestry meeting will be held on April 17th.

Serving this Sunday, March 25th:

Celebrant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Larry Pickens
Ushers: Scott Higgins, Andy Barker
Readers: David Emerson, Chris Brown,
Prayers: Joan Head
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Ruth Everett
Acolytes: Thomas Canter, Mikaila Blake, Matthew Beard
Healing: Wade Nichols
LEV: Barb Spangler
Almoners: Lauren Wilson, Hillary Blake
AG Sat. Set Up: Greta Wilson, Carol Bruns
AG Bread: Lauren Wilson
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Greta Wilson, Lauren Wilson
Hospitality: Welcome Reception

9 AM Sunday School and Childcare

We will hold one worship service at 9 AM this Sunday. There is no Sunday school for children, youth or adults. Sunday school and Adult Forum will resume on Sunday, April 8th.

Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).

9 AM Childcare

Nursery: Kate Chillemi

PreK-1st grade: *Children will attend the 9 AM worship service with their families*



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a **Psalm** 31:9-16 **Second Reading** Philippians 2:5-11 **Gospel** Mark 15:1-47

Our Mission

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Worship and Feast Days

Holy Week Serving Roles: We are in need of volunteers to fulfill the service roles for Holy Week. Please sign-up [HERE](#) if you wish to serve during any of the Holy Week services. Please contact the church office with any questions. admin@hfec.org



One Service on Palm Sunday: On Palm Sunday, March 25th, our new Rector, The Reverend Bruce Gray, will join us for the first time. In order to welcome our new Rector as a community, there will be one service that morning at 9 AM. We will also hold a special reception for Father Bruce and his wife, Cathy, in the parish hall following the service. Please join us!

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be held at 6:15 PM on Monday, April 16th in the sanctuary.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, 7 PM March 29th: We remember the Last Supper with a service that includes, for those who wish to participate, the washing of each other's feet. Following the service, some members of the congregation maintain an all-night vigil including visiting the Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday, 7 PM March 30th: This solemn service commemorates Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. We are offered the opportunity to venerate the cross in silence.

Easter Vigil, 8 PM March 31st: This Saturday evening service is the first service of Easter. This wonderful service features the lighting of the Paschal candle and the sharing of its light among the congregation, the reading of Scripture that illuminates "God's saving deeds in history," the ringing of bells, and the proclamation that "Christ is risen."

Easter Sunday, April 1st: During our regular 8 AM and 10 AM services, we affirm that "the Lord is risen indeed." These services are family-friendly; all are invited to participate. Nursery care is provided for children under the age of three during the 10 AM service.

Thanks Be to God

- The following people for helping with hospitality for Father Larry's farewell: Ruth Everett, Cheryl Burke, Debbie Talbert, Kris Brown, and Susie Beard
- Youth Group students and adult mentors for cleaning up the garden beds on the church grounds in preparation for spring

Christian Education

Grill Bruce Gray: On Sundays April 8th and 15th, our new rector, Bruce Gray, will be featured during our 9:00 AM Adult Forum sessions. You can ask Bruce any questions you like, and he will be prepared to offer a brief autobiography as well. Bruce is also available for individual and family visits, in homes, Starbucks, the church, or wherever you would like to meet. He can be contacted at bgray@hfec.org.



Sunday School Teachers Wanted: Classes are available for Godly Play (PreK-grade 1), Believers (grades 2-4), Disciples (grades 5-6), Youth Group (7-12), and adults. Volunteers are needed in our Children's Ministry program - please sign up [HERE](#). Registration forms are required for children and youth. Registration forms are available at the welcome desk.



Lent-Easter Bible Study: Holy Family will host a weekly Bible study on Luke and Acts, each Wednesday evening, 6-7 PM, from February 21-May 16 (no sessions on the Wednesdays during Holy Week and after Easter Sunday - March 28 and April 4). We'll meet in the conference room off the narthex and share a meal of

bread and soup or salad each session. You can also [download a list of daily readings](#) from Luke and Acts. For more information, see Deacon Cathy or Bob Murray. cscott@hfec.org

Outreach Opportunities

March Outreach - The Homeless: Remember – Jesus was also homeless! *Luke 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* What can you do to help the homeless? Ask Deacon Cathy! cscott@hfec.org



Fellowship Gatherings



Easter Brunch: Congregation members and guests at Holy Family are invited to participate in our annual Easter Brunch held at 9 AM between Easter Sunday services on April 1st. This event is a joyous gathering filled with delicious food prepared by parishioners and shared among families. Please sign up to provide food [HERE](#).

Game Night: Join us on Friday, April 13th beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We'll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Youth Group Monthly Dinner Meeting: Youth Group students (grades 7-12) are invited to our monthly dinner meeting on April 15th from 5:30-8:00 PM. Please contact Youth Director Marty Blake to RSVP or for more information. mblake@hfec.org

Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction: On Saturday, April 28th, Holy Family's Youth Group will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser event. This event supports the mission work of our youth. We are inviting members of the congregation to join in the fun by donating a themed basket of items (tax-deductible) valued between \$20-50 for the auction. You are also invited to make a monetary donation, and we will create a basket in your name. [Donated items are due by Sunday, April 8th](#). Bring your friends! Contact Jolene Johnston for more information. jjohnston@hfec.org



Other News

Childcare Volunteers Needed: All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese and must have been active members of the church for at least six months. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer. Please use [this link](#) to access the 10 AM Nursery sign-up sheet. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to supervise 10 AM Childcare for children in PreK-1st grade.

Easter Eggs: Easter eggs filled with individually-wrapped candy (no loose jelly beans), stickers, temporary tattoos, erasers, or small toys are due to be returned to church by Palm Sunday, March 25th. We appreciate your generosity in helping continue this tradition for Holy Family's children and visitors. Children in fourth grade and younger are invited to participate in our Easter egg hunt held following the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Please bring a basket or bag to collect eggs.



Happy Birthday

Henry Jendraszak March 25

Church Budget Through End of February:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$30,545	\$47,000
Expenses	\$27,032	\$46,738
Difference	\$3,513	\$262

Pledging Options: Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org