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The Means of Grace

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

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“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

Soup Luncheon—January 26, 2012

A new year is almost upon us, and it’s time for the Grace Church Annual Soup Luncheon, to be held on January 26th. For the last twenty plus years, Grace church has had the honor of hosting this soup luncheon to raise monies for various organizations within this community. This year, the Outreach Committee prayerfully decided to embark on an exciting and rewarding partnership and journey with Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM). The Soup Luncheon is the beginning step on this journey.

Our guests arrive in large groups, on their lunch hours or in groups of friends, and even make friends while they are here. They wait patiently for a steaming bowl of soup, and hot corn muffins. The line moves quickly at times, more slowly at others, but each guest seems to wait patiently until it is their turn. Tables are filled, and then someone comes along and everyone moves around to make room for just one more. It’s a time catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Members of the church prepare batches of the soup, from a time honored recipe, created by Mary Alice Rice. Even though some may add a few extra veggies or more wine it all comes together on the day of the luncheon. Each batch is lovingly stirred together by Joe Maxwell, who somehow makes it all come out tasting the same. Our church members also prepare baked items that can make everyone break their January resolutions.

Vegetable Soup

- 3 med. Onions chopped
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 cans beef bouillon
- 2 large cans tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup each– potatoes, carrots, celery (essential for flavor), green beans, okra, corn, butter beans optional.
- 1 cup dry red Burgundy wine
- 2 Tbsp. parsley
- 1/2 tsp basil
- 1/4 tsp. Thyme
- 1 cup water
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Brown beef, onions and garlic. Drain to remove excess fat. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 1 1/2 hours. Makes approximately 4 quarts.

So, now it’s time to pull out your recipes for a great bakes items, and decide how you and your family can help with this exciting project. Plan to make a batch or two of soup or a dessert. If you can, plan to help out at Soup Saturday or on the day of the Soup Luncheon, so many hands are needed. There are many opportunities for all ages and I look forward to working with each of you to make this event a huge success. Look for information in future church bulletins, and volunteer if you are able to. Please let me know if you can provide soup, desserts or your time. Dena Cullen (864) 222-9425 or Darzindla@aol.com

Here’s to an exciting start to 2012!

Dena Cullen

Sundays

- 8:00 am HE Rite I
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am HE Rite II with Choir
- 10:30-11:30ish Coffee Hour
- 11:15 am HE Rite II with music and hymns

Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 pm Children’s Pageant
- 8:00 pm Eucharist
- 10:00 pm Music
- 10:30 pm Eucharist

Christmas Day

- 10:00 am—Morning Prayer

New Year’s Day

- 11:15 am Hymn Sing



Hello to Michelle King and Jeremy Kent. Michelle grew up in Anderson and graduated from USC with a major in Biology. She earned a Doctorate from MUSC in Charleston in Emergency Medicine. Michelle did her Residency in Dallas, TX at Parkland Hospital and also a rotation in New Zealand. She is now at Anderson Hospital Emergency. Jeremy also grew up in Anderson and Grace Church where his mother, Julie Kent, is a life long member. Jeremy graduated from Strayer University in Greenville majoring in Economics aiming towards Finance. He is planning on USC grad school for a degree in Law with emphasis in Finance. Jeremy had been in Colorado for ten years but returned to Anderson about four years ago. Michelle and Jeremy enjoy skiing, snowmobiling, shooting, gardening, and working on Michelle's house. Michelle and Jeremy have been taking a class with Father Jack and plan to be married on May 5th.

The ladies of St Catherine's will meet on Monday, **January 9, 2012** (note the date change) at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the parlor of Grace Church. The meeting will take care of some housekeeping duties, make plans for the New Year and a craft presentation on How To Use Your Christmas Cards. Please bring your cards, scissors, a glue stick and a pen. The hostesses this month are : Glenda Swinford and Nancy Lewis. All ladies are welcome. Any questions, please call Dena Cullen (864)222-9425.

Tip of the Verge !

Godly Cornbread

Barbara Scott, Verger

Isn't it wonderful how the smaller things in life can do so much good! Take a simple miniature cake of cornbread, put it with many other miniature cakes of cornbread, and great things will happen. First of all, you have the pleasure of making this delicious cornbread from the pre-measured mix that will be available for you to pick up from the church. Be sure and sign up for as many batches as you are willing to make.

Next, all us cornbread bakers take the cakes to the church on Wednesday, January 25, for our Annual Soup Luncheon the next day. Now, here's where the miracle really blossoms. Hundreds of people from the Anderson community will have bought tickets to attend our luncheon. They come to Grace Church's parish hall and sit with friends (and strangers) while enjoying our delicious soup, cornbread, and desserts. They leave with their belly's full and smiles on their faces.

The miracle continues after this wonderful event is over when the \$\$\$ proceeds from the sale of all those tickets goes away from Grace Church to help people in the Anderson community who have needs we sometimes can't even imagine. We'll likely never know just who we helped or how many people we helped. But, be assured, we will help many in need.

So, when you are mixing that cornbread, please think about the miracle you are stirring up in the bowl. It's real; you just can't see it. I think that's a Godly thing!



SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT CURSILLO!!!

February 9-12 2012 at Camp Gravatt

<http://www.edusc.org/Cursillo/Candidateapplication>.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! ART IN THE WILDERNESS!

Our next art exhibit will begin this Lent (Ash Wed. is February 22nd) and will run through Pentecost.

The Theme is "**WILDERNESS WANDERING**" REFLECTIONS ON MARK 1:12-15

Our next exhibit after this will be "Holy Fire" Reflections on Pentecost, and will run from Pentecost through the summer.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

There will be **no** Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Christmas Day we will have Morning Prayer at 10:00. There will be **no nursery** for that service. On **New Years Day** the service will be at 11:15-a hymn sing. The nursery will be open on New Years Day.

We will have two additional adult options coming next year. Beginning January 15th will be Out Live your Life by Max Lucado. This class will be coordinated by Buddy Bilbrey
Then during Lent the Environmental ministry will host a study and discussion of Einstein's God: Science, Faith and the Life of Wonder.

EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY: For anyone interested in learning more about the Christian Faith, parish membership, Baptism or Confirmation. The next class will be **January 29, February 5,12,19, at 9 AM in the parish library.**

Godly Play will meet on January 15th and 22nd.

Mark your calendars!! **Parish Family Weekend is March 16-18, 2012 at Kanuga.** Children will attend at no cost and adults are \$199.

EYC

A special thank you to the Campbell's for hosting the youth for their Christmas gathering at their home in Cashiers.

The ski trip will be January 27-29th Please see Lyn Merchant or Brett Dixon if you plan to participate.

DYLTC is February 3-5th. Registration deadline is January 20th. This is open to all high school students.

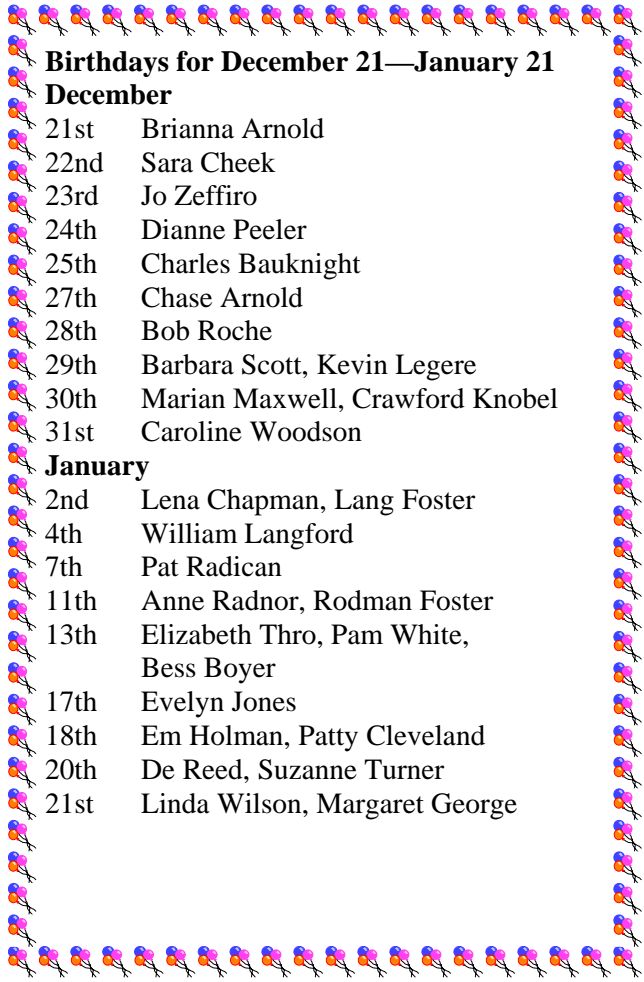
GRACE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

As Christians we all have ministries inside and outside our church community. Part of the worship, sacramental and fellowship life of the church is to sustain and challenge us in these ministries that our faith in Christ will always grow and mature. But what is our ministry as a parish? What do we do together that is more than supporting our individual ministries? The Grace Church Outreach Ministry Team has been discerning a way for us as a parish to have a ministry together in our neighborhood. We have chosen Anderson Interfaith Ministries (A.I.M.), an ecumenical ministry that serves many basic needs of the poor in Anderson. A.I.M. began in 1994 when a Grace Church Parishioner, Lila Albergotti gathered several churches and community leaders together to pool their resources to better serve the poor. The original office for A.I.M. was on the Grace Church property in the old Gadsden House that was used to help several nonprofits get started. The house was torn down several years ago to make room for parking lot improvements and expansion. A.I.M. is now located only half a mile away from the parish, on 1202 South Murray Ave. As a parish we will be focusing our time and resources for the next three to five years in being involved with A.I.M. as Grace gets involved in the Neighborhood. Stay tuned for the many ways we can serve together!

Peace,

Your Grace Church Outreach Ministry Team

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS



Birthdays for December 21—January 21

December

21st Brianna Arnold
 22nd Sara Cheek
 23rd Jo Zeffiro
 24th Dianne Peeler
 25th Charles Bauknight
 27th Chase Arnold
 28th Bob Roche
 29th Barbara Scott, Kevin Legere
 30th Marian Maxwell, Crawford Knobel
 31st Caroline Woodson

January

2nd Lena Chapman, Lang Foster
 4th William Langford
 7th Pat Radican
 11th Anne Radnor, Rodman Foster
 13th Elizabeth Thro, Pam White,
 Bess Boyer
 17th Evelyn Jones
 18th Em Holman, Patty Cleveland
 20th De Reed, Suzanne Turner
 21st Linda Wilson, Margaret George

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
 Wendie Cheek -cancer
 Rita Swofford
 Lucas Swann
 Sharon Reynolds
 Don Ross
 Margie Osburn
 John Aronson
 Ross Hutcherson
 Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
 Dorothy McClain
 Margie Williams-cancer
 Jo Walgate-kidney failure
 Betty Martin
 Stephanie Brumbeloe
 Betty Ward
 Stan Kesterson-cancer
 Leslie Albergotti-brain tumor
 JoAtha Cheek
 Chris Bodenheimer -recovery from stroke
 Don Holton-cancer
 Rita Townsend
 Cathy Phillips
 Shelia Holcomb, cancer
 Tony Osborne-cancer
 Bob Peeler-cancer
 Emma Kate Potter
 Jim Hewlitt-cancer
 Mary B. Smith
 Betsy Skardon
 Wanda Haynes-sickness
 Al Anderson

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
 Kathy Bostater
 Linda Hoffman
 Greta Jacobsen
 Greta Jacobsen

 Anne Radnor
 Sara Cheek
 Don Cleveland
 Suzanne Turner
 Suzanne Turner
 Sara Cheek

 Hugh Osburn
 Nancy Welch

 Linda Hoffman
 Betty Williams
 Leigh Burns
 Barbara Scott
 Toni/Stu Smith

 Cindy Baker
 Lila Albergotti
 Sara Cheek
 Lisa Bodenehimer
 Jo and Bill Trent
 Pat deVarenes
 Anne Radnor
 Don Cleveland
 Don Cleveland
 Don Cleveland
 Andy Potter
 Ellie Cooper
 Suzanne Turner
 Suzanne Turner
 Ken Cauley

Expectant Families: Lacreia & Buddy Bilbrey, Jennifer and Darrell Burgess.
 Lauren Kent Rivera & Michael Rivera.

Monthly Stewardship Report for November

November 2011 Revenue	\$ 24,762.00
November 2011 Expenses	\$ 27,191.00
November 2011 Surplus or (Deficit)	(2,429.00)
YTD 2011 Revenue (Including Prepays)	287,490.00
YTD 2011 Expenses	297,902.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(10,412.00)
2011 Annual Revenue Budget	\$320,472.94
2011 Annual Expense Budget	\$328,066.00
2011 Budget Deficit	(\$ 7,593.06)

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Melissa Cashman

In Memory of *Tom Lewis* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

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Dr. & Mrs. Dan Fleming

In Memory of *Don Shaver* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

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In Memory of *Raymond Larsen* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Pat Larsen & family

HONORARIUMS

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In Honor and Thanksgiving for *the Ministry of those graduating from the Vestry: Jerry Powell, Ellie Cooper, Don Colman and Brett Dixon* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Jack Hardaway

In Honor and Thanksgiving for *the Ministry of the Good Shepherd Committee and the Co-Chairs, Gill Powell and Tom Hancock* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Jack Hardaway

In Honor and Thanksgiving for *the Ministry and calm leadership of our Treasurer, Lee Hancock* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Jack Hardaway

In Honor and Thanksgiving for *the Ministry of the Parish Staff: Phyllis Dickey, Gail Carnes, Lyn Merchant, and Bill Ducworth* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:

Jack Hardaway

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

January Wednesday Suppers

January 4—Treasures From The Blue Elf will be shared as favors. **Menu:** Rosemary Chicken, Old-fashioned Green Beans, Italian Salad, Dinner Rolls, and Butter, Assorted Cupcakes and Beverages. Catered by Saturday's Child (Lila Bahr) and hosted by Parish Life.

January 11— Roast Turkey w/cornbread dressing, Rice and gravy, Mixed green salad w/homemade dressings, Biscuits, Dessert and Beverages.

January 18 - Beef and pasta casserole, Chef's choice veggie, Mixed green salad w/homemade dressings, Barbara's homemade bread, Dessert and Beverages. Hosted by Barbara Scott.

\$6 per person. \$3 for children under 10. Family of 4 or more \$20. Please call the church office by Tuesday at noon for reservations.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember these guidelines for year end giving in 2011:

Checks must be postmarked on or by December 31, 2011 or brought to the church by noon on December 30, 2011.

Any checks received after 12/31/2011 will be posted to your 2012 statement.

2012 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes in the Cloister. If you have not been using envelopes and would like to have some, please call the church office.