



GRACE NOTES

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

September 2011

FROM THE RECTOR.....

On August 4th Grace Church lost a great leader with the death of The Reverend Phil Douglas who served Grace as Rector from 1955 to 1988 (serving 29 years of that time with The Reverend Ken Garrett.)

What strikes me about Phil's life and ministry is that his commitment was to more than "running a church" as if it were a club in which his primary job was to please the dues paying members. With his decades long involvement with Market Ministries and his work as a Freedom Rider during the height of the Civil Rights Movement it is clear that Phil did not buy into the notion that it is the (paid) "minister's job to minister and the congregations' job to congregate". He modeled Christ's ministry that we all are called to share.

As we begin our church year let's keep in mind that each of us is an avatar of Christ, an instrument of the Spirit for the healing of the world. That is why weekly worship is so important: If we are to keep the circuit to Christ from closing on our end (it never closes on God's end) then we must spend time every week, indeed every day, renewing our trust and willingness to be Christ's man or woman for this day.

To help us open the heart circuit to God in our worship we are creating a parish songbook that contains songs from Wonder, Love, and Praise with a few from Lift Every Voice and Sing which is already in use at Grace. My hope is that as we learn to sing these songs week after week they will open us up to Christ's energy and direction. (Of course if you choose not to sing then the effect will be minimal.)

Another way to help us stay conscious of our connection to Christ is a new worship opportunity called "Gathered in Grace". We meet every Wednesday morning from 7:00am to 7:30am in the main church to read scripture, meditate, and pray for those in need. Those who are able stay for coffee and conversation in the library when worship is over. The front door to the church is opened around 6:45am so come start your Wednesdays with scripture, silence, and Spirit as we are "Gathered in Grace."

Blessings to you as we practice being Christ's people doing Christ's work--together.

Bill

P.S Stephanie and I invite you to join us for a **Rectory Open House on Sunday afternoon, September 4th from 4:00 to 6:00pm** so you can see the renovations that were done to the kitchen, floors, and bathroom this past year. Bill Reed and Zelinda Douhan who led the renovation project will also be on hand to talk about what has been done. The rectory is located at 26 Arnold Place, which connects Orchard and Arnold Streets in New Bedford.

FROM YOUR CURATE/CHILDREN'S MINISTER....

A group of fish is called a school. A group of dolphins is called a pod. A group of geese is called a flock. Did you know that a group of parrots is called a pandemonium? I don't know what a group of pandas is called, but it sure was PandaMania at Vacation Bible School this year!

If you were around Grace in early August for VBS, you saw pandas and other friendly animals all over the parish house. And if you were around Grace in the mornings the first week in August, you saw the fun our kids and leaders had. We had games, and Bible stories and crafts, and movie time. But one of the most important things we did was learn about god sightings.

All week long, we encouraged the kids to watch for the ways they see God acting in the world. We called these "God Sightings." Everyday, each child was asked how they had seen God in action. They wrote (or drew!) their answer on a sticker, and added it to a large poster. Here are some of their reflections on where they've seen God at work in their own lives:

"God gave us food, hope and love"

"God helped me not be scared"

"God brought me to Bible camp"

"I've seen God's love in my heart and my family"

"God listened to me when I prayed for my grandma"

What about you? What God Sightings have you seen lately?

In Christ,
Malia

P.S. I will need your continued help for the church school this year. We are still looking for volunteers to help or substitute in the classrooms, help in the nursery, and so forth. Please see me if you're interested in ministering with our youngest parishioners.

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN....

...Jesus said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. -Mark 6: 30-32

The Bible verse reminds us that we include our Lord in all that we do and everywhere we go and that we find a source of peace and quietness for our souls even in the midst of the 'busyness' of our lives—including that long anticipated vacation. Discovering that God is alive and working through and among other folks and other places brings me back to myself and allows me to get to know ME all over again. Life is tough, complicated, and frightening much of the time, but at the end of the day, all I simply want is to find something that I actually **like** about myself! I don't know about you, but I tend to be pretty critical of myself. There is always something I could have done better, someone I could have treated kinder, someplace I should have fitted into my schedule. Eleanor Roosevelt once said "Friendship with oneself is all important because without it one cannot be friends with anybody else in the world." And so, my summer vacation was both a respite and challenge for me; to find myself again, get to know myself again, and to like myself again!

went for a week of Civil War travels and adventures, and let me add: misadventures. We had so many laughs, ate lots of great food (I even tried Maryland crab cakes) shared many past memories and made many more new ones... it was as if a sitcom of our time together might have been as successful as an **I Love Lucy** series! (ok, I know I am dating myself—but you can Google). Then there was the "Cabral Curse" that seemed to follow us on a daily basis. Not possible, you say? Read on:

- Day #1 Clothes dryer machine breaks down - Electrician called
- Day #2 Sister's laptop get's a "worm" when I turned it on to check my email (ouch). Best-Buy called
- Day #3 AC breaks down...it's between 95 and 100 degrees everyday of this week! (record heat) Plumber called.
- Day #4 Car accident in Gettysburg -sister's car is hit from behind by a rogue Silverado truck: Insurance company called
- Day #5 Perhaps this should be day 7, it was a day of rest!

I love history, and since my sister, Donna lives in the Washington, DC suburb of Olney, Maryland, off Tom and I

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From the Senior Warden....(Continued)

Day #6 Car accident—brother-in-law's car hit from behind as Tom and brother-in-law (Ray) are on their way to the golf course. Police, 911, ambulance, families, and insurance companies are all called. Tom and Ray are both brought to the hospital for x-rays and MRI's, but both are released with no major injuries. The 22 year old that hit them was ok too, but his car was totalled, and he was cited for following too close and not wearing his corrective lenses. He and his mother, who rushed to the scene, were very distraught.

Day #7 Departure to Providence...afraid to fly at this point? Not on your life. There's no place like home!

But what an amazingly wonderful vacation this was, no kidding! Gettysburg National Military Park, Arlington National Cemetery, Old Town Alexandria, The Newseum in Washington DC, the monument boat cruise down the Potomac were all spectacular, emotional, inspiring, and gut-wrenching: it was **the great American vacation** for me. And God was there in all that I saw, in all that I felt, in every tear that was shed. In the end it's comforting to know that even though there is nothing we can control in this fragile world of ours: politics or wars, worms in our computers, car accidents, or the breakdowns in our lives that seem to cause us so much inconvenience and stress; that if we find some trace of good in ourselves when we lay our heads down at the end of a weary day-- there is always hope for a brighter day in the up-coming dawn. I am not certain where the next vacation is. I am thinking I don't have to go far away, physically...only as far as my heart and mind need to travel. But it's wonderful to know what God is doing in the rest of our world, so go and discover....that my friends is Good News!

Peace and Grace,
Paula

VESTRY HAPPENINGS

-Paula Cabral, Senior Warden

June Vestry Meeting

Voted to authorize expenditures of up to \$90,000 to cover Phase 1 of the tower repair project

Phase 1 Costs:

Report phrase -	\$ 6,395
Design phrase -	\$ 8,500
Architect fees -	\$ 1,350
Cost of Project -	\$50,700
Unexpected cost/fees/	\$21,000

Estimated costs of Phase 1 project = \$87,945.00

This includes inspections that have gone on and the construction work (bracing up of the walls in shaft area) to be done.

Voted to approve combining the Contingency Fund and the Auxiliary Fund under the proviso that the Treasurer provide a detail explanation of the Reserve Fund and all the restrictions that it has and how it operates at the next vestry meeting

Voted to authorize the transfer of the balance in the Bank of America managed Contingency Fund of approximately \$23,355.00 to the Church Money Market account in lieu of previous votes to combine the fund into the Reserve Account. The funds are to be used for anticipated capital projects.

The Reserve Fund has approximately \$70,000 combining these monies with the \$23,355.00 mentioned above will give funds of \$93,355.00 for the construction work in Phase 1.

Voted to hire Charlie Morse to work 10 hours a week in the position of youth Minister which amounts to 5 months in the 2011 budget--- one abstention.

Youth Minister: 10 hours wk/\$10,000

Charlie Morse was hired to be the Pastor at Allen's Necks Friends Meeting which is a half time position. Charlie is willing to stay on at Grace as Youth Minister for 10 hours a week instead of the 19 hours a week. Charlie would meet with the youth twice a month and be in the office through the week. In his absence Jean Pitcairn will be the presence for the youth.

Voted that whereas, The Reverend Malia Crawford is compensated by Grace Episcopal Church exclusively for the services as a minister of the gospel; and whereas, Grace Church does not provide The Rev. Malia Crawford with a rectory, therefore, it is hereby resolved, that the total compensation paid to The Rev. Malia Crawford for the period from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 shall be \$31,809 of which \$7,860 is hereby designated to be a housing allowance.

IN MEMORIAM
THE REVEREND PHILIP CARLTON DOUGLAS

October 11, 1923~August 4, 2011

Jerré Croteau, Verger, Parish Historiographer

Almost every Wednesday morning, you will find me at church getting things ready for future services; I attend the ten-o'clock Holy Eucharist and Healing service. Either I am serving or worshiping in the congregation. Again almost every Wednesday I would see The Rev. Mr. Douglas in the very back pew, kneeling in prayer in the light of the stained glass windows, dedicated to his daughter, Deborah Louise, who died around the time he came to Grace Church. In the four lozenges of the windows dedicated to his daughter, you will find the only female saint depicted in All Saints' Chapel. It is St. Agnes. In the archives I found an interesting file of heated correspondence between The Rev. Mr. Douglas and the stained glass artist. (The Saints Windows were put in between 1947 and 1957.) The last lozenge was to have been St. Anthony of the Desert, Phil Douglas wanted St. Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc). But the artist would not budge, it did not fit in with the artist's scheme, so mysteriously we got St. Pacomius instead. I always wanted to ask him about it, but feared it would bring back unpleasant memories; now I shall never know the answer to the mystery.

I was not here during his tenure as rector, but have heard many stories about him and read wonderful accounts of his achievements in newspaper articles preserved in the archives. He was our longest serving rector; by some accounts, the longest serving rector in the history of the Diocese of Massachusetts; thirty-three years at the helm, during which time many changes in Grace Church and in the world at large took place. For me personally he was a kind, friendly and distinguished gentleman who always greeted me warmly, often with words of encouragement and appreciation for my ministry.

He came originally from Gloucester, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Tufts and the Episcopal Theological School and ordained a deacon in 1945, and subsequently priest in 1948. He, his wife Marie and his three other daughters came to New Bedford when he became curate and subsequently Associate Rector during the the rectorship of Fr. Howard Lowell (Seventeenth Rector 1941-1954). In 1952 he was called to be Rector at Our Savior in Middleboro, but returned to us as Rector in 1955.

Grace Church was a very busy place when Philip Douglas came to us. He felt strongly that the parish could actually use three priests. He and his assistant worked long hours, every day and often five evenings a week., trying to keep up with their overwhelming pastoral, liturgical and community responsibilities. The parish was so large at this point that there were funerals once or twice a week. The statistics show huge numbers of marriages, baptisms and confirmations each year. The Rev. Mr. Douglas inherited some of the previous rector's struggles as the multitudinous rival parish organizations, clubs and guilds began to merge, sometimes causing internal political conflicts which took much of a rector's time and patience. By the 1960s the

heavy use of the church and Grace House was beginning to take its toll on the physical structure further adding to a rector's burdens.

The Rev. Mr. Douglas oversaw many changes over the course of the '60s and '70s. He met the resistance to the new liturgy and prayer book and overcame it. He established the first Worship Committee for the purpose of incorporating more young people in the service and encouraging the use of the new prayer book. He spoke out in support of the ordination of woman. In one annual report he responded to parish debate on the subject by stating: "I know of no biblical or theological reason why women should not be ordained." (The Rev. Mildred Solomon was ordained in Grace Church and the next assistant to be hired was Judy Toffey.) He championed civil rights, marching along side The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1964 he espoused ecumenism in a big way by giving temporary shelter at Grace to Temple Sinai and getting His Eminence Cardinal Cushing to preach in Grace's pulpit! In 1968 he received the Norman B. Nash Fellowship for travel and study for his research into the life of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, executed by the Nazis in 1945.

In the 1970s he met a new challenge in the form of secularization and the general disenchantment with formal religion among the flower generation. Attendance began to diminish. He was greatly disturbed by the trend in the churches of all denominations as more and more people seemed to be leaving Christ's Body. On the other hand, Mr. Douglas described himself as financially naïve; but fortunately there was more than adequate financial expertise in the Treasurer and Vestry.

In 1980, the 100th anniversary of the erection of our current house of worship, the tower was struck by lightning necessitating a structural and historically sensitive restoration of that portion of the building. He oversaw many more improvements to the physical structure. As the 1980s unfolded The Rev. Mr. Douglas sensed a new vitality. The church was prospering and the physical plant in excellent shape for the 150th anniversary of parish's founding in 1983. He was looking forward to his retirement.

Then a horrific tragedy struck on the night of November 29, 1987: The Great Fire. Because of the fire, The Rev. Mr. Douglas postponed his retirement to the following spring. His retirement Eucharist took place at St. Lawrence Martyr Roman Catholic Church. The fact that this was allowed to take place in a Roman Catholic Church, is a testimony to the respect with which he was held by the clergy of all denominations within the city. On December 7, 2008 The Rev. Mr. Douglas' Sixtieth Anniversary of Ordination was held in Grace Church during Grace's 175th Anniversary Year.

On August 7th, his Memorial Service was held in his beloved Grace Church. His mortal remains were returned to Gloucester, and his spirit to the arms of Our Lord.

LITURGY & LITURGICAL MINISTRY

-Jerré Croteau, Verger

SEPTEMBER 2011

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. Labor day weekend is the last Sunday at the Cary Altar in the crossing. Sunday, September 11 is what we have come to call **Homecoming Weekend**. It is the weekend that we return to the High Altar for the 10 o'clock service, when the choir returns, and there is registration for Church School and the Journey to Adulthood classes. There will be a cookout after the 10 o'clock service.

The following Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18, the **Fourteenth after Pentecost**, there will be **Children's Liturgy** at the 10 o'clock service. There will be an Acolyte Class at 9am on Sunday morning, and church school classes will begin. Next is the **Fifteenth after Pentecost**, September 24-25. There will also be an Acolyte Class at 9am on that Sunday.

As a preview to October, the first weekend is when we celebrate St. Francis with the Blessing of the Animals; more about this in the October Grace Notes.

On Wednesdays something new is taking place. The church is open at 7am for what is being called "**Gathered in Prayer.**" You are invited to start your day by coming in to pray with a group gathered in the church. The regular Holy Eucharist and Healing Service will take place in All Saints' Chapel every Wednesday at 10am as usual. In September we will be celebrating **Constance and her Companions** on September 7th; **Holy Cross Day** on the 14th; **St. Matthew** the Evangelist on the 21st; and **St. Michael and all Angels** on the 28th.

NEW ACOLYTES

One Sunday this summer I sat at my place behind the Cary Altar and contemplated the young people who were serving at the altar that morning. Both the lector and the Eucharistic Minister were young men in their late teens with many years of continuous service at the altar between them. They towered over the two young acolytes who were just completing their first year of service. It made me feel very old, but happy at the same time, to muse on the fact that, when I had trained them all those years ago, those two strapping young men had been the same size as the little acolytes serving that day. Not everyone stays with it, but a significant number of acolytes seem to like their service at the altar. The fact that even those who go away to college still want to serve when they are at home seems to prove this.

Over the Summer several young people have signed up to become acolytes. We will be having **classes at 9am on September 18th and 25th, and October 9th**. New acolytes are then commissioned at the ten o'clock service on Acolyte/Lay Minister Sunday on October 30th.

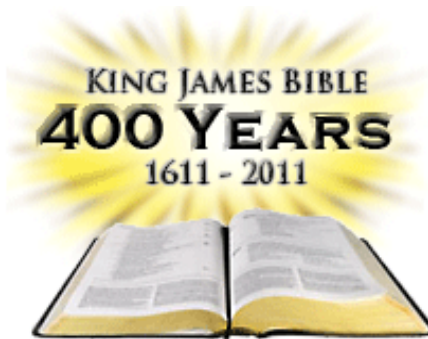
We are delighted to see so many girls interested this year, but could use a few more boys to even out the numbers. Anyone who will be nine during the next year or older is welcome. If you or your child have been thinking about joining the guild, please see Jerré Croteau or the Rev. Malia Crawford, or just come to the first class to check it out. In addition by early Autumn, we will have trained several new youth and adult Eucharistic Ministers for this coming year.

Serving God and the congregation at the altar is a great way for young people to volunteer their time and talent. This summer when scholarships were awarded, I was very proud of the fact that every single recipient was a lay minister with years of service at the altar.

A GREENER GRACE.....



Thanks to the many of you who continue to assist us and Grace in the quest for a more "green" environment. As we begin our fall season together, we pray that **all** of us will do our share 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, thus radically reducing the need to copy 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!



"For 400 years, the King James Bible has impacted millions of people, influenced culture, and transcended numerous generations."

The dates have been set for Grace's read-through celebration of the 400th anniversary of the printing of the King James Version of the Bible as follows:

Thursday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to invited guests, all parishioners, Deanery Church members and area community folks will be invited to "sign-up" for a 15 minute time scheduled reading from the KJV Bible. It will take approximately 20 hours to complete the read-through of the New Testament portion and involve 80 readers. The read-through will commence with selected readings from the Old Testament by our friends in the Jewish community. (It would take 365 readers 5 days non-stop to read the complete bible.) The celebration will end on Sunday October 23rd with scripture readings from the King James Bible, a special sermon by the Rector, and appropriate organ/choir music from the 1600 period as selected by the Director of Music. Following the 10 a.m. service a celebration will be held in the Parish House with the traditional birthday cake. For further information please contact Paula Cabral or Fred Smialek, Committee Co-Chairs.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

-Richard Greenhalgh, Chairperson

The summer is sadly coming to a close and now it's time to address the future well-being of our beloved parish. It would be nice if this wasn't a concern, but unfortunately it faces us head-on each and every year. We have no tooth fairy!

We are no different than your local government, corner business, or your own household. We must plan for the coming year and the future, and what we can afford and cannot afford. Maintaining our beautiful edifice, having enough personnel, doing community outreach, and having a meaningful liturgy are very costly. It is the parishioners that make all these things happen and possible, by what you pledge and the time and talent you donate. The vibrancy of our parish rests in your hands!

In the coming months, the Stewardship Committee will be formulating a program to explain how we intend to keep Grace Church as a pillar of the community as it has been for years - a church where you are proud to be a part of and a house of worship that serves your needs.

The Committee looks forward to your help in achieving our goal.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHURCH SCHOOL

-Malia Crawford, Curate and Children's Minister

Vacation Bible School was great! (Thank you God!) - Grace's 2011 PandaMania Vacation Bible School was a great success. With the help of a forest full of pandas and other friendly animals, we learned about God's wild love for us. Each day, the children learned about an important theme from the Bible: God made you, God listens to you, God watches over you, God loves you no matter what, and God gives good gifts. Every time someone said one of these phrases, all the children shouted "Thank you, God!"

We are grateful to everyone who lent or donated supplies, food, decorations or monetary gifts. A special thanks goes out to all our leaders. Station leaders included **Caroline Blais, Paula Cabral, Caroline Carlson, Alice Lester, Charlene Ryder, Laura Velazquez, Mel Ventura, and Ian Vincent.** Crew Leaders and other leaders included **Alyssa Audette, Olivia Barnaby, Melissa Botelho, Len Boyce, Billy Boyce, Seaver Boyce, Bill Bradbury, Mikayla Cardoso, Jerré Croteau, Diane Doe, Kim Doe, Michael Doe, Jared Gammel, Marc Gammel, Dan Jaikes, Cat Lannan, Cynthia Shea, Kaitlyn Vieira, and Rachel Vincent.** Thanks also to our friends at **Evangelical Covenant Church** in Riverside, RI for lending us so many supplies and set pieces.

Homecoming Sunday and Beginning of Classes-Homecoming Sunday is Sunday, September 11. Following the 10am service, we will have a cookout where you can register your children for church school. We will have food and fellowship in the North Yard parking lot and Library. Church School parents should have received a registration packet in the mail in early August. Please see Malia if you didn't get one yet. Please bring registration forms with you to church on September 11 and drop them off in the box in the back of the church.

Blessing of the Backpacks - On Sunday September 18, we will bless the backpacks of anyone starting a new year at school—students or teachers! Bring your backpack to the 10am service, as we bless all who teach and all who learn.

First Day of Classes - Church School classes begin Sunday September 18. Parents are asked to accompany their kids to the church school. Parents, teachers and children will have a chance to meet and greet one another.

Nursery Volunteers - During the 10am service, Grace offers childcare in the nursery for children younger than kindergarten age. We are looking for some additional caregivers for the nursery. Please see Malia Crawford or Jean Brown if you are interested in offering hospitality and love to the youngest members of Grace.



NOTES

-Charles Morse, Youth Minister

Welcome Back Everybody Lots happening in September

September 10th, 10am

The Second Annual Grace Church Paddle and Picnic

We will leave from the foot of Shipyard Lane in Padanaram and will take a leisurely paddle across the north section of the harbor to the Town Beach for a picnic and swimming. We will paddle back around 3:00. It's all calm and shallow water. If you have a boat, kayak, canoe, row boat, or anything else that floats bring it, if you do not have a boat, we will have double kayaks available. It would be really helpful to know how many to expect so that we will have enough boats, paddles and food. Please contact me at 774-365-9700 or charlesmorse08@gmail.com.

Important note: if you don't want to paddle you can and should come to the picnic

September 11, 10am

Homecoming Sunday and Cookout and J2A registration

September 18

First day of Church School

September 25, 11:15am

YAC Presentation, Mission Trip to Costa Rica

GRACE AFTER SCHOOL and SUMMER PROGRAM

We have had yet another wonderful summer, providing services to 36 children! We are now running the After School Program which has openings available. Homework is always first priority at the After School Program. We are proud to announce that the program will also be providing activities that will support the MCAS Curriculum requirements.

Anyone interested in enrolling their child(ren) should contact Donna Pires, Program Director at 508-961-1622.

A special thanks to St. Martin's Episcopal Church for their donation to support the Summer Program's transportation (purchase of bus tickets).

GRACE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Grace Church is blessed to have benefactors who knew the importance of education for our parish members. Grace Church is grateful to the following who, along with their families, left legacies restricted to scholarship use: Janice McKeachern, Joseph, Irva and Doris Eccleston, Elmer F. Holmes, Charlotte M. Menzer, Alice and Bill Rapp, Irene and Alfred Teves, Amadee and Mary Moreau, Mazille C. Tilton, Louise C. Tripp and Freda Heptonstall.

These generous gifts and their prudent investment have enabled Grace Church to offer scholarships every year. This year the Scholarship Committee has awarded a total of \$28,400 to fourteen recipients to help further their education. Scholarships have been awarded to:

Doug Bedard, the son of **Gerald Bedard** and **Darci Moran**, will be entering his fourth year at Bridgewater State College where he is majoring in History with a minor in Secondary Education. Doug hopes to be a high school or middle school teacher.

Courtney Botelho, a 2011 graduate of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School will be attending the Dental Assisting Program at Mt. Ida College where she will study Dental Hygiene. Courtney is the daughter of **Deborah Carreiro**.

Melissa Botelho, daughter of **Thomas** and **Kimberly Botelho**, graduated from Fairfield University in 2003 with a BS in Nursing. She will be attending Boston College where she will work on a dual degree, a Masters in both Pastoral Counseling and Nursing. Melissa's goal is to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Maggie Boyce, daughter of **Len Boyce** and **Jean Pitcairn** will be entering her sophomore year at Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania. Maggie continues to work towards a double major in Business and Psychology.

John Collins, at 2011 graduate of New Bedford High School, will be attending U-Mass Dartmouth where he plans to pursue his love of music and explore philosophy. Someday, John would like to be a college professor and teach music and philosophy. John is the son of **Jim** and **Emily Collins** and the grandson of **Ken** and **Mary Lou Garrett**.

Peter Collins, the son of **Jim** and **Emily Collins** and grandson of **Ken** and **Mary Lou Garrett**, will be returning to Hampshire College where he will continue to explore his interest in anthropology, jurisprudence, and language. He plans to study Russian this semester.

Kevin Custodio, son of **Jack** and **Simone Custodio**, will be entering his second year at Mount Ida College where he is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Sarah Eaton, a 2011 graduate of Dartmouth High School, will be attending the University of Tampa's Pre-medicine/Biology program. Sarah is the daughter of **Steve** and **Patti Eaton**.

Timothy Haggerty, son of **Thaddeus** and **Heather Haggerty** will be entering his junior year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he continues to study Neuroscience and Biochemistry. His lifelong goal is to help people through research.

Daniel Jaikes will be entering his sophomore year at Savannah College of Art and Design where he will continue his education in the field of animation and expand his course of study to include liberal arts courses and basic fine arts. Danny is the son of **Eric** and **Sandi Jaikes**.

Leslie Medeiros, daughter of **Peter** and **Sandra Medeiros** and granddaughter of **Roland** and **Harriet Shaw**, is a 2011 graduate of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. She will be attending Rhode Island College in September where she plans to study Theater with a concentration in technical design and production.

Cameron Sweet, the son of **Donald** and **Mary Sweet**, plans to continue his education at Bridgewater State College.

Ian Vincent will be entering his sophomore year at Fitchburg State College as a student of the Film Production Program. Ian is to son of **James Vincent** and **Nina Catelli Vincent**.

James Vincent, a lifetime member of Grace Church, is attending Bristol Community College and expects to earn a degree in Accounting next spring. Jim hopes to someday work in the administrative end of Alcohol/Drug Addiction Recovery.

The Grace Church Scholarship Committee, Maureen Decker, Chair, David Spoor and Kristen Morgan wish all of our scholarship recipients every success in their new or continuing endeavors.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF GRACE CHURCH

GRACE CHURCH CHOIRS



Grace Church Choir invites adult singers and older youth. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8:30am in Rodman Hall. The choir provides leadership at the 10am service each Sunday from September through early June. No audition is necessary. Our first rehearsal and service will be on Sunday, September 11th.

Youth Choir is for all children and youth in grades 2 and above. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm in Rodman Hall. The Youth Choir sings on the third Sunday of each month at the 10am Children's Liturgy. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 14th.

Handbell Choir - Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15pm. There are openings for interested ringers. Previous experience is not necessary, some music reading ability is required.

WHO am I looking for:

- ▶ Persons who have the dedication and commitment to do a job well.

What do YOU get out of it?

- ▶ Being part of a new family of friends.
- ▶ Develop relationships with others as you prepare for performances.
- ▶ Pride in doing a job very, very well.

Handbell Choirs aren't just for anybody.

- ▶ You have to be committed.
- ▶ You have to be willing to learn.
- ▶ You have to develop excellent coordination.

How do you join these special groups?

- ▶ Call or speak to Brian Roderick. Don't wait. Don't be afraid. Call now. A new adventure is about to begin. 508-993-0547.

FOOD PANTRY

-Martha Reed, Coordinator

We can't thank Friends Academy enough for all the produce they have given us over the past several years. We are so grateful for the abundance of fresh vegetables, including kale, spinach, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, yellow squash, various types of lettuce, leeks, potatoes, cabbage, eggplant, onions, garlic, peas, green beans, swiss chard, broccoli and many more. These vegetables are delivered to Grace every Friday from April until December. Steve Walach, along with his students, start the vegetables and care for them in the classroom each spring until they are ready to be planted outdoors. The students take turns tending the outdoor garden during the school year and throughout the summer. To date, we have received 1,290 pounds of fresh produce from Friends Academy. Our recipients are thrilled!

The summer months have seen more people coming, with many new clients. Food supplies have been flying off the shelves as well as toiletries and diapers. We were able to serve 3 meals a day for each family member. With so many in need, we were out purchasing food frequently.

During June, we spent \$3,068, while our donations totaled \$366. In July, we spent \$3,587 and our income was \$100. During the first 10 days of August, we spend \$2,220 and received donations in the amount of \$510.

We are happy to have a new volunteer, Marjorie Waite. We are also pleased that Billy Boyce joined us again this summer, coming twice a week.

Our thanks for donations we have received from:

Irene Tunstall's Bingo Group (Garment Workers) who gave several bags of non-perishable items;

PandaMania (Grace's Vacation Bible School), for the big baskets of food which will provide for many people, and to those who donated the crafts they made to the Food Pantry;

Elaine Santos of the Gomes School for four big cases of food; and

All who put food in the baskets in the Church and Chapel each week.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) seeks volunteer teachers. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at the Charter School on Nye Street and on Thursday evenings at Grace from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Teach one or two nights per week. Classes start August 2. No prior teaching experience is necessary. Please consider joining this fun and rewarding outreach program. For more information please contact Sandra Medeiros at 508-997-4045.



Dear Rev. Bradbury and Grace Church,

On behalf of the deCycles, I wish to say a great big "THANK YOU" for not only opening up your church to our large group, but also your hearts.

You guys are terrific! deCycles could not operate year after year without churches like yours, so we deeply appreciate your kindness.

We pray God's richest blessings on you all, and may this beautiful church continue to be a light in New Bedford. May all who enter your doors feel the love of Jesus.

Many blessings,
Nancy Sirling
deCycles 2011

p.s. Thanks for the delicious fish (from Gene's Seafood in Fairhaven)

BITTERSWEET BAZAAR

-Nina Catelli-Vincent, Chairperson

The 32nd Annual Bittersweet Bazaar will take place November 12, 2011. It's not too early to start gathering your treasures for Grandma's Attic, Silent Auction, or Craft Table! We are also looking for new items or gift certificates for the Chinese Auction. You can bring your items to Church during regular business hours or on Sundays. We are still looking for a few people to run the luncheon. If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer, please contact Nina Catelli Vincent, Chair, 508-758-6353 or ncvincent58@gmail.com.

TOP OF THE HILL FELLOWSHIP COOK'S CHALLENGE



Please join the Top of The Hill Fellowship on Saturday, September 17th at 6pm for a Cook-off Challenge. The categories are:

- ☆Apple Pie
- ☆Chowder
- ☆Chili
- ☆Chicken Wings (*any style*)
- ☆BBQ (*Pulled Pork, Chicken or Brisket...your choice*)
- ☆Pasta Salad (*any style*)

We are asking our fellow chefs to compete for prizes and boasting rights in the above categories. There is a limit of 3 competitors per category. Sign up to compete in the category of your choice as soon as possible. Once a category is filled, (first 3 to sign up) no additional competitors will be added to that category. Sign-up sheets and information for each challenge are available in the Narthex.

Sign-up attendance sheets for non-competitors will be available in both the Narthex and outside the library beginning Sunday, August 21, 2011. For any additional details call Sandi Jaikes @ (508) 991-4657.

The cost of the event is \$7 per non-competing guests. Competitors' entry to the Challenge is free. In addition to the competitive dishes, there will be an hors d'oeuvres table, additional desserts, beverages and salad. Come enjoy the evening; revisit with your Top of The Hill friends after a long summer; vote for your favorites, and eat your way around Rodman Hall.

thank
you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to all the wonderful "Treetop Treats" at VBS this year! Special thanks go out to **Cindy Shea, Marcia Anselmo, Ruth Cosgrove, Margo Baptista & Robbie Watkins** for adopting a day and providing us with special treats needed to represent the corresponding Bible story. The kids loved making and eating everything! We are truly blessed to have such a giving and generous parish family. On behalf of all the "Panda-maniacs" THANK YOU!!!

Paula Cabral and Caroline Carlson

AEROBICS AND MUSCLE CONDITIONING CLASSES

Get ready to exercise!!! Our classes are beginning - all classes include a blend of aerobics and weights. Our first class will be held on Thursday, September 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Rodman Hall. Please note the change in time. All classes are held on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Classes are \$5.00 each payable at the beginning of the month - minimum 4 classes must be paid in advance. Classes are led by Donna Bosworth who is a certified aerobics instructor. Items to bring to the classes: bottle of water, mat or towel, and weights. For more information or to sign-up for the class - please contact: Charlene Ryder email: cryder@umassd.edu or Mel Ventura email: mventura6089@comcast.net A sign-up sheet will also be available on the bulletin board outside the Library.

My membership at Grace Church goes back to The Rev. John M. Groton. A mere child of 5 years, and now at the age of 83, I must say the ministry of The Rev. Philip Carlton Douglas was the most rewarding and meaningful to me. It broke my heart not to be able to attend his memorial service, but my transportation is my power chair which does not protect you from the rain. My challenge to the Rev. was if I should pass away before him he would do my funeral. A great man of God, brilliant, and compassionate, he supported all my outside ministries at Grace. To God be the glory of our servant. Rev. has finished his work on earth. Alleluia! Praise God. He has left a great legacy at Grace.

-Eloise V. Pina

SECOND ANNUAL PADDLE AND PICNIC



September 10th, 10am

We will leave from the foot of Shipyard Lane in Padanaram at 10am, and will leisurely paddle across the north section of the harbor to the Town Beach for a picnic and swimming. We will paddle back around 3pm. It's all calm and shallow water. If you have a boat, kayak, canoe, row boat, or anything else that floats great, bring it. If you do not have a boat, we will have double kayaks available. It would be really helpful to know how many to expect so that we will have enough boats, paddles and food. Please contact me at 774-365-9700 or charlesmorse08@gmail.com.

SOUTH ROOM GREENERY



Do you have a plant that you would like to donate for the beautification of our South Room in the parish house? It's a bit early to be thinking about the winter months ahead but please consider bringing in a small table or floor plant to brighten up this area after the leaves have all fallen and the only color outside is white! Many of our green plants are extremely environmentally healthy for us to have around, plus they add a sense of well being and calmness to our lives. Some of the more popular examples include: Areca Palm, Arrowhead Vine, Bamboo Palm, Dwarf Date Palm, English Ivy, Lady Palm, Golden Pothos, Peace Lily, and Rubber Plant. Please speak to Paula Cabral, Senior Warden with any questions or suggestions.

Episcopal Church Women *Who? What? When?*

If you haven't heard of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), here's the scoop in a nutshell!

The history of the Episcopal Church Women, written in 1872, modestly states a desire to gather the various "parochial Missionary Societies already existing, to organize new ones," to "awaken deeper and more permanent interest to each one in the Missionary work among the women of the Church."

Since 1858, here at Grace, the ECW has quietly fulfilled the *Five Fields of Service* with their involvement in and contributions to Parish, Community, Diocese, Nation and the World.

The records indicate that, through the years, ECW members have joined together for Prayer Circles, Lenten programs, suppers for Church School teachers, making surgical dressings, May Festivals, choir suppers, Altar Guild, and the list goes on and on. This is not "Rocket Science," just women humbly impacting the lives of those in need.

A few years ago, the National Episcopal Church Women Board developed this mission statement...

"Our vision for all women of the Episcopal Church is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the Church. We aspire to be a God spark – shining and sharing the Love of Christ."

Through the years, the passing of generations has taken a toll on ECW membership. The group has been around so long they are taken for granted, they have become a force behind the scenes.

What's Happening to ECW?

The National ECW information packet states "the nature of organized women's ministries has changed, but the need for Christian women to be together in community will never go away."

The ECW at Grace has great potential. We are stewards of an endowment, we participate in other organizations, and we contribute to the betterment of our Parish, Community, Diocese, Nation and the World. However, like other similar groups, we are struggling to maintain membership to carry on the wonderful work of Christian women. We need the current generation of women to step up to the plate.

We ask that you consider joining ECW for one year. Join with other Christian women aspiring to be a God spark! We have things to do ... Money to donate ... People to help!

We need you to humbly accept the challenge of ECW membership.

**For more information regarding ECW speak with Betsy Pye, call the Church Office at
508.993.0547
or email Joan Ann Niles at janiles@briscoblue.com.**

**Stop by the "Who are we?" table
after the 10 a.m. Sunday service during the month of September.**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Community Breakfast: *In thanksgiving by* James Bisagni and Norma Bossé.

Discretionary Fund: *In thanksgiving by* M/M Benjamin Baker, Rosemary O'Neal, Hazel Poole, and Paul Sylvia.

Flower Fund: *In memory of* Gus LaStaiti, Madeline Cory Berry, and Erica Gundersen.

Food Pantry: *In memory of* The Rev. Philip C. Douglas, Alan Greaves, and Robert Corbett. ***In honor of*** Anne Cormier. ***In thanksgiving by*** Edith R. Lauderdale, M/M Robert Huckabee, Grace Thrift Shop, Feinstein Foundation, Macy's Foundation, M/M Donald Driesen, W.E. Walsh, and Alden Taylor.

Journey to Adulthood: *In thanksgiving by* Roberta Berry and The Rev. & Mrs. John Douhan.

Memorial Fund: *In memory of* The Rev. Philip C. Douglas and Gladys Lomas.

Scholarship Fund: *In memory of* Gladys Lomas.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may have courage and hope in their troubles: Peter Dunn & Alan Cournoyer (Friends of Jeremy Giroux), Mildred Solomon (Member), Paige Gauthier (Friend of Sondra Reid), John Moore (Friend of Tom Davis), Aza Johnson (Niece of Carol Johnson), Irma Rosenfeld (Friend of Anne Gundersen), Hilmar "Gundy" Gundersen (Member), Heather VanDyke (Niece of Jean Clarke), Irene Brayton (Member), Margaret Haswell (Member), Robert Oliveira (Friend of Terri Nowell), Swede Chaves (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Mary Watts (Aunt of Malia Crawford), Arthur Moller (Father of Karen Maciulewicz), Larry Moyer (Friend of Malia Crawford), Lisa Dunaway (Member), Rosalyn Alexander (Daughter of Priscilla Taylor), Julie DeTerra & Ted Conder (Friends of Jean Brown), Nick and Scott Seavey (Nephew and brother of Diane Doe), Iris Begley (Daughter-in-law of Ed & Eleanor Begley), 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), Richard Chase (Father-in-law of Bill Bradbury), Catherine Wilbur (Sister of Harriet Shaw), 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), Norman Lopes (Member), Kara Haney (daughter of Jack Haney).

Pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in God's eternal Kingdom: Ron Guillemette (Member), Justin Routolo (Friend of Jeremy Giroux), The Rev. Philip C. Douglas (Member), Barry Wilcox (Cousin of Bill Reed), Helen Lopes (Member), Peter Taylor Barnum (Brother of David Barnum), Darek Dram (Nephew of Harriet Shaw), Mildred St.Onge (Member), Norman Gautesen (Relative of Irene Brayton), Kenneth Ross (Cousin of Rosemary Morgan), Colleen Nadeau (Former member).

Pray for our servicemen and women...those who may be mobilized to the region around Iraq as well as those who are standing in at other international or domestic military installations: Ted Steliga (Nephew of Barbara Bachand), Joshua Read (Grandson of Ellie Read), Kenneth Monteiro (Member), 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 Chongarlides (Member), Aaron Patnaude (Grandson of June St. Pierre), 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 (Grandson of Peggy Fellouris), Sasha Knezevic (Nephew of Diana Ukleja).

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