

The Means of Grace

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

"Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God's living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it."

2 Corinthians 3:2-3



April 2011

Sundays

8:00 am HE Rite I
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am HE Rite II
11:30 am Coffee Time

Holy Week and Easter Day

**April 17 Palm Sunday -
Palm Procession**

April 20 Wednesday
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

April 21 Maundy Thursday
6:00 pm Seder Meal
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday
Eucharist and
washing of the feet

April 22 Good Friday
11:00 am Stations of the Cross
12:00 Good Friday
Liturgy
7:00 pm Good Friday
Liturgy

April 24 Easter Sunday
6:00 am Easter Vigil
7:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am HE Rite I
10:30 am HE Rite II
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am Coffee Time

GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN

preserving the gifts of our ancestors and continuing the legacy

Grace Episcopal Church was founded in 1851 on its current site on South McDuffie Street in Anderson. The current main worship building dates back to 1904, and the majority of the other church buildings are at least fifty years old. While several projects since 2000 have resulted in a new organ, sacristy, and cloister, many of the church buildings have remained untouched for years and are in need of restoration, renovation, and additions.

A majority of the Parish participated in the creation of an action plan through surveys and committee work. Your involvement, both in future participation and financial support, is necessary in order for Grace Church to continue its legacy.

Securing

*Roof resurfacing
Heat and Air Conditioning upgrades
Brickwork repair and waterproofing*

Preserving

Complete restoration of all stained glass windows

Gaining Ground

*Visitor accessible Parlor with Kitchenette
ADA compliant bathrooms and main hall
Expanded Nursery, Choir room, and storage*



Campaign Kick-off Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday, the final Sunday before [Easter Sunday](#), marks the beginning of Holy Week. Christian churches distribute palms on Palm Sunday to commemorate Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path before His arrest and Crucifixion on Good Friday. Join the Good Shepherd Campaign Committee after the 10:30 service for a catered brunch. Receive more information on the campaign: building tours will continue and committee members will be answering questions. Brochures with pledge cards will be available.

Good Shepherd Campaign Ends on Sunday, May 15

Tom Hancock
Good Shepherd Campaign Committee Co-Chair

NEWCOMERS



Please say hello to Rosemary and Mike Digby. The Digby's moved to the Anderson area about one year ago and have been coming to Grace Church regularly since last December. They are parents to Kelly Peebles, who just had a son born on Valentines Day, and Jonathan who is a graduate student at the University of Missouri. Both Mike and Rosemary grew up in the Macon area but lived in Milledgeville, GA since 1976. Mike is a graduate of Georgia University and has a PhD from the University of Virginia. He has retired from teaching but is finishing a part time position as Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at Georgia College and State University. Rosemary earned an undergraduate degree from Georgia Univ. and a Masters from Georgia College and State University. She worked as an Elementary School Librarian until her retirement. She is now helping Kelly with the babies. The Digby's enjoy reading and gardening.

St. Catherine's Guild—The ladies of St. Catherine's will meet on Monday, April 4 2011. The meeting will be in the church parlor, at 2:00 p.m. The hostesses this month are, Greta Jacobsen and Jo Zeffiro. All ladies are welcome.

OUTREACH

Thanks to all who helped with the food drive. The total was over 2500 pounds! Just because the food drive is officially over the need is not. Any food brought to the church will be delivered to the food pantries.

BBQ date is October 15th.

Tip of the Verge !

Our main church building

Barbara Scott, Verger

In light of the current Good Shepherd Campaign, I wanted to refresh our memory about the terms used to name the parts of our main church building, some of which are in disrepair and need our loving and generous attention.

A **cloister** is defined as “an arched way or covered walk along the inside wall or walls of a church . . . with a columned opening along one side leading to a courtyard or garden.” Our lovely memorial cloister is a welcoming entrance to our place of worship. It is mostly enclosed to protect us from the elements as we enter or leave the main church building.

You may also enter the main church building via the **narthex**: “any church vestibule leading to the nave.” Our beautiful arched narthex doors open onto McDuffie and Morris Streets through the **bell tower** (the tallest part of the exterior of our main church building), the opposite direction of the cloister. The “holding” area at the back of the church is also part of the narthex.

The **nave**- of Grace Church is where the pews are located and is defined as “that part of a church which is between the side aisles and extends from the chancel to the principal entrance, forming the main part of the building.” The nave is not to be confused with the sanctuary.

The **sanctuary** is “the part of the church immediately surrounding the **altar**, the holy of holies.” The sanctuary is also called the **chancel** and is set off by a railing or screen. Our sanctuary is set off by both a chancel rail (where we kneel to take Communion) and a rood screen. The sanctuary is only the small area between the kneeling rail and the rood screen.

A **rood** is “a cross as used in crucifixion, i.e., the cross on which Jesus was crucified.” A **rood screen** is “an ornamental screen, usually with a rood above it, serving as a partition.” In our church, the rood screen serves as a partition between the apse and the sanctuary. Our beautiful cross sits atop the rood screen between the floral offerings.

Our choir is seated in the **apse** of our main church building, behind the rood screen and across a small hallway from the sacristy. **Apse** is defined as “a semicircular or polygonal projection of a building, especially one at the east end of a church, with a domed or vaulted roof.” In addition to housing our talented choir, the apse at Grace Church displays the beautiful and timeless Shepherd Window we see as we look east when we worship.

And finally, the **sacristy** is “a room in a church, usually adjoining the sanctuary, where the sacred vessels, vestments, etc., are kept. Our Howard memorial sacristy is located across a small hallway from the apse.



Grace Notes

During this contemplative time of Lent we can look forward to three very different and exciting performances at our annual Lenten Lunchtime Concerts. This year we are focusing on the 10th anniversary of the installation of our Zimmer organ.

On March 31st at 12:15 organist John Gilbert will perform works of Bach and other classical masters. John is the former Organist/Choirmaster at Christ Church, Greenville and currently OCM at St. Andrew's Church, Greenville.

On April 7th at 12:15 organist Alvin Blount will be performing a varied program of American composers, Spirituals and music of the South. The acclaimed Tuskegee alum is one of the leading concert organists today. Dr. Blount is the director of music at St. Mary's On-The-Hill Catholic Church, August Georgia.

On April 14th at 12:15 organist Steve Grant will perform a delightful concert of theatre organ style music...from Sousa marches to Broadway shows. Steve is an accomplished organist in both theatre and classical organ styles. He is organist at Anderson's Central Presbyterian Church.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and remember that we will not be serving lunch following the concerts this year.

The children will be performing at the Palm Sunday 10:30 service. I will need them in the choir room at 9:30 for vesting and other general chaos!

Soil Deo Gloria,
Bill

SAVE THE DATE

June 4, 2011

Grace Church

Good Shepherd Celebration

A Day of Doing, Learning, and Celebrating

GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN KICKOFF CELEBRATION APRIL 17TH PALM SUNDAY

Immediately after the
10:30 AM Service
Parish Hall

Light Brunch
Music
Fellowship

Name _____

_____ Adults

_____ Children

Or call Phyllis at 225-8011



Easter Flower Memorials

*If you would like to place flowers in the church in celebration of the Resurrection, complete the form and return to the parish office **before April 10th.***

Minimum contribution for flowers is \$20.

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount enclosed _____

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

EYC

The Youth have set up prayer stations in the parlor for use during Lent. **What is a contemplative prayer station you ask?** The entire purpose of a contemplative prayer station is to create a time and space for people to experience God in their lives. Prayer stations can be highly creative or an incredibly simple approach to prayer and spiritual reflection. The space is set up where people can enter and participate at their own pace and level.

Catie Baker, Garrett Whiffen and William Langford will be serving on staff at Happening #65 March 25-27. Please remember them in prayer.

New Beginnings April 29-May 1

The deadline to register for the **New Beginnings** at Camp Gravatt is **April 15th**. Spring Retreat is April 29th –May 1st. This program, which is rooted in the tradition of Happening and Cursillo, is based on presenting the basics of Christianity and how we use that faith to guide our life. Talks are given throughout the weekend by young people and adults on various subjects; friends, family, peer pressure, the church, Jesus and sharing your faith. Participants have the opportunity to share their response to these talks in small groups and to the whole community. Interspaced between talks are times for games, hanging out with friends, and large group activities. Part of Saturday night's program is an opportunity for all participants to share any special gifts or talents; so bring along your musical instrument, poems, stories, or other props that might be necessary.

The event is \$75 per person (scholarships available) and runs from Friday at 6 PM until Sunday at 1 PM. EYC will meet April 17th 5-7pm

Save the Date May 15th will be the Sending Forth Service for high school graduates.

Christian Formation

C.S. LEWIS' **THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS** Father Jack will lead a class on C.S. Lewis' book *The Screwtape Letters* as a Lenten study. Class will meet in his office **March 13-27, April 10, 17 at 9:15 am**. Bring your own copy.

Thirty Nine Articles of Faith—Rob Elsner leading this class on Sunday mornings in the Parlor at 9:15 a.m.

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin shortly after the 10:30 Liturgy. The children 3 and under will hunt eggs in the Memorial Garden, ages 4 through 2nd grade will hunt eggs in the playground and 3rd through 5th grade will hunt eggs on the front lawn. Eggs will have prizes but not candy so please return to the parish hall to receive a treat bag after hunting eggs.

April Sunday School lesson for age 4 through grade 5 will be **The Mystery of Easter**.

MEMORIALS

Received February 16, 2011 through March 15, 2011

In Memory of *Betty Antonakos* by:

Glenda Swinford
Dr. & Mrs. Don R. Dye
Ann & Ernie McFerrin
Jesse & Jo Atha Cheek (Capital Campaign Fund)
Dr. & Mrs. David deHoll (Capital Campaign Fund)
Dr. & Mrs. Dan Fleming (Capital Campaign Fund)
Ken & Sara Cheek (Capital Campaign Fund)
Bill & Jo Trent (Capital Campaign Fund)

In Memory of *Louise Rice Lund* to the Capital Campaign Fund by:

Jesse & Jo Atha Cheek
Joseph Haynes & Erin E. Vann Scoyoc
Bill & Jo Trent
Ken & Sara Cheek

In Memory of *Mary Carter Sloan* by:
Ken & Sara Cheek (Capital Campaign)

In Memory of *George Rogers* by:
Glenda Swinford
Linda R. Hoffman

If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium.

HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of *Gill Powell's birthday* to the Capital Campaign Fund by:

Dr. & Mrs. Donnie Roberts
Dr. & Mrs. David deHoll
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Yarbrough
Dr. & Mrs. Harvey Walker
Ken & Melissa Langford
Dr. & Mrs. Russell Street
Rebecca Moran
Dr. & Mrs. Dan Fleming
Dr. & Mrs. Ed Mattison
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Anderson
Dr. & Mrs. Keith Hart
Lily Roland Hall

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Vestry Highlights

- ◆ The Vestry approved Antique Slate as the color selection for the new roofing shingles. Work on the damaged roof should begin soon.
- ◆ A new ice machine has been purchased.
- ◆ The Diocese will hold a meeting at Grace on April 14th. Set up for the meeting will take place after supper on Wed., April 13th. Volunteers are needed to help!

Grace Episcopal Church Suppers



Lenten Suppers will start **March 16th–April 13th** catered by the Outreach Committee.

April 21st—Maundy Thursday—Seder Meal



The Annual Spreading of the Mulch

April 16th beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Bring yard tools and join us for a morning of blessed yard work as we prepare for Easter! For more information call John Woodson at 933-1551.

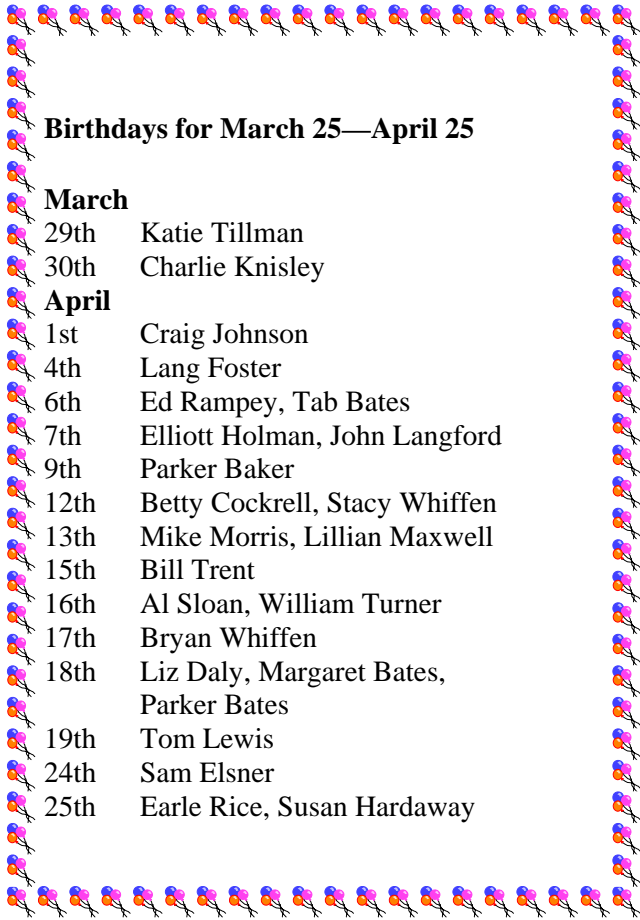
SAVE THE DATE

Family Retreat Week

July 3–8, 2011

Enjoy time away with your family in Gravatt's conference center with sessions led by chaplains for the week The Revs. Jack and Susan Har-daway. There will be plenty of time for rest, relaxation, and play. Daily activities will be offered, but there's no pressure to do anything. Cost includes program, 5 nights lodging, and 14 meals: \$250 per person ages 13 and up; \$175 per person ages 3-12, free ages 2 and under; family minimum \$450; family max \$800. See website for maximum definition. www.bishopgravatt.org

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS



Birthdays for March 25—April 25

March

- 29th Katie Tillman
- 30th Charlie Knisley

April

- 1st Craig Johnson
- 4th Lang Foster
- 6th Ed Rampey, Tab Bates
- 7th Elliott Holman, John Langford
- 9th Parker Baker
- 12th Betty Cockrell, Stacy Whiffen
- 13th Mike Morris, Lillian Maxwell
- 15th Bill Trent
- 16th Al Sloan, William Turner
- 17th Bryan Whiffen
- 18th Liz Daly, Margaret Bates,
Parker Bates
- 19th Tom Lewis
- 24th Sam Elsner
- 25th Earle Rice, Susan Hardaway

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

- Julie Kent
- John Bostater
- Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
- Josey family
- Leif Jacobsen
- Anna May Jacobsen
- Barb Flagel
- David Rutledge
- Wilma Eady -health issues
- Rick Fletcher-cancer
- Ross Hutcheon-back surgery
- Jesse Cheek-health issues
- Betty Halverson-pancreatic cancer—mother of Mary Waldo
- Ellen Dollar -cancer
- Wendie Cheek -cancer
- Smith Pruitt-multiple myeloma
- Rita Swofford
- Lee Morris
- David Cullen
- Judith Feltman
- Lucas Swann
- Sharon Reynolds
- Margie Osburn
- John Aronson
- Trent Gilbert-breathing difficulties
- Don Ross
- Inez Greenway-breast cancer
- Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
- Don Shaver

Requested by

- Kathy Bostater
- Kathy Bostater
- Linda Hoffman
- Greta Jacobsen
- Greta Jacobsen
- Anne Radnor
- Billy Croy
- Dudley Jenkins
- Nancy Welch
Family
- Jack Hardaway
- Sara Cheek
- Mary Winiarski
- Don Cleveland
- Lynn Prince
- John Cullen
- Leigh Burns
- Suzanne Turner
- Suzanne Turner
- Jackie Lenhart
- Sara Cheek
- Lily Hall

Expectant Families: Heiko & Mandy Erlenkeuser, Caroline & Chris Ripley.

Monthly Stewardship Report for February

February 2011 Revenue	\$ 21,222
February 2011 Expenses	\$ 27,758
February 2011 Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 6,536)
YTD 2011 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	46,932.00
YTD 2011 Expenses	53,125.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(6,193.00)
2011 Annual Revenue Budget	\$320,472.94
2011 Annual Expense Budget	\$328,066.00
2011 Budget Deficit	(\$ 7593.06)

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Easter Monday, April 25th, 2011.**

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