

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 2010

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

**March 28 Palm Sunday—
Palm Procession**

March 29-31

Monday-Wednesday
6:00 pm Evening Prayer

April 1 Maundy Thursday

5:45pm Seder Meal
7:30pm Eucharist and
washing of the
feet

April 2 Good Friday

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

April 4 Easter Sunday

6:00am Sunrise Vigil
7:15am Easter Breakfast
8:30am Holy Eucharist
Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist
RITE II
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt

What is a parish pilgrimage?

and

Why are we making one?

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place of special significance. Pilgrims walk toward their sacred destination alongside fellow travelers seeking what God has in store along the way. Father Jack will be a pilgrim on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain during his sabbatical. While he is away we also will be pilgrims intentionally seeking God through our own pilgrimage. Our parish pilgrimage will be a journey of self examination and discovery leading us to a heightened sense of where God is taking us from here.

What will we do on our parish pilgrimage? We will begin by telling our stories. My Grace Church story begins with Bess Boyer. She reached out to me and my family on our first visit and we never looked back. Tom Hancock's Grace Church story started when he was a boy coming to church with his parents. Nathan Cox visited once and sat in what felt like someone else's pew. Thankfully a few years later he and Amy visited again and felt welcome to make a home at Grace. There began his Grace Church story. Julie Bates married a Grace Church boy who after moving her around the world brought her home to begin her Grace Church story.

What is your Grace Church story? What brought you to this congregation and why have you stayed? What will keep you here? What does God have in store for us as a church family? The theme of our parish pilgrimage will be storytelling. The purpose is to seek God's will; to discern where God wants us to go from here. Watch for opportunities in May and June to gather in small groups and offer your Grace Church story.

By the time Father Jack returns in August we will have spent time together telling our stories, recording them and compiling them. They will provide us with tangible images of our lives together in Jesus Christ. In learning the stories of our fellow pilgrims we honor each other and the journey that we are making as members of Grace Church.

We expect that Father Jack will return from his sabbatical refreshed and ready to begin again as our priest. Let's be ready to begin again as the congregation of Grace Church. Participate, walk beside me on this pilgrimage. It won't be the same without you.

Melissa Langford
Sabbatical Committee

NEWCOMERS



Make sure you say hello to Anna and Julian George and their two children: Robert who is four and Maggie who is one. The George's have lived in Anderson for about seven years, Julian grew up in Seneca and Anna in Westminster. Both Julian and Anna graduated from Clemson in 2002 and 2003, respectively. Both were in the Natural Resource Management department and majored in Park Recreation and Tourism Management. Anna works for the Core of Engineers as a Natural Resource Specialist and Park Ranger. Julian works as a Game Warden for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Both often have to work on the weekends. The George's enjoy traveling, camping, gardening, and home brewing. Maggie was baptized at Grace Church this last January. Julian and Anna come from Methodist and Baptist backgrounds but, are enjoying their Episcopal experience.

Outreach Update

Thanks to your generosity Grace Church sent \$800 to Meals on Wheels for the matching grant from the Stringer Foundation. Meals on Wheels met the challenge of \$90,000 and received the entire match from the foundation. Also, we have sent \$1800 to the Bread and Water campaign which will also be receiving a matching donation from an anonymous donor up to \$200,000.

Tab Bates is this year's BBQ chairman! It is hard to believe that we are thinking about BBQ now, but planning is underway. Outreach is beginning the process of determining what group will be the partner agency this year. If you know of an organization that would be a good candidate for the BBQ funds, please let us know. I can be reached at 617-0653. Thank you.

Jim Boyer
Outreach Committee

Tip of the Verge !

The Easter Lily

By Barbara Scott, Verger

Here's a brief tribute to the Easter lily. I want to share it with you this month in lieu of my usual commentary. May you have a blessed and holy Easter season.

Thoughts on the Easter Lily

Rightly, the lily is the flower of Easter. It lies buried in the ooze of pond or stream. There is nothing in the grave of the dead lily that appeals to nostril or eye. But silently the forces of life are working in the dark and the damp to prepare a glorious resurrection. A shaft of green shoots upward toward the sun. This is followed by a cluster of tiny buds. One day the sun smiles with special warmth upon the dank, black ooze, and there leaps into the light a creature of light and beauty; it is the lily, an angel of the earth, whose look is light.

Author Unknown



COME JOIN US FOR
EASTER MORNING
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH
AT 7:15 AM


HOSTED BY
PARISH LIFE

The St. Catherine's Guild will meet on Monday, April 5, 2010. The meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. This month's hostesses will be Greta Jacobsen and Dena Cullen. We will be watching the popular movie. "The Bucket List", starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. We will also be making plans for our annual picnic at Libby Christeson's house. See you there!

Our Lenten Lunchtime Concerts are drawing to a close. We have had a great season of very interesting music that showcased many different local talents. I want to thank Lily Hall and Janie Hellstrom for their extraordinary public relations skills. Amy Cox, for her artistic design on the flyers. Martha Gregory and Stacy Whiffen for being there to greet and serve. Linda Hoffman to collect money, Don Shaver for his invaluable parish hall skills, Phyllis Dickey for creating the programs, and for Gail Carnes for always coming to the rescue with counting the money. Thank you for all who generously gave to the Love Hat each week to help differ the cost of this popular Anderson event. Thank you again!

The children will be singing at the 10:30 Easter Service. Please have them in the choir room by 10:00 am for vesting and warm-up. Thank you! **Their will be NO Children or Adult Choir practices on Wednesday, April 7th.**

Soli Deo Gloria
Bill


**SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL BBQ
OCTOBER 30, 2010**



ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!

If your family did not have their picture taken for the directory, please see Lyn Merchant or Susan Anderson to have your picture taken or email your photo to gracechurch1851@bellsouth.net We are trying to update our directory. Thank you for help on this matter!

MEMORIALS

Received February 16, 2010 through March 15, 2010

In Memory of *Elizabeth Ducworth* to the Choir/Music Fund by:

Mr. & Mrs. Al Sloan
Powell Hickman & Lyn Merchant

In Memory of *Barry Cutting* by:

Lena B. Chapman
Linda R. Hoffman

In Memory of *Barry Cutting* to the Bread & Water-Rescue Fund by:

Powell Hickman & Lyn Merchant

In Memory of *Josephine Guiseppi* to the Bread & Water-Rescue Fund by:

Powell Hickman & Lyn Merchant

In Memory of *Judy Gaillard* to the Bread & Water-Rescue Fund by:

Nancy Devine

In Memory of *Michael Farnsworth* to the Bread & Water-Rescue Fund by:

Nancy Devine

In Memory of *Shirley Rampey* by:

Linda R. Hoffman

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

HONORARIUMS

Received February 16, 2010 through March 15, 2010

In Honor of *Janie Hellstrom's* birthday to Grace Church Sunday School by:

Lily Roland Hall

In Honor of *Their Children* to the Grace Church Endowment Fund by:

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Cheek

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

The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church held its regular meeting at the church on Tuesday 9 February 2010 at 5:30.

- Grace Church’s annual Ministry Celebration is August 29, 2010. Lynn Merchant, Director of Children and Youth, is organizing the event and each ministry will set up booths promoting their ministry. The theme this year will be ‘Discerning God’s Gifts’. Each ministry liaison will need to coordinate the event with their ministry chair person.
- Pledge prepays for 2010 exceed prepays for 2009.
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- Music-Lee Hancock, vestry liaison to Music ministry, reported that Lenten concerts starts March 4th. Lunches will be catered and must be ordered in advance.
- Outreach-Nancy Devine, vestry liaison to the Outreach Ministry, reported that \$3600 was raised from Soup Luncheon held in January and that the proceeds will go to Calvary Children’s Home. Wednesday night suppers will be provided by the Outreach ministry during Lent. Outreach will recommend to the vestry the proceeds to be distributed to various organizations in our church and in our community
- We received a thank you note from Meals on Wheels for donations in December from Grace Church.
- Pastoral Care-Julie Bates, vestry liaison to the Pastoral Care ministry reported that the ministry needs a chair or two co-chairs for this ministry.
- Oxford Foundation-Brett Dixon (by Julie Bates) All funds have been transferred to the trust manager, Wachovia Bank, a Wells Fargo Company. They need Grace Church Articles of Incorporation in order to finalize our investment strategy. Julie Bates will get a copy from the Secretary of State and file with Wachovia.
- Parish Retreat-is set for April 16-18. Joe Maxwell and Lynn Merchant are in charge of the weekend and agenda which will be held at Kanuga.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Would like to remind each of you of the funeral ceremony sheet we have available. Please take the time to fill out the information for you and your family. The worst time to try and plan a funeral is when it happens. It is a short form that we will keep here at the church so we know how to proceed when the time is needed. There are copies by the office and in the walkway to the church. This is not anything binding; it is just information to help Pastoral care proceed. Thank You!

Wednesday Night Suppers

March 31st	NO SUPPER
April 7th	NO SUPPER
April 14th	Parish Life—Italian
April 21st	Catered—Parish Life
April 28th	Christian Formation—Spaghetti
May 5th	EYC
May 12th	Pastoral Care
May 19th	Parish Life—Catered
May 26th	Vestry

Thursday Dinner

April 1 Seder Dinner - 5:45 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service—7:30 p.m.



WORK DAY
Saturday, March 27th

Grace Church will have a Work Day March 27, the day before Palm Sunday, to spruce up the Church grounds!

We will be starting at 8:30 and working until when ever. We will be spreading mulch so please bring wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, and gardening tools.

Please call Don Colman if you have any questions 933-4384.

Grace Word of the Month

Easter

Easter is the Church's most primary and ancient feast of the church year; celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. The date of Easter varies each year according to the lunar calendar using an adapted formula decided by the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. It is the first Sunday on or after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Easter Day begins the Easter season which runs for fifty days until the Feast of Pentecost. It corresponds with the Hebrew Feast of Weeks. From the time of the early church the Great Fifty days of Easter has been the season of mystagogy, the new life in Christ. These seven Sundays are called the Sundays of Easter, climaxing on the seventh Sunday, the Sunday before **Pentecost Sunday**. This is celebrated as **Ascension Sunday** (Ascension day actually occurs on the 40th day after Easter Sunday, which always falls on Thursday). The liturgical color of the Easter Season is white.

There is no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Egg hunt will follow the 10:30 liturgy.

Age 1 to 4 will hunt eggs in the Memorial Garden-please gather by the entrance near the kitchen.

Ages 5 through 2nd grade will hunt eggs on the playground-please gather in the parish hall.

Ages 3rd through 5th grade will hunt eggs on the front lawn-please gather in the parish hall.

EYC will not meet in April

New Beginnings is April 23-25th. Please sign up with Lyn Merchant by April 2nd. A \$25 deposit will be needed to register.

Save the Date

May 16th is the Sending Forth Service for High School seniors.

Grace University

EYC and Christian Formation

Children and Youth

Children age 4 through fifth grade will begin in April The Beatitudes. **Parents** be sure to **pick up information** about this lesson in your child's class.

Middle School meets in the classroom beyond the Parlor and is using the "Attitudes" part of the Living the Good News curriculum.

High School class meets in the library classroom and is using Movies and TV that Teach.

Adult options

Sunday morning 9:15 am

The Gospel of Mark meets in the Parlor. Discussions led by Jim Boyer and John Woodson.

BOILED PEANUTS (something tasty to chew on)
poems from series on prayer by Father Jack

PRAYER/TAKE THREE

You know what I say?
I say prayer is nothing but trouble.
Boat loads.
Just look at that boy
always getting into things,
letting the dog out
no telling where we'll have to chase it.
That dog just running all over,
about getting killed, that's what prayer is.

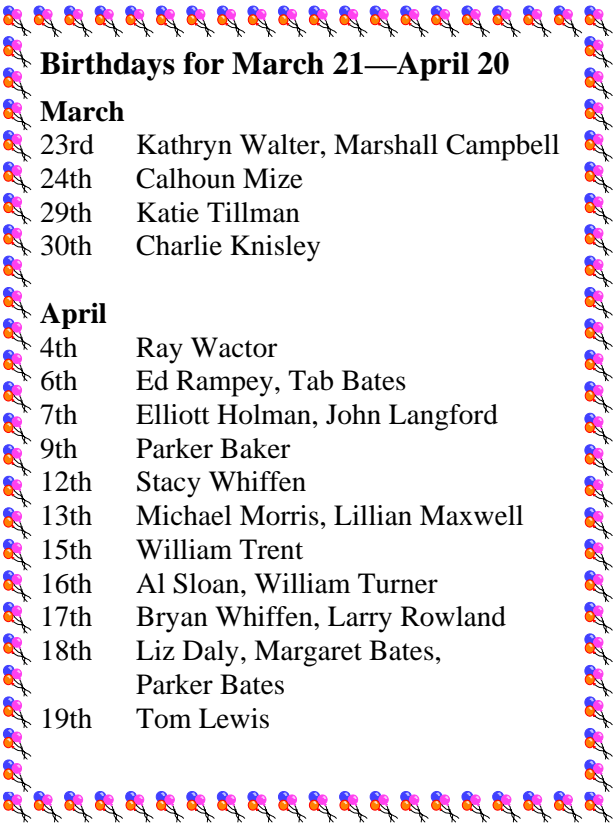
Just remember.
All those folks who prayed?
See what happened to them.
Go down the list.
You know who they are.
All that uping and going and
thising and thating
Stirring things up.
Getting stuck in some desert,
Or rebuilding some wall no soul
cares about?

Then what about those other ones
who prayed?
When nothing happened.
That's like always having to look over
your shoulder
wondering what's going to hit you
year after year,
but nothing never does.
Worry and disappointment.
They just keep it up, fretting.
They die all dried up,
you've seen those shriveled folks at
the mortuary
Natural my foot!

It is so easy to get tricked
into praying.
Just be careful is all
I have to say.
Once it starts...
your life is no longer your own.
See what happened
to me?

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Congratulations to Matthew & Lauren Cheek on the birth of their son Grayson, born March 16th. 8 lbs 21 inches.



Birthdays for March 21—April 20

March

23rd Kathryn Walter, Marshall Campbell
 24th Calhoun Mize
 29th Katie Tillman
 30th Charlie Knisley

April

4th Ray Wactor
 6th Ed Rampey, Tab Bates
 7th Elliott Holman, John Langford
 9th Parker Baker
 12th Stacy Whiffen
 13th Michael Morris, Lillian Maxwell
 15th William Trent
 16th Al Sloan, William Turner
 17th Bryan Whiffen, Larry Rowland
 18th Liz Daly, Margaret Bates,
 Parker Bates
 19th Tom Lewis

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

Doni Rhinehart
 Julie Kent
 Stuart M. Barnes-cancer
 John Bostater
 Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia
 Dotti D'ambrosio-widow
 Clarence and Martha Smith-health issues
 Bob Thomas-heart attack
 Horace B. Bladon- Fr. Jack's Grandfather
 Bill Cheshire
 John Josey
 Leif Jacobsen-bone marrow cancer
 Dewey Pearson
 Barb Flagel
 Robin Speer
 Rebecca Veeck-health issues
 Jennifer Gaffney-health issues
 Glenn Jacobus -bone cancer
 David Rutledge

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Hugh Osburn
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 Kathy Bostater
 Baillie Brown
 Baillie Brown
 Baillie Brown
 Fr. Jack

Greta Jacobsen

Ellie Cooper
 Ellie Cooper
 Martha Gregory
 Anne Radnor

Expectant Families: Nathan & Amy Cox, Carey & Erin Hughes.

**The Parish Office will closed Easter
 Monday, April 5, 2010**

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Monthly Stewardship Report for February	
Budget for 2010	\$ 315,516
Needed Monthly	\$ 26,293
Received February	\$ 16,544
Received through February (including prepaids)	\$ 52,609
Needed through February	\$ 52,586
Diocese Assessment for 2010	\$ 48,501
Assessment Paid through February	\$ 8,083