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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
June 2010

What always happens when I write my contribution to Grace Notes is that once completed I remember so many other items of importance that I "should" have put in. One of those items that I often take for granted is the amount of volunteerism here at Grace.

Given that we have only one full-time employee of the parish (me) and one paid by the number of services (Virginia) it should be noted that everything else is done by volunteers. This includes our teachers Suzanne, Jane, and Debbie, our janitorial and cleaning staff consisting of Jerry and Pam, our Altar Guild, our Grace Notes Editor who also works diligently on the grounds to weed, clean, and beautify, Lee Sova who mows the back forty and so many others. New to this list is Ricky Yost who represents us at the Downriver Deanery meetings. Without their sense of commitment we couldn't be Grace. Thank you!

Grace Vestry again this month used the "Kaleidoscope" method of Bible Study at the beginning of meetings. What I have observed here and at other meetings that I attend is that beginning with a Bible study helps to focus on the tasks at hand and reminds us of the work we are called to do.

Our signage out front has yielded results – two hall rentals for July with many other inquiry calls coming in for graduations and showers. Hopefully the calls will turn to commitments. We have a great asset here that needs to be used.

On the 4th of May we interred long time parishioner Marie Steube at Michigan Memorial Gardens. On Saturday, June 12th we will hold a Funeral Service for Chuck Dennison at 11 am with a luncheon to follow. We will hold a Funeral Service for Meryman "Zip" Farmer on Sunday, June 13th at noon with a luncheon to follow. Both Chuck and Zip will be interred here in Grace's Memorial Garden.

On the tractor front I encountered a snag in selling it on EBay (not being charged a commission. That has been resolved with our registration on "Mission Fish" which designates us as a 501(c) (3) non-profit and we are now moving again. Its still a great tractor if anyone wants it.

God's Peace

George+

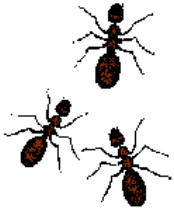
The next Pastoral Care meeting will be June 03, 2010



Grace Church

June 6 2010

Following the 10:00 service.
Bring a \$1.00 wrapped gift for the present exchange. We will be serving cake and ice cream.



Our Annual Picnic will be on Sunday July 11. More to come in the weekly bulletins and Grace Notes. I will tell you that I will be bringing one of my best friends to Grace that day. Caroline Grant



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.

Senior Warden Thanks - to Brooke and Riley Nitzkowski for bringing a friend to Grace. Now, can the rest of us do the same??

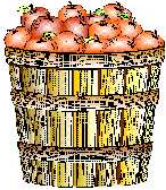
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Sign up to do Coffee Hour one Sunday this summer.

Thank you to all who donated books for the Rotary's book collection. **We collected 286 pounds of books!**

Thanks Debbie

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.*



Amy Litwinski



Amy Litwinski will be on of the fifty-nine athletes representing Michigan in the National special Olympics in Lincoln, Nebraska in July. Too see more go to www.somi.org and click on National Games. **Good luck Amy!**

These are the pictures from the April 24, 2010 **Taco Dinner**, it was really crowded and the food was delicious



For our Food pantry

SUGGESTIONS FOR FOOD DONATIONS

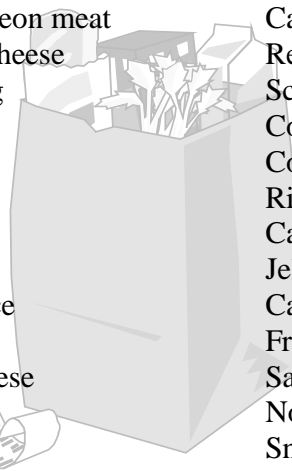
Complete Pancake Mix
Syrup
Cereal
Sugar 2#
Fruit Juice
Coffee 1#
Muffin Mix
Cocoa Mix

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 Outreach Ministry

Birthdays

6-4 Lee Sovo
6-19 Gary Howard
6-22 Katie Schoeneman
6-24 Jay Putnam
6-26 Deborah Litwinski
6-28 Lance Nitzkowski
7-2 Winifred Hodgkinson
7-3 Claudia Beecham

Birthdays

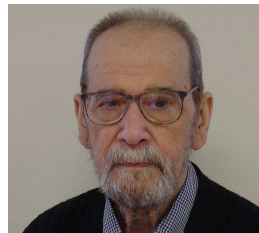
7-6 Joan Vellmure
7-6 Yena Wosornu
7-14 George Davinich
7-15 Christian Schoeneman
7-25 Robert Litwinski
7-26 Brooke & Riley Nitzkowski
7-26 Juliana Beecham

Anniversaries

6-5 Jay & Pamela Putnam
6-15 Rev. Diane Morgan –
Ordination Anniversary
6-20 Casey & Misty McClain
6-24 Mike & Christine Lamerato
6-28 John & Susan Molnar
7-7 Yena Wosornu & Winfred
Beecham



June 12th (Saturday) at 11 am there will be a Memorial Service for **Chuck Dennison** here at Grace followed by a luncheon – if you can help with the luncheon please contact Caroline Grant.



June 13th (Sunday) at Noon will be a Memorial Service for **Zip Farmer** here at Grace followed by a luncheon – if you can help with the luncheon please contact Caroline.

The Christ Church Antiques Show raises funds for Christ Church Outreach Ministries and provides support for our Music program. Scheduled for June 4-6 – with a Preview Party and Silent Auction on Thursday, June 3 – the show is educational and collecting event where ideas, expertise and passion for antiques, music and culture can flourish. guest speaker is renowned designer Barry Dixon



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 women capture the emotional excitement of Baroque music – dissonance, irregular rhythms, extreme contrast and impassioned intensity.

Call 313.885.4841 for tickets:
\$15, \$5.00 for students



05/27: OKLAHOMA IV 2010 CONSULTATION: “The Present and Future of Indigenous Leadership in the Episcopal Church”

Thursday, May 27, 2010 - Monday, May 31, 2010
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Location: Sewanee, Tennessee ; *see complete event flyer [here](#) .*

06/14: Mariner's Inn Golf

8th Annual Mariners Inn Golf Classic. Coming June 14, 2010 at the Warren Valley Golf Course!
More info about Mariner's Inn [here](#) . Golf Classic brochure [here](#) .

06/21: Worldviews Seminar - A Seminar on American Religious Diversity

JUNE 21– 26, 2010 at THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

Join us for a six-day, experience based seminar designed to introduce you to foundational information about the beliefs and practices of several of the world’s religions.



Downriver Rainbow will be meeting on Sunday June 6th, at 3pm. We will be having an outing to Motor City Pride, in Ferndale Michigan. June of course is Gay Pride month, be proud of who you are!

We will meet at Grace Hall at 3pm, and go to Ferndale for Motor City Pride, all are welcome to come.

Hope to see you there!
Downriver Rainbow

Summer and upcoming Youth and Adult programs

YAYA Youth and Young Adult

Upcoming Youth Events

Camp Compassion July 11-18, 2010 (Location: All Saints, Pontiac & surrounding area)

New Beginnings #2 Oct 8-10

Happening #7 Nov 12-14

New Beginnings #3 March 11-13 2011

Nightwatch: Detroit April 9-10 2011

Happening #8 April 29 – May 1 2011

Episcopal Youth Event June 22-26 2011 (location: St. Paul, MN)

Camp Compassion – July 10-17 2011

New Beginnings #4 Oct 14-16 2011

Happening #9 Nov 11-13 2011

Eric Travis, Missioner for Youth and young adults etravis@edomi.org (313) 833-4418 work or (734) 233-7333 cell More information can be found on the Diocesan Website:

WWW.EDOMI.ORG then under ->DIOCESE . YOUTH MINISTRIES

Christian Formation Conference

Living our Baptismal Promises: A call to wholeness June 13-18, 2010 at Kanuga an Episcopal Center. Hendersonville N.C.

www.kanuga.org 828-692-9136

Youth Week 2010

June 20-25 at Kanuga An Episcopal Center. Hendersonville N.C.

YWS Youth Worker Summit

Sacred Space for Youth Workers

Place: Lake Buena Vista, Florida Disney's Coronado Springs Resort ®

Date: December 1-4 2010

Conference Cost: \$ 275

Room Cost: \$440 Single/Family \$220 Double

Bass Lake Festival

Featuring Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Mark Hanson

August 6 –9 2010 Michi-Lu-Ca Conference Center and Camp

Living Water Ministries a Shared Mission of the Lower Michigan Synods, ELCA

Registration Form can be obtained at Grace Church and can be faxed to (989) 848-5797

No refunds available.

Living Water Ministries 2010 Summer Programs**Phil & Marty's Excellent Adventure**

March 12-14 2010 or April 23-25 2010 at Michi-Lu-Ca

Led by: Pastor Will Steinke (March)

Scrapbooking

March 19-21 2010 At Michi-Lu-Ca

Led by: Pastor Sherry McGuffin

Father & Son Faith Formation and Fishing Retreat April 23-25 2010 at Michi-Lu-Ca

Led by: Pastor Doug Odgen

Work Weekend at Stony Lake and Michi-Lu-Ca

April 30-May 2 or May 7-9 2010 at Michi-Lu-Ca and May 7-9, 2010 at Stony Lake

Stony Lake 65th Celebration and Alumni Weekend.

July 16-18, 2010 at Stony Lake

All registration forms can be obtained at Grace Church

<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		1 Rector Appt. 10:45	2 Rector Appt 2 pm	3 Pastoral Care mtg Rector Mtg 8 am Rector Mtg 9:30	4	5
6 Downriver Rainbow mtg 3:00 PM	7 Rector Mtg Noon	8	9	10 Rector Mtg 9:30	11	12 Dennison Funeral at 11 am
13 Hymn Sing at 10 am PFLAG Farmer Funeral Noon	14 Music Mtg 11 Rector Mtg Ann Arbor at 1:30	15 Rector Mtg St. B's Chelsea at 5 pm	16	17 Rector Mtg 8:15 Ann Arbor	18	19
20 Cont. Music & Healing at 10 am Father's Day	21 Vestry mtg 6:30 pm	22 Grace Notes info due	23	24 Rector Mtg 8 am Rector Mtg 6 pm Chelsea	25	26
27 Children's Sunday	28	29	30			
		AA and Choir meet on Tuesday Evenings	Check weekly bulletin for updates on Pastoral Care and Outreach Meetings	June 2010		