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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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Grace Notes November 2008

Rector's Report
November 2008

It is Monday the 27th of October and my first day back after Diocesan Convention. Let me begin by saying that I am very proud of our delegates and alternates for being there and seeing it through to the end. A large item discussed at convention was the Extended Ministries Fund. In short this discussion centered around two proposals on how to best utilize the monies. At present the monies are invested with a value of \$9 million dollars. The first proposal was to utilize \$600 thousand of the funds toward balancing our current Diocesan budget shortfall for 2009. The other proposal was to use up to \$325 thousand dollars of the fund and contract an outside consultant to do a survey of all the entities of the Diocese. They will then be tasked with making a proposal on how to proceed with a new vision. Not only would the survey talk to each congregation it would survey the physical infrastructure and assess costs to bring each up to date. Both items passed – stay tuned to hear the outcome of both.

If you ever have a chance to attend our Diocesan Convention I would urge you to do so just for the experience and the insights you will gain.

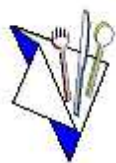
At this time we are completing our work on the Memorial Garden before the snow hits. We came a very long distance toward completing our project and look forward to next year's improvements.

During October the entire parish received the 2008 Stewardship mailing. The work that went into the development and production of this mailing was extensive and began in earnest a year ago. Our Vestry was the chief catalyst in bringing the Stewardship mailing to fruition. I urge all members of the parish to prayerfully consider what Grace Church and God's Kingdom means in your life and give from your abundance to the ministry and future of both. There will be a timeline this year for completing our stewardship cards that is new to Grace. The cards will be distributed and collected on what is now being called Commitment Sunday (November 9th). Those not in attendance on that Sunday will receive theirs via mail. Following the mailing the Vestry will be following up with phone calls. Our goals are high – so are God's expectations of us.

On Sunday November 16th Kristine Miller, the Diocesan Stewardship & Planned Giving officer, will be at Grace to worship with us and attend that Sunday's Vestry meeting. There is also a possibility that our Canon to the Ordinary Rev. Lisa Gray will be here too. I would encourage all parishioners to attend services on the 16th in order to hear from our consultant and interact with Lisa. Yesterday was Children's Sunday and we had more people in attendance than any other regular service since my arrival at Grace over two years ago. Personally I am very proud of our children, Virginia, and Jane for making the service an outstanding experience for all. It is wonderful to see so many children, not only in the service, but enthusiastic about being there. Another point I'd like to make is that our Choir is great! We have new members and the music has made a difference – go Choir.

Don't forget that we have a special service on Thanksgiving Eve at 7 pm with our traditional fare of pies being served afterwards. George+

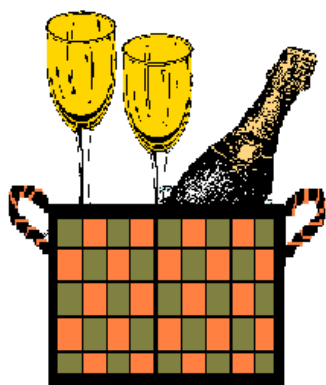
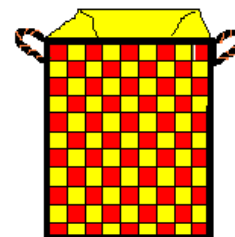
Outreach Ministry.



Keep this date open:
Thursday November 20th.
Outreach Ministry is hosting a Crossroads Packet Party.
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Our goal is to prepare 1,000 Soup Kitchen packets,
which include salt & pepper, sugar, a napkin, spoon & stirrer in a sandwich bag.
No experience needed, all ages welcome.

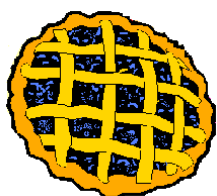
E.R.D. (Episcopal Relief & Development)

Annual collection is in November. This year we will have a big box that you can drop your donation in. The box will be available Sunday Nov 23rd, Wednesday Nov 26th & Sunday Nov 30th.

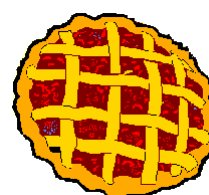


November Raffle!

We need to get the word out for donated items to create three baskets of fun, one basket for women, (spa type basket) one for kids (toys games treats) and one for adults (may contain adult beverages). The raffle will be on November 16th. The money will go toward buying turkeys for families in need for Thanksgiving.



Don't forget **November 26**; bring your favorite pie and several copies of the recipe to share. After the 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve service we will be serving our pie and coffee.



Altar Guild will have envelopes for Christmas Memorials

NEXT PASTORAL CARE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 13, 2008
SEE C.. GRANT FOR FURTHER INFO.

Blessing of the Animals October 5, 2008



Grace Episcopal Church

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

Date & Readings Year A

Lector

EM I

EM II

Nov. 2 Pentecost 25 Proper 26	Wagner		
Joshua 3:7-17 or Micah 3:5-12	Litwinski	Putnam	Grant
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 or Psalm 43			
1 Thessalonians 2:0-13			
Matthew 23:1-12			
Nov. 9 Pentecost 26 Proper 27	Sova		
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	Campey	Lough	Porath
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24			
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70			
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 HYMN SING			
Matthew 25:1-13			
Nov. 16 Pentecost 27 Proper 28	Davinich		Putnam
Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	Baxter	Gunnell	Lough
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11),12			
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 HEALING SERVICE			
Matthew 25:14-30			
Nov. 23 Last Sun after Pentecost Christ the King	Burke		
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100	Children	Porath	Grant
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a			
Ephesians 1:15-23 CHILDRENS			
Matthew 25:31-46			
Nov 30, 2008 <i>Year B</i> Advent 1	Sova		
Isaiah 64:1-9	J. Orr	Lough	Gunnell
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18			
1 Corinthians 1:3-9			
Mark 13:24-37			

Birthdays

11-7 D. Wallace
 11-8 C. Waite
 11-14 A. Jones
 11-15 R. Oliveri

Birthdays

11-16 P. Wagner
 11-16 A. Blasdel
 11-19 R. Petre
 11-21 S. Molnar

Anniversaries

11-22 D. & J. Wallace
 11-23 L. & P. Sova
 11-24 B. & R. Krause
 11-29 C. & P. Dennison

November

<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					Rector's scheduled day off is Friday	1
2 All Saint's Sunday & Baptism of Pamela Bradford	3	4 Rector Mtg 9 am Rector @ COM 7 pm	5 Holy Eucharist @ Noon Rector Mtg 4 pm	6 Whitaker Board of Directors Mtg at Grace 5 pm – 7 pm	7 Clergy Conference	8 Clergy Conference
9 Hymn Sing Sunday PFLAG 4-6 pm	10	11 Rector Mtg 8 am	12 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	13 Rector Mtg. 9:30 am	14	15
16 Contemporary Music & Healing at 10 am Vestry Meets 11:30	17 Grace Notes info due 	18 Rector Mtg 8 am	19 Holy Eucharist @ Noon	20	21 Clericus Potluck	22
23 Children's Service at 10 am	24	25 Rector Mtg 8 am	26 7 pm Thanksgiving Eucharist and Pies	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
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