

# GRACE NOTES

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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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Dear Grace Parish  
Rector's Message  
July 2009

We at Grace are as busy as ever. There are a number of projects to be completed and some that are slated for the next burner open. Fortunately they are not going anywhere. Some immediate requests that I would like to put out there are the need for one or two people to assist me with the upkeep of the Memorial Garden (several hours per week) and the removal of the shrubs behind the garage. Let me know if you can help and we'll work out the details together.

The needs of the greater community that we serve through our Food Pantry and the Rector's discretionary account are increasing – especially in the area of financial aid to stave off foreclosures, utility shut-offs, and help with medical expenses.

I've also made a great contact with the Information Center here in Southgate to help in a variety of situations. The Information Center runs a free telephone help line that helps people find resources – anything from legal aid to help paying for food or diapers.

They also can answer a lot of questions about layoffs and unemployment. So basically anyone who has a human-service-related issue and doesn't know the first step can call them at: (734) 282-7171. Their website is <http://www.theinfocenter.info/>.

They have also provided us with some links to other Downriver agencies that people may find useful.

<http://www.dccwf.org/#> - that's the website for DCC, a Michigan Works agency in Southgate. They have all kinds of programs from unemployment to training to transportation.

<http://michiganworks.org/> - the Michigan Works website is a good resource too. They have training and employment programs and you can go there to find other locations for Michigan Works service centers.

[http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits\\_en.portal](http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits_en.portal) - the Government Benefits website can be useful especially for low-income families or veterans. People can go there and do a short questionnaire to see if they qualify.

<http://www.semca.org/> - SEMCA is also a great resource because their website links to a lot of employment programs like the Summer Youth Employment Program and the Michigan Talent Bank. They also have helpful programs for families, foster parents and children, and substance abuse treatment.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone in need and lets rally around the downriver area to help as we are called to do!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

*George+*

May, 29, 2009  
For Immediate Release:

### ***New Where to Turn Guides Available***

The Information Center, Inc. has developed a 2009 *Where to Turn Guide*, to help unemployed workers and others who are struggling during these difficult economic times. The guides are available at these seven Michigan Works! Service Centers.

Southgate  
Inside the Downriver Community Conference  
15100 Northline Rd., Ste. 179

Dearborn  
Inside ACCESS  
6451 Schaefer Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Monroe  
Inside the Monroe Mall  
1531 North Telegraph Rd., Ste. D

Livonia  
Inside Woodland Square Mall  
30246 Plymouth Rd.

Wayne  
35731 West Bound Michigan Ave

Grosse Pointe  
17888 Mack Ave.

Highland Park  
144 E. Manchester Street

Please inquire at the service center about how to get your copy of the 2009 *Where to Turn Guide*.

Individual *Where to Turn Guides* can also be picked up at The Information Center, 20500 Eureka Rd., Ste. 110 during business hours. Please call (734) 282-7171 before picking up your copy. In addition, the guide will soon be viewable online at [www.theinfocenter.info](http://www.theinfocenter.info). Guides are free of charge and intended for those who are unemployed or are facing other problems.

The guide includes important information about filing for unemployment and the Michigan Works program, along with veterans' services, foreclosure assistance, housing, transportation, legal assistance and much more. Printing was funded by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA).

#### **About The Information Center, Inc.**

Located in Taylor, Michigan, The Information Center, Inc., The Family Resource Place is a private, non-profit organization that provides information and referral services to residents of southeast Michigan, attempting to connect you with the human service resources that fit your individual needs. Through a variety of programs, The Information Center has been dedicated to the goal of connecting people with resources since 1975.

## Christian Education

The purpose of education, when offered by a church community, is spiritual formation.

What does that mean?

Wikipedia definition: **Spiritual formation** is the growth and development of the whole person by an intentional focus on one's (1) spiritual and interior life, (2) interactions with others in ordinary life, and (3) the spiritual practices (prayer, the study of scripture, fasting, simplicity, solitude, confession, worship, etc.).

In *Care of Mind, Care of Spirit*, Gerald G. May has written,

“Spiritual formation is a rather general term referring to all attempts, means, instruction, and disciplines intended towards deepening of faith and furtherance of spiritual growth.”

Grace offers a variety of options. Which have you participated in lately?

- Sunday school for children
- Children's worship
- Summer camping
- Weeknight fellowship group
- Bible study
- Seasonal study groups
- Inquirers', confirmation, reception classes
- Daily personal meditation at home
- Coffee hour

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### Are you Puzzled? **Vestry Covenant Statement**

The Grace Vestry adopted a resolution to affirm and commit to stewardship.

Can you fill in the missing words? Each underline represents a letter of the missing word. The answers are found on page \_5\_

- We, the Clergy, Wardens and Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church of Southgate, recognize that everything we have and all that we are is a gift from 1\_ \_ \_.
- As Trustees of God's gifts, we recognize we are (2) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to be accountable and make a thankful response to God's abundant love.
- Our stewardship involves sharing our time, talents, and treasure freely by giving sacrificially for the (3) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and the advancement of God's work in the world.
- In addition to the (4) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of our time and talent, we recognize that how we spend and share our money says a lot about our (5) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and priorities.
- We recognize our ministry must be based on stewardship and not fundraising.
- Therefore, we commit ourselves to maintaining a discipline of regular, (6) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , by pledging a definite proportion of our income(s) for the support of the Church's work on behalf of Christ's Kingdom.

We invite our parish family to prayerfully consider joining us in this lifelong, joyful, transforming, and liberating response to God's call.

## Wednesday Night Study Group - Update and Invitation

The Wednesday Night Study Group has been reading the book A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving (4 weeks in June) which tells the story of John Wheelwright and his best friend Owen Meany growing up together in a small New England town during the 1950-60s.

Owen is a remarkable boy in many ways; he believes himself to be God's instrument and journeys on an extraordinary path of death, birth, love, disclosure and sacrifice.

The novel is told through the eyes of a mature John Wheelwright, an Anglican teacher at a [private girls' school](#) in Canada, who elaborates on the events surrounding his close friendship with Owen Meany. These events, John makes clear, are responsible for his belief in [God](#).

This group shares dinner at 6 pm and discussion at 6:45 pm to 8 pm. We invite new people to join this on-going fellowship group. We share friendship and our unique experiences on our personal spiritual journeys.

### Are you Puzzled?

#### The answers:

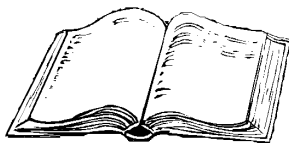
- 1 God
- 2 Called
- 3 Service of others
- 4 Dedication
- 5 Real values
- 6 Intentional giving

## PASTORAL CARE

Next Pastoral Care Meeting will be July 09, 2009

If you have anyone on the prayer list for those in need of healing or who have requested our prayers. Please keep us apprised as to how they are doing.

Pastoral Care can always use, get well, thinking of you, birthday, anniversary, sympathy, or blank cards also help in writing the cards, as well as **stamps** and of course the all-favorite cash.



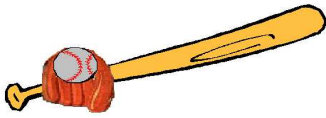
A short 10-minute Children's choir meeting directly after the 10:00 service each Sunday to review the Action Songs for the Children's Sunday, parents welcomed and appreciated.

Thanks Miss Ginny



**Downriver Rainbow** will *not* meet in July and August due to the busy summer months, as people have lots of things going on. We plan to meet again in September.

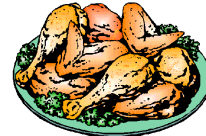
# Special Sundays



## July 5 - All American Favorites Sunday

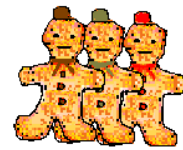
Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, lemonade, apple pie, and baseball in the backyard. *(I'll need 5 volunteers to bring an apple pie. There will be a sign up sheet in Grace Hall)*

July 19 - Appetizer Sunday (5 volunteers again)



Aug. 2 - Salad Sunday (5 volunteers again)

Aug. 23 - Cookie Sunday (5 volunteers again)



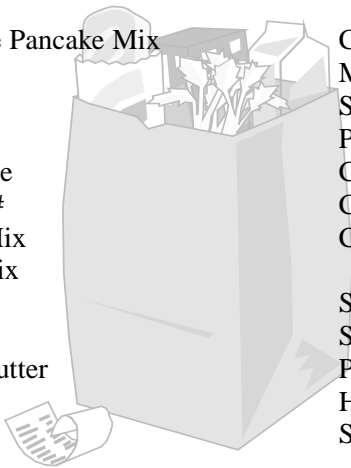
Sept. 6 - Red, White & Blue Sunday - wear these colors please.

For our Food pantry

## SUGGESTIONS FOR FOOD DONATIONS

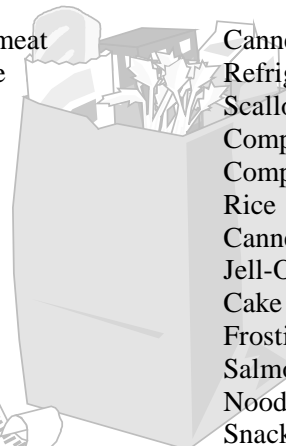
Complete Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Cereal  
Sugar 2#  
Fruit Juice  
Coffee 1#  
Muffin Mix  
Cocoa Mix

Soup  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Tuna



Canned Luncheon meat  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Salad Dressing  
Puddings  
Canned Fruit  
Crackers  
Cookies

Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti  
Parmesan Cheese  
Hash  
Stew



Canned Ham – Non-Refrigerated  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Complete Pizza Mix  
Complete Oriental Dinners  
Rice  
Canned Vegetables  
Jell-O  
Cake Mix  
Frosting Mix  
Salmon  
Noodle Mix  
Snacks

Thank You

from Community Service Committee

### July Birthdays

7-2 Winifred Hodgkinson  
7-3 Claudia Beecham  
7-6 Joan Vellmure  
7-6 Yena Wosormu  
7-8 Kenneth Martin  
7-14 George Davinich

7-14 David Yost  
7-17 William Goddard  
7-24 Johnathan Olson  
7-25 Shirley Kucharek  
7-25 Robert Litwinski  
7-26 Juliana Beecham  
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7-26 Brooke & Riley  
Nitzkorski  
7-28 Marie Steube

### July Anniversaries

7-7 Yena Wosornu &  
Winifred Beecham  
7-30 Robert & Judith Orr

**Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.?**

Generally, we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You've got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry-  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,

"Quality time " is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest-  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather-  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;  
He wants to ease our cares,  
And He'll respond to all your needs  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

The attached is a list of items needed by the **Melissa Lempicki** family (Melissa works with Vickie Gunnell). This family in the early morning hours during the week of 6-8-09 was awakened to a fire in their home. The family of mother, father and children were able to get out without harm but their entire house burned to the ground and they were left with only the clothes on their backs (only one young son had on shoes). This young son is autistic and has special needs, many of which are on the attached sheet. Please see if you have any of these items and are willing to donate them to this family. If you wish you can call her directly or leave your donation at the church clearly marked for this family and we will make sure they get them. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**VHS tapes/DVD's**

Any baby Einstein  
Tom & Jerry  
Barenstain Bears – Books too

*Melissa Lempicki*  
248-489-5881

**Therapy equipment/things**

Therabands  
Sensory balls  
Yoga Ball  
Uspension/cocoon swing  
Bodysock

**Misc**

anything Mario &  
Nintendo Characters  
anything Pack Man  
glowsticks  
storage items

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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

**Date & Readings Year B                      Lector                      EM I                      EM II**

<b>July 5</b> Pentecost 5 <i>Proper 9</i>	<b>P. Wagner</b>		
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 or Ezekiel 2:1-5	<b>Virginia C.</b>	<b>Terry G.</b>	<b>Barbara P.</b>
Psalm 48 or Psalm 123			
2 Corinthians 12:2-10			
Mark 6:1-13			
<b>July 12</b> Pentecost 6 <i>Proper 10</i>	<b>P. Sova</b>		
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 or Amos 7:7-15	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Pam P.</b>	<b>Anna B.</b>
Psalm 24 or Psalm 85:8-13			
Ephesians 1:3-14			
<i>Mark 6:14-29                      Hymn Sing</i>			
<b>July 19</b> Pentecost 7 <i>Proper 11</i>	<b>V. Campey</b>		<b>Colleen L.</b>
2 Samuel 7:1-14a or Jeremiah 23:1-6	<b>Debbie L.</b>	<b>Luanne B.</b>	<b>Pam B.</b>
Psalm 89:20-37 or Psalm 23			
Ephesians 2:11-22			
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 <i>Healing</i>			
<b>July 26</b> Pentecost 8 <i>Proper 12</i>	<b>K. Burke</b>		
2 Samuel 11:1-15 or 2 Kings 4:42-44	<b>Children</b>	<b>Pam P.</b>	<b>Robert B.</b>
Psalm 14 or Psalm 145:10-19			
Ephesians 3:14-21			
John 6:1-21 <i>Children's</i>			

**Revised Common Lectionary**

**<http://www.jo.com/~kellywp/index.html>**


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 Kathy Burke 734-287-2427

# July

<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> HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AND 10 AM	<b>CHILDCARE @ 10 AM SERVICE</b>	<b>AA MEETS ALL TUESDAYS AT 7 PM</b>	<b>1</b> RECTOR VACA	<b>2</b> RECTOR VACA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> HOLIDAY
<b>5</b> PRIVATE INTERNMENT	<b>6</b> RECTOR MTG 11AM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> RECTOR MTG ANN ARBOR 1PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> HYMN SING 10 AM PFLAG	<b>13</b> RECTOR MTG DETROIT 11 AM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> RECTOR CONV.	<b>16</b> RECTOR CONV.	<b>17</b> RECTOR CONV.	<b>18</b> RECTOR CONV.
<b>19</b> CONTEMPORARY MUSIC & HEALING @ 10 AM SERVICE HALL RENTED 12-6	<b>20</b> RECTOR MTG DETROIT 9 AM VESTRY 6 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 10 AM	<b>27</b>  <b>GRACE NOTES</b> info due	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTGS TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>	<b>SEE CAROLINE'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUNDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>SUNDAY THE 19<sup>TH</sup> THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS AFTER 10 AM SERVICE</b>				

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