

# We Want To Hear From You!

Visiting or updating your information? Please provide feedback. When completed, place slip in one of the offering boxes.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## How did you hear about us?

- I'm looking for a church home.  
 I would like the pastor to call or visit.

## I would like to be added to:

- GFEFC's church-wide email list  
 GFEFC's email Prayer Team  
 Text alerts  
 The Directory

## Questions / Comments

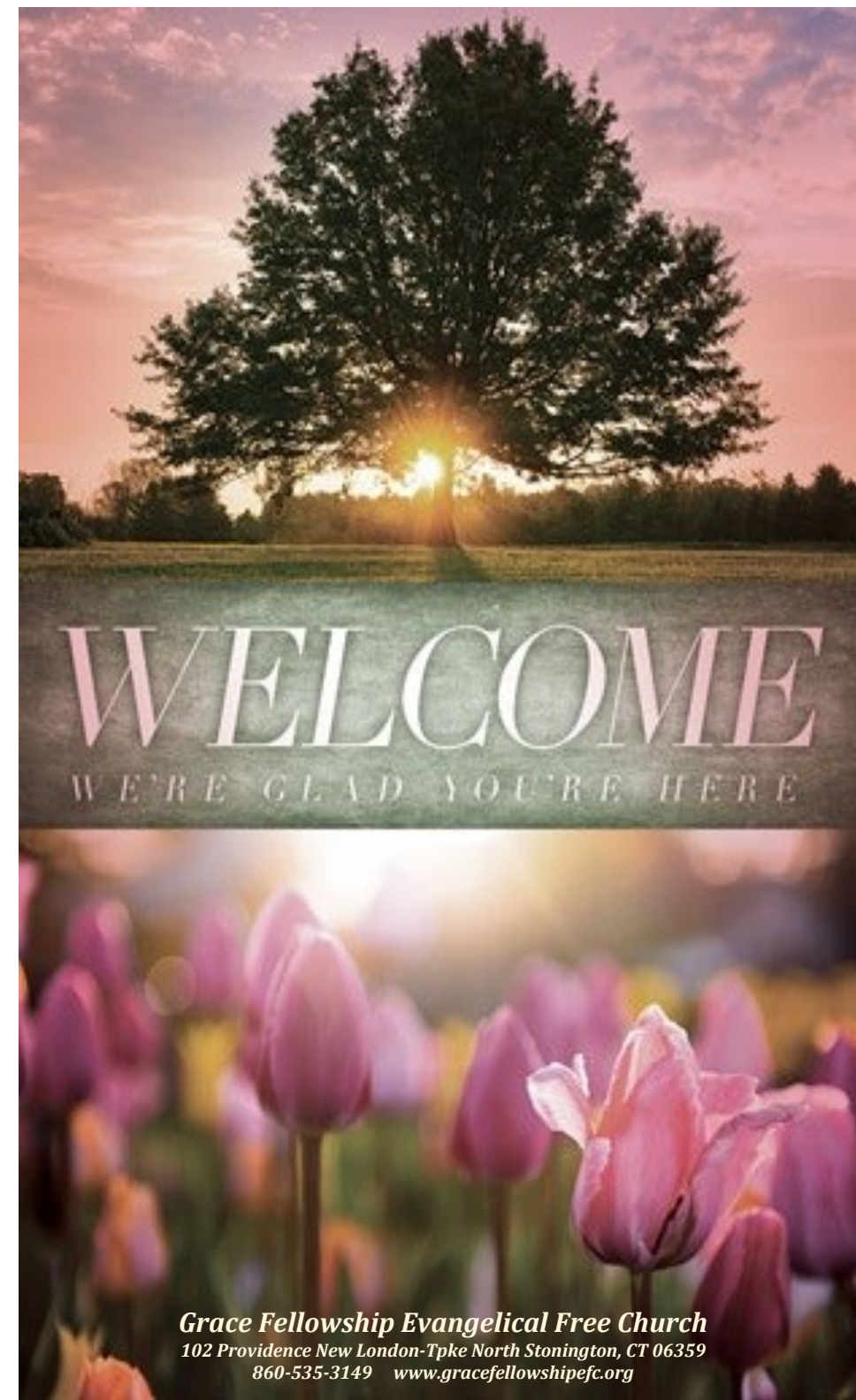
# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE April 28th - May 5th

Sunday 28th	
8:45am	Sunday School
10am	Worship Service
5:30pm	Campfire Revival Group (Larkin's home)
Monday 29th	
7pm	Men's BSF (Zoom)
Tuesday 30th	
Wednesday 1st	
9:30am	Women's Study (Church)
6pm	Grace Kids (Pre k-5th grade)
6pm	Hard Pressed Youth Group (6th-12th)
6pm	Women's Study with Deb Lowe
Thursday 2nd	
9:30am	Moms Together (Church)
6:30pm	Digging Deeper (Pawcatuck)
Friday 3rd	
8am	Men's Bible Study (church)
Saturday 4th	
8am	Men's Breakfast (The Cooked Goose)
Sunday 5th	
8:45am	Sunday School
10am	Worship Service
11:30am	Cinco De Mayo Potluck
5:30pm	Campfire Revival Group

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*We do not usually pass an offering plate, but you may place tithes to the Lord in an offering box - at the back of the sanctuary or in the foyer. There's also Automated Bank Debiting or "Bill Payment" and "Online Giving" with credit/debit cards & e-checks! <https://www.gracefellowshipefc.org/donate>*



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**Welcome To Grace Fellowship**  
**We are so glad you joined us this morning!**

**April 28, 2024**

*I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.*  
*Psalm 145:1-2 (NIV)*

**TODAY:** "Glory and Groaning!"  
Pastor Bob will share from Romans 8:17-25

*This morning as we gather to investigate God's Word, let's gain a new perspective on life as we consider the weight of our suffering compared to the glory that is to be revealed as we examine Romans 8:17-25 in a message entitled, "Glory and Groaning!"*

**WELCOME:** Good morning! If this is your first time at Grace Fellowship this morning, welcome! We're glad you joined us. Visit our website at [www.gracefellowshipefc.org](http://www.gracefellowshipefc.org) for more information! Please take a moment to fill out the perforated section titled "We want to hear from you!" Also, if your contact information has changed, let us know by filling the form out and placing it in the offering box.

**NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our nursery is located off the fellowship hall. Nursery is for ages 0-3. At age 4, children may sit in the sanctuary for worship and then they will be dismissed upstairs to children's church for the remainder of the service. Parents, feel free to follow your child upstairs and get to know our teachers!

**CINCO DE MAYO POTLUCK:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Cinco De Mayo potluck next Sunday, May 5th after service. Please sign up in the foyer so we can make sure we have enough food. Contact Corinne with any questions at [joyfulheart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joyfulheart@sbcglobal.net).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, plan to attend the men's breakfast on Saturday, May 4th at 8am at The Cooked Goose in Westerly. Please feel free to contact Tom Main with questions at [tmain00@comcast.net](mailto:tmain00@comcast.net) or 860-912-9312.

**CHURCH WORK DAY:** We are planning to have a spring work day on Saturday, May 11th at 8am. We will be cleaning up our yard and adding mulch in the flower beds. Bring yard equipment if you have it! Please sign up in the foyer if you can help.

**SECRET SISTERS:** Please check the table in the foyer to pick up any gifts/cards for you! Also, our Secret Sister Brunch reveal is on Saturday, May 18th at 10am at the church. The main dish will be provided, but we ask that you bring a brunch side dish to share (fruit, quiche, pastries, etc.). Feel free to bring a last gift for your Secret Sister too!

**MEN'S RETREAT:** The Men's Retreat at Camp Monadnock will be May 3-5. Ages 13 and up are welcome. Cost is \$215 per person and includes 2 nights, 5 meals, 4 chapel sessions, and much more. You can register online at [www.bereaministries.net/adult-events](http://www.bereaministries.net/adult-events). Contact Jim Smith at 860-912-3560 for more information.

**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM:** We are so excited to tell you about an event that we are planning for this December! It's called "Journey to Bethlehem". This will be a drive through live nativity! We will have several needs! A sign-up sheet for all the jobs and the needs in the foyer soon. Contact Kellene Limpert or Becca Mason for more information.

**Youth Programs / Small Groups:**

**GRACE KIDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT:** Grace Kids mid-week program meets every Wednesday evening at 6pm! This is a fun night for grades Pre-K to 5th! Feel free to contact Elaine Carlson at [elaineccarlson@gmail.com](mailto:elaineccarlson@gmail.com) with any questions.

**HARD PRESSED:** Hard Pressed Youth meets every Wednesday evening at 6pm! Youth grades 6th-12th are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors to attend too. Contact Pastor Chad for more information at [c.vanderburgh@yahoo.com](mailto:c.vanderburgh@yahoo.com).

**MID-WEEK SMALL GROUPS AND STUDIES:** Visit the foyer and grab a flyer if you are interested in our mid-week small groups and Bible studies. There's a group for everyone! Contact Elaine Carlson for more information at [elaineccarlson@gmail.com](mailto:elaineccarlson@gmail.com).

**HELP NEEDED:** It's that time of year where the sun is shining and the grass is growing! We are looking for volunteers to help keep our church yard looking nice and cut! If you have some extra time and a mower and would like to be on a schedule for mowing, please reach out to the church office or Tony Asermelly at (401) 207-4046.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** We are excited to announce that we are planning a mission trip for youth, grades 8-12. On July 27th through August 3rd, they will be traveling to Puerto Rico with the organization, The Praying Pelican ([www.ppm.org](http://www.ppm.org)). Brian and Beth Browne will be joining them as leaders. If your teen is interested in going, please see Pastor Chad!

