

# 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



June/July 2010

## Sundays

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

**Please Join Grace Church and Friends**  
for a fund-raising event for the children of Bois Joli  
**We're Celebrating Our Part in the School at Bois Joli, Haiti**

**Sunday, June 13th**



### Golf and Give

\$50 a Person or \$175 for a Team of Four  
Captain's Choice Golf Tournament  
Stone Creek Cove Golf Course  
12 Noon - 5:00 P.M.



### Dine and Donate

**A family-friendly event**

Catering by Friends at the Cove  
\$50 a Person Children No Charge  
Food, Beer, Wine, Open Bar, Dancing  
Stone Creek Cove Pool  
5:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

### Golf, Dinner, and Drinks\* Package

\$100 a Person  
\$375 for a Team of Four  
\*Wine, Beer, Open Bar



### For Tickets

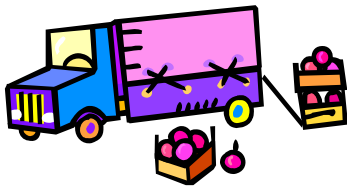
Call Grace Episcopal Church 225-8011  
For T-Times and additional information contact  
Caroline Ripley 864-617-0401 or [caroline.ripley@hilton.com](mailto:caroline.ripley@hilton.com)

**Tickets must be presented upon arrival to either event**

## NEWCOMERS



Please say hello to Wilma Eady and Billy Croy, Wilma's son Tim, grandchildren: Angel (five this June) and Andrew (three in August), and their godson, Daniel (age ten). Wilma and Billy have lived in the Anderson area for about eight years originally coming from Georgia. Billy works in construction while Wilma is a house wife. Wilma has two sons: Tim and Anthony (wife Amy) and three grandchildren with another one on the way. Billy has one daughter and three grandchildren living in Georgia. Wilma has experienced several healings that she feels God has influenced. She was diagnosed with a rare form of tongue cancer and underwent two treatments of chemo a year ago. Since her treatment she has been in remission. Her grandson, Andrew, was born premature with a hole in his heart and only one kidney. Her godson, Daniel, was born with ITP or low platelets. Both boys are doing fine now. Angel, Andrew, and Daniel were recently baptized at Grace Church. The family has participated as coffee hour hosts and Wilma has offered to help out with the nursery.



**Manna Truck** will be back at Grace Church on **Saturday, June 12th. 8:00 a.m.** We need grocery bags and volunteers to help. Please see Jim Boyer if you have any questions.

### **Last Wednesday Night Supper May 26th— For the Summer**

**Menu:** Grilled Chicken, Pasta Salad, Grape Salad, Stir Fry Vegetables, Dessert and Tea.

**Catered by Pam Garrett—Caroline Catering**  
**Please call the church office for reservations.**

## **Tip of the Verge !**

**Barbara Scott, Verger**

### **Grace-full Babies**

A vibrant church is one that has lots and lots of babies and little children. That's us! Grace Church is so blessed to have all these small human beings (adults-in-training) on our church rolls.

But, what's in it for them? Several things: a church family who cherishes each one of them; a great opportunity for them to socialize with people of all ages who truly care about them; a place for them to feel safe and loved; a place for them to be "churched;" AND, a first-class nursery for them to experience all these things that are so important in their young lives.

Our Nursery rooms have two paid staff members who have met all the qualifications for this type of employment. Both Kate and Patricia have been employed by Grace Church for at least five years. They are loyal and dedicated to their job.

The Nursery is well appointed with great toys; it is carpeted to protect itty-bitty knees and elbows; it has sturdy cribs; and, snacks are provided. The Nursery opens for business at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday and stays until the last child has been reclaimed by a parent or designated person. You bring their favorite disposable personal wear and anything else you normally carry in a diaper bag.

The little ones are most welcome at the altar rail for communion. We all know that babies and little kids are impelled by nature to move around and try out their voices almost non-stop. It's how they develop and learn. It is asking too much of them to expect them to sit still and be quiet during the entire church worship hour. At The Peace and during announcements is a good time to leave the nave and go pick up your child from the Nursery and bring him/her into the church to have the experience of going to the Communion rail for the Holy Sacrament or a Blessing. (All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church – that includes baptized children.)

So, with all the facilities and assistance for parents that are available at Grace Church, bring the little darlings to church on Sunday morning. You get a short break while they are in the Nursery and the entire family can enjoy going to church together. And, as we all know, *Jesus Loves The Little Children!* And, so do we.

**Confirmation**—Any youth in the 10 grade or is 16 or older and is interested in being confirmed at the Bishop’s visit on October 3rd should meet in the high school Sunday School classroom 9:15 am on May 2nd.

### **Interested in CONFIRMATION or CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

Or in learning more about Christianity? Then this class is for you: Episcopal Christianity. We will be meeting Sunday mornings at 9:15 starting August 22nd through September 26th. Depending on class size we will meet either in the Rector’s office or the parlor. Bishop Waldo will have his first Episcopal visitation with us on Sunday October 3rd. If you have already taken this class and would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church call the parish office to let us know.

### **2010 Diocesan Leadership Days**

[www.edusc.org/Leadership](http://www.edusc.org/Leadership)

**June 5th, 9-4**

**All Saints, Clinton SC**

The Commission on Congregations and the Bishop-Elect invite you together with other like-sized congregations for worship, sharing your congregational story, listening to the stories of other faith communities, participating in interest groups around common topics and entering into dialogue with the new Bishop about the ministry we all share. This will take place on **June 5<sup>th</sup> at All Saints in Clinton, from 9 AM to 4 PM.** Reservations are required and there is a cost of \$5.00 to cover meals. Please contact Phyllis at the church office 225-8011 **by Friday, May 28th** if you’d like to attend. It would be wonderful if we could send several cars of engaged parishioners to this worthwhile event. More information can be found on the website at [www.edusc.org](http://www.edusc.org).

**Grace Church** is in need of a contact person to receive information from the **Diocesan Task Force on Ministry to the Laity** and to pass back to the task force what we are doing to that end here at Grace Church. If you think you might be interested in being this contact, call Gill Powell at 226-1087.

### **Grace Episcopal Church Parish Pilgrimage**

Casual social dinners designed to allow us to visit and get to know one another better will be held in June and July

Your invitation will come directly from your host and hostess

Come and share your  
Grace Church Story

“Be certain, whether your family has been a part of Grace church for decades or if you have attended a service only once, you mean something to Grace Church. Our church is more than the holy ground upon which it is built with brick and stained glass; it is also the sum total of members.”

### ***Grace Word of the Month***

#### ***Spiritual Gifts***

Our ministry celebration will be a celebration of spiritual gifts. But, what are spiritual gifts and how do we know what to do with them. A quote which offers guidance is

*“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”*

Frederick Buechner

1 Corinthians 4-6 says “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit; There are different kinds of work, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people. 1 Corinthians 12 tells us that God gives them to each of us just as he determines.

The Book of Common Prayer states in the Catechism that *The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church.*

God has given each of us unique personalities, abilities and talents. As baptized Christians, we all are called by God to use these gifts in ministry in our daily lives. We can serve God and others at home, at church, at work, and in our communities. How do we discern our gifts?

- Listen for God’s guidance by praying, meditating, and reading Holy Scripture.
- Look for clues in our lives.
- Pay attention when others point out our gifts.
- Notice which activities, accomplishments, and interactions bring us joy. “... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Complete a written inventory of gifts. (See next newsletter)
- Be open to discovering potential gifts by trying something new.

### **Artisans in Advent**

Grace will host an exhibit during the Advent season (November 28-December 19) as part of the Episcopal Church and Visual Arts. Our theme will be “**The Peaceable Kingdom**” (Isaiah 1:1-9) Get the creative juices flowing and look for more details in the fall.

**ATTENTION:** If you are not receiving our E-Grace, please send your email to us at [gracechurch1851@bellsouth.net](mailto:gracechurch1851@bellsouth.net)

# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

**Births:** Congratulations to Amy and Nathan Cox on the birth of their daughter, Magdalene Grace Ferguson Cox born Sunday, May 9, 2010, 8lbs 2 ounces, 20.5 inches long.



## Birthdays for May 23—June 30

### May

- 23rd David deHoll, Erin Hughes, Lillian Hardaway
- 25th Cordes Seabrook, Jeanie Stoker, Brandy Stallo
- 28th Kathe Harris
- 29th Grace Hickman

### June

- 1st Stu Smith, Vanessa Rettinger, Addie Ricketson
- 4th Sam Baker, Beattie Mullikin
- 6th Dan Fleming
- 7th Margie Osburn
- 8th Robin Burgess, Madeline Baker, Sydney Baker
- 10th Norma Strang, Bob Prince, William Woodson
- 11th Marcella Gugnoni, Betty Antonakos, Andy Prince
- 12th Grace Kerley
- 15th Lily Elsner, Sarah Benson, Anna Woodson
- 16th Samantha Colman, Jacqueline Stallo
- 18th Julie Kent, Joe Maxwell
- 20th Mary Alice Rice, Shane Ramey
- 21st Betsy Elsner, Jens Lund
- 22nd John Edwards
- 24th Lyn Merchant
- 25th Sophia Kloeck
- 26th Jacob Crenshaw
- 27th Jimmy Pennell, Julia Woodson
- 28th Caitlin Baker
- 29th Lucille Mayo, Sally Hancock
- 30th Alex Gundry, Kelsey Oxford



## Prayers

### Pray for healing and comfort

- Doni Rhinehart
- Julie Kent
- Stuart M. Barnes-cancer
- John Bostater
- Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia
- Tippy Anderson-cancer
- John Josey
- Leif Jacobsen-bone marrow cancer
- Barb Flagel
- Rebecca Veeck-health issues
- Jennifer Gaffney-health issues
- Glenn Jacobus -bone cancer
- David Rutledge
- Baillie Brown-health issues
- Ginger Cox-cancer
- Jo Trent-knee fracture
- Betty Ward-cancer

### Requested by

- Hugh Osburn
- Kathy Bostater
- Kathy Bostater
- Melissa Langford
- Greta Jacobsen
- Ellie Cooper
- Ellie Cooper
- Martha Gregory
- Anne Radnor
- Baillie Brown
- Baillie Brown
- Jo Trent
- Al Sloan

**Expectant Families:** Carey & Erin Hughes.

## HONORARIUMS

Received April 16, 2010 through May 15, 2010

In Honor of *Catherine Cutting's Birthday* to the Pastoral Care Fund by: Lily Roland Hall

In Honor of *Barbara Davis's Birthday* to the Pastoral Care Fund by: Lily Roland Hall

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## Monthly Stewardship Report for April

Budget for 2010	\$ 315,516
Needed Monthly	\$ 26,293
Received April	\$ 24,413
Received through April (including prepaids)	\$ 98,477
Needed through April	\$ 105,172
Diocese Assessment for 2010	\$ 48,501
Assessment Paid through April	\$ 16,187