

# GRACE NOTES

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## Rector's Report for January 2008

Greetings to all as we enter the New Year! I wish to say a big "thanks" to everyone for making our Advent and the Christmas observances at Grace special. There are so many of you that contributed that the list would be endless, however I'd like to mention our Altar Guild who did a fabulous job in keeping our sanctuary beautiful at all times, Suzanne and Jane for coordinating and preparing the Paper Bag Pageant, our Choir along with Virginia, Scott, and Vicki that rehearsed and presented a special offering on Christmas Eve, everyone that cleaned and greened the parish, and especially for the wonderful reception we held for Bishop and Karlah Gibbs on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As we look forward into the next several months we need to be focused on two events that are coming at us fast. The 1<sup>st</sup> is the Annual Meeting that will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> after the 10 am service. We will have a potluck lunch then our meeting. We will move quickly through the agenda and be done by 1:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the parish hall to bring food, drink, etc.

The next BIG item we will have is a "Visioning" meeting to be held here at Grace on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am following a continental breakfast at 8:30. The meeting is set to run for 3 hours and will lay the foundation for Grace's future. A mailing went out in December describing the agenda and hoped outcome for the day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for this also. This is only a "1<sup>st</sup>" step for the parish and promises to be informative and inspirational. Grace is one of only ten parishes from the Diocese undertaking visioning at this time.

A family fun night is being planned for January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This will be a potluck and game night – and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the parish hall.

The vestry did authorize the purchase of an automatic defibrillator for the parish. The equipment has just arrived at and will be installed soon. The experience of other churches is to pray that the need never arises; however if it does then to be prepared. There will be a presentation on a Sunday after the 10 am service to describe the equipments usage.

The Memorial Garden committee concluded 2007 having met their goals; which was to have the pathway installed! Our contractor is looking forward to moving quickly with the project as weather allows in the spring.

In addition to having internments in the Memorial Garden there has been discussion about installing a Columbarium here at Grace. This would allow for yet another choice for internment. Rev. Morgan and I will follow through with this and keep you posted on our progress.

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 6<sup>th</sup>. At this time I'm planning on having 2 services that day – one at noon and the other at 7 pm. Our Lenten program will begin on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> with a potluck and presentation by Arbor Hospice – on discussing end of life issues and planning. Other offerings will include Visioning and movie nights. Stay tuned for further information.

Our offering envelopes are here and ready to be picked up. Well that is all – have a blessed and safe month and I look forward to seeing you all soon. George +

<u><b>January Birthdays</b></u> 6. Mary Davinich 8. Carl Storage 15. Chris Pratt 16. Dave Dennison 17. Betsy Krause	<u><b>January Birthdays</b></u> 20. Erik Olson 25. Scott Young 27. Char Dennison 29. Meryman 'Zip' Farmer 30. Drew Wagner	<u><b>January Anniversaries</b></u> 16. Earl & Sarah Gratopp 16. Christian & Charlotte Butz 22. Terry & Vickie Gunnell
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## Grace Episcopal Church

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

Date & Readings Year A

Lector

EM I

EM II

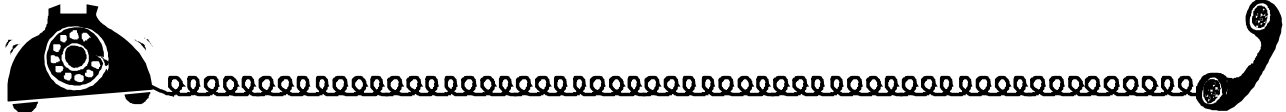
Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Jan 6, 2008 The Epiphany</b> Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	<b>Wagner</b> Baxter	Gunnell	Lough
<b>Jan 13, 2008 Epiphany 1</b> Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	<b>Sova</b> R. Orr	Grant	Pryor
<b>Jan 20, 2008 Epiphany 2</b> Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	<b>Jones</b> Litwinski	Porath	Putnam
<b>Jan 27, 2008 Epiphany 3</b> Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 5-13 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	<b>Burke</b> Jude Orr	Gunnell	Lough




Take your sweetie to the **theater** on Valentine's Day. No, not the movies - the theater. **The Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority is sponsoring its yearly show of the Southgate Players.** The play this year is *On Golden Pond*. As usual, appetizers are served at 7:30 and the performance begins at 8:00. Again, it will be at Davidson Jr. High on Trenton Rd. in Southgate.

See Caroline for your \$10 tickets.  
Proceeds go to charitable works.



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Don't forget your reports.

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**Note:** —————> Next **Pastoral Care Meeting** will be January 11.

# January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>All Sundays</b> 8 & 10 am – Holy Eucharist II. Music and Childcare at 10 am		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Noon Eucharist	<b>3</b> Rector @ COM Conf.	<b>4</b> Rector @ COM Conf.	<b>5</b> Rector @ COM Conf.
<b>6</b> Downriver Rainbow	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Noon Eucharist	<b>10</b> Pastoral Care 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Blessing of Marriage at 5 pm – reception follows
<b>13</b> PFLAG 4-6 pm Healing at 10 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Noon Eucharist Rector WSOT 9:30 - 11	<b>17</b> Outreach 7 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Family Fun Night @ 6 pm
<b>20</b> Guitar Service at 10	<b>21</b> Rector Mtg at A2	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Noon Eucharist	<b>24</b> Mandela at 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Annual Meeting after 10 am service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Noon Eucharist	<b>31</b>		

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