

# Grace Notes

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The mission of Grace Episcopal Church  
Is to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world  
Through prayer, education, and action.  
All God's children are welcome here!

## Grace Episcopal Church

### 2007 Vestry

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Betsy Meredith  
Worship: Doug Pryor  
Outreach Ministry: Sue Natale  
Special Events: Sue Natale & Linda Armstrong

In November we completed the major projects scheduled to enhance the building. Included were the new concrete walkway, front doors, awning, and installation of windows, except in the sanctuary. A number of projects were presented to the vestry for consideration and formulation of plans for the future. These are items that out of code, inefficient, esthetic, or just plain overdue. They are as follows in no particular order:

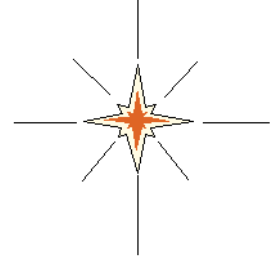
- Kitchen Remodeling
- Memorial Garden Remodeling
- Parking Lot Reseal and Stripe
- Repair Men's Bathroom Fan
- Repair Women's Bathroom Door
- Exit signs rewiring
- Additional AC in offices
- Sanctuary window replacement
- Sacristy painting and lighting
- Replacement of floor tile throughout
- P Gravel around AC units
- Paint entranceway
- Social Hall dividers steam clean
- New chairs in social hall
- Panic bars on back doors & locks
- Purchase of a new Copy Machine

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from recent past practice. The meeting will begin with a potluck at 11:15, business at 11:45, and conclude at 1:00 pm sharp. Details will be forthcoming as to the potluck.

At the Annual Meeting we will be voting on members to serve on the Vestry at Grace. If this committee is of interest to you please speak to a current member of Vestry or Fr. Davinich. The time commitment is attend meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month following the 10 am service. The Vestry handles the business of Grace Church and as such oversees many aspects of parish life.

The Holiday schedule is as follows:

- 12/24 Sunday Morning Service - 9:00 am
- Christmas Eve 5:00 pm – Paper Bag Pageant and Family Eucharist
- Christmas Eve 10:30 pm – Christmas Music
- Christmas Eve 11:00 pm – Christmas Celebration / Eucharist
- Christmas Day – Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>, no services



#### New Year's Schedule

- 12/31 Sunday Morning Service – 9:00 am
- New Year's Eve – 6:00 pm Eucharist followed by meal and games for family members of all ages – ends by 10 pm.

New Year's Day – No services



A note about hospitalizations; if you are hospitalized or know of someone in the parish that is – you need to let the parish office know- hospitals do not make notifications to clergy.



For our Food pantry

## SUGGESTIONS FOR FOOD DONATIONS

Complete Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Cereal  
Sugar 2#  
Fruit Juice  
Coffee 1#  
Muffin Mix  
Cocoa Mix  
Soup  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Tuna  
Salmon



Canned Fruit  
Canned Luncheon  
meat  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Salad Dressing  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti  
Parmesan Cheese  
Hash  
Stew  
Canned Ham –  
Non- Refrigerated  
Scalloped Potatoes



Complete Pizza Mix  
Complete Oriental Dinners  
Canned Vegetables  
Rice  
Noodle Mix  
Crackers  
Snacks  
Cookies  
Jell-O  
Cake Mix  
Frosting Mix  
Puddings

Thank You  
from Community Service Committee

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your door forever.  
People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.  
When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

**Order Scrip Pick Up**  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

For more information about  
the Scrip program see  
Vickie Gunnell

*From the computer of Caroline Grant*

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

**"People need love the most when they deserve it the least"**

*from the computer of Caroline Leonardi*

Several centuries ago, the Pope decreed that all the Jews had to convert or leave Italy. There was a huge outcry from the Jewish community, so the Pope offered a deal. He would have a religious debate with the leader of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay in Italy, if the Pope won, they would have to leave.

The Jewish people met and picked the aged but wise Rabbi Moishe to represent them in the debate. However, as Moishe spoke no Italian, and the Pope spoke no Yiddish, they all agreed that it would be a "silent" debate.

On the chosen day, the Pope and Rabbi Moishe sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers.

Rabbi Moishe looked back and raised one finger.

Next, the Pope waved his finger around his head.

Rabbi Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat.

The Pope then brought out a communion wafer and a chalice of wine.

Rabbi Moishe pulled out an apple.

With that, the Pope stood up and declared that he was beaten, that Rabbi Moishe was too clever, and that the Jews could stay. Later, the Cardinals met with the Pope, asking what had happened.

The Pope said, "First, I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there is still only one God common to both our beliefs. "Then, I waved my finger to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground to show that God was also right here with us." "Finally, I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us of all our sins. He pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin." "He had me beaten and I could not continue."

Meanwhile the Jewish community was gathered around Rabbi Moishe. "How did you win the debate?" they asked. "I haven't a clue," said Rabbi Moishe. "First the Pope said to me that we had three days to get out of Italy, so I gave him the finger." "Then he tells me that the whole country would be cleared of Jews, and I said to him, we're staying right here." "And then what?" asked a woman. "Who knows?" said Rabbi Moishe, "He took out his lunch, so I took out mine."

*From the computer of Caroline Grant*

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot."

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"

"No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook."

***from the computer of Lee Sova If God Had Voice Mail***

Thank you for calling heaven. I am sorry; all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line. If you would like to speak to: God, press 1. Jesus, press 2. The Holy Spirit, press 3. If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4. To find a loved one who has been assigned to Heaven, press 5, then enter his or her social security number followed by the pound sign. (If you get a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666.) For reservations in heaven, please enter J-O-H-N 3:16

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.



Art Jones is planning another trip. He's given us suggestions on going to Ireland, Disneyland or Eastern Europe. Stay tuned in the upcoming editions of Grace Notes for the when, where, how and cost of the final destination.



*Call and talk to Art, let him know where you would like to visit.*

### Words of our Worship

**Advent.** The first Season of the Church Year, a period of four weeks before Christmas. The season begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve. The name comes from a Latin word meaning "coming," the reference being both to the birth of Jesus and to the final coming "in power and great glory," the parousia. Charles Mortimer Guilbert, Words of our Worship.



### Future Grace Events

- Dec. 17 Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 24 **9 am** Sunday Morning Service
- Dec. 24 5:00 pm Paper Bag Pageant and Family Eucharist
- Dec. 24 10:30 pm Christmas Music
- Dec. 24 11:00 pm Christmas Celebration Eucharist



### New Year's Schedule

- Dec. 31 Sunday morning Service **9:00 AM**
- Dec 31 **6:00 pm** Eucharist followed by meal and games for family members of all ages – *ends by 10:00 pm*
- Jan. 1, 2007 No services

*from the computer of Joe Kunnert*

### Revelation vs Genesis

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3 :20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3: 10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

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8:00 & 10:00 am Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Date & Readings	Lector	EM I	EM II
<b>Dec. 3rd – Jeremiah 33:14-16</b> Psalm 25:1-9 1st Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Litwinski <b>Boileau</b>	Porath	Lough
<b>Dec. 10th – Malachi 3:1-4</b> Canticle 16 Page 92 of BCP Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Baxter <b>Sova</b>	Putnam	Grant
<b>Dec. 17th – Zephaniah 3:14-20</b> Canticle 9 Page 86 of BCP Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Davinich <b>Jones</b>	Lough	Pryor
<b>Dec. 24th - Micah 5:2-5a</b> Canticle 15 Page 91 BCP Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)	Meredith	Porath	Lough
<b>Dec. 31st – Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3</b> Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18	Orr, J.	Grant	Putnam

## Lectors

Marion Baxter	Deb Litwinski
Jude & Robert Orr	Mary Davinich
Betsy Meredith	Barbara Porath
Chris Boileau	Pat Sova
Art Jones	Kathy Burke

## Licensed Eucharistic Ministers

Caroline Grant  
Colleen Lough  
Doug Pryor  
Pam Putnam  
Barbara Porath

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>December</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8 & 10 HE II	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Choir 6:30 AA 7:30 Rector Diocese	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8 & 10 HE II -Greening of the Parish after 10 am service -Downriver Rainbow 5:30 Potluck	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Choir 6:30 AA 7:30	<b>13</b> Eucharist at Diocese Noon	<b>14</b> Pastoral Care Rector Fresh Start all day	<b>15</b> PFLAG Meets	<b>16</b> Parish Cleanup starting at 9 am
<b>17</b> 8 & 10 HE II	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Rector – Ann Arbor morning Choir 6:30 AA 7:30	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Outreach Meets	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9 am HE II 5 pm Pageant 10:30 pm Christmas Music 11 pm Christmas Eucharist	<b>25</b> No Services	<b>26</b> AA 7:30	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 pm Eucharist followed by meal and games for family – ends at 10 pm
				<b>2006</b>		