



GRACE NOTES

The Newsletter of Grace Church, Amherst

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Senior Warden's Column

Christopher Freitag

I hope this issue of Grace Notes finds each one of you having an enjoyable summer. Fall is fast approaching, but we can still expect some hot humid days of summer in which to enjoy the beauty of our world, slow down from our usual hectic pace, relax and re-energize. I understand that Rob is enjoying his sabbatical, focusing on creativity, enjoying his time with his family and traveling here and there. Soon he will be back with us. Rob will worship with us on September 23rd and then fully be back on September 30. I have missed his presence among us, but this time has truly given us a chance to see how Grace can continue to exist and thrive. I am also thankful that Rob has had this much needed and deserved time off.

Many things have been taking place at Grace. The Liturgical Arts Camp was held in July and culminated with the campers helping with the Sunday service. I really enjoyed the added participation of the campers in the service. From what I heard from my daughter, Rebecca, who attended the camp, the campers had a lot of fun doing crafts, playing bells, and pursuing all sorts of creative endeavors.

First in a series of Creativity of Grace workshops for adults, Savor Grace was a wonderful experience. Upcoming workshops look to be more of the same high quality. I encourage you to participate. There should be something for everyone to experience. Our parishioners have many talents to offer and this is a great opportunity to learn from those around us.

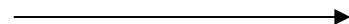
The time capsule for the Restoration Project was prepared and blessed on July 8th, at the 10:30

service and will be installed at a later date. It contains a Book of Common Prayer and all of our prayers, pictures and sentiments that were gathered at various events. It also has several pictures of life at Grace, a directory of parishioners and a bulletin for the order of service for that day. When opened in the future, it should give a good sense of who we are today. During the blessing, I read this passage from Ephesians, which gives me encouragement as we continue to restore our buildings and create new space:

You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the lord; in whom you also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

An update on the Restoration Project: We have all the footings and foundation walls installed and the next step will be framing the building and cloister. The Sanctuary has most of the piping finished for the sprinkler system and soon it will be given a fresh coat of paint. The colors will be close to what we are used to. Some of the front pews have been removed to provide space for the choir and piano as well to improve circulation. The new fire stair at the front of the church is being worked on and the rear stair near the font has been removed to provide for additional room for pews I still believe we are on schedule for the work in the sanctuary, which will have us back worshipping in the church at the end of September or very early October. The cloister and Grace Hall will take some time as we had difficulty in finding a proper brick for Grace Hall. This is not unusual and we hope to keep on schedule as much as is possible.

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Grace Notes publishes news and information about upcoming events, teaching from clergy, and messages from elected and appointed parish leaders. Parish events include those sponsored by groups Grace Church supports by giving them funds or space in our church buildings (as opposed to those who rent our Parish Hall, for instance). If you are unsure whether or not your material is appropriate for Grace Notes, please feel free to consult with any member of the Communications Committee.

The Committee is eager to get your comments on the parish's three main methods of communication: the Sunday Bulletin, Grace Notes, and our Web site. How are these publications useful to you? What improvements could be made? If you have an idea or suggestion, please send them to any one (or all) of us. We would be happy to hear from you!

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The Vestry met on July 2nd, to discuss the coming year's budget with our focus on a balanced budget as we start the next year. I am happy to report that Vestry did vote on a balanced budget and I would like to thank the finance committee for its hard work, as well as those who had a part in preparing this budget. Hard decisions were made and I feel that the assumptions made on figures for this year's pledges can be reached based on the parish's generosity. With utility costs and insurance costs rising, this budget needed to cut to the bone. Without eliminating positions we did need to reduce some staff hours. Should we exceed our expectations in pledges, we may be able to reinstate some of the hours that were reduced. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you have still not made a commitment, please do so. Living in the community of Grace has many benefits that we experience daily, but it also means the need for our support. I continue to wish all of you a wonderful summer.

In Christ,
Christopher

Junior Warden's Column

Jen Soper

Camping Out

It was the first Sunday we celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall, and it was referred to as a kind of camping out. Well, I like to camp out, but some of the reasons why were not obvious to me until a recent trip I made with my daughter's Girl Scout troop to Puerto Rico.

On the surface, I looked forward to the trip as a chance to step out of my ordinary routine and perhaps step into an adventure. We certainly had that experience while on the island of Culebra. The ocean was an impossible turquoise blue as we snorkeled over coral reefs and sea turtles; we camped about a hundred yards from Flamenco Beach and enjoyed spontaneous live music. We also experienced astonishingly hot weather, fire ants, and water rationing. Each one of the twelve of us, four moms and eight girls, had a moment (or several) when she felt completely depleted and nearly defeated. And each of us also experienced accomplishment, joy and friendship that can only come through wholly participating in a community.

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We all made a commitment to our journey, we all came home richer from the experience, and none of us got exactly what we expected.

I expect that the weeks of worshipping together in the Parish Hall will present similar challenges and joys. We might be a bit uncomfortable at times, but each of us will likely experience our community in new and unexpected ways. Fire ants are unlikely, but I am already feeling a level of intimacy that I haven't when we've been upstairs. At the end of the day, I do like to camp out.

Vestry Notes

Jane Beebe, clerk

Our opening reflection was offered by Catherine McGraw. She had just visited family in Washington, D.C. Although Amherst was beginning to feel like home, she felt herself slipping back into family life in D.C. and wondered, what is home? She has lived in a number of places: Atlanta, Honduras, Nashville, Pittsburgh, and now Amherst. Strong involvement at St. Columba's as a young person gave way to other activities in college. She had a powerful experience in Honduras where she went to teach for a year and stayed for two. A sense of loneliness led her to seek out an Episcopal church. It was a long walk and she got lost, but eventually arrived. She had time to rest and listen, to feel a sense of peace. She heard familiar words; the familiarity was overwhelming. She returned to church later after having children. Church has become important in her relationship with Christ. Christ can help create a home.

We ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$48,108. There are still outstanding pledges from last year. Bruce plans to delay closing the books to see if there are pledges we can garner. It would be useful to know how many pledging units are represented by the deficit. We are aware that there are diverse reasons for not being able to honor pledges. There were 197 pledging units with a total of \$383,101 pledged. We received \$360,982. It was suggested that the pledge commitment date be moved up so that there is more information available regarding pledges before June.

We went on to consider our main agenda item: the 2007-08 Budget. This year the Offering for

Common Ministry is split to show what amount goes to outreach and what goes to support administrative costs. Line item increases were modest, generally held to 3%. However, health care costs rose 10%. There was urging on the part of Vestry members that we seek congregational support for adequate staffing levels and that we do this in the fall. We seek support from the parish both in pledging and volunteering.

For the coming year, we have \$328,089 pledged (so far) by 142 pledging units. This amount represents an increase of 8.32% over last year. There were 7 new pledges. 70 pledges were increased, 54 remained the same, 1 returned, and only 10 went down. Bruce noted that this is quite heartening as we are entering the final year of the Restoration Project. The Stewardship Commission is concerned that there are a number of households on the register that do not pledge. It is considering approaches to encouraging more members to pledge.

The Vestry approved the 2007-08 budget.

The second \$200,000 gift to the Restoration Project came in the form of stock. It has been sold, bringing the pledged amount to \$1.8 million. We will not need to take any money from the bank loan until fall, meaning the amount of interest to be paid will be less. The first order of bricks has been filled and there will be a second round. With 1600-2000 bricks available in the walkway, there are many opportunities. Mite boxes are being filled; there are still designated gifts available. Tom and Jen are continuing to seek advice about selling the diamond ring.

The exterior work on the building is going slowly, but we are pushing to be back in the Sanctuary on schedule. John Robinson is attending the construction meetings and will keep pushing on the construction schedule. Foundation walls are being poured and windows are ordered. Scaffolding is up in the Sanctuary and the sprinkler system is installed. A time capsule has been made containing prayers, drawings, and a prayer book among other items. It will be blessed and set in the foundation.

We will send Maureen Ryan a certificate of appreciation for her service on the Vestry when Rob returns. She has taken a position as a school principal in Connecticut. The Vestry will appoint her replacement.

The next Vestry meeting will be September 4.

Restoration Project

Tom Baker, Sheila Mammen, co-chairs

We are still reeling--with joy--from another magnificent donation of \$200,000.00 to the Restoration Project! Thanks to this latest offering, our gifts and pledges now total just over \$1,800,000.00, with a year left in our three-year campaign. Here's what you can do to put us over the top:

1. Feed a mite box. Just this week, \$76.43 was added to the Mite box campaign, bringing our total to \$811.47. That's well on our way to the \$2,000.00 goal we want to reach by Advent.
2. Let the sun shine in. Sponsor a window in Grace Hall for just \$1,000.00 or in our new Cloister for \$1,600.00. It's a wonderful way to memorialize someone who's brought light into your life. Feeling more ambitious? There's plenty left on our list of Designated Gifts, which can be accessed online at <www.gracechurchamherst.org>, or in the church office.
3. Be a brick. Buy a brick in our Cloister's All Souls' Walkway to celebrate a loved one. Download the order form from the Grace Church website <www.gracechurchamherst.org/BrickOrder.pdf>, or pick one up at the office. Our first hundred bricks are being made, and we are accepting your orders for the second hundred now.
4. Join the party. If you haven't made a pledge to the Restoration Project, now's the time to get on board. Your contribution is just as welcome now as it would have been earlier. If you don't believe me, read Matt: 20, 1-16.
5. Surprise yourself! Write a check to the Restoration Project for more than you ever thought you would.

Thanks to everyone for every thing that you do to make this great project a success.

Stewardship Commission

Doug Adler, Jane Buckloh, co-chairs

We begin Stewardship meetings with a reflection and it's been suggested that we offer them in Grace Notes as well. Here are three prayers to contemplate as you prayerfully determine your commitments for this year. As of August 1, we remain well short of the budget needs for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. We pray for overflowing coffers, and many willing workers for all our commissions and committees. This will enhance the generosity and love already so evident at Grace Church.

"Stewardship is very personal between God and me – between me and my family. And at the same time my promise to give binds me to my community. As I offer God my first fruits, I share my time, talent, and money with my sisters and brothers. We uphold each other in faith – in this promise to God and each other, in the belief that ALL will be well. Amen."

"The grace of the Holy Spirit has prompted us to choose this parish. We love the service we attend. We respect and are thoughtfully inspired by the sermons we hear. We enjoy sharing with friends. We hope to nurture our children in the love of God and the caring of our fellow parishioners. We support what we love as we give of our time and talent and our material resources. The abundance of God's gifts is every part of our lives: every breath, every day of living, every kindness from another, every time we're challenged to grow. And stewardship may ask the most of us: to look deep within and judge where in our lives, where in my life, I could give a bit more to make the richness of my parish overflow with bounty. To have excess to share with those in need. I wonder if I dare to give a bit more, then what might God's blessing be? It might be the most delightful surprise. Amen."

"Opposites make a Whole. You can't have receiving without giving. The Christian/human balance is whole and holy. When we thank God and our church and each other for the constant flow of blessings, the natural response is where and how and to whom can I give. Then I am rich in the balance that makes me whole and holy. Amen."

Offered by Jane Buckloh, Stewardship Co-chair

Liturgical Arts Camp

The Liturgical Arts Camp met for its eighth season during a hot week in July. Because there was no church to draw in or organ to explore, because it was too hot and there was too much construction to sit on the sidewalk to draw the outside of the church, because there was no Connector to meet in, because there was no Garth to play games in, and because the tower was off limits so we couldn't climb it, it was quite a different year.

Nevertheless, we met in the Parish Hall and did many of the other activities that we have done in the past. We did calligraphy -- writing Peace (English), shalom (Hebrew), and salaam (Arabic) to make into cards --- made stained glass mosaics and scratch art, drew, sculpted gargoyles and other figures in clay, wrote the Prayers of the People, set up the altar for the Wednesday service, rang bells, sang, chose hymns for the Sunday service, played games, and, of course, ate snack. Just as Hymn 711 has become a traditional favorite hymn, Goldfish and Rebecca's Brownies have become signature snack-time favorites. Spirits were high: cooperation and friendliness were rampant throughout the week.

On Sunday, youngsters from the camp read the lessons, served as acolytes and ushers, played bells, helped lead the canons in the hymns, and joined with Lay Eucharistic ministers to bid the Prayers of the People.

We thank the people who helped and taught us during the week and on Sunday: Edith Allison, Chris Zobel, Janet Moore, Janet Teng, Margaret Clardy, Mary Hocken, Pat Andrews, and we thank Jean Waters and Alex Lowry for the piles of glass and know-how for our glass project.

Amelia, Chandler, Charlotte, Emily, Fiona, Hillary, Kayla, Margaret, Marissa, Nancy, Rachel, Rebecca, and Susannah. Past participants or friends and family members who joined on Sunday were Adrienne, Jonathan, Melissa, Noah, Shelby, and Sydney.



Christian Formation & Education

1 of 6 commissions that lead Grace Church
Catherine McGraw, Youth Minister;
The Rev'd Ton Whiteside, Adult Education Coordinator

This fall we begin a new and exciting year of educational programming for all ages at Grace Church. From the nursery for our youngest members to our Wednesdays at Grace classes for older ones, we all can grow more completely into the full stature of Christ.

As you know, the Restoration Project has required a great deal of juggling of space and furniture, which profoundly affects our normal programming, especially our children's groups. For the summer months, we relocated the nursery to the Fireplace Room in the Parke House. This has allowed the children to be near their parents during Sunday morning worship. This summer, we also encouraged children ages six to ten to attend the Eucharist with their parents or guardians and gave these children an opportunity to adjourn to a Sunday School room during the sermon for an age-appropriate lesson. We will continue this arrangement until the church building is once again in use.

At this time, we are aiming at being back in the church for Sunday worship on September 30. Because that day will be our patronal feast day, St. Michael and All Angels, we will begin Sunday School the next Sunday, October 7. You may register your children for the coming year by picking up a registration form from the Parish Hall. The forms are to be found on the bulletin board on the south wall, nearest the Garth.

The Geckos youth group will be getting off to a new start in September, and begin monthly meetings. If you've been involved, please check your e-mail soon for an announcement concerning the first get-together of the new school year.

Our first two adult education classes will give us all an opportunity to interact with our Rector, Rob Hirschfeld who will be fresh back from his sabbatical. Kicking off our Wednesdays at Grace series, Rob will offer a class on the foundations of the Episcopal tradition that will incorporate the use of art as a means of instruction. The class is open to all, and, given the class's novel approach, will appeal to those who have taken previous foundations classes. The series of eight sessions begins on Wednesday evening, September 26. As usual, we will start with a light, potluck supper at 6 p.m. with the class beginning at 6:30 and ending at 8:00.

Then, on Sunday, October 7, Rob Hirschfeld and Susan Schaeffer will begin a teaching series to address questions raised by the "wedding fast" that we have undertaken at Grace Church. The series, with classes interspersed

throughout the year, will address the subject from the standpoint of Scripture, tradition, and reason. See below.

Finally, let's not forget the ongoing CF&E opportunities such as our Prayerful Bible Study and Centering Prayer. Each Sunday at 9:15, all are invited to meet in the rector's office to consider the gospel lesson of the day in the manner of Lectio Divina, the sacred reading of Scripture. And each Wednesday at 4 o'clock, members of Grace Church and First Congregational Church meet to engage in the contemplative practice of Centering Prayer, using the ancient methods of Christian prayer. In September the group will meet at First Church; in October, at Grace Church.

It is the hope of all on the Christian Formation and Education Commission that each person in the parish will find a least one class or series that will be of interest and that by full participation in our educational program the Body of Christ will be strengthened. --The Rev'd Ton Whiteside

"Wedding Fast" Study to Begin in October

Earlier this year, the Rector and Vestry resolved that the parish would observe a "Wedding Fast," that is, no marriages would be performed from Lent 2007 through Eastertide 2008 (see www.gracechurchamherst.org for details). The Fast is intended to assist us in discerning the Holy Spirit's direction for going forward regarding same sex relationships. To that end, we will undertake to study the meaning of marriage and sexuality as they are reflected in the three classic Anglican areas of inquiry: scripture, tradition, and reason/experience. Our Wedding Fast studies will be held on Sundays at 4 p.m., as follows:

- Part 1 - October 7, 14, 21, 28. Scripture: What the Bible says about marriage, being single, male and female, homosexuality, the imagery of Christ and the "Bride," the Church.
- Part 2 - January 6, 13, 20. Tradition: What our Church says about marriage in the Prayer Book marriage service, in the proposed rite for the Blessing of Same-sex Unions, in the Baptismal Covenant; Grace's current marriage guidelines; clergy-state legal issues.
- Part 3 - April 6, 13, 20, 27. Reason-Experience: What psychology, sociology, and our own experiences are saying.

These sessions will be team taught by Rob and Susan. Look for further details in the October issue of Grace Notes. --The Rev'd Susan Schaeffer

Outreach Ministries

1 of 6 commissions that lead Grace Church
Patrick Kelly & Chris Hoffman, Co-Chairs

CAMP COAST CARE UPDATE

I have recently returned from my fourth visit to Camp Coast Care and would be happy to talk to you about my observations. There are many compelling arguments why work on the Mississippi Gulf Coast could be seen as a futile effort. Just as compelling are the faces and lives of thousands of people Camp Coast Care has been able to touch in some way to bring hope and a bit of love to their lives.

Log on to campcoastcare.com to see more information, including three parts of a documentary about CCC. Here's a sample:

Since the first days after Hurricane Katrina, Camp Coast Care in Long Beach, Mississippi has offered help to survivors in the form of a distribution center for food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, clothing, and free medical services. We have also hosted thousands of volunteers from all over the world who have come to clean out and rebuild lives, homes, and communities.

Camp Coast Care continues to adapt to the needs of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. Since housing is now the critical ongoing concern, our focus has become the renovation and building of homes. Volunteer work crews rebuild homes, clean up, restore the beauty of the Gulf Coast and keep Camp Coast Care functioning and clean.

Camp Coast Care houses volunteers in our newly constructed and air-conditioned volunteer building, on the Coast Episcopal School grounds. We provide housing, three meals, water, and paper products. To help cover these costs we request a donation of \$20 *per night* which allows us to use our funds for rebuilding. Not all groups are able to provide the total suggested donation. "Scholarships" are available especially for skilled work crews who are urgently needed. Please contact our Site Director (Rev. Luther Ott) for available scholarships: lott##lesm.org.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY INTERFAITH HOMELESS SHELTER UPDATE

Another of the long-term commitments Grace Church has to the disadvantaged in our local communities is our service and financial donations to the Interfaith Homeless Shelter in Northampton (formerly called the Cot Shelter). For over ten years, and currently on the second Thursday of the month, members of Grace cook and serve a delicious hot dinner to the 20 residents who find themselves without a place to sleep. The shelter guests are either experiencing an emergency crisis or transition that leaves them briefly homeless or, more commonly, they have a disabling condition (physical, mental, emotional) or situation that keeps them regularly or chronically homeless.

The Interfaith Shelter is open from November through April. Last year, with the addition of a small overflow space at Church of the Immaculate Conception in Easthampton, the shelter housed 225 guests, for an average stay of 9 days. There was a marked increase in the young adult population as well as an increase in the female population; the small women's dorm was full many nights. One quarter of the total population reported being homeless for the first time, with just 11% coming from out of the area. Clearly the need for shelter and housing remains critical.

The Interfaith Shelter is the result of a three-way partnership between the City of Northampton, ServiceNet, and the non-profit Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals. Friends of the Homeless raises funds to subsidize health and dental care for residents, to offer vouchers for winter boots, to help fund rental deposits for those who find housing, and to support group counseling sessions at the shelter.

There are many ways to help in addition to cooking and serving dinner: ask Mary McCarthy and Bob Hawley or new Friends Board Member Brendan Sullivan.

Parish Life Commission

1 of 6 commissions that lead Grace Church
Katie Schendel, David Heyes, Co-Chairs

St. Michael's Picnic

September 30, 12-2:00, Parish Hall
With a name like "Grace," we consider the angels, those harbingers of grace, to be our patron saints, and thus, we celebrate "our" day on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Thus we will hold a parish picnic following the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 30. Brother Lawrence Guild supplies grill items including burgers, hotdogs, both regular and vegetarian, condiments and drinks. The parish members bring salads, sides of all kinds, any vegetarian dishes, baked beans and deviled eggs are always favorites. Please come, with or without food, wearing white (to celebrate the angels) or not!



Wise Women's Circle

The Wise Women's Circle will resume its meetings on Thursday, September 13. Meeting times have been changed to 5 p.m. to make it possible for women who work to attend. We look forward to seeing new faces and hearing new voices this year. Hope to see you in September. Zina Tillona

Grace Family Potluck

Monthly potlucks will resume in September. Questions or RSVPs, contact Beth Brown at nhbrown_## aol.com or 253-0905

Pastoral Care Commission

1 of 6 commissions that lead Grace Church
Kathy Shaw, Chair & The Rev'd Ann Wood, Deacon

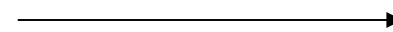
Shawl Ministry at Grace

I started my first shawl three years ago after reading a book entitled *Knitting Into the Mystery* by Izard and Jorgensen. I wasn't sure for whom the shawl was destined until I was almost done. The daughter of a close friend suddenly needed to be hospitalized with a life-threatening illness. They had moved to Nebraska two years before and so another friend and I got on the first flight we could to be with them. I rolled up my unfinished shawl without needles as we only used carry on luggage and could not enter the plane with knitting needles. While in Omaha I found a yarn store and purchased a new pair. As we sat with our friends and waited together, I knit and prayed. When I was back in the hotel room, I would knit and pray some more. We stayed three days. I finished the shawl and before going home I placed it around the shoulders of my weary and anxious friend. I told her this shawl was a reminder of God's presence, of God's loving embrace. It was also a way for me to continue to hug her after I had left. My friend slept with that shawl tightly pulled around her. Her husband watched me knit during those days and since he had knit before, I gave him the needles and he started a shawl for his daughter. He found he could only spend minutes at the bedside of his unconscious daughter before he had to leave, consumed with helplessness and fear. So he began to knit while sitting with her. This was the only way he could remain in her room for hours. Praying and knitting.

I'm glad I read that book on Prayer Shawls and glad I started a shawl, though unsure where it would go. I am certain that it wasn't just chance. I'm so glad I had been given something I could pass on to my friends that helped in some way to carry them through that time.

These shawls are not a cure nor do they promise the happy endings for which we may long. They are simply a tangible way to remind each other that God's very precious gift is that we can know 'God with us'. They are something we touch that can connect us to the mystery of God's love.

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They also connect us to each other. Each shawl is made and blessed with prayer. As the shawl embraces the person who receives it, so, also, it is their brothers and sisters in Christ who are embracing them.

That is my story. That is why, after coming to Grace almost three years ago, I was glad to see a Shawl Ministry here and eagerly joined. It is why I volunteered to organize and lead it when the need arose. And it is why I continue to welcome any who would like to join us.

MEETING TIMES

Starting in September, we will be gathering to make shawls on the first and second Tuesday of every month from 11a.m.-1 p.m. You are welcome to come for part or all of the time. A light lunch is served or you can bring your own. Come during your lunch hour. We meet in the Parker Room of the Old Rectory.

Shawls can be knit, crocheted, or quilted. Men and women, old and young, beginner or advanced, are welcome to come and be a part of this ministry. We can teach a very simple pattern or you can find your own. Yarn is supplied or you can buy your own yarn.

If you would like more information contact me at melindaw_## external.umass.edu or call me at 413-259-0090.

Melinda Williams



Mutual Care is Mutually Beneficial

A couple of months ago, I took on the role of coordinator for the Mutual Care Committee. Kathy Shaw has been keeping this group on track for years, moving the coordinator position around from time to time so that lots of folks get a taste, but no one is expected to keep it all afloat for too long. I had no idea what to expect when I first got started. Kathy provided me with the list of the masses of people who have offered their assistance--drivers and cooks and visitors--maybe eight typed pages in all. It was quiet at first. Then little by little I learned of needs--a meal after hip surgery would be appreciated, a ride to the doctor's office, a sympathy card, a visit with someone going through a difficult time. Many of the requests came from the clergy, who often learn of parishioners' needs. Then I began hearing from fellow parishioners who noticed a need and wanted to be sure it was not forgotten. As I sent cards to people I knew and those I didn't; called people I knew and those I didn't, I began to feel more connected--connected to the church as a whole and to the members that make up this church. I had no idea how blessed I would feel to connect those who wish to be of assistance with those who need the assistance.

I encourage you to offer your own assistance--it's easy! Whether or not you can help with making a meal or providing a ride, you can refer needs to the committee. If you know of someone who needs something--big or small--please call or email the Mutual Care Coordinator who is always listed in the Sunday Bulletin. A ride, a card, a visit, a phone call or just check in--we're here to help! We look forward to hearing from you.

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Creativity at Grace

Writing with Grace

... a series of writing workshops designed to help you listen to the Holy Spirit as you write ... explore your creative self-expression ... and enjoy the support and companionship of other writers.

“Street-Fighting With the Universe”

This writing workshop will consist of two main activities: (1) Participants will meet and write for a while (20-25 minutes), usually in response to a prompt offered by John, with the option of then reading aloud what they have just written. (2) Anyone who has written something (short story, chapter of a book, portion of a memoir, reflective essay, uncategorizable prose piece) may give copies (hard copy or email) to the group to read and discuss.

In the former activity, emphasis is on spontaneity, intuition, risk-taking and surprise; in the latter, emphasis shifts toward critical judgment -- how effectively has the piece been written, and what changes or continuations might be worth making?

If participants have pieces of writing already done or in progress that they would like to share with the group, we'll try to make sure that the group receives an email or hard copy of the piece a couple of days before the meeting. The workshop will include ample opportunity for anyone who is working on a longer piece of writing to discuss the work, get new ideas, etc.

Bring paper and pen/pencil. No experience required.

Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 30

6:00 informal potluck supper (optional)
6:30-8:30 p.m. writing workshop in the
Parish Hall

For more information and to register: contact John (413-585-8985, jstifler@econs.umass.edu) by August 18. Please come to both sessions if you can, but you are welcome to attend just one.

John Stifler has taught expository writing in the UMass Economics Department for 23 years. For 25 years he wrote a music column for the Daily Hampshire Gazette, and he continues to write a running column for that paper. His

articles have appeared in *Runner's World*, *American Health*, *Outside* magazine, *New England Monthly*, *The International Herald Tribune* and elsewhere. John has been a longtime writing workshop participant and leader in Amherst and Northampton, and is a member of Grace Church.

“Writing as Spiritual Practice”

What happens when we discover that we are writing with God – “God” being that which makes the crocus come up or the idea come into our head? How does this attitude change our writing as we put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard? Join Nerissa Nields – musician, author, and writing coach – in this exploration of writing and faith. Please bring a notebook, paper, and pen, or a portable laptop.

Wednesdays, September 12 and 19

6:00 informal potluck supper
6:30-8:30 p.m. writing workshop

For information and to register: contact Nerissa by September 9 (413-584-7736, or email: Nerissand@gmail.com). You may sign up for one or both evenings.

Nerissa Nields has been a member of the band The Nields since 1991. Author of the novel *Plastic Angel* (Scholastic Press, 2005), she is working on a second novel, *The Big Idea*. Nerissa has taught creative writing, songwriting and guitar her entire adult life and brings a lively intelligence and passionate energy to everything she does [for more information: www.nerissaniels.com].

Intergenerational Writers Workshop

This workshop is for people of all ages, from 10 on up. In the course of the workshop we will write about topics of general interest: travel, games, pets, family, hobbies, etc. using the Amherst Writers & Artists (AWA) method, founded by writer Pat Schneider in 1981. Minimum of 5 participants.

Saturday, September 29

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

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For information and to register by September 25:
413/256-8441 or rhooker@umass.edu

Ruth Hooke is a certified teacher of the Amherst Writers & Artists method. She has led writing workshops in prisons and for 10 years led workshops at Grace House, a center for women in recovery from addiction. For the past two years she has led an intergenerational writing workshop in a small Vermont town with great success. Ruth is a long-time member of Grace Church.

Ways to Make Writing Our Friend

In this workshop we will explore concrete ways to make writing more natural, comfortable, satisfying, and even pleasurable. Of course writing will always involve difficulty and hard work, but that difficulty and hard work can nevertheless be natural, comfortable, satisfying, and even pleasurable. This workshop is intended not only for people who avoid writing because of anxiety or bad experiences, but also for experienced writers who suspect that writing could be a more satisfying activity than they have found it to be so far.

Saturday, October 27

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall
(with a lunch break)

For information and to register by October 24:
contact the church office: (413) 256-6754 or
grace@gracechurchamherst.org.

Peter Elbow is an Emeritus Professor of English at UMass, where he directed the Writing Program. Peter has written extensively about writing, teaching, and learning, and is nationally known for his persuasive critique of traditional writing methods. Many of his books are classics in the field (e.g. *Writing Without Teachers*, *Writing with Power*, and, most recently, *Everyone Can Write: Essays toward a Hopeful Theory of Writing and Teaching Writing*). Peter and his family are members of Grace Church.

Be Part of Grace's Own Creation Mass!

Contact Beth Hart – 413-256-6754, x107 or
beth@gracechurchmusic.org

All parishioners are welcome and warmly encouraged to participate in this significant, unusual and once-in-a-lifetime parish project. In our grant proposal to the Lilly Foundation, we envisioned this event to be a culminating point for all of our creativity activities – we are eager for as many parishioners to be involved as would enjoy doing so. The performance will take place on Sunday, November 18th at 2:00 pm, as the final offering of our Creativity Celebration Weekend.

Modeled on the compositional method of Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia* (Earth Mass), seven Grace Church composers are contributing movements in a variety of styles to create a major work in the form of a mass. The core of the project is a jazz/gospel mass setting by Horace Boyer, which will comprise the "Ordinary of the Mass" (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei); Robert Jonas, Brooks Williams, Tyran Grillo, Dick Damon, Sam Lowry, Lloyd Craighill and Beth Hart will supply musical settings of other elements of the mass.

There are many ways to be involved! We need:

Singers, experienced and inexperienced – Kids, grownups, solo quality and those who usually just sing in the shower. There will be pieces challenging enough to satisfy the musically knowledgeable and other pieces easy enough for anyone to sing.

Dancers – Adults and children are invited to join in providing a visual and physical interpretation of the music.

Instrumentalists – Contact Beth to see how your particular talent might be incorporated

Never played an instrument but would love to try? – We'll need drummers and handbell ringers for a magnificent processional movement. All you have to do is be able to count and keep a steady beat.

Artists, mask-makers, fabric artists, and others – We hope to have all sorts of decorations on a creation theme -- banners and masks, puppets and animal costumes, anything you can think of

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to celebrate. We also hope to have artists carry paintings, sculptures, icons, and other tangible works in the procession.

Other helpers – Help is needed with organizing this event, “stage wrangling” for the performance itself, production of a printed program and general administrative tasks.

If you can't be part of the preparation and performance, we hope you will plan to attend and experience this labor of love, and bring your friends from the greater community.

Please contact Beth Hart no later than September 15th to let her know how you'd like to be involved! Planning needs to happen well in advance, so please express your interest soon. Thank you, so much, for being part of this joyful celebration of Creativity and Creation.

Music and Dance Workshops for Creativity of Grace

(see flyer for more details)

Beginning Guitar Class

Grace's own Brooks Williams is considered one of the most entertaining and engaging performers on the circuit today, playing solo concerts that are a mix of blues, originals, ballads, and instrumentals. These classes are a rare opportunity to free your inner blues at the feet of a true master!

Workshop Leader: Brooks Williams

Two sessions: Sunday, September 9th and Sunday, September 16th from 2:30 – 4:00

Breaking the Code – Interpretive Signs for Creative Listening

Listening is as creative a process as performing – each listener creates his/her own perception of a piece of music by the way s/he hears and interprets sound. Focusing on three different musical genres, we'll explore keys to understanding your personal response to music, and help you consider how sound “does its thing” in your mind.

Workshop Leaders: Gary Smulyan (jazz); Laura Klock (classical instrumental); Beth Hart (classical vocal/choral)

Three sessions: Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 on September 25th, October 9th and October 23rd

First Sound: Music Improvisation as Contemplative Listening

Music improvisation is probably as old as the cosmos, with sounds responding to one another in a “music of the spheres.” When we humans improvise light-heartedly and mindfully, we participate in this infinite, ongoing musical conversation. Please bring your voice or an instrument (without written music). If you don't play an instrument, we'll have something for you to toot, scrape, rustle or bang upon. If you've never improvised with others, that's great. There will be no judgment, no critique, just good listening and good fun. Come along to enjoy being with others in a new way. (Because we will explore the sound of silence, this workshop is not recommended for children.)

Workshop Leader: Robert Jonas

Sunday, October 14 from 7:00 – 9:00

Freeing the Natural Voice

Singing is the most natural form of musical expression – everyone is given this gift at birth. But this gift can be taken from us by judgmental voices in our lives: family members who beg us not to sing in church, the junior high music teacher who told us to mouth the words, or that voice inside our own minds that simply says, “not good enough.” This session will help us overcome self-consciousness about singing by reconnecting with our own natural voice.

Workshop Leader: Beth Hart

Saturday, October 20th from 1:30-4:00

Moving Prayer - Expressing Spirit through the Body

Focusing on our connection to Creation, we will enter a heightened awareness of the divine flow moving through us, and find our personal expression for it through inner-guided movement. We end with a time for writing the essence of our offering. (For ages 12 and older)

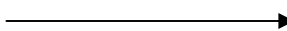
Workshop Facilitator: Christina Svane

Sunday, October 21st from 1:00 – 3:30

African Dance and Drumming

Leaders of The Bamidele Dancers and Drummers will visit Grace for two sessions on the art of dancing, drumming and song from the cultures of

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Eco-Tip of the Month



Buy less bottled water – or none at all.

World consumption of bottled water more than doubled between 1997 and 2005, and the U.S. is the largest consumer. The New York Times reports that Americans will drink more than 30 billion single-serving bottles of water this year. What's wrong with that?

- Bottled water is expensive. It costs from 240 to 10,000 times as much as water from a tap.
- Bottled water consumes fossil fuels. Made of plastic (which is derived from oil), bottled water uses additional energy in the process of being packaged, stored, shipped, and chilled.
- When companies bottle water, they sometimes deplete local streams and underground aquifers.
- Unlike town water, which is strictly regulated for purity, water in bottled water is not regulated.
- According to some studies, plastic can leach into the water, especially if the bottles have been frozen. Re-using plastic bottles increases the likelihood of leaching and of bacterial contamination.
- Most empty water bottles end up being incinerated or left in landfills. Fewer than ¼ of plastic water bottles in the U.S. get recycled.

If you are traveling somewhere where the local water may be contaminated, do buy bottled water. Otherwise, consider carrying a refillable stainless steel bottle (available at local camping, kitchen, and natural food stores), and fill it with water from the tap. If you worry about tap water, get your kitchen a sink-top or under-the-sink water filter.

--Greening Grace

Let's Green Up Our Coffee Hours!

(To the tune of "Where is Thumbkin?")

Bring a cup here, bring a mug here,
Save a tree, save some fuel.
Bring a mug on Sunday
And take it home the same day,
Take your place
Green up Grace!

Lucy Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and articles for the October issue of Grace Notes are due September 12.

Items for the bulletin must be received by Tuesday of that week.

“So Others Might Eat: The Climate Emergency Fast,” September 4, 2007. To draw attention to global warming and its moral implications, and to support your own prayerful commitment and reflection, please consider joining a day-long fast on September 4. Please give up food for one day now to draw attention to the fact that others may have no food tomorrow unless we halt global warming. To register to fast for one day, or longer, please visit: www.climateemergency.org

Green Gathering: September 8, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Ave, Newington, CT.

- Guest Speaker: The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas: “Moral and Spiritual Eco-Responsibility”
- Film: Is God Green A Bill Moyers Documentary
- Celebration of the Eucharist - Celebrant: The Right Rev. Laura Ahrens

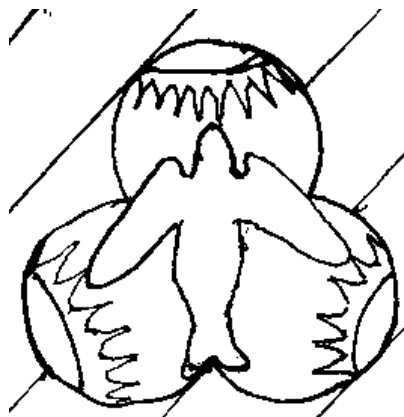
Admission is free and open to all.

Please bring a bag lunch. Bagels, fruit and beverages provided. To register, please contact The Rev. Canon Erik Larsen, elarsen#@ctdiocese.org

All Creation Declares God’s Glory: A Quiet Day led by Margaret Bullitt-Jonas. Saturday September 29, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All Saints Church, 10 Irving St., Worcester

In this retreat, we will explore our relationship with God and the natural world, giving particular attention to the ways that God encounters us through Creation. Our time together will include presentations by the retreat leader, simple movement, silent and guided prayer, and small group conversations. Participants are encouraged (though not required) to view the film *An Inconvenient Truth* before the retreat.

Cost for this retreat is \$25.00, which includes lunch. For more information, please contact the Kairos Spiritual Life Center at kairoscenter#@allsaintsw.org or call (508) 752-3766. The deadline for registration is September 20. To register, please send your contact information to: Kairos Spiritual Life Center, All Saints Church, 10 Irving St., Worcester, MA 01609.



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Africa, the Americas, and the Caribbean. Grace participants may choose to use what they learn in our own Creation Mass performance, which will incorporate music and dancing of these styles.

Workshop Leaders: Marilyn and Sekou Sylla
Saturday, November 3rd and/or November 10th;
times TBA

Music Exploration for Children

A variety of musical activities will be offered to engage a child’s natural curiosity about how sound is produced, how different instruments work, and how music is made. Aspects of music appreciation, introductory improvisatory skills, musical instrument exploration and other musical ideas will be offered in a fun and comfortable atmosphere. May include preparation for participating in the Creation Mass if enough participants wish to be part of that project.

Workshops Coordinators: Mary Hocken and Beth Hart

Session dates and times TBA – see flyer for details.

August Birthdays

- 3 Bridget McKelvey
- 4 Andrea Rushing
- 5 Aidan Van Cleef
- 7 Bernice Taylor, Cara McPhee
- 8 Carlton Ho, Steve Atkinson,
Chandler Atkinson
- 10 Hannah Abbott, Wade Atkinson,
Alex Fischer,
- 12 Lynn Klock, Jonathan Morgan
- 13 Jim Duda
- 14 Valerie Knightly, Matthew Denny,
Zachary Thompson
- 15 Kitty Dougherty, Jonathan Ho,
Matthew Stebbins, Caseem
Knight, Caryn Fischer
- 16 Mary Matthews, Rebecca Freitag
- 17 Dorothea Kissam, James Mathews,
Julie Heyes
- 18 Sophie Powers, Natalia Wobst
- 19 Elija Lillydahl-Schroeder
- 20 Richard Knihnicky
- 21 Jane Price
- 22 Roberta Morel, Ciara McKelvey
- 23 Rebecca Storey, Elsie Newton,
Chi-Chi Ezeh, Lauren Coughlin
- 25 Christopher LaPointe, Molly
McOwen
- 26 David Frierson-Stifler
- 27 Barbara Jones
- 28 Jared Barney, David Lemly
- 29 Dorothy Hertzfeld, Caroline Storey,
Donna Schneider, John Lamb



September Birthdays

- 1 David Todd, Andre Ricard
- 2 Marcia Sheehan, Hannah
Goodwin-Brown, Diana Lemly,
Alex Perry, Thomas Perry, Charles
Floquet
- 3 Zina Tillona, John Lemly, Rosie
Pearson
- 4 Kathryn Hedgepeth, Nancy Lowry,
Nina Scott, Lydia Anderson, Olivia
Smulyan
- 5 Margaret Everson
- 6 Glenn Barrett
- 7 Helen Zatyрка, Casey Flueckiger
- 9 Barrett Allison
- 10 Wallace Erwin, Sidney Treyz, Don
Buckloh, Gaelyn Harvey, Tyran
Grillo
- 11 Mark Peterman, Kenneth Page,
Andrew Leonas
- 12 Colin Thompson, Hannah
Mathews
- 13 Kathy LaMotte
- 15 Winfield Firman
- 16 Sandy Muspratt
- 17 Caroline Allison, Jennifer LaPointe
- 18 Bob Hawley, Kirsten LaMotte
- 19 Carolyn Samonds, William
Hardisky, Richard Spurgin
- 20 Evelyn Newton, Ashley Carlisle,
Stephen Howes, Chris Hoffman
- 21 Jeff Wood, Katie Spurgin
- 22 Sue Woodfork, Rollin Atkinson,
Steven Barrett
- 23 Annie Cheatham, Janet Lowry,
Marissa Ho
- 24 Donna Rush, Clare Orvis, Kristof
Holm
- 25 Rick Read,
- 26 Erika Olson, Michael Kennedy-
Costa, Kate Soper
- 27 Mark Leonas, Madison Flueckiger
- 28 Georgann Mirick, Midge Barrett,
David Heyes, Thomas Liversidge
- 30 Bob Kelly

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The Liturgical Week at Grace Church Aug-Sept

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (in the Parish Hall)

Monday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer (in the Old Rectory Library)

Tuesday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer (in the Old Rectory Library)

Wednesday: 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with Healing (in the Parish Hall)

5:30 PM Evening Prayer (in the Old Rectory Library)

Thursday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer (in the Old Rectory Library)

Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer (in the Old Rectory Library)

