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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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Rector's Report
February 2010

I have asked Pat (Grace Notes Editor) to include in the February edition my report from the Annual Meeting held on 1/24/2010. At the Annual Meeting there were a number of discussions concerning the upcoming budget and the opportunities it presents.

As we all know, these are challenging times that have resulted in Grace forecasting a loss over income for 2010. What I stated at the meeting needs to be repeated; "regardless of what the media is saying the area in which Grace serves is in a depression, not merely a recession. Tough times call for consideration of the circumstances; however, the spirit at Grace has carried it through many a tough situation in the past and will do so this time!" I truly believe this.

Grace Vestry will meet within the next several months to consider our focus on ministry and pursue that which serves the community best. For the remainder of 2010 the Vestry has decided to suspend our Capital Campaign and request that the monies normally given to Capital be given to the general budget starting in February.

Know and understand that any monies already sent in that were to be applied to the Capital Campaign will be protected and only spent on what they are intended for - nothing else. Hopefully, the community can weather the storm and have 2010 be the year that the economy recovers and Grace flourishes.

God's Peace

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Rector's Report for 2008

➤ Worship

- During the year we again incorporated 7 different Eucharistic Prayers into our worship. This included 2 forms from Enriching our Worship and 1 from the *Iona* Community.
- Hymn Sing is routine on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
- Contemporary Music is on the 3rd Sunday of each month with Healing offered during the Eucharist.
- Children's service is on the 4th Sunday of each month. This service is a shining star for Grace and has developed nicely with good potential for further development. Credit goes to Virginia Campey, Suzanne Argenta, and Jane Wallace for shepherding the growth of this service along with Grace's Children who have been "SUPER". Look for our Children to be Acolytes in the near future.
- In October we held a *Blessing of the Animals* and had 18 people attend with 12 dogs receiving blessings – including one little doggie named Sarah Palin.
- Colleen Lough preached and led Morning Prayer on selected Sundays throughout the year.
- Julie Herod and Virginia Campey both worked on converting our Sunday Bulletins to a "Rite Stuff" format. Rite Stuff is a bulletin creator program specific to the Episcopal Church.

➤ Funerals, Baptisms, Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations, and Marriages.

- Grace recorded 4 funerals this year. These included Connie Nitzkowski, Ed Samu Sr., Audrey Roberts, and Madelyn Putnum.
- Reynold Argenta was interred in the Memorial Garden.
- There was one conditional baptism during the year - Linda Martin.
- Pamela Bradford and Linda Martin were Confirmed, while Cheryl Pesci and Debra Gavin were Received.
- There were 2 weddings at Grace during 2009. Tim and Amanda Lough and Kevin and Kristi Cheney.

➤ Lenten Programs and other offerings

- The Lenten program on Wednesday evenings consisted of a book discussion of "The Shack" followed by spirited discussions.
- There was an observance of a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday of Holy Week, A Maundy Thursday service, one Good Friday Service of Stations of the Cross. Easter Sunday began with an Easter Vigil in the Memorial Garden early Sunday morning and the traditional two services on Easter Sunday.
- Annual Parish Picnic was held in July.

- There were numerous events throughout the year that were well attended. See various committee reports.
- Capital Campaign, building, and property improvements.
 - The Capital Campaign funds were applied as follows:
 - The Memorial Garden renovation (see committee report)
 - Property improvements and purchases included
 - Removal of all shrubbery by Sanctuary and replacement with mulch to match Memorial Garden
 - Mowing of backyard by Lee Sova and weekly weeding of premises by Pat Sova.
 - Advertising
 - Grace continues to use our Website to promote activities and opportunities.
 - Grace continues to advertise on all the coffee mugs at Arthur's Family Restaurant.
 - Grace advertises on "Craig's List" our Hall Rental and sale of our Allis Chalmers Tractor.
- Financial, Stewardship, and Accounting Highlights
 - Grace expanded its use of E-Giving during the year.
 - Grace advanced its use of the new accounting software (QuickBooks for Non-Profits) to better serve the needs of the parish now and in the future. Vicki Gunnell continues to be instrumental in all phases of this along with planning and budgetary considerations.
 - The Parish and Vestry participated in a six-month process of examining 4 questions related to ministry and stewardship. From that information Sandra Guernsey formulated a report called Grace Episcopal Church – DreamMaking. (On display)
 - There were two outstanding Rummage Sales this year that contributed significantly to the budget.

2009 was a time of change, challenge, and presented us with opportunities that will continue well into the future. This coming year promises more of the same. Stay tuned! God's peace be with you always.

George +

ItemCode	Description	2009 Budget	2009 Actual			2010 Budget
			Income thru	Over/ (Under)		
			December			
40010	Pledge Payments	\$ 95,500.00	84,235.25	84,235.25	(11,264.75)	\$ 85,000.00
40020	Plate Offerings	\$ 3,500.00	1,527.66	1,527.66	(1,972.34)	\$ 1,500.00
40030	Holiday Offering	\$ 3,500.00	2,670.72	2,670.72	(829.28)	\$ 2,700.00
40040	Initial Offer	\$ 125.00	131.00	131.00	6.00	\$ 125.00
40050	Subscriptions	\$ 175.00	140.00	140.00	(35.00)	\$ 125.00
40060	Childrens Offering	\$ -	-	-	delete	\$ -
43410	AA	\$ 800.00	900.00	900.00	100.00	\$ 900.00
43440	Downriver Rainbow	\$ 150.00	15.00	15.00	(135.00)	\$ -
43450	PFLAG	\$ 360.00	-	-	(360.00)	\$ 180.00
45030	Interest	\$ 1,400.00	355.31	355.31	(1,044.69)	\$ 355.00
46430	Special Events	\$ 250.00	219.00	219.00	(31.00)	\$ 220.00
46440	Rummage	\$ 2,300.00	1,965.60	1,965.60	(334.40)	\$ 2,300.00
46450	Land Contract	\$ 9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00	-	\$ 9,600.00
46460	Misc Inc.	\$ 500.00	401.00	401.00	(99.00)	\$ 400.00
46470	Hall Rental	\$ 1,000.00	600.00	600.00	(400.00)	\$ 1,000.00
46480	Hall Deposits	\$ -	-	-	-	\$ -
47230	Scrip	\$ 1,000.00	1,103.72	1,103.72	103.72	\$ 1,200.00
47250	Worship and Music	\$ -	-	-	-	
47260	Memorial Garden	\$ -	-	-	-	
46490	Memorials	\$ -	-	-	-	
Totals		120,160.00	103,864.26	103,864.26	(16,295.74)	105,605.00

	Description	2009 Budget	2009 Actual			2010 Budget
			Expense thru	Projected 12	(Over)/ Under	
			November	Mo 2009		
				Expenses		
60905	Diocesan Apportionment	11,500.00	11,282.28	11,282.28	217.72	\$ 10,932.00
60910	Salaries - Priest	58,300.00	59,218.27	59,218.27	(918.27)	\$ 59,000.00
60915	Salaries - Organist	8,550.00	8,800.00	9,600.00	(1,050.00)	\$ 9,600.00
60920	Salaries - Supply	150.00	-	-	150.00	\$ -
60925	FICA & Medicare	654.00	673.20	734.40	(80.40)	\$ 735.00
60930	Life Insurance	7,212.00	6,384.00	6,918.00	294.00	\$ 408.00
60932	403B Contribution					\$ 6,000.00
60935	Pension	10,332.00	9,994.00	10,902.55	(570.55)	\$ 10,620.00
60940	Professional Develop	750.00	828.52	828.52	delete	\$ -
60945	Professional Expense	750.00	30.00	30.00	720.00	\$ 750.00
60950	Travel & Mileage	-	-	-	delete	\$ -
60955	Prof Exp - Lay	500.00	295.00	295.00	205.00	\$ 400.00
60960	Paychecks	144.00	132.00	144.00	-	\$ 144.00
60965	Workers Compensation	500.00	158.00	158.00	342.00	\$ 160.00
62830	Maintenance-Building	1,200.00	765.86	835.48	364.52	\$ 850.00
62835	Maintenance-Grounds	4,000.00	2,254.38	2,254.38	1,745.62	\$ 2,500.00
62840	Utilities	6,900.00	5,048.47	5,507.42	1,392.58	\$ 5,500.00
62850	Misc B&G Expense	-	728.78	728.78	(728.78)	\$ -
62870	Property Insurance	4,300.00	4,510.70	4,510.70	(210.70)	\$ 4,500.00
65005	Advertising	150.00	146.50	159.00	(9.00)	\$ 150.00
65010	Books, Subscriptions, Reference	-	171.92	171.92	(171.92)	\$ 50.00
65015	Bank Charges	50.00	153.38	167.32	(117.32)	\$ 150.00
65020	Dues and Fees	250.00	301.40	301.40	(51.40)	\$ 300.00
65025	Internet Service	540.00	494.89	539.88	0.12	\$ 540.00
65030	Postage	750.00	639.43	697.56	52.44	\$ 350.00

65040	Copier Maintenance	1,200.00	1,592.26	1,737.01	(537.01)	\$	700.00
65060	Office Supplies	450.00	143.25	143.25	306.75	\$	600.00
65070	Telephone - Church	600.00	574.00	628.43	(28.43)	\$	650.00
65110	Vestry	100.00	-	-	delete	\$	-
65115	Discretionary Fund	240.00	180.00	240.00	-	\$	240.00
65120	Worship	100.00	288.72	288.72	(188.72)	\$	200.00
65125	Music	350.00	40.62	40.62	309.38	\$	100.00
65135	Church School	300.00	227.79	227.79	72.21	\$	230.00
65140	Adult Education	50.00	134.59	134.59	(84.59)	\$	-
65145	Stewardship	300.00	234.61	234.61	65.39	\$	-
65150	Parish Plan Whitaker	100.00	-	-	100.00	\$	-
65155	The Record	100.00	-	-	100.00	\$	-
65160	Retreats & Seminars	100.00	175.00	175.00	(75.00)	\$	150.00

Totals	121,472.00	119,834.88	119,834.88	1,615.64	116,509.00
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Net Income (Loss)	(1,312.00)	(15,970.62)	(15,970.62)	(14,680.10)	(10,904.00)
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(14,658.62)

SAVE THE DATE - MINISTRY FAIR 2010

Saturday, May 1, 2010
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 218 W.
 Ottawa Street
 Lansing, Michigan 48933
 \$15 Registration
 \$ 8 Lunch
 Registration information forthcoming
 Questions? Contact Beth Rowley at
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 consideration.

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March Anniversary

3-01 William & Margaret Goddard

March Birthday

1 Sarah Gratopp	11 Dori Washelewski	26 Jean Storace
6. Luanne Brewer	20. Kathy Burke	28 Joshua Meredith
7 Suzanne Argenta	20 Patricia Howard	29 Earl Gratopp
		29. Mary Lurain

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 or your e-mail (rector@gracesouthgate.org) Thank you.

KOINONIA 2010



Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all who have sponsored a coffee hour. We have had some Sundays when we have had to "punt" so I would encourage you to take a turn. It's not difficult and we now have 2 unofficial dishwashers, Dan Edmunds and Al Natale. Thank you, gentlemen.

Beginning Balance - 660.82
Ending Balance - 442.32

Our coffee hours have brought in \$782.06, bottle return money of \$34.20, and some donations. The bottle money is now going to the Rector's Discretionary Account. Supplies cost us \$363.00. We have also put \$664.90 toward special occasions such as the annual meeting, rummage sales, 5th of July, the Bishop's visit, our birthday picnic, sundae Sunday, and a large donation to the Rector's Discretionary Account.



Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Grant

The next Pastoral Care meeting will be February 4, 2010

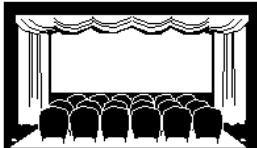
Dear Members of Grace,

As your newly-elected Senior Warden, I would like to take this opportunity to "serve with a theme" this year. I am encouraging all members to seriously consider bringing a friend to church at least twice this year. You already know what a wonderful family Grace is. It's time to share that knowledge. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the pews filled each Sunday? Please give it serious thought and take that step to spread the Good News of Grace.

Respectfully,

Caroline Grant
Senior Warden

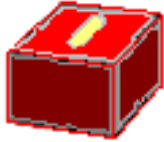
The Alpha Delta Kappa sorority is sponsoring **The Miracle Worker** on Thurs., Feb. 11 at 8:00 p.m. at Davidson School Auditorium.



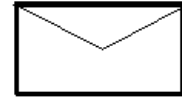
The Southgate Players will be performing. Appetizers will be served at 7:30 p.m.. The cost is \$12.00 see Caroline for tickets and the money goes to scholarship and altruism.

Outreach Ministry:

We will once again do a Lenten collection, starting Wed, February 17th until Palm Sunday.



This year our collection will go to **ERD** (Episcopal Relief & Development). There will be boxes for change & envelopes for checks & folding money available.



If you would like to support the relief efforts in Haiti you may also make a contribution to **ERD** & earmark it Haiti Relief. You can make your check out to Grace & mark Haiti in the memo portion or put money in an envelope & mark it Haiti.

Outreach Ministry:

Please plan to bring a friend and join us for our annual Chinese Auction/Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **February 14th**. (**Valentines Day**) after the 10:00 am service. All you care to eat pancakes, scrambled eggs & sausage are on the menu. This is a free will offering & proceeds of the breakfast support Outreach Ministry at Grace. Also; Bring your unwanted, unused items for our Chinese Auction.



A good time will be had by all. Tickets will be 5 for \$1.00 or an arm length for \$5.00.



Mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb 18th. We will be compiling packets for Crossroads Soup Kitchen from 7-9 pm. All are welcome, experience is not required. Refreshments will be served.

Our **Rummage Sale** dates are unconfirmed at this time. More information in be in upcoming Grace Notes.

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.***

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
ALL SUNDAYS HOLY EUCCHARIST 8 AND 10 AM	1	2 Rector COM 6 pm	3 Rector Mtg Fellowship group 6 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Rector Mtg Fellowship group 6 pm	11 Rector Diocese 11 am	12	13
14 Hymn Sing @ 10 Chinese Auction and Pancake Breakfast PFLAG	15 Rector Vacation on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday	16 Shrove Tuesday	17 Ash Wednesday Services @ Noon & 7 pm Rector Mtg am Fellowship group 6 pm	18 Crossroads Work Party 7 – 9 pm	19	20
21 Cont. Music & Healing @ 10 Vestry Mandela 2 – 4 pm	22 Grace Notes info due	23 Rector WSoT 6 pm	24 Rector Mtg Lenten Program begins Fellowship group 6 pm	25	26	27
28 Children's Sunday		AA Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm	Choir meets on Wednesday and Tuesdays during Lent	Check weekly bulletin for updates on Pastoral Care and Outreach Meetings	<div data-bbox="1697 1254 1957 1390" data-label="Text"> <h2>2010</h2> </div>	