

# GRACE NOTES

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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  
July 2010

The ole saying of "business as usual" does not apply at Grace, as the norm for us is change, change, and more change. Our Music Committee is working diligently to shape the future liturgy while our Vestry is beginning to shape the Mutual Ministry Review process.

The differences you will note in music will roll out gradually and include Canticles in the Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist services that occur on those months that contain five Sundays. We will also be adapting the Psalms to music as well as developing a Songbook for Children's Sunday that is designed to grow over time.

A meeting is scheduled for July of a Subcommittee that will be to craft our process of Mutual Ministry Review. The MMRP is not new to the parish in that it is very similar to the questionnaires used in a rector search process - only now they are tailored to understand what is going well, look at what we can improve, and say good-bye to that which isn't working. The parish will be asked to fill out a questionnaire specifically designed to address the ministries of the parish, not specific peoples, which will then be compiled and presented to the Vestry for action.

In June we had Memorial Services for two long-term members of the parish Meryman "Zip" Farmer and Chuck Dennison. We grieve with their families as we remember their ministries and time among us here at Grace. May God rest their souls.

Grace Vestry again this month used the "Kaleidoscope" method of Bible Study at the beginning of meetings. It is a tool similar to that which our local clergy use in all our meetings. The process of doing Bible study reinforces our needs to continue to grow in our understandings of scripture and their relevance to our lives.

I want to draw attention once again to the ongoing Study on Sunday Mornings being led primarily by Sandra Guernsey. The group will soon be completing "The Heart of Christianity" and starting another study. The conversation is invigorating, the crowds receptive, and the coffee hot. Please join us at 9 am.

God's Peace

George+

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The next Pastoral Care meeting will be July 8, 2010

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### Help Needed

Help needed with Memorial Garden upkeep - no experience necessary!  
Hour(s) flexible and reward is satisfaction for a job well done. Best guess is about 2-4 hours per week. See Fr. George



### Amy Litwinski



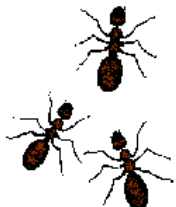
**Amy Litwinski** will be on of the fifty-nine athletes representing Michigan in the National Special Olympics in Lincoln, Nebraska in July. Too see more go to [www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org) and click on National Games. **Good luck Amy!**

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## Our Annual Picnic

**Sunday July 11.**

People can sign up for the picnic in Grace Hall. Bring a dish to pass. We'll provide chicken, burgers and hot dogs. There will be some games to play and bring your mitts and bats.



More information to come, check your weekly bulletins.  
*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.

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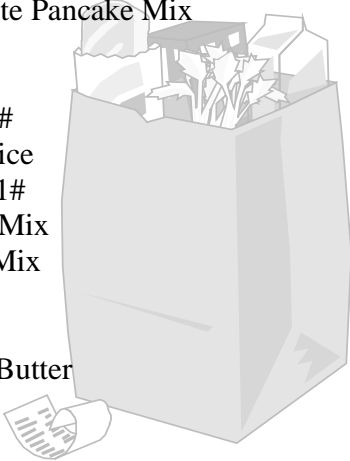


For our Food pantry

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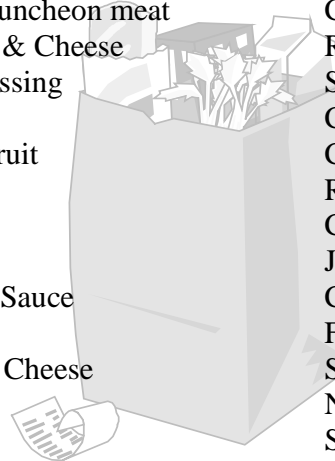
Complete Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Cereal  
Sugar 2#  
Fruit Juice  
Coffee 1#  
Muffin Mix  
Cocoa Mix

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

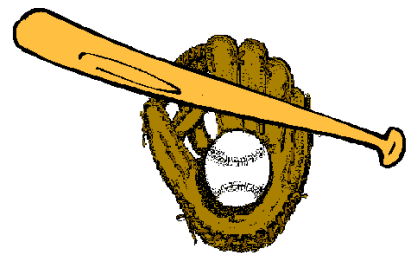
7-2 Winifred Hodgkinson  
7-3 Claudia Beecham  
7-6 Joan Vellmure  
7-6 Yena Wosornu

7-14 George Davinich  
7-15 Christian Schoeneman  
7-25 Robert Litwinski  
7-26 Brooke & Riley Nitzkowski  
7-26 Juliana Beecham

#### Anniversaries

7-7 Yena Wosornu & Winfred  
Beecham

# Play Ball!



We are planning on attending a **Mud hens** game  
**August 14, 2010**  
Details in future Grace Notes or Call Caroline Grant..

**A 92 Year Old Pastor**

While watching a little TV on Sunday (instead of going to church), I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... the only thing that would comfort was this verse.....

"Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
we are weak but He is strong.....  
Yes, Jesus loves me.....  
The Bible tells me so."

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his foot steps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn "Jesus Loves Me" (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best." "Senior version of Jesus Loves Me"

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of Jesus Loves Me.

**JESUS LOVES ME**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow,  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.  
(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES,  
JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE  
BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go,  
On through life, let come what

may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.  
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song,  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."  
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.  
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He knows?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.  
(CHORUS)

God Bless Us All!!!

**Help Needed for Planting**

Attached is the quote for the strip to be planted between the church



and parking lot and the north side of the sanctuary. I've attached images of the plants proposed.

I propose: climbing Hydrangeas between the windows Dwarf Arborvitae as a low "interrupted" hedge in front of the windows Nodding Onion perennials (a native plant) all across the front edge of the bed.



This design mimics the master plan for the memorial garden, which had the hydrangeas growing up the wall of the fellowship hall. The dwarf arborvitae which grow to about 2-3 feet, are smaller versions of the large globe arborvitae in the memorial garden. The nodding onion will make a nice display of clusters of flowers when they bloom. Their foliage is grass-like.



It would be useful to have a **couple of helpers on the day of planting**. I'm sure Pat will want to be involved. I could schedule this within the next couple of weeks, probably on a Saturday.

Randy



### Diocesan Events

06/28: [Living Waters Day Camp](#) at [St. Aidan's](#) , Ann Arbor

07/11: [Camp Compassion](#) at All Saint's, Pontiac

10/23: [176th Convention](#) of the Diocese of Michigan, Dearborn

### Local Events

06/22-25: **US Social Forum 2010 in Detroit**

The US Social Forum will provide a space to build relationships, learn from each other's experiences, and share analysis of the problems our communities face. It will help develop leadership, vision, and strategy needed to realize another world.

07/13: **Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) Cafe**

7:00PM – 9:00PM: Location: St. Matthews, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church  
8850 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202

*RSVP: Darlene or Alethia at 313.871.4750*

Hosts: Ron Spann & The Christ Church Spirituality Center

8-22: **“Crusin’ Motown”**-2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cruise Fundraising Event for Waller Health Center on Cathedral Green. Advantage Health Center operates the Waller Health Center on Cathedral Green. On August 22, 2010, Advantage Health Center’s (AHC) Board will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cruise Fundraising Event. The theme of this year’s River Cruise, is “Crusin’ Motown”. Last year’s event (The Aloha Cruise) raised over \$13,000 which AHC has used to provide dental services to uninsured individuals that are seen at the facilities. To date, 71 patients have benefited from that program.

10/6-7: **Systems & Spirituality: The Ninth Concept.** Dr. Murray Bowen cautiously began to observe the possibility of a ninth concept innatural systems thinking which suggested a “supernatural” component. Brian O. McDermott and Jannell Glennie will explore some connections between Bownes’ scientific approach to natural systems and the role of spirituality or the “supernatural.”

A retreat will be offered following the symposium which will allow practice and more in-depth exploration into the intersection of Systems and Spiritually.

Participants may register for the day-long symposium only (9:30am –3:30pm - \$60.00), October 6, or both symposium and retreat (5:00pm –3pm - \$100.00) October 6-7, 2010. For registration details please call the retreat center at 866-669-8321.

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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

July 2010 RCL Readings Year C

**Lector**

**EM I**

**EM II**

<b>July 4</b> Pentecost 6 <i>Proper 9</i>	<b>Wagner</b>		
2 Kings 5:1-14	<b>Betsy</b>	<b>Luanne</b>	<b>Pam B</b>
Psalm 30 <b>or</b>			
Isaiah 66:10-14			
Psalm 66:1-8			
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16			
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20			
<b>July 11</b> Pentecost 7 <i>Proper 10</i>	<b>Sova</b>		
Amos 7:7-17 <b>or</b>	<b>K.C.</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Pam P</b>
Deuteronomy 30:9-14			
Psalm 82 <b>or</b> Psalm 25:1-9			
Colossians 1:1-14			
Luke 10:25-37			
<b>July 18</b> Pentecost 8 <i>Proper 11</i>	<b>Campey</b>		<b>Luanne</b>
Amos 8:1-12 <b>or</b>	<b>Virginia C</b>	<b>Pam B</b>	<b>Rick</b>
Genesis 18:1-10a			
Psalm 52 <b>or</b> Psalm 15			
Colossians 1: 15-28			
Luke 10:38-42			
<b>July 25</b> Pentecost 9 <i>Proper 12</i>	<b>Burke</b>		
Hosea 1:2-10 <b>or</b> Genesis 18:20-32	<b>Children</b>	<b>Pam P</b>	<b>Robert</b>
Psalm 85 <b>or</b> Psalm 138			
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)			
Luke 11:1-13			

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# July 2010

<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		AA meets on Tuesday Evenings	Check weekly bulletin for updates on Pastoral Care and Outreach	<b>1</b> Rector Mtg 7:30 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of July – normal service schedule	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Rector Mtg Pleasant Lake	<b>7</b> Rector Mtg 8 am	<b>8</b> Rector Mtg 7:30 am Pastoral Care	<b>9</b> Rector Mtg Holy Cross Novi in am	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Hymn Sing at 10 am PFLAG BIRTHDAY PARTY	<b>12</b> Rector Vacation	<b>13</b> Rector Vacation	<b>14</b> Rector Vacation	<b>15</b> Rector Vacation Rector Mtg 7:30 am	<b>16</b> Rector Vacation	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Cont. Music & Healing at 10 am	<b>19</b> Rector Mtg AA <b>Vestry 6:30 pm</b>	<b>20</b> Rector Mtg Diocese  Grace Notes info due.	<b>21</b> Rector Mtg 8 am	<b>22</b> Rector Clericus 9:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Proposed Vestry Gathering 3 pm
<b>25</b> Children's Sunday	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mutual Ministry Review 6:30 pm Rector Mtg 8 am	<b>29</b> Rector Mtg 7:30 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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