

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



March 2011

Sundays

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

Inheritors of a Tradition

On December 31, 1887, in downtown Manhattan, a three piece, stained glass memorial window was placed onboard a railcar destined for Anderson, South Carolina. The Grace Church vestry minutes reflect the adopted resolution at its meeting the following month: **Resolved, that the thanks of the vestry be extended to Mrs. Mary Morris and sisters for the handsome contribution to our church.** That chancel window, our Good Shepherd window, which is one of the oldest stained glass windows in the upstate, was the first in a long line of major gifts to our historic parish. “Inheritors of a Tradition,” by Barbara Scott and Ken Thompson is the book chronicling the history of Grace Church. The title is a quote from the late parishioner -historian, Arthur Holman. **We are all beneficiaries of a long line of giving church members who have maintained and expanded our heritage over the last 160 years.**

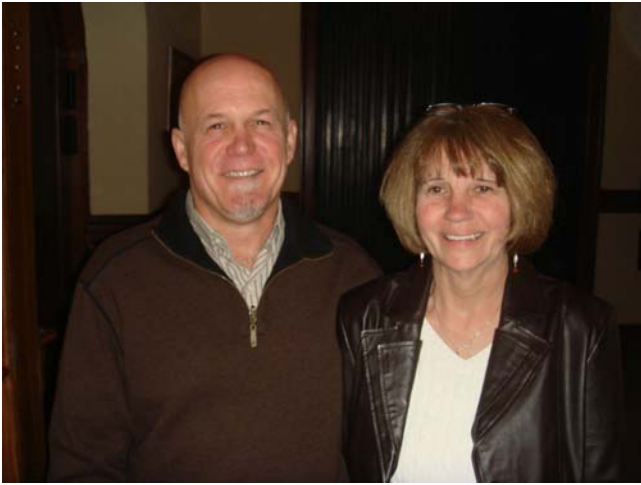
Unfortunately, our heritage is threatened. This same Good Sheppard window now bows inward from age. The other priceless windows in the nave leak with the rain and the gorgeous Gadsden Window in the rear could collapse with a strong wind. The vestry recently toured 15 identified sites of water damage to the plaster walls due to roof and mortar deterioration. We are also challenged with outdated restrooms, an overcrowded nursery, and an out of the way parlor which discourages visitors from joining us for coffee hour. **Here is the good news.** A group of committees, study groups and experts have come up with proposed solutions to these problems with a reasonable investment. These proposals are displayed in the parish hall. So now, we the members of Grace will need to join the line of beneficiaries and exhibit our determination to sustain our heritage while continuing to build a legacy that is awesome in Anderson. Please include this in your prayers and pay attention for further information on the efforts to restore and build our church.

Every Sunday in March the Capital Campaign Committee is offering tours of the proposed areas for repair and restoration. If you are interested, meet your guide at the cross in the Cloister after the 8:00 and the 10:30 service. Guide will be identified during announcements.

Powell Hickman

Communication Chairman
Capital Campaign Committee

NEWCOMERS



Please say hello to Connie and Joe Ormes. The Ormes grew up in Kentucky and met at Eastern Kentucky University. They have a home in Townville where Joe enjoys raising goats. They have lived in the area since 1984. Joe was a manager at 84 Lumber and has been in contracting for the last 13 or 14 years. Connie recently retired from Clemson and is now training a replacement which should last for about six months. She was the Office Manager for the Joseph F. Sullivan Wellness Center. The Ormes have two children; a daughter living in Baltimore, MD and a son who graduated from Clemson and is in the National Guard. The Ormes attend the eight o'clock service and Connie was baptized last October when the Bishop was here.

St. Catherine's Guild—The ladies of St. Catherine's will meet on Monday, March 7, 2011. The meeting will be in the church parlor, at 2:00 p.m. Our special guests will be De and Opie Reed, who will demonstrate Tai Chi. Wear loose and comfortable clothing. The hostesses this month are, Elizabeth Thro and Libby Christenson. All ladies are welcome.

Cursillo—Have you attended Cursillo? Or, are you interested in learning about Cursillo? Please join our "4th Day Cursillo Reunion Group" on Thursdays from 11 to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Tip of the Verge !

Make-up Chalice Bearer Training

Barbara Scott, Verger

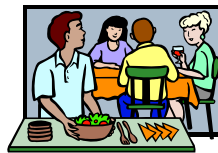
For those who wish to become licensed as a chalice bearer to serve at the 10:30 service, I will conduct another training session for this ministry on Sunday, March 6, 2011 immediately following the 10:30 service. (If you are interested in serving at the 8:00 service, let me know and I will arrange that training for you on a separate date.)

To be a chalice bearer, you must be a confirmed member of Grace Church in good standing. It is helpful to have a good working knowledge of the liturgy and the rubrics. A willing heart and steady hands are helpful as you accept the privilege of handling the blessed Sacrament of the Blood of Christ at the altar on Sunday.

I would ask that all current chalice bearers attend this session as well if possible. Your support and encouragement would be most welcome.

Vestry Highlights

The 2010 Parochial Report was reviewed and Grace Church had a record number of Baptisms and Confirmations. The Parish Weekend was canceled due to scheduling conflicts, however a Parish Picnic will be held the first week of June. The Proposals for the stain glass window repairs are being scrutinized to ensure the best company will be selected. Shingles have been selected for the damaged roof. The vestry is extremely proud of how hard all the parishioners worked on the Annual Soup Luncheon and the activities surrounding the funerals that were held. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard!



Grace Episcopal Church Suppers

March 2— St. Patrick's Celebration

Corn Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Macaroni & Cheese and Dessert. **Hosted by Parish Life.**

Lenten Suppers will start March 16th catered by the Outreach Committee.

OUTREACH

LOCAL MISSION

The **Outreach Ministry** will be joining the youth of Grace in collecting non-perishable food for the local food pantries. The kickoff is Sunday, February 6th better known as Souper Bowl of caring Sunday.

Goal: 2000 pounds of food
Items Needed: Non-perishable food in average size containers
Can Openers
Plastic grocery bags

We will weigh the food every Sunday and deliver it on Monday to Good Neighbor Cupboard and Anderson Interfaith Ministries pantry. These program currently serve 65 families a day and are having to turn people away. What limits them is the amount of food that they have to distribute. Working together we can make a difference.

WORLD MISSION

Episcopal Relief & Development (ER&D):

The 2010-11 Episcopal Relief & Development (ER&D) *Gifts for Life* catalogs are in folders on the bulletin board across from Father Jack's office. ER&D is the Episcopal Church's international philanthropic arm that delivers relief funds all around the world. If you are interested in making a donation, purchasing malaria nets, etc. for needy families worldwide, please pick up a catalog or see Brett Turner for more information.

Haiti:

Our mission work in Haiti is making a major difference in the poorest country in the western hemisphere, however we are still in need of funds through the Gifts of Bread and Water campaign. Three years ago the Episcopal Diocese of Upper S.C set a goal to raise \$1.6 million to replace the 30 year old, inadequate, water system, to install a water treatment system, to design and implement a sanitation system, as well as to build an agricultural and vocational center in Cange. The Gifts of Bread and Water campaign ends at Easter and has currently raised \$1.3 million. If you are interested in making a donation, please make a check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Upper S.C., designate funds for the Gifts of Bread and Water and send to:

Episcopal Diocese of Upper S.C.
Attn.: Julie Price
1115 Marion St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Bois Joli:

Grace Church is one of four churches that has adopted the Haitian village of Bois Joli. This remote village consists of a school and church and is a rugged 7.5 mile, one-way hike for children and teachers to make every day just to worship and/or get an education. The next project for Bois Joli is the construction of a small dormitory so teachers won't have to hike 15 miles each day to and from school. If you are interested in donating to this project, please make a check payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, designate funds for Bois Joli and send to:

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Attn.: Lynne Farmer
193 Old Greenville Highway
Clemson, SC 29631

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



EYC 2011 Ski Trip

EYC news

Meal host

March 6th Campbell's
March 20th Woodson's

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 8th 6:00pm \$4.00

A Mardi Gras style celebration with jazz, beads and kazoos
Pancakes, sausage, apples, juice and coffee

Youth Delegate

Anyone interested in being a youth delegate for the Foothills Convocation should submit their name to Father Jack by March 6th.

The youth will participate in a **Stop Hunger Now** project at Christ Church in Greenville on **March 27th**. We will package meals for shipment. We will leave the church around 1:15 and return around 4:30. Please let Lyn Merchant know if you plan to attend so we can arrange transportation.

Christian Formation

We will have a Haiti-Helping a Hurting World lessons on **March 6 through 27th**.

Lenten materials will be available in the Cloister on **March 6th**.

The youth will set up a series of prayer stations for use during Lent. Watch for details in the bulletin.



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.

MEMORIALS

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In Memory of *Mary Williams* by:
Eleanor B. Farmer

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HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of *De Reed's Birthday*
to the Newcomers Fund by:
Lily Roland Hall

Lent at Grace

March 8 Shrove Tuesday—

Pancake Supper 6:00 p.m.
Bring Palm Fronds

March 9 Ash Wednesday—

7:00 am Liturgy
12:00 Noon Liturgy
7:00 pm Liturgy

March 13–thru Lent—Prayer Stations

March 13-27—April 10, 17 - 9:15 a.m.


Lenten Study—Screwtape Letters

March 16—April 13 5:30 pm

Wednesday Evening Prayer

March 16—April 13 6:00 pm Lenten Suppers

March 24, 31 April 7—Lunchtime Concerts



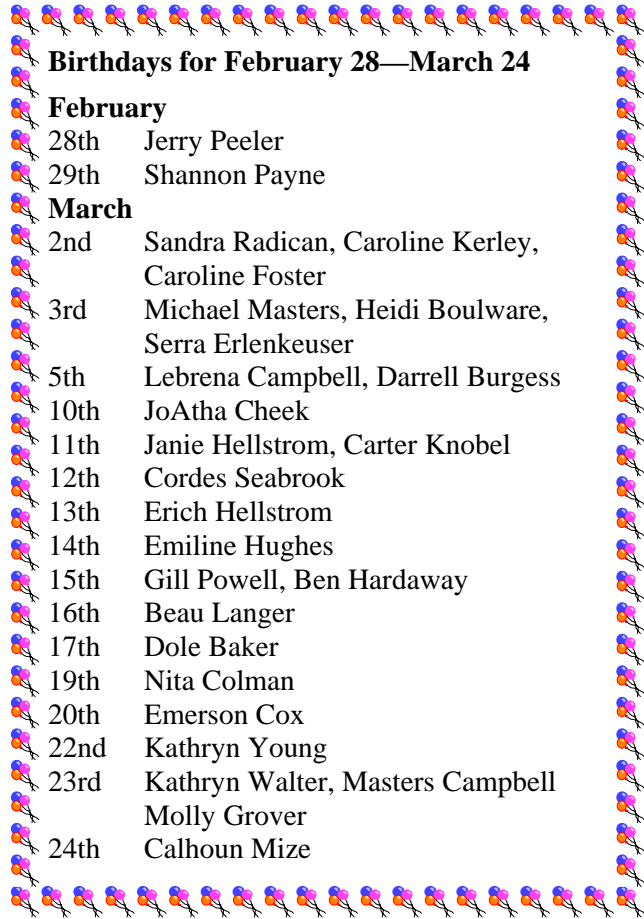
Shrove Tuesday
March 8, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Pancake Supper

As we prepare for the Lenten season, EYC will host the annual Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper on March 8. Come enjoy a wonderful meal, fellowship, and lots of fun as we celebrate Mardi Gras style.
Cost: \$4 per person or \$15 family

Bring your Palm Fronds from last Palm Sunday to be burned, for Ash Wednesday.

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Births: Osmond Alejandro Trent, grandson of Bill and Jo Trent.
Trenton Kyle Gilbert, son of Kyle and Ashley Gilbert.
John Bradford III "Brady" son of Kelly and John Peebles.



Birthdays for February 28—March 24

February

- 28th Jerry Peeler
- 29th Shannon Payne

March

- 2nd Sandra Radican, Caroline Kerley, Caroline Foster
- 3rd Michael Masters, Heidi Boulware, Serra Erlenkeuser
- 5th Lebrina Campbell, Darrell Burgess
- 10th JoAtha Cheek
- 11th Janie Hellstrom, Carter Knobel
- 12th Cordes Seabrook
- 13th Erich Hellstrom
- 14th Emiline Hughes
- 15th Gill Powell, Ben Hardaway
- 16th Beau Langer
- 17th Dole Baker
- 19th Nita Colman
- 20th Emerson Cox
- 22nd Kathryn Young
- 23rd Kathryn Walter, Masters Campbell Molly Grover
- 24th Calhoun Mize

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

- Julie Kent
- John Bostater
- Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
- John Josey
- Leif Jacobsen
- Anna May Jacobsen
- Barb Flagel
- David Rutledge
- Betty Ward-cancer
- Wilma Eady -health issues
- Danny Jennings-health issue
- 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
- Cathy Baughman
- Jo Trent
- Judith Feltman
- Lucas Swann
- Sharon Reynolds
- Margie Osburn
- John Aronson
- Trent Gilbert-breathing difficulties
- Don Ross

Requested by

- Kathy Bostater
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- Greta Jacobsen
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- Anne Radnor
- Al Sloan
- Billy Croy
- Ellie Cooper
- Dudley Jenkins
- Nancy Welch
- Family
- Jack Hardaway
- Sara Cheek
- Mary Winiarski
- Don Cleveland
- Lynn Prince
- John Cullen
- Cindy Baker
- Bill Trent
- Leigh Burns
- Suzanne Turner
- Suzanne Turner
- Jackie Lenhart
- Sara Cheek

Monthly Stewardship Report for January

January 2011 Revenue	\$25,306.40
January 2011 Expenses	\$25,366.53
January 2011 Surplus or (Deficit)	(60.13)
2011 Annual Revenue Budget	\$320,472.94
2011 Annual Expense Budget	\$328,066.00
2011 Budget Deficit	(\$ 7593.06)

Stop Hunger Now March 27th

2:00-4:00 at Christ Church, in Greenville

the meals we pack will go to feed the hungry in Haiti. The website is Stophungernow.org if you want to learn more.

If each congregation could bring ten or more people and what money they can this will be great! Spread the word!



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