

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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Rector's Report
May 2010

Grace's Holy Week and Easter were magnificent. It began with a wonderful Palm Sunday observance, then Tenebrae on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday with foot washing (foot washing increased this year), Stations of the Cross on Friday, and finished on Easter Sunday with a combined Festive Eucharist and Children's celebration at the 10 am service. The Church was beautiful with special thanks to all for the clean up and preparations ahead of time.

As a follow-up to the Grace Vestry off-site meeting in March a new group focusing on music and liturgy began working on April 12th. There are several subgroups that have begun projects and we should start to see the fruits of their labor very soon during the liturgy. Expect good things!!!

Grace Vestry began a new practice using the "Kaleidoscope" method of Bible Study at the beginning of meetings. Others would recognize the method as a variation on Lectio-Divina. This is a way of recognizing who and what we are called to be and do while at the same time growing as a cohesive group.

We are continuing to see if we can rent / lease office space to supplement our income. This is will carry on into the near future as there are predicted upswings in the market / business cycle. At this time we've had several inquiries and we are prepared should the right person / business come along.

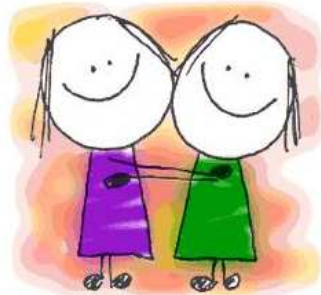
Since the last report in April we are still attempting to sell our Allis-Chalmers CA Tractor. After having two people familiar with vintage tractors look at the machine it has become clear that our expectations are high. Having said that, our next step will be to attempt to sell it on E-Bay under the non-profit section using the local pick-up option.

In the interim, if you know someone that may want or need our tractor please have him or her contact me to follow-up. We will continue the efforts until the tractor is sold.

God's Peace

George+

The next Pastoral Care meeting will be May 6, 2010



Here's my monthly plea---- Come one, come all
Bring a friend to Grace Hall
It's part of your favorite place to be
On Sunday mornings; don't you agree?

Thanks, Caroline



Help us, please save **pop Tabs**. This will go to help with the Children's Hospital or the Ronald McDonald house. There will be a container in the Narthex to collect these tabs.

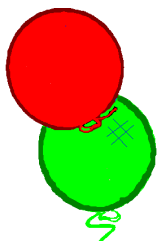


PASTORAL CARE is in need of sympathy cards, children's birthday cards, and as always postage stamps.

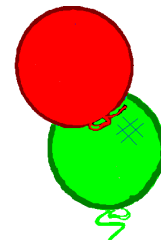


Family Night

Our next Family Night and Potluck will be May 15. Come on down, bring a friend. We'll begin at 6:00 pm and end whenever..... Let's enjoy!.



Keep watching for more information in upcoming Grace Notes about our
Birthday Party

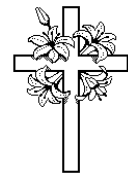




There will be envelopes set out in the Narthex for **Mothers Day Memorials on May 9th**.
And look for the envelopes for Fathers Day June 20th.



We would like to say a big "Thank you!"
To everyone who helped clean and set up for Easter,
From the *Altar Guild*.



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.*

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.**



Happy Mothers Day

Mothers Day Trivia

Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece, when the Greeks held festivals honoring Rhea, the mother of the gods. ***

The ancient Egyptians celebrated the goddess Isis, who was considered the mother of the pharaohs. Romans also honored Isis by celebrating for three days. ***

Anna Jarvis is recognized as the founder of the Mother's Day holiday in the United States of America. On May 12, 1907, two years after her mother's death, she held a memorial to her mother and thereafter embarked upon a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday. She succeeded in making this nationally recognized in 1914. ***

President Woodrow Wilson helped celebrate

the first national Mother's Day in 1914. As the holiday became more commercialized, Anna Jarvis filed a lawsuit in Pennsylvania to try to stop the commercialization. She failed. ***

The official flower for Mother's Day is the carnation. Red carnations are for mothers still living, while white carnations are to honor those that have passed away. ***

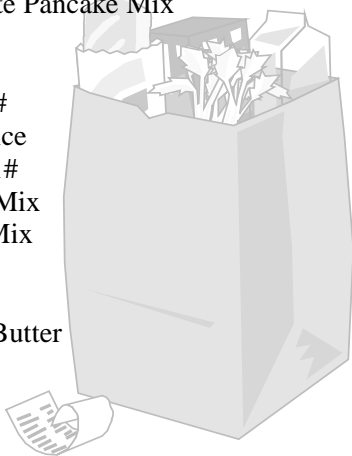
Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, or three weeks before Easter, in the UK and Ireland. In South America, most countries celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May as well. Argentina celebrates it in October because it is in the southern hemisphere and spring is in October. ***

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



Last Visioning Workshop!

**April 24, 11 am - 3 p.m. - [St. Paul's](#) ,
Jackson**

Local Events

05/01: St. Stephen's, Troy - SEXTON IN THE CITY celebration

Friends of Miranda Spates, long-time Sexton at St. Stephen's, Troy, are invited to reserve space at SEXTON IN THE CITY, a celebration of her outstanding ministry as "Steward of God's House and People," to be held Saturday, May 1st, 5:30pm-9:30. Reservations by April 16 or 248-641-8080.

05/02: St. Andrew's, Waterford - Taste of Andrew's

St Andrews Episcopal Church, Waterford is hosting a Taste of Andrew's tasting hour on Sunday, May 2nd at 11:30am. Recipes from our upcoming cookbook will be available for tasting. Cost is \$5 for adults and children age 13 and up. \$3 for children, ages 6-12 years. Proceeds will be used to have our cookbook published. All are welcome. Any questions: Contact Maggie Raymer.

05/08: St Patrick's Episcopal Church, Madison Heights - Spring Tea at 2:00 pm

Featuring a delicious menu of Tea, Scones, Fruit, Sandwiches and Mini Cookies & Desserts . For information and tickets please contact Donna Marshall at 586-254-6293. Tickets, advance purchase only, are \$12.

06/14: Mariner's Inn Golf

8th Annual Mariners Inn Golf Classic. Coming June 14, 2010 at the Warren Valley Golf Course!

Mission Budget Development Conversations for 2011 Diocesan Budget

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend these open conversations as we plan for our mission and ministry in 2011.

Thursday, April 22, 7-9 p.m., Trinity Church, Belleville

Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. - noon, St. Aidan's, Michigan Center

Thursday, May 6, 7-9 p.m., Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. - noon, All Saints', Pontiac

Sponsored by the Mission Budget Development Committee of Diocesan Council



A Celebration of Early Music with Anaphantasia

Sunday, May 23 at 4:30 pm

Anaphantasia takes its name and aim from classical Greek words evoking motion, power and revelation. Playing cornetto, early violin, English cello and harpsichord, these five women capture the emotional excitement of Baroque music - dissonance, irregular rhythms, extreme contrasts and impassioned intensity.

Call 313.885.4841 for tickets: \$15, \$5 for students.



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

May 2010 RCL Readings Year C

Lector

EM I

EM II

May 2 Easter 5	Wagner		
Acts 11:1-18	Suzanne	Caroline	Rob
Psalm 148			
Revelation 21:1-6			
John 13:31-35			
May 9 Easter 6 Hymn Sing	Sova		
Acts 16:9-15	Julie	Barb	Rick
Psalm 67			
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5			
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9			
May 16 Easter 7 Healing Service	Campey		Pam B
Acts 16:16-34	Virginia	Luanne	Terry
Psalm 97			
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21			
John 17:20-26			
May 23 Pentecost Children	Burke		
Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9	Children	Rick	Barb
Psalm 104:25-35, 37b			
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21			
John 14:8-17, (25-27)			
May 30 Pentecost 1	Sova		
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	KC	Pam P	Rob
Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13			
Romans 5:1-5			
John 16:12-15			

Revised Common Lectionary
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 K C. Martin 734-775-2431
 Kathy Burke 734-287-2427

May Birthdays

5-4 Julie Herod
 5-5 Brian Brown
 5-9 Karen White
 5-14 Barbara Porath
 5-19 Virginia Campey
 5-19 Nancy Oliveri

May Birthdays

5-23 Chris Pratt II
 5-24 Colleen Lough
 5-27 Meg Holcz
 5-27 Tyler Crawford
 5-29 Michael Kuczynski
 5-31 Cheryl Pesci
 5-31 Daniel Edmunds

May Anniversaries

5-14 Mike & Wendy Nitzkowski
 5-17 Al & Sue Natale
 5-20 Char & Dave Dennison
 5-29 Jerry & Cheryl Pesci

May

<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		AA and Choir meet on Tuesday Evenings	Check weekly bulletin for updates on Pastoral Care and Outreach Meetings			1 Ministry Fair @ St. Paul's Brighton
2	3	4 Rector COM Mtg	5 Rector Vacation Day Cinco de Mayo	6 Rector Vacation Day Pastoral Care meeting	7	8
9 Hymn Sing at 10 am PFLAG Mother's Day	10	11 Rector Whitaker Mtg	12 Rector Mtg Ann Arbor 1 pm	13 Rector Mtg 8 am	14	15 Family Night 6:pm
16 Cont. Music & Healing at 10 am Vestry meeting	17 Grace Notes info due	18	19 Rector Whitaker Graduation Cathedral	20 Rector Mtg 8 am	21	22
23 Children's Sunday	24	25	26	27 Rector Mtg 8 am	28	29
30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist @ 10 am	31					

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