

Grace Notes

March 2020
"Come Home to Grace"



Jesus saying farewell to his eleven remaining disciples, from the [Maesta](#) by [Duccio](#), 1308–1311.
(Picture from Wikipedia)

Sometimes the last words we hear from someone are the most touching and the most important. Sometimes they are often the most treasured and remembered words. The Farewell Discourse of John 14-17 is such a passage in scripture. It was delivered immediately following the Last Supper and just before his arrest in the Garden.

There are some important parts to it: Jesus reveals he is going away to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will come to help and guide. The unity of Jesus with his Father and Jesus with his disciples is emphasized. The New Commandment is given: "love one another as I have loved you." There is the well-known allegory of "The Vine". The reality of the world hating Jesus and the disciples is revealed. Finally, Jesus prays the longest prayer in the gospels. Jesus prays for his disciples and he prays for those who will follow them (us!). The gift and ministry of the Holy Spirit is in several places. Love within the fellowship is crucial.

If you read this passage you will hear familiar words that are often used in funerals, stories used in Sunday School, little snippets, sometimes quoted, but not often read as a unified whole.

On Maundy Thursday, we will read these dramatic words as a whole. We will include chapter 13, as it is the preparation to the farewell. The discourse starts after Judas departs to betray Jesus, the feet of the disciples are then washed by Jesus, which is a kind of a cleansing of the fellowship.

The word "Maundy" comes from the ritual of the washing of the feet. Maundy Thursday is also Sheer Thursday in some Christian circles, as it was a tradition to shear the beard on that day. The conclusion of the Maundy Thursday observance kicks off the Triduum observance: the three high and holy days of Christendom: Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter.

The Sunday sermons during Lent will be occupied with the Farewell Discourse. These are indeed, transformative words, meant for the disciples of Jesus during a critical time. Don't you think you should be there?

Grace and Peace through the Journey of Lent,
-Pastor Rob



WORSHIP SCHEDULE for LENT

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday in the chapel.
John 16:16-24 “Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy”

Sunday, March 1, 10:45 a.m. 1st Sunday in Lent
Communion will be observed.
John 14:1-17 “Show Us the Father”
Anna Joy will play pieces on the organ and piano.

Sunday, March 8, 10:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Lent
John 15:1-17 “Organically Connected”

Sunday, March 15, 10:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday in Lent
John 15:26-16:15 “The Spirit of Truth”

Sunday, March 22, 10:45 a.m. 4th Sunday in Lent
John 17:1-11 “Jesus Prays for His Disciples”

Sunday, March 29, 10:45 a.m. 5th Sunday in Lent
John 17:20-26 “Jesus Prays for Us”

Palm Sunday, April 5, 10:45 a.m. 6th Sunday in Lent
John 12:12-19 “The Carnival King”
Palm Sunday from John’s perspective.

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Communion in the Fellowship Hall.
John 13:1-35 “The New Commandment”

Friday, April 10, Good Friday

Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday
(It is most appropriate that you spend as much of the day as possible
in silent meditation.)

Sunday, April 12, Easter, 9:00 a.m. (ONE SERVICE!)
John 20:1-18 “The Undisturbed”

Spur-of-the-Moment Book Club

Book recommended for Lent by the Archbishop of Canterbury:

The Wounds of Jesus: A Meditation on the Crucified Saviour -Christina Baxter, Ph.D.

Canon Dr., Principal of St, John's Theological College, Nottingham, UK., Lay chairman of the Church of England's General Synod, Member of the Archbishop's Council. She was also a guest professor at Princeton Seminary in 1990 and taught Pastor Rob "Christology".

The book has study sections with questions focusing on the different parts of Christ's body and how they are all part of our redemption! It is only a total of 229 pages, easy to read, and it will change forever how you think of Holy Week, Easter, and the sacrifice of Jesus for you! If you are bored with the things of Christ or with Christianity in general, don't hesitate! Get this book now. Renew your faith! The book is \$14.00 and available on Amazon. Tell Pastor Rob and he can order one for you and you can pay later. You can read the book alone, and/or discuss in a small group. Let Pastor Rob know what you are interested in doing.

Surprise Movie for Lent

Sunday, March 15, 5:00 p.m.

The true story of an investigative journalist who tries to debunk Jesus, who he was, and the resurrection. Find out what happened. Call Pastor Rob for more information. Bring a friend. Free.

GRO ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

GRO would like to invite you to be our guests for a *surprise movie night on Sunday, March 15th at 5:00*. This is free of charge and all who attend have a chance enter a raffle to win free tickets for the March 17th rigatoni dinner! You could also check off a box on the Lenten Bingo sheet, "Watch a religious program or movie".

Ready, set, GO! It's almost time for the next *Drive Thru Rigatoni Dinner on Tuesday, March 17th*, serving from 4:00 until we run out (usually around 5:30-6:00). The menu is rigatoni and meatballs, salad, roll, and cake. The new price is \$7.00. Who says you can't enjoy Italian food on St. Patrick's Day? The salad will be green and maybe some of the cakes too!

Looking Ahead GRO and the Women's Guild are sponsoring a Rummage Sale in the church dining hall. The tentative date is Saturday April 25th. Look for details in the April Grace Notes.

From the Worship & Design Team! B-I-N-G-O!

Ready for a Lenten challenge again this year? How about some Lenten Bingo? There is a Lenten calendar included in Grace Notes, and challenge yourself to compete the suggested activity for any given day. Cross each challenge off as you complete it. Try completing the challenges each day horizontally, vertically or even diagonally (like Bingo). The Worship Design Team will collect the calendars after Ester and declare the winners! Don't forget to put your name on it. We hope this challenge will make your Lenten season a blessing to you and those you inspire. B-I-N-G-O—Bless, Inspire, Nurture, Glorify & Offer!

Consistory Meeting of February 2020

Members Present: Matt Bell, Kim Davis, Chris Eisenbraun, Alex Heintzelman, Jerry Hughes, Mark Frost, Rob Joy, Pat Lanterman Excused: Steve Barnett, Brian Cope, Logan Cope, Tim Reeser, Gary Scullion

I. Devotions – Chris Next Month: Alex

II. Duty Roster: February: Elevator – Kim Usher – Chris

March: Elevator – Jerry Usher – Tim

Communion: March 1st (First Sunday of Lent) – Alex , April 9th (Maundy Thursday) – Kim

III. Informal Discussion/Goal Setting: Elevator Intercom set up.

IV. Communications: Thank you cards from Patty, Judy. Thank you from Linda Surace on behalf of the Alberta Klipple family. Letter from organ repair company – updating on current progress of project. Nearly finished up.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January reviewed. Duties updated/corrected. Motion to accept the minutes as presented. 1st: Chris, 2nd: Matt , motion carries.

VI. Financial Secretary Report (M. Bell): budget

January income \$12,198, 90% of budgeted. January expense \$13,068, 97% of budgeted. Motion to approve the financial report as submitted. 1st: Mark, 2nd: Chris, motion carries. No unexpected expenses for this time of year. Income up from last year for January.

VII. Financial Committee Report (M. Bell): Jeff Brubaker performed an audit last month for the church. For the year end, the accounting exam appeared to accurately reflect the activity for the period of 2018 and 2019.

VIII. Pastor's Report:

Funeral for Steve Jones on 1/23/2020.

Baptism of Jackson David Eisenbraun on 1/12/2020.

David Greenawalt joined the church on 1/12/2020.

Ruth Zarnosky shared her testimony of faith on 1/26/2020.

IX. Unfinished Business: Leslie Eisenbraun willing to fill the consistory position of Logan Cope. Motion to appoint Leslie to the unexpired term of Logan Cope. 1st: Mark, 2nd: Matt, motion carries.

Reminder: NACCC Convention is in June 27-30, 2020. Portland, Maine.

X. New Business: February 16th Check Presentation for The Bell Well Project. Story to be Published in Saturday's morning journal.

XI. Committee Reports:

-Worship Design – Met January 20th to plan for Lent and Easter.

-Music – Continuing to accept applications for a choir director.

-Endowment – Meeting on 26th of January after church. Audit on endowment and memorial funds good. Highly recommends moving some money out of CDs to investments. Endowment fund Dec 31, 2019 = interest \$45,499.47. Memorial Fund \$12,644.28 after commitments. Mundy and Ogle funds excluded from that total.

-Property – intercom in elevator installed.

-Elders – Met before church 1/21/2020. No action.

-Women's Guild – meeting to be scheduled soon to plan for yearly events.

XII. Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting March 2nd, 2020 at 7PM.

One to One

Grace Church
 Tuesday, March 3
 4:30—6:00 p.m.

Wear green clothes and come celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy lively songs and games and a moving message! The menu is shredded chicken sandwiches (with green buns!), potato chips, carrots and green dip, shamrock sugar cookies, a rainbow design of fruit, copycat McDonald's Mint Milkshakes and pots of gold candy! Have fun making leprechaun binoculars!

Bring a friend and get a treat from Handel's for you and your friend. Come find out how to win Stone Fruit Yogurt Gift Cards and Movies at Tinseltown!

See you there :)

Bell Well

Bell Well T-Shirts are available again, now through Sunday, March 29.

Adults sizes start at \$15.00 and up
 Youth sizes are \$12.00

Please see Kim Davis if you would like to order a shirt. Thanks!



Happy Anniversary to:
 Amanda & Jim Butler
 March 7, 2009

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

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Sunday, March 8!

Don't forget to
 Spring Forward



MARCH

Birthdays

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| 3/1 | Lois Jones |
| 3/2 | Jodi Scott Logan Cope |
| 3/5 | Cindy Duffy |
| 3/9 | Betty Burkey |
| 3/12 | Marcia Wolf |
| 3/14 | Kenneth Wilson |
| 3/16 | Carol Czarneski |
| 3/17 | Mary Liggitt Virginia Reeser |
| 3/18 | Brian Cope Melodie Cyrus |
| 3/21 | Richard Cope Anna Joy |
| 3/25 | Jerry Hughes |
| 3/26 | Tom Mercer Philip Swope |
| 3/27 | Debbie McMaster |
| 3/30 | Steve Barnett |



★ Thank You! ★
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Thanks

Thanks to the nine of us who went to see “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” at Movies 8 in Boardman on Sunday, February 16th! It was fun, and a thought-provoking movie.

—Pastor Rob

A big thank you to all who supported the *Fat Sunday breakfast*. Everyone enjoyed food and fellowship and the kitchen crew was awesome!

—GRO

Thank you for your recent gift to the NACCC in the amount of \$20,300, for the Mission School of Hope for a new well.

We appreciate your support of our missions and programs.

—Blessings in Christ, Rev. Dr., Michael Chittum, Ex. Dir.

Those Ministering in March:

Greeters:

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| 3/1: | Alison & Paige Hoskinson |
| 3/8: | Kim Davis & Tawnya Gologram |
| 3/15: | |
| 3/22: | Ruth & Joe Zamosky |
| 3/29: | Tom Mercer |

Liturgists:

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| 3/1: | Laurie Heintzelman |
| 3/8: | Becky Stearns |
| 3/15: | Debbie Rohm |
| 3/22: | Diane Barnes |
| 3/29: | Brenda Hanna |

Usher: Matt Bell

Elevator Attendant: Jerry Hughes

Candles: Pat Lanterman

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