



GRACE NOTES

Grace Episcopal Church ♦ 133 School Street ♦ New Bedford, MA 02740

June 2011

FROM THE RECTOR...

Curate/Children's Minister Position Update

During my Annual Report/Sermon on Sunday April 10 I announced that the vestry had decided to create a new staff position combining Malia's and Cathy Portlock's job descriptions. They asked the Trustees of Parish Funds which manage our endowment to move from drawing a 4% total return to 5% total return in order to help fund this new position since our increased pledges for 2011 are not enough to allow us to do this. At the trustees last meeting they agreed to do so.

Therefore I am very pleased to announce that Malia Crawford who has been our Curate extraordinaire since July 2008 has agreed to continue on as our Curate/Children's Minister, starting in July. This means that some of what she has been doing she will no longer be able to do as she takes on the leadership of our children's program. She is excited to add this work to her ministry and the vestry and I are very pleased to have someone with her skills, gifts, and passions leading this ministry to our children and their parents. Needless to say this ministry will continue to need active volunteers as teachers, supporters, and substitutes if we are to be successful. I am deeply grateful for the work Caroline Blais, Cynthia Barnum, Jean Pitcairn, Nina Catelli-Vincent, and Melissa Botelho have done in filling in when Cathy Portlock left last August. These women and others have given the kids a wonderful year of learning and transformation along with their teachers.

You will be hearing from Malia in the near future as to how her position will be changing and how you can help us continue to nurture our kids and their families in the love and knowledge of Christ.

Worship at Grace Update

At the recent Great Vigil of Easter we took a risk and set up the worship space in a way not done before, at least not in my 5 years at Grace. Following the service a number of people said how moved they had been, more so than in years past. I felt it too. Yet, the words of the liturgy were identical to what we've done each year. Can changing the space make that kind of difference in our experience?

Think about how Grace Church is set up with pews in straight rows all facing toward the raised area where choir, altar, servers, and worship leaders reside. This style is no accident because when Emperor Constantine in 313 A.D. declared Christianity to be THE religion of the Roman Empire "the new burgeoning churches chose as their model the basilica or hall of the king. From the outset the Church thereby aligned itself with the secular authority... This type of building previously associated in every town with the dispensation of law and order now became synonymous with Christian assembly." Re-Pitching the Tent by Richard Giles, pages 35-36.

Today this is the same configuration you'll see in most courts of law with pews facing the judge who is elevated above everyone else. In court we sit in these pews not as a community but as individuals waiting for the judge to tell us what to do. In church it is easy to lose track of the fact that we are a "priesthood of all believers", "One Body in Christ", and instead become seduced by the sensation that we are an audience of individuals watching the choir and clergy do their special thing for us. It's not unlike what happens when we go to the movies: we sit back, relax, and watch. If the movie is good we may become emotionally involved but if it's boring we lose interest and our minds wander. In order to combat this, the theatres now provide stadium seating, lots of sound, and 3-D to hold our attention.

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From the Rector....

This experience of being separated individuals instead of a connected community is heightened during the summer months when 100 people are spread out over a space intended for 300. With no choir to sing for us and fewer people around us we may go cold, just like coals separated from a fire. All together they burst into flame, but isolated they quickly turn to ash.

The way we set up the chairs for the Great Vigil addressed both issues of community and size. In the open space in front of the altar rail cathedral chairs were placed in a rectangle so that half were facing the main altar and half facing the back of the church with the Carey altar on one end facing the north wall. The people were close to and facing one another. The pews were roped off until the chairs were filled and then opened up one at a time starting at the front and working back. Since we were all together our singing and praying sounded like we were 200 instead of just 75. The readings and sermon were done within the midst of the congregation as were the three baptisms. This bore witness, not to the Powers that Be sitting high and lifted up like a judge in his chair, but to the Risen Christ in the midst of us who calls us first into community and then into action in the world. It was a moving experience.

This summer we may experiment with a similar arrangement since it is our custom not to use the main altar when we have no choir. I would ask you to think and pray about your worship as a member of this community. How we worship determines who we are; shall we be individuals watching liturgy or community gathered around the Risen Christ.

Change is scary but it is not nearly so threatening as being entombed in the last seven words of the Church: "the way we have always done it."

Bill

From Your Curate...

I was delighted that the vestry voted to create a Curate/Children's Minister position. Over the last three years, I have seen that a core part of Grace's mission is children's ministry—both ministry to children, and ministry by children. Whether or not we are parents, we are all blessed by the children at Grace. They inspire us with their smiles, their ideas, their energy and their leadership. As they grow, they become stronger leaders: at Grace, in the wider church, and in the world. I am thrilled that Grace is investing even more in our children and their families.

I am also excited that I will be able to deepen my own ministry with children and their families. The kids at Grace have transformed my life, and I am eager to spend more time with them. Many of our 20's and 30's (and 40's and...) are parents whose kids are in (or soon will be in) our church school. Being engaged in the life of the church school seems like a natural way to take my ministry at Grace to the next level.

In the weeks and months to come, I would like to meet individually with families involved in the church school. I'd like to get to know you better, give your family the chance to know me better, and explore how I can help your family grow in the love of God. You can email me at mcrawford@post.harvard.edu to set up a date.

In Christ,
Malia

P.S. Our big action for United Interfaith Action (UIA) is coming up! We are proposing a policy that would allow for the creation of new small autonomous public schools in New Bedford. Please join us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Monday June 20 at 7:00 p.m. Our goal is 200 Grace members and their friends, so WE NEED YOU TO RSVP. There will be a sign up sheet outside the library, and several Grace Justice Ministry leaders will have sign up sheets as well. For the sake of kids in New Bedford, please join us... and bring some family and friends with you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Food Pantry: *In memory of* Florence Dyer, Howard Dyer, Sr., and Howard Dyer, Jr. *In thanksgiving by* William Hochstrasser-Walsh, M/M Donald Driesen, Grace Church Thrift Shop, Amy, Amanda and Zinnia Reed, M/M Norman Lopes, M/M John Amaral, M/M Benjamin Baker, Irene Tunstall.

Community Breakfast: *In thanksgiving by* Norma Bosse and James Bisgani. *In honor of* M/M Donald White

Easter Flower Fund: *In memory of* Darlene St. Julien, Robert Cliff, John Wilbur, Gladys Hykes, Dorothy F. Costa, Verne Tyler, Ernest & Estelle Costa, and Edward Magiera.

Journey to Adulthood Program: *In thanksgiving by* The Rev. & Mrs. John Douhan.



From the Senior Warden...

*Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all
your people. Amen*

Can it really be June?

Well, it appears so: and everyone I know is headed to the opposite ends of the earth! Well, maybe not exactly true, but it sure feels that way....

In late May, my youngest son, Kevin, will start a new life, along with his fiancé, as they relocate to Beaufort, South Carolina after my future daughter-in-law graduates from college with her Doctorate in Pharmacology. She has a job already waiting for her in this southern city. Rev. Bradbury says they are in for culture shock and I think he is correct---and yes I will visit and be supportive. Still, it seems like they are moving to the other side of the world!

My daughter travels to Brazil in July on business. Newly re-married, she will be settling into a new home this summer, with all the stress and tiring work that encompasses moving to a new living space and community...I will be there to baby-sit grandchildren and assist as needed.

My oldest son, Chris, will travel to Vietnam in August, visiting my nemesis cities of Saigon and Hanoi...as he struggles through a mid life crisis---I will wait anxiously with his wife and my two other grand-kids for his safe return, and pray that he finds a renewed spirit of life and love through his journey.

I might add that my husband and I will head to Washington DC this summer to visit my sister and brother in law, and spend a week exploring Civil War battlegrounds (something I am fascinated with) and other historic points of interest, not to mention the joy of spending quality time with my sis and doing nothing but laughing and eating!

And, as my Mom makes her way back from Venice to Dennis this summer (Venice, Florida & Cape Cod, just like the migrating Right Whales!) it seems as though the rest of us are heading on out! Precious time with her will certainly be a priority...right? Well, that is my summer. Yours is at hand, as well. Make it wonderful, energizing, and imaginative! Try something new and bold, or quiet and introspective. Pray and play a lot and keep Grace in your thoughts. We continue to need your support and pledges during this most anticipated and needed break. Blessings to you all---be safe and happy and revitalized!

Peace and grace
Paula



Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the wonderful Deanery Confirmation Service and Reception at St. Gabriel's on April 9th, hosted by The Rev. Geoffrey Piper and officiated by our Bishop Tom Shaw. It was a truly beautiful event and Grace Church was well represented on so many levels of participation that day: choir, clergy, banner bearers, dessert bakers, guests, helpers/assistants, and most especially those confirmed or received into the Church. What a blessing you all are!

Paula Cabral
Senior Warden



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Grace Church is striving for a more "green" environment! Please help in our quest to save paper and other resources needed to print our monthly newsletter: **GRACE NOTES**. Going forward, our goal is to send out this publication electronically to as many as possible, thus radically reducing the need to copy and mail almost 500 issues of this multi-page publication. Of course, we wish to have everyone informed and current with our ministries and events, and will be happy to send out copies as needed... but we will strive over the next year to encourage as many of us as possible to use the internet/web site to stay connected to the activities of our parish. We certainly would appreciate any suggestions that would facilitate this transition---please call the Church Office at 508 993 0547, or speak to the Senior Warden, Paula Cabral. Many thanks for your cooperation and support in this endeavor!



VESTRY HAPPENINGS

April 2, 2011 Vestry Meeting

The Vestry voted to endorse and support the curate/children's minister position until the end of the calendar year 2011 by an increase in total return from 4% to 5% from endowment monies and an additional payment from endowment principal of \$7,000 (approved per Trustees of Parish Funds on May 5, 2011).

The Vestry voted to authorize taking \$10,000.00 from the Working Capital Account to balance the 2011 budget.

The Vestry approved the 2011 budget and also accepted the 2010 audited financial statement as prepared by Ed Silva, CPA.

The Vestry approved the Episcopal Church Women budget in the amount of \$4,800.00 and the Bazaar Executive Committee recommendations for distribution of monies from 2010 bazaar in the amount of \$9,500.00.

The Vestry voted to approve the combining of the Contingency and Auxiliary Funds (to be renamed 'Reserve Fund') under the proviso that the Treasurer provide a detail explanation of the **Reserve Fund** and all restrictions that it has and how it operates at the next Vestry meeting.

The Vestry extended its gratitude to the Thrift Shop for the donation of funds to cover expenses toward repair of the boiler, and following the demise of the old water heater, the purchase of a new, larger and more energy efficient hot water heater.

LITURGY & LITURGICAL MINISTRY

-Jerré Croteau, Verger

SUMMER 2011

As I write this it is a warm, sunny spring day, flowers are already in bloom and my garden is well-along in its reawakening, with green sprouting everywhere in my yard. By the time you read this the roses will be budding. The beginning of June marks the end of the Season of Easter, and the beginning of the long, ordinary season of Pentecost. June 4-5 is the last Sunday of Easter, also called the Sunday after the Ascension of Our Lord, which actually occurs on Thursday June 2nd.

The following weekend, June 11-12 is one of the principle feasts of the church calendar, the Day of **Pentecost**, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit and the spreading of Christ's Word to all the peoples of the earth. The color of Pentecost Sunday is red, representing the flame of inspiration by the Holy Spirit. At Grace we mark this day with a Festival Eucharist at the 10 o'clock service and the reading of the Gospel in several languages.

The following weekend, June 18-19 is the **Feast of the Trinity**, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The color of this feast is white. As Trinity Sunday is the third Sunday in June this year, we will be honoring our School and Youth Program with Church School Recognition, it will also be the Youth at Church (YAC) service.

June 25-26 begins ordinary time with the Second after Pentecost. The rest of the Sundays of the summer will be the successive Sundays after Pentecost. The liturgical color of ordinary time is green and the six candles on the retable of the High Altar which at Grace mark the seasons of joyful celebration, are reduced to two. Beginning with the Second after Pentecost, the service will move to the Cary Altar in the crossing. There will be a different configuration this year; a more intimate setting on a north south axis with the altar in the south transept. Those of you who attended the Vigil this year will recognize this configuration.

On the first Wednesday of June, we will be celebrating **Jesus' Ascension** into heaven. We will celebrate **Columba**, Abbot of Iona on June 8th; **Evelyn Underhill** on June 15th; **St. John the Baptist** on June 22nd; **Sts. Peter & Paul** Apostles on June 29th; **Independence Day** on July 6th; **Benedict** of Nursia on July 13th; **St. Mary Magdalen** on July 20th; **St. James** the Apostle on July 27th; **The Transfiguration** on August 3rd; **Florence Nightingale** on August 10th; the **Blessed Virgin Mary** on August 17th; **St. Bartholomew** the Apostle on August 24th; and **Aidan** Bishop of Lindisfarne on August 31st.

NEW ACOLYTE RECRUITMENT

A great number of senior acolytes will be going away to college this year, and we will need new acolytes to take their place. As of this writing a few have already signed up. Anyone who will be 9 years old in the coming year and any person of whatever age, who would like to serve at the altar, please let us know.

There are three acolyte classes during September-October and they are held at 9:00 a.m. before the service.

New lay ministers are then commissioned at the end of October of Acolyte Sunday. Come join a great group of young people who seem to enjoy the camaraderie of working as a team at God's altar.

FOOD PANTRY

-Martha Reed, Coordinator

April was a very busy month sorting all the food items for the Feinstein Challenge. Thank you for supporting this special event with your generosity. We received 2,164 food items and \$3,305 in cash and checks. It was a super endeavor!!!

We are grateful to the Case Trust / Bristol County Fund. Grace Church was fortunate to receive 5 different grants, and the Food Pantry was awarded a grant of \$3,800, which will help to keep the shelves filled.

We welcomed 4 new great volunteers to our team of Jeanne Greenhalgh, Bill Wilbour, Shannon Bachman and Paul Sylvia.

During the April vacation Susan O'Neil (Girl Scout Leader) brought in 5 scouts and put them to work with vigor!! They will be working toward a badge and will be helping out again in the summer.

The Project Bread Walk for Hunger was held on May 1st in Boston. We had the ideal day, blue skies and comfortable temperatures. Grace Church with Nina Catelli Vincent as leader, and chaperones Len Boyce and Paula Zalewski along with our J2A youth and their friends, Seaver Boyce, Hunter Mello, Rachel Vincent and Tony Pittinato, participated in this 20 mile Walk for Hunger. They raised \$600 for the cause!! The total raised was \$3,600,000 at the end of the day. The Walk for Hunger supports our own Food Pantry. Joan Swain and Bill and Martha Reed were checkpoint volunteers, stamping pledge sheets, providing encouragement for the walkers, and handing out water. We would love to have more volunteers joining us next May for this great cause.

We look forward to receiving fresh produce from Friends Academy again this year (we have already had kale in April). Please remember that during the summer with the children out of school, we will have more meals to distribute. We also give out flyers about locations where lunches will be served at parks and playgrounds for the children. We wish you a safe and fun summer.

400TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the printing of the King James Version of the Bible. Fifty four clergymen/ scholars worked in six groups during 1604 to 1611 to complete this work that had the blessing of Great Britain's King James.

Grace will celebrate this occasion with a read-through over a Friday and Saturday in September. Church members, guests and our community friends will be invited to read passages from the entire New Testament section of the Bible. The reading will commence with our Jewish friends reading selected passages from the Old Testament. Final passage readings will take place on Sunday. Total reading time will be approximately twenty hours.

It was King James's wish, during a period of religious turmoil, to have one bible for all his subjects. The Bible was not widely used in America until after the Civil War. It is reported that the King James Bible had a significant impact on our language, the arts, and music. Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Herman Melville, and John F. Kennedy are among those inspired by this version of the Bible.

Paula Cabral and Fred Smialek will coordinate this 400th Anniversary King James Bible read-through as Grace's participation in the world wide commemoration.

USING GOD'S GIFTS

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given us -
Romans 12

We have been blessed with special skills and talents that are used in our life and vocation. Many of our Parish friends possess these gifts. We will have the opportunity to hear "their story" in a series of Sunday forums in Rodman Hall following the 10 a.m. service.

The June schedule is as follows:

June 5
Larissa McLaughlin
Freelance Make-up Artist

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

-Mimi Allen, Chair

With this note the Library Committee is regretfully announcing its resignation. Gift books will no longer be accepted, nor new books purchased. Books may be borrowed on the honor system. If increased interest in the library is shown, perhaps someday we will reorganize. We have enjoyed working in your library.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHURCH SCHOOL

-Cynthia Barnum

Announcing Grace Church 2011 Vacation Bible School



Summer is a time for adventure! So gather up the kids, and join us for an experience like none other...

VBS - August 1 - 5, 2011.

A wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands.

Because all the little things add up to really big things.

From music to snacks and everything in between, each part of PandaMania VBS is intentionally designed to focus on the things that matter—connecting kids to God—and eliminating the things that don't. It's about preparing each child's heart to receive the gospel message in an unforgettable way. It's about enabling kids to share God's love with others. It's about why you do VBS.

Each of the five PandaMania Daily Themes—God made you, God listens to you, God watches over you, God loves you no matter what, and God gives good gifts is a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands. We'll meet the PandaMania Critters – FEZ, AMANDA, BOOMER – the Giant Panda, POGO and LULU who will help us learn more about these themes. Throughout the week, kids will get a consistent message of God's unconditional love and be encouraged to spread the Word of God—both in and out of PandaMania.

Vacation Bible School will take place at Grace Episcopal Church on August 1–5, 2011 from 9am–12noon, Monday through Friday. Children from preschool through those completing Grade 5 are invited for a week of fun and fellowship. VBS isn't just for kids, either! Many youth and adults play an active role, too! In fact, we find that our VBS leaders and helpers have just as much fun as the kids! It doesn't matter what station they're exploring, kids will hear the daily Bible Point—and experience it in a new way! At PandaMania, the daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each station's activities to reinforce Bible learning. Each activity is an important part of kids' overall

learning experience—kind of like the pieces of a puzzle.

Mark your calendars and bring your friends – you won't be sorry! This is a FREE Community Service Outreach Program sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church. For more information or to get involved, please speak to Caroline Blais at church.

Pentecost Celebration June 12, 2011 - Grace Church School will again sponsor our Parish celebration of Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church – June 12. Join the parish family with a special Pentecost “birthday party” - with delicious treats for each month of the year - in the Library following the 10am service. Would you be willing to provide a birthday cake or treat for our celebration? A sign up sheet will be posted in the Parish House.

Recognition Sunday June 19, 2011 - Come help the children and youth of Grace celebrate another great year on Recognition Sunday, June 19. The children of our church school will lead worship at the 10am service, followed by our annual “Sundae School” celebration, where we'll recognize the great kids in our midst. This reception will take place in Rodman Hall following the 10:00 am service. ***Come and enjoy the wonderful children of Grace!***

Summer Worship for Kids - Summer will soon be upon us, but there will still be lots going on for kids on Sundays at Grace! Children's Liturgies will be held as usual on the third Sundays of the month, and Children's Chapels will continue to be held during the sermon on other Sundays. Be sure to join us!

THANK YOU.....

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the people involved in making the Palm Sunday Seder on April 17th a success. Many people came together in different ways to alleviate the pressures associated with an event like this. First of all, thank you Patrick Victor for being flexible with all the changes that occurred, Top of the Hill for setting the tables up after your event, and Paula Cabral, Mike Blais, and Cat Lannan for helping finish the last-minute set up before the 10am service. Thank you to the Children and Youth Commission for donating most of the materials necessary for the Seder. Thank you Caroline Carlson (and helpers) for making the apple charoset – it was delicious. Of course a HUGE thank you goes out to the numerous people who attended the Seder and to those who stayed after to help put tables, chairs, and supplies away. Bill, Malia, and Caroline Carlson did a fantastic job leading the Seder (in English and in Hebrew!) I feel truly blessed to be a part of it all – part of the community of Grace.

Many blessings,
Caroline Sargent Blais



NOTES

-Charles Morse, Youth Minister

Date to remember: Sunday, June 19 - Recognition Sunday. We have lot of recognizing to do, including, Graduating Seniors and Confirmands. And we have to eat ice cream.

I want to let everyone know that on Sunday, May 8th, we held a joint session, J2A and YAC, to talk about the death of Osama Bin Laden and terrorism. The youth here at Grace had thoughtful and interesting responses and showed an understanding of the Christian perspective in a difficult real world situation. The 4 adults who participated were duly impressed and want all you parents to know it is a pleasure for us to work with your kids. They are smart, funny and mostly good.

The big deal is Mission Trip and Pilgrimage. Plane tickets have been purchased. No turning back now.

The Pilgrimage to New Orleans will be leaving from Providence at 6:25pm on Saturday, June 25 and arriving in New Orleans at 10:45pm. We have a layover in Atlanta. We leave New Orleans on Friday July 1 and arrive in Providence at 11:04pm. Sorry about the late return but it was the best flight available.

In between we will be staying at a house restored after Katrina by an Episcopal Mission. We are working with the Diocese there to visit a number of area churches where it is our intention to worship, cook a meal, and enjoy fellowship with people we might not ordinarily meet. We will also have an opportunity to tour the work done by the various missions there and look at the results of the oil spill. Our days will start and end with prayer and reflection, there will be a time set aside for journaling and we will include some serious fun.

The YAC Mission Trip will leave Boston Wednesday, July 6 at 7am and arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica at 12:50pm. We will leave Costa Rica Wednesday, July 11 at 12:05pm and arrive in Boston at 10:05pm.

In between we will be working with the Faithful Servants Mission, building bunk beds for Nicaraguan Refugees outside of San Ramon. My cousin has graciously offered us his home in La Paz so we have a great place in the country to stay about an hour from San Ramon. We will also start and end our day with devotions and take some time for journaling. We plan to visit the cloud forest and take a trip down to the Pacific coast for a day at the beach.

We should come home from both trips with plenty of stories and pictures to share. Thank you all of Grace for supporting us in these trips.

I will be scheduling parent meetings prior to the trips to go over our itinerary, packing, and answer as many questions as you may have.

Thanks to the generosity of the Grace Church Parish, the J2A youth were able to assemble approximately 45 Easter Baskets. More than 35 were delivered to the Women's Center with the rest being distributed through our own food pantry. Thank you!

GRACE AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM

-Donna Pires, Program Director

Summer is arriving quickly! Need childcare? GASSP is now registering for the Summer Program. If you are interested in enrolling your child in The After-School/Summer Program, please feel free to call Donna L. Pires at 508-961-1622.

Our thanks to the Grace Church Thrift Shop for their recent donation of \$2,000 and to the Case Trust/Bristol County Fund for their grant award in the amount of \$4,875.00.

GRACE CHURCH CHOIRS

June is the month when we say goodbye to our Grace Church Choirs as they take a well deserved summer break. We thank them all for their gifts of time and talent and for their leadership in our worship these last ten months. We will look forward to their return in September.

♫ The Grace Church Choir

Caroline Blais	Mark Jeffrey
Melissa Botelho	Carole Nichols
Billy Boyce	Linda Pope
Seaver Boyce	Charlene Ryder
Paula Cabral	Joann Sardinha
Kim Doe	Richard Shephard
Marie Gardner	Ken Tavares
Ron Guillemette	Rachel Vincent
Tom Jansen	William Walsh

♫ The Youth Choir

Alysse Audette	Jarynette Gonzalez
Olivia Barnaby	Carissa Mak
Alexia Blais	Ronni Mak
Billy Boyce	Hannah Martin
Andrew Carreiro	Mia Morgan
Alex Chan	Christopher Ng
Hollie Czapiga	Kaitlyn Ng
Kim Doe	Emma Zinni
Yunxin Gao	

♫ The Handbell Choir

Billy Boyce	Ronni Mak
Seaver Boyce	Mei Yuk Mak
Kim Doe	Rachel Vincent
Carissa Mak	Nate Wordell

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Church Office. Completed forms must be returned to the Church Office no later than Friday, July 1, 2011. All church members who are considering furthering their education in any post high school program, including college or university, community college, culinary arts school, and technical school are invited to apply for a Grace Church Scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year at this time.

Applicants must be members in good standing of Grace Church. The canonical understanding of this means having received communion at least three times in the past year and being known to the treasurer as having supported the mission and ministry of the Church.

BITTERSWEET BAZAAR

Mark your calendars now for the 32nd Annual Bittersweet Bazaar, November, 12, 2011. It's not too early to start gathering your treasures for Grandma's Attic, Silent Auction or Craft Table! Watch the September newsletter for more details.

Consider volunteering for this great event! We are in need of co-chairs and luncheon staff. If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

Nina Catelli Vincent, Chair
508-758-6353
ncvincent58@gmail.com

TOP OF THE HILL FELLOWSHIP SUMMER EVENTS

Summertime, summertime....just a reminder that the Top of the Hill Fellowship group does not meet in Rodman Hall during the summer (way too warm up there). Please check your email, church bulletin, or if you are on Facebook, join the Top of the Hill group, for more information regarding summer events. We are planning our annual Baysox night (always lots of fun sitting on the opposing side and cheering for the Baysox), but as of yet have not firmed up a date for June. July is a very hectic month for the usual Top of the Hill planning crew so we will not be meeting in July unless someone else would like to plan an event. At this time we also have no events planned for August, but anticipate gathering together for some kind of event. We will be back in September with plans for a Cookoff Challenge, so stay tuned for further information on that as well. We hope you have truly enjoyed the events we had this past year and look forward to continuing our monthly madness in the fall.

Prayers of the People

For the Grace of God's healing: Kirk Stevens (Friend of Jean Clarke), David Borges (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Deb Coutier (Friend of Christine Stewart), Margaret Gracia (Friend of Dottie Nelson), Eric Dale Kingsley (Cousin of Dottie Nelson), Robert Koohy (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Hilmar "Gundy" Gundersen (Member), Helen Lopes (Member), Gladys Lomas (Member), Collin Payant (Grandson of Betsy Fuller), Larry Moyer (Friend of Malia Crawford), Lisa Dunaway (Member), Brian Braley (Friend of Melinda Ventura), Rosalyn Alexander (Daughter of Priscilla Taylor), Julie DeTerra & Ted Conder (Friends of Jean Brown), Nick Seavey (Nephew of Diane Doe), Iris Begley (Daughter-in-law of Ed & Eleanor Begley), Claire Morel (Member), Angela Hackett (Friend of Terri Nowell), Maria dos Santos (Friend of Tom Davis), Brenda Swain (Sister-in-law of Joan Swain), Dick Bordas and Alzira (Friends of Gerry Lopes), Jack Beatty (Nephew of Paula Cabral), Richard Chase (Bill Bradbury's Father-in-law), Catherine Wilbur (Sister of Harriet Shaw), Paige Gauthier (Friend of Sondra Reid), Irene Tunstall (Member), Liz Kelley (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Joy Nichols (Member), Dolores Desroches (Friend of Paula Cabral), Yvette Gracie (Cousin of Terri Nowell), Marilyn Bradbury (Sister-in-law of Bill Bradbury), Michelle Lopes (Member), Scott Seavey (Brother of Diane Doe), Norman Lopes (Member), Kara Haney (daughter of Jack Haney).

Armed Forces: Michael Luongo (Grandson of John Howcroft), Steven Alves (Friend of Chuck Cotter), Robert and John Gardner (Sons of Robert and Marie Gardner), Charlie Mulcahy (Brother-in-law of Karen Maciulewicz), Alex (Friend of Gerry Lopes), Jared Chongarides (Member), Aaron Patnaude (Grandson of June St. Pierre), Thomas Clark (Friend of Richard Fabio), Shawn Souza (Member), David Monteiro (Member), Thomas Storer (Grandson of Ronald & Judy St. John), Craig McGregor (Grandson of Carl McGregor), Jorge Lee Vega, Dana Gilmour

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2011</h1>						
			1 10:00am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbell Choir	2 4:00pm Sunset Social 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL	3 9:30am Food Pantry	4 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
5 7 Easter: The Sunday after the Ascension 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour Using God's Gifts	6 9:30am Food Pantry 7:00pm Grace Justice Ministry	7 Episcopal City Mission Annual Mtg. 6:30pm ESOL 6:30pm Property Committee	8 10:00am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbell Choir	9 9:00am Calendar Planning 4:00pm Sunset Social 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL	10 9:30am Food Pantry	11 12-9pm Youth Leadership Academy Dinner 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
12 Day of Pentecost 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Pentecost Celebration 2:00pm Piano Party	13 9:30am Food Pantry	14 6:30pm ESOL	15 10:00am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbell Choir	16 4:00pm Sunset Social 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL	17 9:30am Food Pantry	18 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
19 Trinity Sunday Recognition Sunday 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Children's Liturgy 11:15am Church School, J2A & Confirmation Recognition and Sundae Party	20 9:30am Food Pantry 7:00pm UIA Action at Mt. Carmel Church	21 6:30pm ESOL	22 10:00am Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Eucharistic Visitors	23 4:00pm Sunset Social 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL	24 9:30am Food Pantry	25 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
26 2 Pentecost 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Holy Eucharist	27 9:30am Food Pantry	28 6:30pm ESOL	29 10:00am Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Vestry Mtg.	30 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL		

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