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No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ♥

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!

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Since last I wrote much has happened at Grace! We closed out the Lenten Series with a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday. When Lent began we had 16 attendees in the first Wednesday gathering – at the Seder we had 29. This is an incredible turnout for a parish of Grace's size.

During Holy Week there were two services held on Good Friday, a Vigil held on Easter before sunrise, then two Easter Celebrations. A glorious resurrection for our Lord. Onto the business of Grace – which has been brisk.

Items either completed or in process include:

- All our banking needs have been moved to Chase Financial. This allows us greater flexibility, online services, and higher returns on our investments. Instead of being reactive, we've moved to being proactive.
- The Memorial Garden committee is actively pursuing solving our water problems, redesigning the space, and planning for the future. I will speak to the water problem later in this report.
- The Kitchen Committee is up and running. We had our first meeting and discussed options. Between this meeting and the next we are seeking information from Wayne County on health codes / requirements. We are also gathering information from two parishes that recently remodeled their kitchens - St. Stephen's in Wyandotte and Trinity in Belleville.
- The Vestry is aware and will be pursuing two other projects shortly: 1st the tiles in the parish hall are buckling and need replacing. 2nd the parking lot needs to be resurfaced this year. Quotes are being solicited and further information will be available when we know it.

Now onto our water problem. As most of you are aware, the Memorial Garden will have water standing in it after rains, in fact much of this spring it was under water. To add to this the back yard and south side property is perpetually wet. These conditions are indicative of a much larger problem.

We were first made aware of the magnitude of this last fall when the contractor dug the footings for the retaining wall by the front entrance. At that time the water table was within two feet of the surface. His thoughts on the problem were that we had to react to it rather than ignore it. We have chosen to react to it.

Recently we had the City of Southgate Engineer walk the property and offer his assessment of the problem and some solutions. The problem is simply one of inadequate drainage. The only permanent fix to this is to provide drainage into a storm sewer system capable of handling the volume.

We do have such a sewer on our property - in fact we have two. The problems they present are their locations (one is at the extreme front of the property and the other the extreme back). At this time we are seeking quotes for the work and looking at options. We will keep you informed as to the progress we make.

This seems like a good spot to stop for now. As always there is much to do and much that has already been done. I'll see you all at the Taco Dinner and Line Dance. You are all a blessing, God's Peace, George+

2007 Vestry

The Rev. George L. Davinich (734) 285-0380 email rector@gracesouthgate.org
Sr. Warden: B Porath **Jr. Warden:** J Pesci **Treasurer:** C Grant
 J Molnar A Jones B Meredith V Gunnell
 S Natale R Orr P Wagner

Birthdays

5-2 D Charron
 5-5 B Brown
 5-9 K White
 5-10 S Noto
 5-14 B Porath
 5-18 C Shultz
 5-19 V Campey
 5-20 J Kuczynski
 5-24 C Lough
 5-27 T Crawford
 5-29 M Kuczynski
 5-30 H Larabell
 5-31C Pesci

5-31 D Edmunds
 6-2 D Holcz
 6-4 L Sova
 6-4 P Larabell
 6-6 C McClain
 6-9 D Petre
 6-19 G Howard
 6-22 K Schoeneman
 6-22 H Foster
 6-24 J Putnam
 6-24 P Petre
 6-26 D Litwinski
 6-28 L Nitzkowski
 6-30 J Quinkert

Anniversaries

5-14 M & W Nitzkowski
 5-17 A & S Natale
 5-20 C & D Dennison
 5-20 F & K Larabell
 5-29 J & C Pesci
 6-5 J & P Putnam
 6-15 Rev. Diane Morgan -
 Ordination Anniversary
 6-20 C & M McClain
 6-24 M & C Lamerato
 6-28 J & S Molnar

Readings for the month of May 2007

Easter 5 05-06-07
 Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35

Easter 6 05-13-07
 Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 John 14:23-29 *or* John 5:1-9

Easter 7 05-20-07
 Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,
 20-21
 John 17:20-26

Day of Pentecost
 05-27-07
 Acts 2:1-21 *or*
 Genesis 11:1-9
 Psalm 104:25-35, 37
 Romans 8:14-17 *or*
 Acts 2:1-21
 John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Don't forget Mothers Day Sunday May 13th.
 Ask about your offering envelopes for Mother's Day Flowers.



We need help for a successful Rummage Sale.

Sign up sheets will be in Grace Hall for Set up, days of the Sale and Clean up
 Rummage Sale Schedule

Set up
May 16 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
May 17 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sale
May 18 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
May 19 9:00 am – 11:00 am

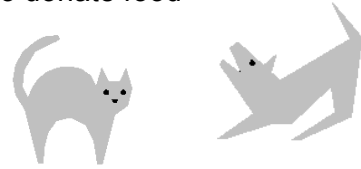
You always wanted that special one of a kind vintage item; well you are not going to believe your eyes. We just may have that item at our sale. Come on in and check us out, there are things here you can talk to friends about like; "I remember this, it's a" or "What is this?" or "I just have to purchase this item I'm going to sell it on ebay, it's an antique....." Come on in and check us out, bring a friend.

From the computer of C Grant

FREE FOOD FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS!

Hi, all you animal lovers. This is pretty simple. Please tell ten friends to tell ten today! The Animal Rescue Site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on the purple box "fund food for animals" for free. This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising.

Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.
<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/>



From the computer of V Campey"

God is like. BAYER ASPIRIN He works miracles.

God is like. a FORD He's got a better idea.

God is like. COKE He's the real thing.

God is like. HALLMARK CARDS He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like. TIDE He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like. GENERAL ELECTRIC He brings good things to life.

God is like. SEARS He has everything.

God is like. ALKA-SELTZER Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like. SCOTCH TAPE You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like. DELTA He's ready when you are.

God is like. ALLSTATE You're in good hands with Him.

God is like. VO-5 Hair Spray He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like. DIAL SOAP Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like. the U.S. POST OFFICE Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

BLESSINGS FROM MY HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
for U, He was born' that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died,
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with u in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward
ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to
mention,

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all – Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
but it all starts with U.

From the computer of: D Morgan
Subject: Road Rage

An honest man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him.

He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof--and the horn--screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station

where she was searched, finger printed, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car." Priceless.

From the computer of L Sova

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair



fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of

the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room... just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. Happiness is something you

decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged.... it's how I arrange my mind, I already decided to love it...

"It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice" I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away... just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account ..you withdraw from what you've put in... So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply
4. give more
5. Expect less

May

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| | | 1 Downriver Area Council Geo COM AA 7:30 Choir 6:30 | 2 | 3 Geo Mtg. 9-3 | 4 | 5 Ministry Fair at Grosse Pointe 9 till 4 pm |
| 6 8 & 10 am HE II Spring Tea 1- 6 Rainbow 6:30 pm | 7 Geo Steinke Conf. All Day | 8 AA 7:30 Choir 6:30 | 9 | 10 Geo Fresh Start at Mattie Joe's Pastoral Care 6:00 pm | 11 Clericus Potluck | 12 Hall Rented 11-5 pm |
| 13 8 & 10 am HE II Hymn Sing at 10 PFLAG | 14 Geo WSOT | 15 AA 7:30 Choir 6:30 | 16 Community Health 6am - 8:30 pm Rummage Set-up | 17 Outreach Ministries 6:00 Rummage Set-up | 18 Rummage Sale All Day | 19 Rummage Sale Finale and clean-up |
| 20 8 & 10 am HE II Healing at 10 Vestry 12:30 | 21 Memorial Garden 6:00 | 22 AA 7:30 Choir 6:30 | 23 Geo WSOT Graduation | 24 Geo Fresh Start | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8 & 10 am HE II Pentecost | 28 Memorial Day | 29 AA 7:30 Choir 6:30 Kitchen 6:00 | 30 | 31 | 2007 | |