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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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Rector's Report
July 2008
Grace Southgate

I have always wondered what people mean when they say that churches tend to slow down for the summer – I didn't notice that last year and if the previous couple of weeks are any indication of things to come, this summer is off to a fast start.

The Memorial Garden is truly becoming a work in progress! Randy continues to devote many personal hours to the project on site as well as follow-ups with vendors, etc.

There has also been a generous showing by many to help with the work needing to be done, however we are running out of time in this planting cycle and will have to conclude for the summer. This will require us to stop the weeds chemically from growing, rototill after several weeks time, and then mulch out the area. Stay tuned!

Member David Yost continues to devote many hours to helping in the Memorial Garden as well as taking on other projects around the parish. Watch for the flagpole to be located out in front of the parish, the cross to be painted, and many other improvements.

The Special Events committee continues to evolve with grand events. Look for many more to come. Many thanks for the Mothers and Fathers Day celebrations as well as our Parish Birthday party. Great job.

Our vestry has set a target date of early July to finish writing our covenant statement for 2008 / 2009. Our consultant Kristine Miller has provided us with a sound beginning; now we need to finish the particulars.

Our Children's service continues to develop nicely. A new addition is the collection that the children are now contributing to on a weekly. They decorated a collection can uniquely theirs and will discern in the fall what ministry they will support with the funds they have raised.

The readers at the Children's service have been great in addition to those children taking up the collection plate and those bringing forward the elements. Having the children at the altar for the Eucharist is wonderful for the parish.

Our Downriver Deanery continues to meet frequently to discuss the parishes of the Downriver and explore opportunities for growth and improvements. This is invaluable for keeping us up to date with support and is a source of encouragement.

As many of you are aware I'm involved with the Diocese's Whitaker School of Theology. At present the school is undergoing major changes and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. As the chair of the board my commitment has been to keep the school running now and into the future.

Yes - I contacted E-Giving to establish our account, order supplies, and get the process going. The information is sitting on my desk waiting for me to make the final call. Look for information shortly as to sign up procedures, benefits, etc.

God bless, George+

From S. Natale

Save this date: July 26th



Grace is having an Anniversary Party for George. Can you believe it has been 2 years! Dust off your Hawaiian attire; get out your cookbooks, we are going to have a "Hawaiian Style Potluck" Sign up sheets will be in Grace Hall or see any Vestry member for details.

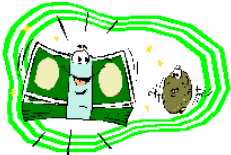


Note: Next Pastoral Care Meeting will be July 10

The **Pastoral Care Committee** would like some up-dated information on anyone that is on the prayer list. We would also like to know whether or not to leave them on the list. *Changes will take place on Aug 1.*



F.Y.I.



First Sunday of each month the loose offering will be offered for the Pastor's discretionary fund. Please help *generously* with loose change, folding money or checks.

Downriver Rainbow Meeting:

Good evening or good day. The meeting for June 2008 will be canceled do to the pride festival on the same weekend. We will resume the meeting for JULY 2008. There will be a pot luck and fireworks. The meeting will be Sunday July 6, 2008 at 6:00 at Grace Hall. Thank you for your time. Hope to see you all soon.



D. & B.

Outreach committee

Hello everyone from the **Outreach Community Services** committee.

We are going to start collecting for ECS (Episcopal Community Services) beginning Sunday, **June 29, through the month of July**. Our fair share of this project is \$1200.00. To date, we have already turned in approximately \$500.00. The collection boxes will be available at the church. Thank you all for your generous donations.



Thank you

A. Blasdel

Bishop Gibbs cordially invites the Diocesan Household to the ballpark!

Lansing Lugnuts vs.. Great Lakes Loons

Sunday, July 6

2 p.m.

Cost: \$22 adults

\$17 for children ages 3-12

(ages 2 and under are free)

July Birthdays

07-02. W. Hodgkinson

07-03. C. Beecham

07-06. J. Vellmure

07-06. Y. Wosornu

07-07. K. Larabell

07-14. G. Davinich

July Birthdays

07-15. C. Schoeneman

07-18. E. Foster

07-24. J. Olson

07-26. B. & R. Nitzkowski

07-26. J. Beecham

07-28. M. Steube

July Anniversaries

07-07. Y Wosornu & W. Beecham

07-14. C. & E. Stan

07-30. R. & J. Orr

From the computer of C. Grant

UNITED STATES MAP

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, 'Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today.' After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. 'Oh,' she said, 'on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.'



K. Larabell

To: rector@gracesouthgate.org
George,

I know I don't come to Southgate very often because I live in Dundee but I still feel as if Grace is my home. I received this from one of my coworkers and I thought it was beautiful so I thought I would forward on to you and if you see fit forward it on to the Grace notes editor and maybe put it in Grace notes this next month. Have a great day.

Subject "Guidance"

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body,

moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other. My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.



When I saw "G: I thought of God, followed by "u" and "I". "God, "u" and "I" dance." God, you, and I dance. As I

lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead. My prayer for you today is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you on this day and every day. May you abide in God as God abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season of your life. This prayer is powerful, and there is nothing attached. If God has done anything for you in your life, please share this message with someone else, for prayer is one of the best gifts we can receive. Let's continue to pray for one another. And I Hope You Dance!!

From the computer of
C. Grant

Daily Rules from God for 2008

1. Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24
2. Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but

the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7

3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand Up!!... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we

have opportunity, let us do good..."Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up!!... To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

6. Reach Up!!... For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up!!... Your Prayers. Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Philippians 4:6

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10,000 miles available



available)

Total sub-lease payment \$500.00 down balance due Oct – 1st. - \$500.00 plus \$350. insurance payment . Call 734-285-0380, ask for Art.

Also possible private room for rent for 1 person – Laundry and private bath included No furnishings (price weekly or monthly negotiable, around Aug 1

Beautification Bike Ride Summer 2008

Please sponsor me (Pat S.) for this bicycle ride aimed at raising money for the church grounds, *specifically the entry near the air conditioners*. I just want to raise some money to help the front door area stay on par with our new beautiful Memorial Garden and other updates. Please sponsor me per mile or make a flat donation. For more information ask Father George, or email me Pat S. at rector@gracesouthgate.org. Thank you. My goal is 400 miles. Date from June 1 to Sept 1. Make checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church "*note Bike Ride*".



From the computer of C.
Humphries

For over 7 years, Regina Brett was a columnist at The Beacon Journal in Akron, Ohio. During that time, she was diagnosed and successfully treated for breast cancer. Regina is now a columnist for The Plain Dealer in Cleveland, Ohio Her column runs on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lessons in Life, By Regina Brett

To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolls over to 50 this week, so here's an update:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.

13. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.

16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.

17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.

18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.

19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.

20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.

23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

24. The most important sex organ is the brain.

25. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"

27. Always choose life.

28. Forgive everyone, everything.

29. What other people think of you is none of your business.

30. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.

31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

33. Believe in miracles.

34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.

35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.

37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.

38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.

39. Get outside every day.

Miracles are waiting everywhere.

40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

45. The best is yet to come.

46. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

47. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

48. If you don't ask, you don't get.

49. Yield.

50. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

"May the Lord's face radiate with joy because of you"

"Live life to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised

Grace Episcopal Church

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

Date & Readings Year A

Lector

EM I

EM II

July 06, 08 Pentecost 8 Proper 9	Wagner R. Orr	Gunnel	Lough
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 or Zechariah 9:9-12			
Psalm 45:11-18 or Psalm 145:8-15			
or Song of Solomon 2:8-13			
Romans 7:15-25a			
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30			
July 13, 08 Pentecost 9 Proper 10	Sova A. Blasdel	Grant	Gunnel
Genesis 25:19-34 or Isaiah 55:10-13 Hymn Sing			
Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-14			
Romans 8:1-11			
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23			
July 20, 08 Pentecost 10 Proper 11	Davinich Krause	Porath	Lough Gunnel
Genesis 28:10-19a or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19			
or Isaiah 44:6-8 Healing Service			
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 or Psalm 86:11-17			
Romans 8:12-25			
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43			
July 27, 08 Pentecost 11 Proper 12	Burke Children	Gunnel	Putnam
Genesis 29:15-28 or 1 Kings 3:5-12			
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 or Psalm 119:129-136			
Romans 8:26-39			
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52			

July

<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 @ 7 pm	2 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	3 Rector Mtg 8 am	4	5 Rector Wedding @ Howell 2 pm
6 Parish Picnic after the 10 am service. Sign up sheet to be posted	7	8 AA meets @ 7 pm	9 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	10 Rector Mtg 8 am Pastoral Care T.B.A.	11	12
13 Hymn Sing Sunday PFLAG 4-6 pm	14	15 AA meets @ 7 pm	16 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	17 Rector Mtg 8 am Outreach T.B.A. Rector Mtg 10 am	18	19
20 Contemporary Music & Healing at 10 am	21 Vestry Meets 6 pm  Grace Notes Info due	22 AA meets @ 7 pm	23 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	24 Rector Mtg 8 am	25	26
27 Children's Service at 10 am	28	29 AA meets @ 7 pm	30 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	31 Rector Mtg 8 am		
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