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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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November 22nd, 2009

Dear Grace Parish,

By the time this arrives we will be through Thanksgiving and into Advent with the Christmas season fast approaching. The Holiday schedule for Grace's services during this time period will be as follows:

Christmas Eve (12/24)

- 5 pm – Paper Bag Pageant with Family Eucharist
- 11pm – Christmas Celebration with additional music performed during service

1st Sunday after Christmas (12/27)

- 9 am service of Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

2nd Sunday after Christmas (1/3/2010)

- 8 am & 10 am service schedule resumes

As of this writing I don't have the updated information on our Stewardship Campaign as the results are still making their way in. What I can report on is that the initial results look promising. On the 1st Sunday we sought pledges there were 18 turned in of which 12 showed increases, 4 remained the same as previous year's pledge, and 2 were slightly lower. We will continue to work on the campaign with an eye toward balancing our budget and remaining financially viable into the future. Please note that the Stewardship Committee has worked hard over the last 6 months and I thank them all for their fine efforts.

The committee on rewriting Grace's By-Laws finished the final draft and presented them to the Vestry at the November meeting. The Vestry will finish its review at our December meeting and have them ready for approval prior to the Annual Meeting – which will be held on the 24th of January. The original By-Laws can be viewed on Grace's website under the drop down "Vestry" menu.

The format for the 2010 Annual Meeting will be the same as previous years with a potluck preceding the meeting.

We made an attempt to sell the Allis Chalmers Tractor during late October into November. The results are that we won't cut ourselves short and give it away – we will list it again and continue to explore other ways of selling it.

The 1st Halloween Party was an outstanding success. Participation was high as was fun! Look to do more of these events in the future.

After the recent donations made toward purchasing the Children's Service Robes we are close to ordering them. If you would like to assist in this, please contact me at the church.

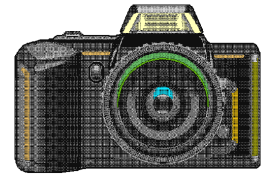
Our children participated in a service project to feed a family for Thanksgiving. They used their own collection monies to buy the food, packaged it up, and delivered it to Angel Food Ministries here in Southgate. Thanks to Jane Wallace for coordinating this. The children are also adopting children through the same agency to purchase clothing for Christmas.

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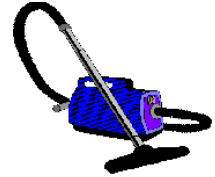
Annual meeting January 24, 2010

Pictures for Grace Church directory

Lee & Pat Sova will be at church after the 8 & 10 services Dec 20 and 27th to take pictures for our directory. If you won't be in town at that time you can send us a labeled current picture, (will be returned) of yourself to be put in the directory.



Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 AM The Altar Guild and all interested will be doing **Christmas cleaning** in the sanctuary and as much of the church as possible. The November cleaning date was postponed, so please join us if you can. Many hands make light work.



Sunday, December 20 - **Hanging of the greens** after the 10:00 service. All are welcome.

Christmas memorials will be collected from November 29 through December 20. Envelopes are available on the tract rack and on the back table in the sanctuary.



In an excerpt from The Record **"Want to be part of the 3-million pound challenge?"** The goal is to



coordinate with all of the Rotary Clubs in the district to collect one million pounds of **FOOD**, one million pounds of **CLOTHES**, and one million pounds of **BOOKS.**" We



will assist with the book collection, so please bring in any new or gently used children's books and put them in the box under the Christmas tree in the hall. This is a year long collection that will run through July 1, 2010. Books will be distributed both locally and internationally. 50% will be donated locally to Matrix Human Services and Crossroads of Michigan, 25% will be sent overseas, and 25% will be distributed by the Rotary Clubs to charities of their choice. Spread the word to friends and co-workers. *For more information contact Debbie Litwinski.*

Downriver Rainbow will be meeting for our December meeting on December 6th at 5:30 PM, at Grace hall. We will be heading out to dinner for a celebration of the Holidays, a place to be determined when everyone arrives.

Hope you come out and Join us!

**Christ Church Grosse
Pointe
Music Calendar
2010 CONCERTS**

February 28
Music for a Holy Lent

April 2
Johann Sebastian Bach's
St. John Passion

April 25
Easter Music for Brass and
Organ

May 23
A Celebration of Early
Music

EVENSONG
Feb. 7 and 21; Mar. 7
and 21; Apr 18; May 16;
Jun 13

**34th Annual
ECW Spiritual Journey
RETREAT**

**with the Rev. Claudia
Hollinger
January 21-23, 2010**

at the Colombiere
Conference Center in
Clarkston

The Rev. Claudia Hollinger,
the guest speaker, is a
deacon at St. Jude's
Episcopal Church in
Fenton.

She will speak on "Woman
at the Well.

**Please register with a \$50
deposit this week!
Contact [Tracy Moore](#) or
call 248/363-6985**

*Episcopal Diocese of
Michigan*
2010 Ministry Retreat

**Thursday, January 7 -
Saturday, January 9, 2010**

[The Weber Retreat and
Conference Center](#) in
Adrian, Michigan

Registration fee for
Nominees, Postulants and
Candidates: \$175 per
person

Contact Beth Rowley
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Reservation Deadline
December 18, 2009



Halloween Service 2009



Jason McIlroy
Financial Seminar

December Birthday

12 / 1 Fred Vellmure
12 / 4 Wendy Nitzkowski
12 / 8 Marion Baxter
12 / 23 Michael Nitzkowski
12 / 25 Jesus

December Birthday

12 / 25 Robert Bayn
12 / 27 Joshua Baxter
12 / 28 Pearl Mahl
12 / 28 Chris Boileau
12 / 29 Robert Orr

12 / 29 Nicholas Orr

December Anniversaries

12 / 27 Pamela Bradford &
Luanne Brewer



Special Advent Features

You don't need any reminder that Christmas is approaching. The Cloister Bookshop offers a variety of resources that may help you and your family through all the excitement and planning for this important part of our family, religious and community life.

Advent Calendars featuring Nativity scenes and Bible verses are available. Prices range from \$2-\$6.

Museum cubes feature the National Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and more. Great for children of all ages. \$6.50

Family Nights for Advent and Christmas provides suggestions for games, crafts, baking projects, prayers and meditation's for the season. Based around whole family activities, the ideas can be adapted for all to participate. \$6

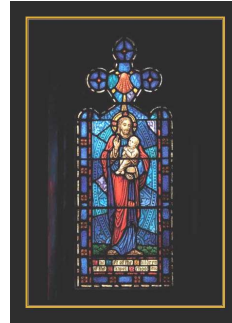
Making Christmas Count is a kid's guide to keeping the season sacred. Written for children ages 3 to 8, the book communicates a message about how we can celebrate all the facets and flavors of the season and also recognize the reason for the season. \$7.95

Unplug the Christmas Machine is the undisputed guide to creating a joyful, stress-free holiday season. Questions -- How can I reduce the stress of preparing for Christmas? How can I make our celebration more spiritual and less materialistic? How can I get my husband to be more enthusiastic about Christmas? How can I get my wife to relax and enjoy

the celebration? How can I help my children see that Christmas is about more than presents? \$10

Christmas Therapy provides some gentle suggestions that will help folks rediscover the meaning of Christmas. \$4.95

Featured Product:



Christ Church Christmas Card

Featuring the window donated by the Children of the Chapel School, the cards are available for pre-order and through the bookshop beginning the first week in November. Cost is 20 cards for \$20 (includes tax).

The Bookshop at Gifts and Greens, Dec. 4-6

Stained Glass is represented in scarves, ties, pillows and art blocks. Pewabic Pottery ornaments, Free Trade items and stocking stuffers are on display for purchase from the middle of November through December 20.

Virtual Bookshop

Remember that every order you make through Amazon at www.christchurchgp.org earns the bookshop a commission

The Cloister Book Exchange

If you have previously read books, DVDs, and CDs taking up precious space on your shelves or in attic or basement, you are not alone. The Cloister Bookshop Exchange was created so that you can swap all of those used books, movies and music for something different, absolutely FREE.

If you have nothing to exchange, each title is \$1.

December

<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 Except The 27 th		1 AA Meets all Tuesdays at 7 PM	2 CHOIR MEETS 🎵 7 PM	3	4	5
6 Financial Advisor Presentation 11 am Downriver Rainbow 5:30 pm	7	8	9 CHOIR MEETS 🎵 7 PM	10	11	12
13 Hymn Sing 10 AM Vestry, PFLAG	14	15	16 CHOIR MEETS 🎵 7 PM	17	18	19 9 am Cleaning of Sanctuary
20 Contemporary Music & Healing @ 10 AM Service Directory pictures	21 Grace Note info due 📎	22	23 CHOIR MEETS 🎵 7 PM	24 5 PM PAGEANT 11 PM SERVICE WITH MUSIC	25 No Services	26
27 9 AM Lessons & Carols with Eucharist Directory pictures	28	29	30	31 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">2009</div>	Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee Mtgs TBA	OFFICES CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S