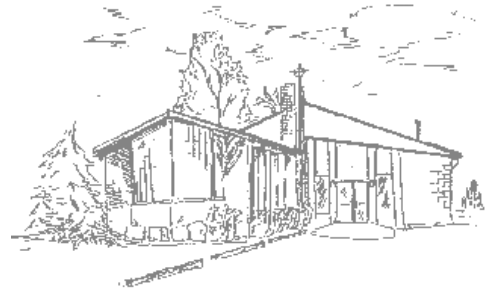


GRACE NOTES

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15650 Reeck Rd.
Southgate MI. 48195*

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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*

Rector's Report Year 2011

- Worship
 - During the year we again incorporated 7 different Eucharistic Prayers into our worship. This included forms from the BCP, Enriching our Worship, and the Iona Community. We also continued to sing responsorial portions of the Eucharistic Prayer.
 - On the 2nd Sunday of each month Joyful Noise performs during the liturgy and a Hymn Sing is held prior to the service.
 - The 3rd Sunday of each month is Contemporary Music & Healing.
 - The 4th Sunday of each month is Youth Sunday. This service continues to shine. We now have a youth every Sunday serving as Acolyte.
 - This was the 2nd year of having a Youth Pageant at Christmas. It was great.
 - Any month with 5 Sundays has us doing Morning Prayer with Eucharist on that day.
 - In October we held a Blessing of the Animals with 10 dogs receiving blessings.
- People and happenings
 - Colleen Lough continued her path towards ordination, as did Lynda Carter.
 - Virginia Campey-Roulo worked diligently to help prepare bulletins in advance coordinating with Fr. George all music and special circumstances.
 - Sue Natale and Virginia Campey-Roulo worked weekly to organize our musical selections and prepare for seasonal liturgies.
- Funerals, Baptisms, Receptions, Confirmations, and Marriages.
 - There were 5 funerals this year. These included June Gavin, John McClain, Mary Oliveri, Edward Rice, and Winnie Hodgkinson
 - There was one marriage - Virginia Campey and Thomas Roulo.
 - There were 3 baptisms - Ashlee Oerkfitz, Conner Reeves, and Matthew Siegel.
 - On Pentecost, June 12th we hosted Bishop and Karla Gibbs. At the service Bishop Gibbs Confirmed Kelly Yero and Received Carm Yero, Michael Burr, and Carolyn Humphries.
- Lenten Season, Easter, Thanksgiving
 - The 1st Sunday of Lent saw us sing the Great Litany.
 - There was an observance of a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday of Holy Week, A Maundy Thursday service, and one Good Friday service of Conversations at the Cross. Easter Sunday began with a Sunrise service in the Memorial Garden and two traditional, which followed.

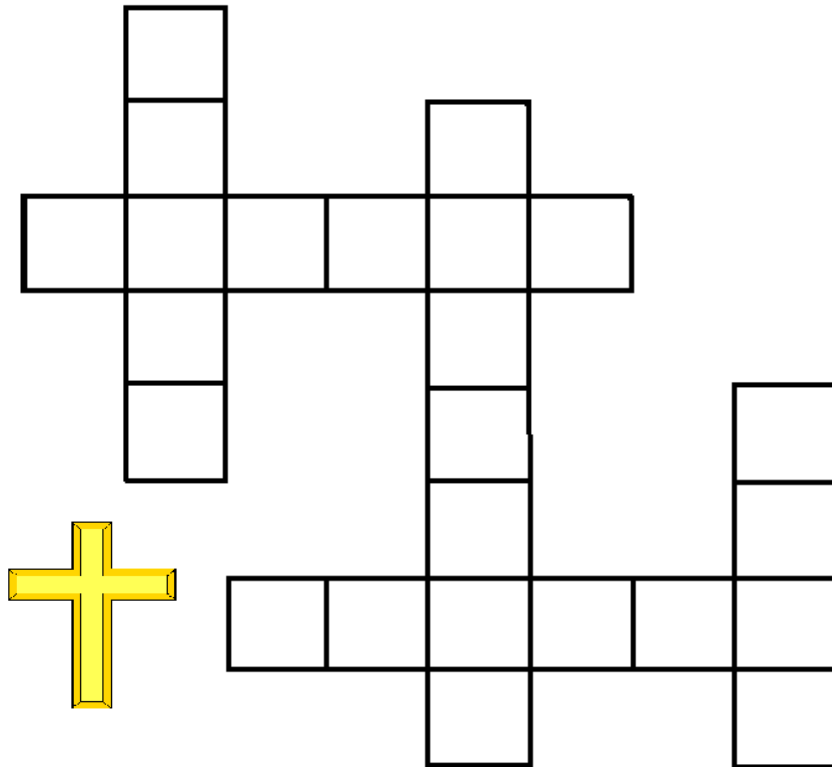
- Our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service with pies afterwards is always a hit and was the best attended ever.
- Property improvements, maintenance, and purchases included:
 - The entire Sanctuary was remodeled / updated. Included new windows, drywall, doors, Altar relocation onto new platform, new carpeting, lighting, and many other improvements.
 - Mowing of the back forty was done by Al Natale.
 - Replacement of the air conditioning for Grace Hall.
 - A new John Deere Tractor was purchased for \$2,000.
 - Al Natale comes in each week to clean and remove all garbage.
 - Jerry Pesci continues to clean and fix items as needed, prepare food boxes, along with keeping our remembrance tree current in the parish hall.
- Advertising
 - Grace continues to use our Website to promote activities and opportunities.
 - Grace advertises via our signage on Reeck Road.
- Financial, Rummage Sales, and Stewardship
 - Grace continued its use of E-Giving during the year. It is requested that when using e-giving you designate your transaction as "debit" rather than "credit". It saves Grace transaction fees.
 - There were two Rummage Sales this year that contributed significantly to the budget (see reports).
 - The annual pledge drive saw 41 pledges turned in. Of those 41 there were 18 increased pledges, 8 new pledges, and 6 pledges were decreased over the previous year pledges.
- The Adult Study group meets on Sundays between services at 9 am.
- House of Joseph (Messianic Christians) continues into its 2nd year at Grace and holds worship / classes every other Saturday from 3-8 pm.
- Grace was the centerpiece article for the Diocesan Newspaper "The Record." The article highlighted the renovations of the sanctuary space.

2011 presented us with many opportunities and continued challenges. As a parish our membership and Sunday service attendance is up and we continue to surprise ourselves with how capable we are for doing ministry. May our future be bright!

George +

KIDZ KOAMER

Fill in the words from the list into the diagram



ESTHER
SAMSON
GOLIATH
ISAAC
MARY

Q. Was Esther a princess or a queen?

Q. What people wanted to know the secret of Samson's strength?

Q. How tall was Goliath?

Q. What was the name of Abraham and Sarah's baby?

Q. To whom did an angel say, "Greeting, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you"?

Keep watching out in GRACE NOTES for updated information:

- * The BISHOP'S visit.
- * Pancake Breakfast and Chinese Auction possibly in March
- * Chile Cook-Off
- * Rummage Sale
- * Taco Dinner

FEBRUARY: The Month dedicated to Love

February has been known as the month of love since the ancient Athenians celebrated the marriage of Zeus and Hera during that month. History tells us that the priests used to sacrifice a goat, wrap themselves in the goat skin and run through the streets and any damsel that the priest touched on his run was said to be blessed with fertility and easy childbirth. This was done on Feb 15 then they had a drawing of lovers and they were thus united. So in 496 The Pope declared Feb 14, Saint Valentine's Day to counteract the Pagan celebration on the 15th.

Saint Valentine really did live. He was a priest during the 200's. Then current rulers felt that if a soldier were married their loyalties were divided. So he forbade all marriage. The priest, St Valentine, felt sorry for the young people and arranged secret marriages. When the ruler discovered his noncompliance, He had the priest executed for his trouble.

During the 15th century one legend has Saint Valentine in jail and fallen in love with the jailors daughter. On the night before he was sentenced to die he passed a note to the object of his affections signed, "From your Valentine."

The first known valentine dates to 1415. Charles, the Duke of Orleans, was a young Frenchman who was held in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt. He sent his French wife love poems or "valentines" during the period in which he was imprisoned.

In the 1700's in Europe it became common for Valentine's messages to be mailed and eventually people in the colonies began to also send greetings with the improvement of the postal service.



Today it has become a celebration for lovers. My daughter was married on Valentine's Day in 1987. She had a beautiful gown with a heart shaped train. She and her husband will celebrate 25 years this year.

It is nice that we have a month dedicated to love but as Christians we should have our lives dedicated to love every day of every month. When Jesus was asked about the greatest command, he responded, "Love God, and secondly love your neighbor as you do yourself". That is a tall order. Think about how we take care of ourselves. We groom ourselves. We make sure we have food and water. We try to drive nice cars. We feel that we deserve a nice place to live. We get our hair done, We get our nails groomed. This is just some of the things that we do for ourselves because we love ourselves. What do you do for your neighbor? To follow Jesus command we need to do for our neighbor as we do for ourselves. When was the last time you helped a neighbor clean up their leaves, or cleared their driveway as well as your own when you knew they were at work? How about clearing off a friend's car windows as you leave church and it is snowing? There are many ways that we can "love our neighbor's as ourselves, if we will just look for them. Let's begin with this February and try to live into the month of love by following the command of Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves.

God Bless Virginia

Detroit Deanery

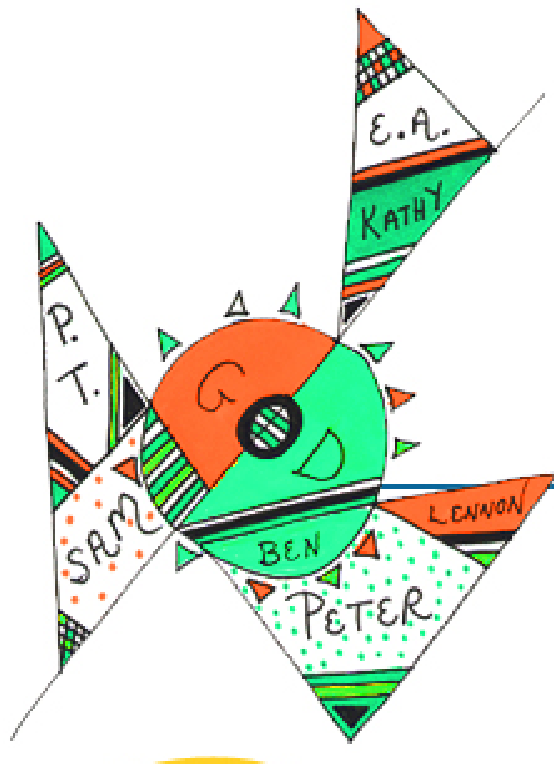
presents

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 6:00 pm
Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Praying in Color

with

Sybil MacBeth



Sybil MacBeth, author of Praying in Color, introduces an active, visual and meditative way to pray.

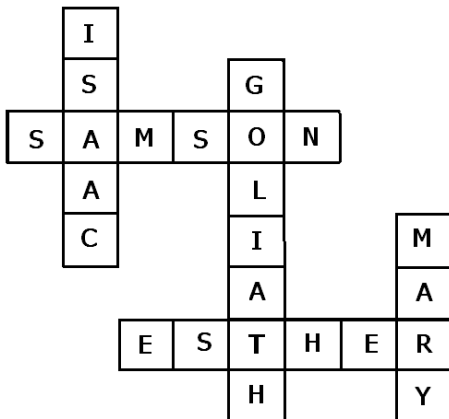
There is No Sign up sheet, no forms to pre-fill out. This is part of our Deanery presentations. Please just come if you are interested.

January 8 2012 Baptism



The children baptized were *Aiden Daniel Lough, Charlotte Rose Cheney, and Alexis Suzanne Cheney.*

KIDZ KORNER Answers



Q. Was Esther a princess or a queen?
A. Queen

Q. What people wanted to know the secret of Samson's strength?

A. The Philistines (Judges 16:4-5)

Q. How tall was Goliath?
A. Over 9 feet tall

Q. What was the name of Abraham and Sarah's baby?
A. Isaac

Q. To whom did an angel say, "Greeting, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you"?
A. Mary (Luke 1: 27-28)

February Birthday

16 Conner Taylor
20 Judith Orr
21 Tanner Wallace



February Birthday

21 Terry Gunnell
24 Susan Natale
24 Diana Peters



February Anniversary

1. George & Mary Davinich
7 Fred & Joan Vellmure
14 Ray & Nancy Oliveri

Editor's note:

Do we have everyone's Birthday and Anniversary? Have I missed anyone? Please let me know.
E-mail me at patsova@yahoo.com

Addendum to 2011 Annual Meeting Report to Grace Church members Downriver Soup Kitchen

The items that were so graciously donated were toiletries. for those who wanted to know were the items went;

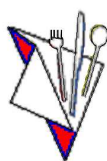
They went to

1. Lincoln Park Senior apartments – Park Towers
2. First Congregational Church in Wyandotte (Soup Kitchen)]
3. Home deliveries in the downriver area only.
4. A new future place is in Riverview, once I know where it is I will notify the congregation.

Respectfully submitted by

Debra T. Loris Gavin

Thank you for your trust



Crossroads

Crossroads packet are also on January 29th. With all of us working this won't take too long.

Bring Valentines to hang on our "**Valentine Tree**"



Grace Episcopal Church

8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Lector Lem and Acolyte Schedule

February 2012 Readings Year B Lector EM I EM II Acolyte

Feb.5 Epiphany 5	Davinich			
Isaiah 40:21-31	Betsy	Lynda	Robert	Amy
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c				
1 Corinthians 9:16-23				
Mark 1:29-39				
Feb.12 Epiphany 6	Sova			
2 Kings 5:1-14 Hymn Sing	Suzanne	Caroline	Virginia	Tanner
Psalm 30				
1 Corinthians 9:24-27				
Mark 1:40-45				
Feb. 19 Last Sunday after Epiphany	Roulo			
2 Kings 2:1-12 Healing	Pam W.	Carm	Robert /	Lance
Psalm 50:1-6			Pam B	
11 Corinthians 4:3-6				
Mark 9:2-9				
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday				
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58: 1-12				
Psalm 103 or 103:8-14				
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10				
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21				
Feb. 26 Lent 1	Burke			
Genesis 9:8-17 Children	Children	Luanne	Lynda	Brook
Psalm 25:1-9				
1 Peter 3:18:22				
Mark 1:9-15				

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Hall Rental

Remember **Grace Hall!** If you need a Hall to rent for your upcoming graduation, baby shower, wedding shower, family gatherings, that special meeting. We have a beautiful hall. With kitchen amenities no stairs, handicapped accessible. Just call 734-285-0380

Schedule of 2012 order and Delivery Dates. This schedule is subject to change.

Order Date	Deliver Date	Order Date	Deliver Date
3-4	3-11	8-26	9-2
3-25	4-1	9-30	10-7
4-29	5-6	10-28	11-4
5-27	6-3	11-25	12-2
7-29	8-5	12-30	1-6-2013

SCRIP - Revenue for Grace Episcopal Church

Scrip allows you to give to Grace without any NEW cash outlay.

- Simply order Scrip (for a particular retailer) in a dollar amount that is equivalent to what you would generally spend for a month.
- Turn in your order form on the 4th Sunday and receive your Scrip on the 1st Sunday.
- You will receive a Scrip debit card for future purchases.
- For each Scrip \$ you spend, the retailer rebates to Grace a % rate (which ranges from a 2-20% non-profit contribution rate depending on the retailer).

If 30 families each purchase \$100 scrip per month, Grace would receive \$1080 per year (at a 3% rebate rate). For calendar year 2011, Grace earned \$1300 from Scrip rebates. So it wouldn't be too hard to double that amount for 2012!!!

Meijer \$50 Gift Card Now Available! 19-Jan-12

Great news! Meijer Gift Cards are now available in a \$50 denomination, in addition to the already available \$25 and \$100 cards. The non-profit contribution is unchanged at 3%.

Great Lakes Scrip Order Form

Grace Episcopal Church/Southgate, MI



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Name

Order Date
Check #

Apparel			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Old Navy \$25	9.0%		\$
Fashion Bug/Catherines \$25	8.0%		\$
Department Store			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Kohl's 25 & 100	4.0%		\$
JCPenney \$25 & \$100	5.0%		\$
Sears \$25	6.0%		\$
Discount Store			
Product	%	Qty	Total
CVS Pharmacy \$25	7.0%		\$
Kmart \$25	6.0%		\$
Kmart \$50	6.0%		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshall's \$25	7.0%		\$
Rite Aid \$25	4.0%		\$
Walmart \$25	2.0%		\$
Walgreens \$25	6.0%		\$
Electronics			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Best Buy \$25	2.0%		\$
Entertainment			
Product	%	Qty	Total
I Tunes \$15	5.0%		\$
Amazon \$25	4.0%		\$
AMC \$25	7.0%		\$
Gasoline			
Product	%	Qty	Total
BP \$50	2.0%		\$
Marathon \$25/100	3.0%		\$
Marathon Jumbo Card \$250	4.0%		\$
Mobil \$50	1.5%		\$
Shell \$25	2.5%		\$
Speedway \$25/100	4.0%		\$
Speedway Food \$20	7.0%		\$

Home Improvement			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Home Depot \$25	5.0%		\$
Home Depot \$100	5.0%		\$
Lowe's \$25/100/500/1000	4.0%		\$
Restaurant			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Applebee's \$25	8.0%		\$
Arby's \$10	8.0%		\$
Baskin Robbins \$2	9.0%		\$
BD Mongolian BBQ \$20	8.0%		\$
Bob Evan's \$10	10.0%		\$
Boston Market \$10	12.0%		\$
Burger King \$10	4.0%		\$
Carrabba's \$25	4.0%		\$
Chili's \$25	11.0%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10	9.0%		\$
Denny's \$10	7.0%		\$
KFC \$5	9.0%		\$
Landry's Seafood \$25	9.0%		\$
Logan's Roadhouse \$25	8.0%		\$
Long John Silver \$5	8.0%		\$
Olga's Kitchen \$20	8.0%		\$
Outback \$25	5.0%		\$
Panera Bread \$10	9.0%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10	9.0%		\$
Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25	9.0%		\$
Red Robin \$25	9.0%		\$
Ruby Tuesday's \$25	8.0%		\$
Taco Bell \$10	5.0%		\$
TGI Fridays \$25	9.0%		\$
Tim Hortons	5.0%		\$
Starbuck's \$10	7.0%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10	8.0%		\$
Quiznos	10.0%		\$

Product	%	Qty	Total
Subway \$10	3.0%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25	8.0%		\$
Wendy's \$10	4.0%		\$
Specialty Retailer			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Aeropostale \$25	7.0%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25	9.0%		\$
Bath & Body \$10	13.0%		\$
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Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	7.0%		\$
Cold Stone \$10	8.0%		\$
Dunkin Donuts \$10	4.0%		\$
FYE \$25	6.0%		\$
Gamestop \$25	3.0%		\$
Jo Ann Fabrics \$25	6.0%		\$
Michael's \$25	4.0%		\$
Payless Shoes \$20	13.0%		\$
Pier 1 \$25	9.0%		\$
Hard Rock Café \$25	10.0%		\$
Toys R Us \$20	1.5%		\$
Jamba Juice \$10	7.0%		\$
Sporting Goods			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Cabela's \$25	11.0%		\$
Dunham's \$25	8.0%		\$
Gander Mountain \$25	8.0%		\$
Additional Scrip Orders			
Product	%	Qty	Total
Jewel Osco \$25	4.0%		\$
Meijer \$25 / \$100	4.0%		
Additional Scrip Orders			
Product	%	Qty	Total
			\$



THANK YOU

Order Total

Make Checks Payable To Grace Episcopal Church/Southgate, MI

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Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for shopping tips and news

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
8 am Holy Eucharist with spoken liturgy 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with music and child care	Joyful Noise meets Mondays	Rector Prayer Mtg most Tuesdays @ 7:30am Choir meets Tuesdays AA meets Tuesdays	1	2 Rector Mtg 3:30	3	4 House of Joseph
5	6 Rector Vacation	7 Rector Vacation	8 Rector Vacation	9 Rector Vacation	10 Rector Vacation	11 Whitaker School using Grace Hall
12 Vestry meeting	13 Rector Mtg 9 am	14	15	16	17	18 House of Joseph
19	20 Rector Mtg 5 pm Grace Note info due	21	22 Ash Wednesday Services @ Noon and 7 pm	23	24	25 Hall Rented Baby Shower
26 Crossroad after 10:30 1 st Sunday of Lent	27	28	29			
			Rector Mtg Wednesdays at 8 am	Rector has Clergy Meetings every other Thursday @ 9:30 various locations	2012	