

# LO & BEHOLD

MARCH 2011

## Holy Week 'Noon Break' Services at Grace This Year!



Each year during Holy Week we gather with our Christian neighbors for a daily service to remind each other of the events that lead up to Easter. **This year all the services and lunches will be held at Grace!** The services take place each weekday of Holy Week (April 18-22) at 12:15 PM with a different downtown church sponsoring the service each day. Each church offers a free lunch before and after each service. Please see the schedule below.

### Noonbreak Daily Schedule

11:45 - Lunch  
12:15 - Worship  
12:45 - Lunch

**Each day of  
Holy Week at Grace!**

### Worship & Lunch Schedule

Mon. April 18 - Washington St. Baptist  
Tues. April 19 - Broadway Methodist  
Wed. April 20 - First Presbyterian  
Thurs. April 21 - Grace Episcopal  
Fri. April 22 - St. Francis Roman Catholic

### Noon Break Volunteers Needed

Because Grace is hosting all the Noon Break services this year, we need some volunteers to help meet and greet our visitors, particularly in helping the other churches find their way through our kitchen. Look for sign-up sheets in Fletcher Hall.

## Pretzel Sunday



The Acolytes will host their Annual Pretzel Sunday on Palm Sunday, April 17. Hot, fresh pretzels will be available following the 9:45 service, and all the proceeds from the sales will benefit a charity of the acolytes' choosing. All acolytes (who are not serving) are asked to gather in the kitchen following the Blessing of the Palms to help make the pretzels.

## Vergers Breakfast April 10



The next Vergers Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 10 between the two morning worship services. Your donations at the breakfast not only help offset the cost, but also go into a fund to send out kids to camp. Your generosity is appreciated.

## Easter Lilies



Holy Week is fast approaching and we're taking orders for lilies to decorate our church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order a lily in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, please use the forms on the board outside the Vesting Room or call the church office no later than Tuesday, April 19. The cost for lilies is \$18 each.

## Service Cancellations

The 5 PM Sunday afternoon Taize Holy Eucharist service will not be held on Palm Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday, April 24, and May 1. Look for that contemplative worship service to return on Sunday, May 8.

The Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist will not be held on April 20 during Holy Week because of the Noon Break services.

## Japan & ERD

If you are looking for a place to donate toward the relief efforts in Japan, please consider Episcopal Relief and Development ([www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)).

## Palm Sunday

### Come Make Palm Crosses - April 16



On Saturday morning, April 16, at 10:00, church members will gather to make the crosses for the Palm Sunday service. Expert instruction for those who have never made crosses will be provided, along with lots of conversation and good fellowship. Bring your scissors and join the group. It usually takes a little over an hour to make the necessary number of crosses.

### Palm Sunday - April 17 at 7:30 and 9:45 a.m.



Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. On this day we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey. People spread palms at his feet and regaled him with shouts of "Hosanna." From the triumphant palm procession, we move to the foot of the cross as hear the story of the crucifixion. Please take note that the 9:45 a.m. service will begin outside on the east lawn.

## Holy Week at Grace

### Maundy Thursday - April 21 at 7:00 PM



On Maundy Thursday, Christians remember the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist. The night of Maundy Thursday was when Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

### Good Friday - April 22 at 7:00 PM



On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. Good Friday is a day of mourning in the church. During special Good Friday services, Christians meditate on Jesus' suffering and death on the cross and what this means for their faith.

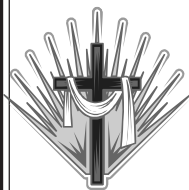
### Easter Vigil and Baptism - April 23 at 6:00 PM



The Easter Vigil service is the first Easter service and takes place on the evening of Holy Saturday. The idea behind the service is for faithful Christians to wait and watch, hopeful and confident that Christ will return. The service begins outside the church, where minister and worshippers gather around a fire from which the Paschal (Easter) Candle is lit. Led by the candle and cross, we enter the darkened church to hear the ancient song, the Exsultet, sung by our cantor David Meyer. Then we hear a series of scripture readings that remind us of God's saving deeds. At this year's Easter Vigil we will also celebrate the baptisms of James Thomas Dorsey and Annabella Gragg. The service moves to a joyous conclusion as we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

## Easter Sunday

### Easter Sunday - April 24 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



Holy Week culminates in the glorious celebration of Easter, a day on which we sing the joys of our resurrected Lord. For those who are new to the congregation and those who need the reminder, Grace Church has two special traditions on Easter Sunday. First, all children in the church are invited to bring a small bouquet of fresh flowers. The children process into the church behind the choir, and their flowers are used to decorate our flower cross. The Flower Cross always looks beautiful and is usually a very popular background for family photos. Also, we ask that everyone bring a small handbell to ring during the singing of the Gloria, creating a "joyful noise" for the return of the Alleluia!

## Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday immediately following the 10:30 service. There will be two hunts...one for older children and one for younger children. Please meet in Fletcher Hall following the service to go over the "rules," and don't forget your Easter Basket.

## Easter Offering

The Vestry voted to designate this year's special Easter offering for the Grace Church Organ Fund. Your generosity will help ensure that the beautiful music continues at Grace.

## Easter and Christian Formation

Please note that Sunday Christian Formation Classes (children and adults) will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Children's classes also will not meet during Spring Break, April 3 and 10. All classes will resume on the second Sunday of Easter, May 1.

**Don't forget your**  
 **and**  **on**  
**Easter Sunday!!**

## April in Paducah

1. Dogwoods
2. Quilt Show

### 3. 23rd Annual Grace Quilt Show Luncheon!



A big thank you to Genie Drossos and Peggy Henney for coordinating this year's Quilters' Luncheon. The signup sheets for volunteers and recipes (sliders, layered salad, and fruit tarts) will be available in Fletcher Hall on April 3.

This spectacular event will be on Friday, April 29, but only with everybody's help. There's a job for everyone! If you want tickets to the luncheon, please call 554-3443 or email [gracequiltlunch@gmail.com](mailto:gracequiltlunch@gmail.com). Tickets are \$8.95 and takeout and delivery are available. We have flyers and posters to publicize the Quilt Luncheon, and we're counting on parishioners to distribute them as widely as possible.

### Bridge to Terabithia for 2nd--7th Graders

A new book discussion and movie watching group for 2nd through 7th graders is being offered after our 9:45 service on Sundays. The class is facilitated by Libby Wade. The first book and movie up for discussion is The Bridge to Terabithia. The class is on hiatus until May 1, so now is the perfect time to join. Any 2nd-7th grader interested in joining is asked to contact Libby.

## Photo Directory

Did you know we keep a photo album of Grace Church members and friends in Fletcher Hall? If you've looked at the book lately, you know it's time for all of us to make concerted effort to update the picture book. Here are the ground rules:

1. Your picture will never go into the book unless you approve it.
2. You don't have to be an official member of Grace to be in the book. If you come often enough that people know your face, but perhaps not your name, you belong in the book.

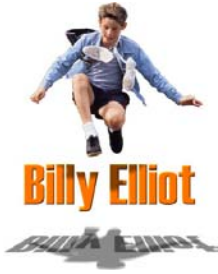
Dan Songer has his camera with him every Sunday and would love for you to ask him to snap a photo of you and your family for our Parish Book. If you have a picture you'd rather use, feel free to bring it to the church office and we'll scan it in.

### Experiencing Your World Differently Saturday, April 2, 9-Noon

As we approach Easter, Daughters of the King invite you to a time of reflection and meditation. Nikki Dickerson will lead us on a journey of self-discovery as we reflect on our faith and the meaning of this lenten season. We will gather for light refreshments at 9:00 AM and continue with both group and individual meditations. Feel free to invite others to attend.

## Faith in Film

**Billy Elliot - Monday, April 11**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**at Maiden Alley Cinema**  
**\$5.00 All Admissions Rated PG13**



In the 1984 Miners' Strike in England, brawn is more the theme than style, with violence all too common in the struggles of the strikers. Eleven year old Billy Elliot's father and older brother, union miners themselves, are caught up in it, and the most combative elements of their personalities are in full swing. This makes Billy's affinity for dancing over boxing all the more unfathomable to them, and they don't support him in pursuit of his dream to become a ballet dancer. **Stick around after the movie, if you choose, for a lively discussion hosted by First Presbyterian Church.**

## Faith in Film Buffet at Whaler's

We will once again have a private buffet available for those who want to eat before the Faith in Film showing of "Billy Elliot" on Monday, April 11. This time we will gather for a buffet at Whaler's Catch, from 5-6 PM. The cost of the buffet is \$12 (tax and tip included), however the price doesn't include your drink. We need to know ahead of time how many to expect for the buffet, so look for the sign up sheet in Fletcher Hall or contact the church office.

## Community Kitchen Update

Our thanks to Altar Guild for preparing and serving the meal for the Community Kitchen project on Sunday, April 10. If your family or church group would like to help with a Community kitchen meal, please contact Julia Schaberg or the church office.

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