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EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

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



WILD DREAMS!

Hey all,

Let’s dream **BIG** about how to live lives filled with thanksgiving to God.

Let our dreams run wild.

What would it look like **TO BE FILLED AND OVERFLOWING WITH THANKS?**

I think Grace Church looks like a Church that has wild dreams of thanksgiving to God.

The wonderful success of the Good Shepherd campaign shows this thankful heart. That a church our size during the post-recession volatility would give this much, and that the giving would be so widely supported is incredible. Normally big projects like what we are planning are paid for mostly by a few large donors, but what we’ve done is something with much wider support than is normal. Don’t downplay this or try to spin it in a negative light. We done good, better than good. We love this Church that God has given us to share with the world.

There are some more wild dreams.

The **Music of the Night** on Oct. 27th, what a wonderful work of hearts thankful to God! What creative dreams!

There is the **WATER OF LIFE** exhibit in our parish hall starting November 20th. The season of Advent is really a time when we dream of the advent of God’s Kingdom and the claim and challenge that this makes on our lives. This year we dream of the water of life that flows out of that Kingdom straight into our lives.

Let’s go swimming in that water and be wildly thankful!

Also: ALL SAINTS DROP IN for Grace Church at the Hardaway’s, Sunday November 6th from 4:00-Until. Come sample the All Saints Ale. Address: 404 North St, near intersection with Calhoun St, tire swing in front yard. Bring something to share. Please try to park just along one side of the street so the police won’t pay a visit again!

And: EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY: the next class starts October 30th, 9 AM in parish library. For anyone interested in learning more about the Christian Faith, parish membership, Baptism or Confirmation.

Pax,

Father Jack

“Volunteering Makes It Happen”

We would like to thank all who made this year’s BBQ another rousing success. As of this newsletter, the dollar totals are not available but we certainly anticipate a



good outcome. Just as important as the money, is the fact that there were many new people actively engaged in making this event a special one. Those of

you who did not make it to the Friday night festivities missed a special treat. There is always next year.

Hopefully you noticed the informational “tents” on the tables at the BBQ. The Outreach Committee is actively working to increase awareness and participation in volunteer opportunities at Grace Church and in the commu-



nity. During the coming Advent season we will be inviting volunteers from Grace Church to help us distribute money to various organizations. In addition to the proceeds from the

BBQ, we are blessed with some proceeds from the Oxford Foundation. Rather than just being a check-writing group, we want to include as many of our parishioners as possible in our “**Season of Giving.**” We need people who are willing to visit an organization in person and present them with a check from the church, collect information about the organization (i.e. needs, services provided, volunteer opportunities, etc.) and share the information with the rest of the parish. We will begin by focusing on programs that got their start with the help of Grace Church. If you are interested in participating, please give me a call. We will provide more information in the weeks ahead.

Again, on behalf of the **Cancer Association of Anderson**, THANK YOU!

Jim Boyer
Outreach Committee
617-0653

Tip of the Verge !

Barbara Scott, Verger

Seasons In The Liturgical Year

The Liturgical Year in the Episcopal Church consists of two main cycles of feasts and holy days – **The Nativity Cycle** and **The Paschal Cycle**. The Nativity Cycle is dependent upon the **fixed date** of December 25, the feast of our Lord’s Nativity or Christmas Day. It goes from the beginning of Advent, through the 12 days of Christmas, to the Sunday after the Epiphany, which is The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

The Paschal Cycle is dependent upon the **movable date** of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day. Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25. This coming Easter will fall on April 8, 2012. The Paschal Cycle includes the forty days and six Sundays in Lent, Easter, and the Feast of the Ascension on the fortieth day of Easter. Then Pentecost is on the fiftieth day of Easter and its associated feast, The Feast of the Trinity on the First Sunday after Pentecost.

These two major cycles take up only about half of the church year. The rest of the year is what I call the long green season (the altar hangings are green) and lasts from May to November when the cycles begin again.

We are about to enter a new season in our church calendar – Advent, which is a “movable feast.” Then follows Christmas, which is a “fixed feast.” Advent is *movable* because it doesn’t always fall on the same calendar date. The Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent this year begins on Sunday, November 27.

Christmas Day is *fixed* because it always falls on December 25, no matter what day of the week the 25th is. Christmas Day does happen to fall on a Sunday this year, December 25.

May we all have a blessed Advent, where we prepare for the coming of the Messiah. It is not too soon for us to begin our preparations!

St. Catherine’s Guild

The ladies of St. Catherine’s will meet on Monday, November 7th in the parking lot of Grace Church. We will meet at 9:00 am and drive by carpool to visit the Paracletes Greek Orthodox Monastery in Abbeville. After touring the beautiful sight, we will have lunch at Grits and Groceries. Please RSVP by November 1st, so that reservations and carpools can be arranged. All ladies are welcome. Any questions call Dena Cullen (864) 222-9425.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Accessories

Apparel

Footwear

EYC is selling Episcopal items-check out the display in the hall outside the parish hall. They make great gifts! Also, we are selling **Christmas trees and wreaths**. Brochures are available in the cloister and parish hall.

November schedule November 6th hosted by the Arnold's
November 13th hosted by the Woodson's

We will deliver Thanksgiving baskets on the 20th 3:00-5:00pm

All Sunday School classes begin at 9:00am

Adult classes are *Episcopal Christianity* led by Father Jack which meets in the library and *The "R" Word* lead by Rob Elsner which meets in the parlor.

We will have Godly Play on October 23rd and 30th and in November on the 13th and 20th.

There will be no Sunday School on November 27th. We will make Advent wreathes in the parish hall. Come make one for yourself or a shut-in. This is a great family activity also.

All Saints' Day November 1st

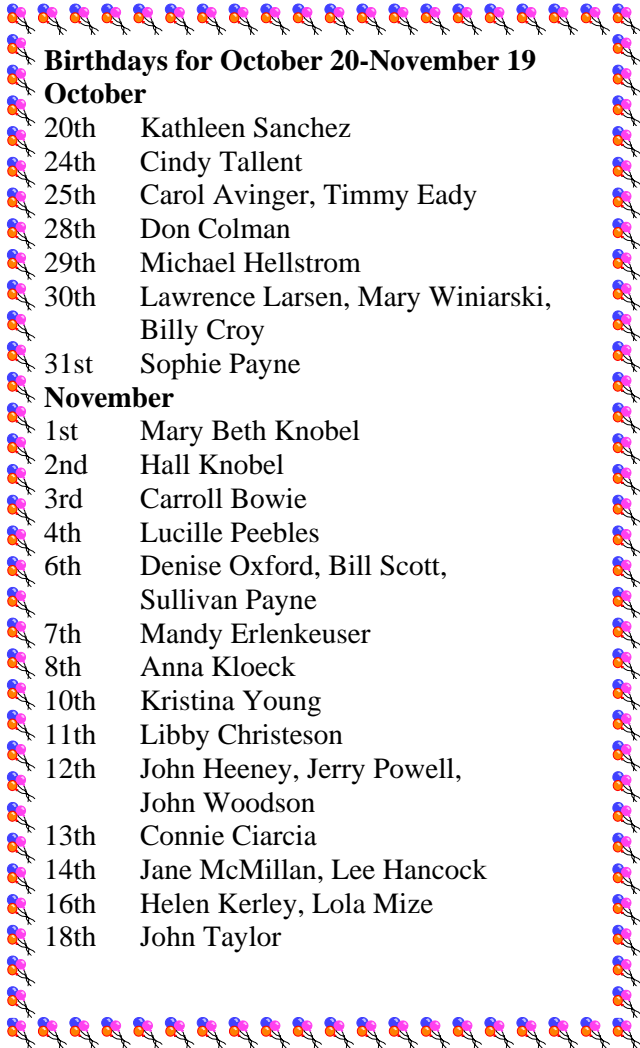
All Saints' Day, feast of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, and day on which churches glorify God for all God's saints, known and unknown. It is celebrated on Nov. 1 in the West, since Pope Gregory IV ordered its church-wide observance in 837. Its origin lies earlier in the common commemorations of martyrs who died in groups or whose names were unknown, which were held on various days in different parts of the Church; over time these celebrations came to include not only the martyrs but all saints. During the Reformation the Protestant churches understood "saints" in its New Testament usage as including all believers and reinterpreted the feast of All Saints as a celebration of the unity of the entire Church. In medieval England the festival was known as All Hallows, hence the name Halloween [=All Hallows' eve] for the preceding evening. **All Saints' Sunday is November 6th.**



Advent The Art of God's Creation-- the art exhibit will open on November 20th. All ages and all art mediums are welcome. Artwork should be ready to display and have title and artist name. Pieces can be dropped off at the church through November 17th

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Deaths: Erik Johnson—Father Jack's brother-in-law
 Don Shaver—October 7, 2011
 Tom Lewis-October 12, 2011



Birthdays for October 20-November 19

October

20th Kathleen Sanchez
 24th Cindy Tallent
 25th Carol Avinger, Timmy Eady
 28th Don Colman
 29th Michael Hellstrom
 30th Lawrence Larsen, Mary Winiarski,
 Billy Croy
 31st Sophie Payne

November

1st Mary Beth Knobel
 2nd Hall Knobel
 3rd Carroll Bowie
 4th Lucille Peebles
 6th Denise Oxford, Bill Scott,
 Sullivan Payne
 7th Mandy Erlenkeuser
 8th Anna Kloeck
 10th Kristina Young
 11th Libby Christeson
 12th John Heeney, Jerry Powell,
 John Woodson
 13th Connie Ciarcia
 14th Jane McMillan, Lee Hancock
 16th Helen Kerley, Lola Mize
 18th John Taylor

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
 Jesse Cheek-health issues
 Ellen Dollar -cancer
 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 Horton-cancer
 Rita Townsend
 Cathy Phillips
 Shelia Holcomb, cancer
 Tony Osborne-cancer
 Bob Peeler-cancer
 Emma Kate Potter-kidney
 Jim Hewlitt-cancer

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
 Kathy Bostater
 Linda Hoffman
 Greta Jacobsen
 Greta Jacobsen

 Anne Radnor
 Family
 Jack Hardaway
 Sara Cheek
 Don Cleveland
 Suzanne Turner
 Suzanne Turner
 Sara Cheek

 Hugh Osburn
 Nancy Welch

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

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

Monthly Stewardship Report for September

September 2011 Revenue	\$ 20,204.00
September 2011 Expenses	\$ 19,574.00
September 2011 Surplus or (Deficit)	630.00
YTD 2011 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	225,555.00
YTD 2011 Expenses	237,218.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(11,663.00)
2011 Annual Revenue Budget	\$320,472.94
2011 Annual Expense Budget	\$328,066.00
2011 Budget Deficit	(\$ 7,593.06)

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On the heels of the joyful noise of Music Of The Night, there is still the debut of this years fine Children's Choir. They will perform on November 6th at the 10am service. Please have your little cherubs in the choir room at 9:15 for vesting and warm up. They are singing some wonderful little ditties that celebrate the lighter side of All Saints Day. This will be the prelude after which they will return to the choir room for you to fetch.

I have just gotten word that our beloved Mary Minott Burgess will again be here for Christmas singing for the "midnight" service. We will be performing some new holiday gems that I hope you will enjoy. She will be doing prelude music and then the usual solos during the service. Tell your friends.

Soli deo Gloria
Bill

November Wednesday Suppers

November 2nd—Turkey, rice and gravy, vegetables, dessert and bread. Hosted by Parish Life

November 9th—Spinach Lasagna Surprise w/Tomato Coulis, Fresh salad greens w/homemade dressing. Barbara's homemade garlic bread, dessert and beverages. Hosted by Barbara Scott.

November 16th— Roasted chicken, Broccoli mashed potatoes w/brown gravy, Chef's choice vegetable, Barbara's Baby Biscuits, dessert and beverages. Hosted by Barbara Scott.

October 30th—*Quiche Lorraine*, Buttered grits, Veggie, Kanuga toast (*I know!!*), 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.

MEMORIALS

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In Memory of *Dorothy Truluck and Frederick Felkel*
by: Eleanor B. Farmer

In Memory of *Pam Whitfield* by:
Linda Hoffman

In Memory of *William Coker* by:
Mazie Todd

In Memory of *Erik Johnson* by:
Lena C. Chapman

In Memory of *Milton & Betty Antonakos* by:
Mr. & Mrs. Bill White

In Memory of *Tom Lewis* by:
Linda C. Elliott

In Memory of *Judith McKinney* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Larsen

In Memory of *Tom Lewis* to the Good Shepherd Campaign by:
Mr. & Mrs. David Bradham
Mr. & Mrs. Royce Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Crosby
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Larsen

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