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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!*

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What an experience it was to visit Israel! Our traveling group from Grace learned a considerable amount about historical Israel and visited many of the sites associated with Jesus and the Bible. There isn't enough space in this newsletter to relate all that we saw, so what I'm proposing is to have a presentation here at Grace on a Wednesday evening to present what we saw, reflect on our observations, and view pictures from the trip. Stay tuned.

As you know we voted in and appointed new members to our Vestry. On March 16th this new Vestry met for the first time and each member took a liaison role to the various ministries here at Grace. They are as follows:

- L. Sova = Communications
- A. Blasdel = Outreach
- Pastoral Care = P. Howard
- Worship = V. Gunnell
- Education = B. Krause
- Special Events = C. Humphries and V. Gunnell
- Church Growth / Visioning = Fr. George, S. Natale, J. Pesci

At the same meeting V. Gunnell made a presentation on our new accounting software – Microsoft's Quick Books. This software was purchased with an eye on the future and has tremendous potential for the parish. Stay tuned as we learn the software and customize it to Grace's needs. A big thanks to Vickie for her efforts in making this transition a smooth one and devoting countless hours to the project.

The Vestry will also be taking the next steps in our Parish Visioning process. Just what that means at this time is that we will meet with Kristine Miller, organize our efforts, and start to focus on specifics in the areas of growth and stewardship. This is a proactive approach to solving the problem that many mainline denominations are experiencing such as reduced or steadily declining memberships coupled with inadequate funding to continue ministry.

The Diocesan schedule for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation in the Downriver Deanery is May 3rd. If you are interested or just would like to know more about these – please contact me. I will be doing a class starting on April 2nd that will count towards the requirements. Time is short so please prayerfully consider this. The class will be informative as well as enjoyable.

The Memorial Garden is entering Phase 2. Phase 1 got us to our present condition, Phase 2 is designed to finish the leveling of the dirt, start the planting of trees and shrubs, mulch the entire garden, along with the placement of decorative boulders into the center space.

The reason we are working in phases is that we will be working with the funds contributed to date. The more funds we get in towards the Capital Campaign, the further we can get towards the completion of the project. A list will be published shortly showing the plants designated along with opportunities for people to fund those specifically. This is a community effort – please consider and give generously to this! See you next month – Fr. George

Educational Opportunity from the Whitaker School of Theology

**“A Primer on World Religions and 21st Century Dialogue”
Saturday April 19th and Saturday May 17th**

Faculty: The Rev. Dr. Christopher Berg

Location: St. John’s, Plymouth

Time: 9:00-3:00

Cost: \$30.00 per day

4 Continuing education credits and Scholarships are available.

For more information and registrations please call 313-833-4423



**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF MICHIGAN**

† Pastoral Care Meeting April 17. †

1. **Rummage Sale** is April 11th & 12th. The schedule is as follows:

Set up Wed, Apr 9th. 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Thurs, April 10th 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Sale dates & times:

Fri, April 11th 9:00am - 3:00pm

Sat, April 12th 9:00am - 11am.



Volunteers are needed for all times & especially for clean up after the sale on Sat. Sign up sheets will be in Grace Hall after Easter.

You may start bringing your items in the week after Easter.

Feel free to post the enclosed flyer or we will have some available on the table outside the sanctuary.



2. **Taco Dinner/Line Dancing** is Saturday April 26th. Please come & support Outreach Ministries. Bring your families, friends & neighbors. Discount tickets *available by advance sale only.*



3. **Downriver CROP Walk** is Sunday April 27th. If you are interested in walking please *contact J. Pesci at 734-285-0380.*



From the Desk of D. C. Loris

Our helping hands do not stop at the wrist; they can lead all the way up to your heart, when it touches your heart, GOD touches you.
D.T.L.

A young wise women once said to me "We are all the same" I have discovered she is not only right but very intelligent. When I think about what she said I can see the flesh, veins, ligaments, pulling away from our bodies. What remains inside of us is ego, envy, judgment, ridicule, control, ignorance, greed, self-centeredness, dominance and vengeful. I also see beneath those things Forgiveness, Understanding, Love, Caring, and Faithfulness, Helping hands and Heart, Openness, Compassion, Empathy. The willingness to do GOD'S work here on earth while we are still with breath. I think this phrase sums it up Beautifully.

W.W.J.D.

What Would Jesus Do?

April Birthdays

3. G Meredith
8. J. Pesci
11. A. Litwinski
12. J. Brown
24. C. McClain
24. P. Putnam
28. R. Marshall

April Anniversaries

14. J. & D. Brown
25. B. & N. McFarland

Taco Dinner &



Line Dancing



Saturday, April 26th

Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Dancing 6:30 - 8:00 pm



Ticket prices:

13 - 59 advance \$ 8.00

At the door \$ 10.00

60 + \$ 6.00

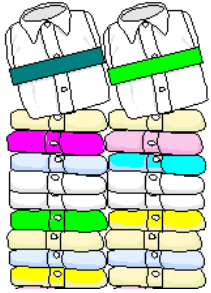
5 - 12 \$ 4.00

4 & under free



Proceeds support the work of
Outreach Ministries

Rummage & Bake Sale



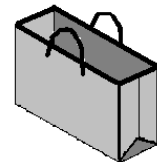
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Fri., Apr 11th 9 am - 3 pm
Sat., Apr 12th 9 – 11 am



Saturday is “Bag Day”
\$1.00 a bag



Grace Episcopal Church

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

Date & Readings Year A

Lector

EM I

EM II

April 6, 08 Easter 3	Wagner R. Orr	Gunnell	Lough
Acts 2:14a, 36-41			
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17			
1 Peter 1:17-23			
Luke 24:13-35			
April 13, 08 Easter 4	Sova Litwinski	Grant	Pryor
Acts 2:42-47			
Psalm 23			
1 Peter 2:19-25			
John 10:1-10			
April 20, 08 Easter 5	Davinich J. Orr	Porath	Putnam
Acts 7:55-60			
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16			
1 Peter 2: 2-10			
John 14:1-14			
April 27, 08 Easter 6	Burke Campey	Gunnell	Lough
Acts 17:22-31			
Psalm 66:7-18			
1 Peter 3:13-22			
John 14:15-21			

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
All Sundays 8 & 10 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II. Music and Childcare at 10 am		1 AA meets at 7 pm all Tuesdays Choir meets @ 6:30 pm all Tuesdays Rector 6 pm @ Mtg.	2 All Wednesdays Holy Eucharist at Noon 6 pm – Soup, Supper, & program	3	4 Household of God Conference – Rector to attend	5 Household of God Conference – Rector to attend Hall Rented - Howard
6 Baptism @ 10 am Downriver Rainbow 6 pm	7	8	9 Rummage Sale Setup 6 - 8:30 pm	10 Rummage Sale Setup 9 am – 3 pm Rector Mtg in Ann Arbor @ 2 pm Pastoral Care @ 7 pm	11 Rummage Sale 9 – 3	12 Rummage Sale 9 - 11
13 Hymn Sing @ 10 am PFLAG 4–6 pm	14	15	16	17 Rector - Meeting 10 am then to Conference Outreach Committee Meets @ 7 pm	18 Rector Conference all day	19 Rector Conference all day
20 Guitar Service & Healing @ 10 am Vestry Meeting	21 Grace Notes info due today	22	23	24	25	26 Taco Dinner & Line Dancing 5 – 6:30 dinner, dancing to follow
27 Children’s Service at 10 am	28 Rector @ Meeting 5 pm	29	30		2008	