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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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July 27th, 2009

Dear Grace Parish,

I recently returned from the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. I was there long enough to sit in on a number of legislative sessions, participate in Eucharist, and make significant contacts with people concerning parish partnerships and continuing education resources. I came away impressed with the direction that the church is taking and the honesty that was displayed.

Not everyone agrees on all the issues that the church faces but they do agree to continue working on gaining common ground between them. Some of the key issues facing the church were budgetary and ordination / consent of ordination to the episcopate of gay and lesbian people. I would encourage you to read the reports starting with "The Record" www.the-record.org - our own Diocesan newspaper published each week. In there you will find blogs from our Diocesan participants and perspectives from others as well. There are links there also to more in depth documentation on the convention.

The Grace Vestry has now started to devote significant time in our meetings to planning our Stewardship efforts for 2010. There is no doubt that the Grace community has been impacted by the economic downturn. What will remain challenging is to not only survive the current economy but to flourish and grow in the future. Questions that Grace Vestry is asking itself and our parish members to consider are:

1. What does Tithing mean to me?
2. What has Tithing done for me?
3. Without Grace Church, where would you be?
4. What is your gift or talent?

The 1st question has been posted in Grace Hall for several weeks for people to comment on in writing. The next question will be posted there starting in August and the remaining two before Labor Day.

There are a variety of ways in which to approach Stewardship and Tithing. Some parishes have waited until a looming financial crisis is upon them and then attempt to scramble to survive. Others discuss the range of possibilities without making changes, hoping that the future never comes. Still others examine in depth the range of possibilities, make adjustments to their goals and mission, and live into the future. Grace needs to be in the third approach!

One key point that we learned from the research Kristine Miller brought to Grace is that personal giving increased during the Great Depression among those still employed. Another point Kristine made is to not lose sight of our mission and to continue striving toward the goals we set for ourselves.

Those goals were to partner with another parish, bring in speakers to engage not only the parish but the broader community, and replace the signage on the front lawn. We have made strides in the 1st two and have stepped back from the 3rd at present. We will continue to challenge ourselves to remain a viable presence in the community now and into the future.

CONTINUE TO 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., 2nd 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. 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.



Six year term

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The [Executive Council](#) of the Episcopal Church is an elected body representing the whole Church. In the course of the three years between General Convention, known as the "triennium," the Executive Council customarily meets three times a year, once in each of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church.

The Executive Council has the duty to carry out programs and policies adopted by General Convention. It is the job of Executive Council to oversee the ministry and mission of the Church. The Executive Council is comprised of twenty members elected by General Convention (four bishops, four priests or deacons and twelve laypersons) and eighteen members elected by provincial synods.

The other bishop elected at General Convention is Bishop Mark Hollingsworth of the Diocese of Ohio.

Lay persons elected were: Sarah Dylan Breuer; Stephanie T Cheney; Scott Evenbeck; Stephen F. Hutchinson; Francisco Quinones-Gonzales; and Katie Sherrod. Clergy elected were Priest Silvestre Enrique Romero and Deacon Terry Starr.

Next
Diocesan Council Meetings

Saturday September 12

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
and

Tuesday September 22

6:30 p.m.
at St. John's, Royal Oak

Are you signed up for *The Record Weekly*?

The Record Weekly is e-mailed on Monday morning as a news brief and as announcements for what is upcoming that week. As *The Record* moves into more and more electronic communication, this will be the most current and reliable news source for the Diocese of Michigan.

The Record Weekly

4800 Woodward Avenue Detroit MI 48201

**It is easier for us to process an electronic list
that is sent to the-record@earthlink.net.**

**It is also very easy to sign up directly at www.the-record.org/signup.html
NAME e-mail address**

Adults Who Work With Youth Retreat & Training

August 28-29, 2009
Emrich Retreat Center
Brighton, MI

Come join other Adults for an overnight retreat and training event. Spend time renewing and refreshing yourself, while learning ways to nurture and support your ministry with youth.

Come with questions, and you will leave with answers! There is also an opportunity to take the Safeguarding God's Children course.

REGISTER BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st

Led by Eric Travis, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults Next page is a registration form, or you can download them at: <http://edomiyaya.files.wordpress.com/2009/07/awwwy09.pdf>

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Parish: _____

Email: _____

Please register me for the following: AWWWY Retreat (Fri 6:00pm—Sat 3:00pm) \$25

Safeguarding God's Children (Sat 3:30pm—7:00pm) \$20

Total amount: \$ _____

Make check out to EDOMI and mail to: Eric Travis, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Note: Next Pastoral Care Meeting will be August 13, 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 cards, stamps, cash and your help.

Vestry resolved that our *bottle collection* monies and the *loose Offering* from the 1st Sunday of each month would be applied toward the **Rector's Discretionary** account.

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

Grace Has Talent !



You have seen American Idol, You have seen America's Got Talent, you have heard whatever it is that Paula Abdul is trying to say, but now is your chance to show your Church your talent. On September 12th at 5pm, Grace Church will have our first Talent Night, titled “

***Grace Has Talent*”**. This is your chance to show off your skills, your talent, what it is that is special about you. Maybe you have a hidden talent, or maybe you would love to have some fun. This is your chance! Prizes will be given away, and it should be a great time for all.

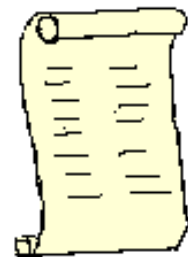
Where: Grace Hall

When: Sept. 12th at 5pm



At 5 pm sharp we will start with a Potluck dinner, feel free to bring your favorite Dish to pass around and share. At around 6:30 pm, the Talent Show will begin. All acts must be submitted by Sept. 6th. Remember this will be a Family Friendly Event.

There will be a sign up sheet in Grace Hall, and for anymore questions feel free to talk to Rob, KC, or Caroline.



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Date & Readings Year B

Lector

EM I

EM II

Aug. 2 Pentecost 9 <i>Proper 13</i>	Wagner		
2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a	Art	Pam B.	Luanne
or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15			
Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 78:23-29			
Ephesians 4:1-16			
John 6:24-35			
Aug. 9 Pentecost 10 <i>Proper 14</i>	Sova		
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Betsy	Colleen	Robert
or 1 Kings 19:4-8			
Psalm 130 or Psalm 34:1-8			
Ephesians 4:25 -- 5:2			
John 6:35, 41-51 Hymn Sing			
Aug.16 Pentecost 11 <i>Proper 15</i>	V. Campey		Colleen
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 or Proverbs 9:1-6	Rick	Caroline	Pam B.
Psalm 111 or Psalm 34:9-14			
Ephesians 5:15-20			
John 6:51-58 Healing			
Aug. 23 Pentecost 12 <i>Proper 16</i>	Burke		
1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11) 22 - 30, 41-43	Children	Barbara	Caroline
or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18			
Psalm 84 or Psalm 34: 15-22			
Ephesians 6:10-20			
John 6:56-69 Childrens			
Aug. 30 Pentecost 13 <i>Proper 17</i>	Sova		
Song of Solomon 2:8-13	KC	Anna	Pam P.
or Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9			
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 or Psalm 15			
James 1:17-27			
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23			

August Birthdays

8-4 Barbara Pschak
 8-9 Eleanor Stan
 8-15 Jane Wallace
 8-20 Sharon Edmunds
 8-20 Vickie Gunnell

August Birthdays

8-22 Trish Pratt
 8-23 Sue Selewski
 8-30 Tori Baxter

August Anniversary

8-20 Steve & Meg Holcz

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
ALL SUNDAYS HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AND 10 AM	CHILDCARE @ 10 AM SERVICE	AA MEETS ALL TUESDAYS AT 7 PM	PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTGS TO BE ANNOUNCED			1
2 Book Study 9 am Salad Sunday at 10	3	4 Rector Mtg 8 am Stewardship Planning 6:30 pm	5	6 Rector Mtg AA 7 am	7	8
9 HYMN SING 10 AM PFLAG Baptism at 10 am Book Study 9 am	10 By-Laws Mtg at 6:30 pm	11 Rector Mtg 8 am	12	13	14	15
16 CONTEMPORARY MUSIC & HEALING @ 10 AM SERVICE Book Study 9 am	17 Vestry 6 pm Grace Notes info due	18 Rector Mtg 8 am	19	20	21	22
23 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 10 AM Cookie Sunday at 10 Book Study 9 am	24 Rector Mtg WSoT 6 - 9 pm	25 Rector Mtg 8 am	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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