

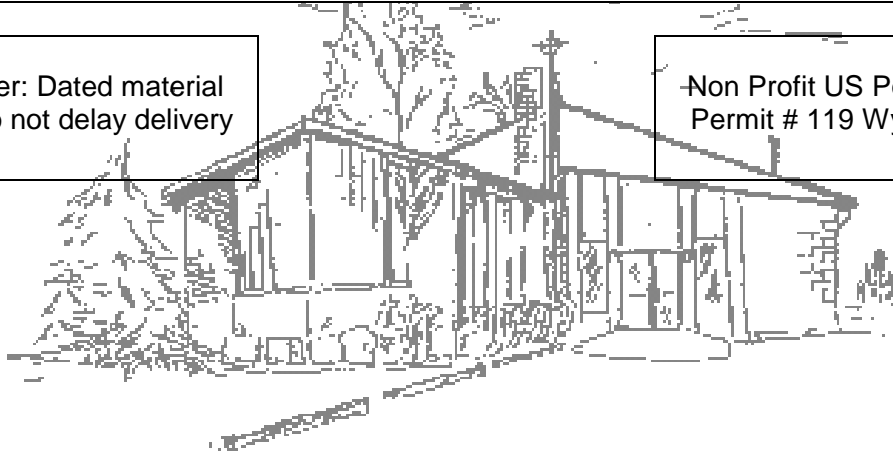
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Happy New Year!

*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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January 2010

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I am writing this letter on the 22nd of December 2009 in anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. At Grace we observe Christmas with two services, both of which are unique and wonderful. I hope you all will have a chance to attend one and enjoy our shared worship!

As we optimistically enter the New Year let us not dwell on what we don't have, but rather on the gifts, love, and opportunities we do. 2010 will be a challenging year given the economics of the country and local community. Many of our members have been adversely affected. What is surprising is the number of members that even though the economic times we face are terrible have increased their pledges for the coming year.

In order for any parish to grow and flourish there has to be a core value / principle that drives it forward in addition to the economics. What I've discerned as our core value / principle is the feel of true "family", the love for all, and the concern for the individual – regardless of circumstance. We've come through much and we will continue our growth in 2010 in areas which will enrich our spirits and further advance our service to the Lord we serve.

At the December Vestry meeting we decided that it is important to mention Stewardship in Grace Notes as we discussed it – so here we go:

- Pay-as-you-go contributions are very valuable to Grace
- If you have not made a pledge, your contributions made to the offertory plate should be placed into an envelope (found in the pews) if you want your funds to go to the Operating budget. And you can add your name if you like!
- Loose offerings made to the offertory plate on the 1st Sunday of each month are allocated to the Pastor's discretionary fund.
- 22 parishioners have increased their pledges over 2009 levels
- 6 parishioners have decreased their pledges over 2009 levels
- 25 pledges and anticipated offerings remained the same

We are also engaging in several opportunities for increasing our revenues. The 1st is the sale of the Allis Chalmers tractor. We advertised it in October in Craig's List for \$5k. We did receive offers but none met the threshold we established. We will try again in the spring as it may present a better opportunity for us.

The second opportunity we've discussed is to rent office space to a local business. This will have to be explored very carefully because of the implications and acted on only if the best interest of Grace can be achieved.

Another opportunity we have begun to explore is to offer the meeting space to another AA group. I have been in contact with AA National and received information of what it involved and how we can help. I'm told to expect a call in the near future.

Sincerely,

George+



Annual Meeting on January 24th

After the 10 am service. We will have a potluck Lunch then our business session.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the parish hall.

This year is especially important.

Don't forget your reports.

In Memory of Meryman (Zip) Farmer who recently passed.



Zip and Hazel were long time active members of Grace Church. They had four children – Barry, Bruce, Brian and Elaine. Hazel passed away many years ago, leaving Zip on his own. Zip's failing health made the move into the Tendercare Health Center in Taylor a necessity. Zip would have celebrated his 89th birthday on January 29th 2010. Internment will be in the Memorial Garden; a date for the memorial service is not yet scheduled but will be one Sunday after the 10 o'clock service. Look for further

information in future Grace Notes as well as the Sunday programs.

DOWNRIVER RAINBOW WILL BE MEETING FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING ON



JANUARY 3RD @ 6:30PM, CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR WITH PRIDE. WE WILL MEET AT GRACE HALL, AND THEN GO TO DINNER AT A RESTAURANT CHOSEN AT THE TIME, FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP, ALL ARE WELCOME.

DOWNRIVER RAINBOW MEETS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30 PM AT GRACE HALL,

15650 REECK RD. SOUTHGATE, MI 48195

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 adult and children's books and put them in the box in Grace 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.*

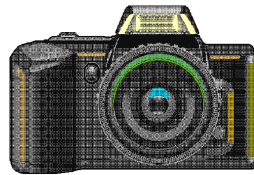


Jason McIlroy
Certified Financial Planner
Financial Seminar



Vadim Matatov
Financial Advisor
Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor

These two gentlemen put on an excellent seminar on Financial Planning, educated us about our Financial Future explained many things and opened a few eyes. To get in contact with Jason Mc Ilroy or Vadim Matatov, please call 734-285-0380



Lee & Pat will be at the **Annual Meeting** to taking pictures of anyone who would like to have their picture taken for the 2010 Church Directory

Allis Chalmers cir 1950
\$5,000.00
or best offer
Call 734—285-0380



Pledge Sheet

Do you have your **2010 PLEDGE SHEET** in yet? Grace Church needs to have the budget balanced, and would like to have an great idea of the amount of monies coming in for the year. If you have sent your pledge sheet in already, thank you so very much. We will have envelopes for those who want to use them.



8:00 & 10:00 am Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule
 January 2010 RCL Readings Year C Lector EM I EM II

Jan 3, 10 Christmas 2	Wagner		
Jeremiah 31:7-14	Art	Terry	Caroline
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8			
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a			
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23			
Jan 10, 10 Epiphany 1	Sova		
Morning Prayer	Terry		
Isaiah 43:1-7			
Psalm 29			
Acts 8:14-17			
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22			
Jan 17 2010 Epiphany 2	Campey		Barb
Isaiah 62:1-5 HEALING SERVICE	KC	Pam P	Pam B.
Psalm 36:5-10			
1 Corinthians 12:1-11			
John 2:1-11			
Jan 24, 10 Epiphany 3	Burke		
<i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10</i>	Children	Luanne	Barb
<i>Psalm 19 CHILDREN</i>			
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a			
Luke 4:14-21			
Jan 31, 10 Epiphany 4	Sova		
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Suzanne	Caroline	Pam P.
Psalm 71:1-6			
1 Corinthians 13:1-13			
Luke 4:21-30			

January Birthdays

1-6 Mary Davinich
 1-8 Carl Storace
 1-15 Chris Pratt
 1-16 Dave Dennison

January Birthdays

1-17 Betsy Krause
 1-25 Scott Young
 1-27 Char Dennison
 1-30 Drew Wagner

January Anniversaries

1-16 Earl & Sarah
 Gratopp
 1-22 Terry & Vickie
 Gunnell

**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
313/833-4421 or
browley@edomi.org

Reservation Deadline
December 18, 2009



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

January

<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	PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTGSTBA	AA MEETS ALL TUESDAYS AT 7 PM	CHOIR & STUDY GROUP MEETS ALL WEDNESDAYS		1	2 Rector Mtg St. Martin's Detroit
3 DOWNRIVER RAINBOW 6:30	4	5	6 Rector Meeting Fellowship Group 6 pm Choir Meets 7 pm	7 Rector Ministry Retreat	8 Rector Ministry Retreat	9 Rector Ministry Retreat
10 HYMN SING @ 10 AM PFLAG	11 Rector all day appt	12 Rector @ Diocese	13 Rector Meeting Fellowship Group 6 pm Choir Meets 7 pm	14 Rector Meeting in am	15	16
17 CONT. MUSIC & HEALING @ 10 VESTRY	18	19 Rector WSoT Mtg	20 Rector Meeting Fellowship Group 6 pm Choir Meets 7 pm	21 Rector Mtg St. Barnabas Chelsea	22	23
24 ANNUAL MTG POTLUCK SIGN- UP	25 Grace Note info due 📧	26	27 Rector Meeting Fellowship Group 6 pm Choir Meets 7 pm	28	29	30
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