

# 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.”*

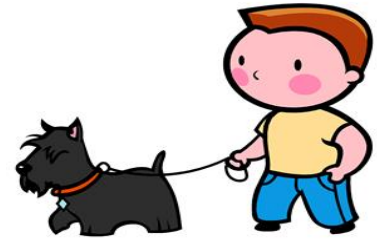
2 Corinthians 3:2-3



October 2010

## *Sundays*

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



## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**October 10, 2010**

During the 10:30 Service

The service will be held on the front lawn. All animals are welcomed. Please be sure your four legged furry friend is on a leash or under your control.

Share your joy and love for less fortunate animals by bringing dog or cat food to donate to Anderson Humane Society. There will be drop off areas around the church.

## NEWCOMERS



Please say hello to Heidi and Andy Boulware and their daughters: Caroline, who is 3 years old, and Emily, who is 7 months. Heidi grew up in Mauldin, SC and Andy in Bluffton, SC. They have been married for six years and live in Powdersville, SC. Andy graduated from Anderson University majoring in Business Management and is a General Manager at Cintas Fire Protection Company. Heidi went to the University of South Carolina and works at inside sales for Computer Software Innovation, Inc. Besides raising their two daughters the Boulware's enjoy the beach and water sports. Alicia Hack is a close friend to Andy's parents and has been like a grandmother to him. Emily was baptized this past Easter Sunday. Andy has signed up to be an usher at Grace Church.

### Grace/St. George's Update

Recently the representatives from Grace Church and St. George's Church met to discuss future plans. A couple of things had transpired since our previous meeting which included the departure of Mother Caroline on August 15<sup>th</sup> as well as d'Rue Hazel, of the Bishop's staff, contacting St. George's for a meeting for directional guidance. Also, The Rev. David Bridgeforth felt a calling to St. George's to help them out as a long term supply priest until a permanent one can be found.

It has been decided that Grace Church and St. George's Church will continue with a direct line of communication between churches, involving the support and interaction between each other. It is also a shared desire to grow the Episcopal community in Anderson. We are two churches and one family!

### **MEMORIALS**

**August 16, 2010 September 15, 2010**

In Memory of *Marian A. deHall* by:  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Larsen

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

### **Tip of the Verge !**

Barbara Scott, Verger

### **Winding down or winding up?**

Here we are – back in Sunday School, back in the choir, back to Wednesday night suppers. Back to preparing for the Barbecue, back to all the things we missed over the summer while we took some well-deserved leisure.

So, are we winding down from Summer or winding up for Fall? Perhaps both. We began our annual continuing education for lay ministries last Sunday. All groups go through this every Fall here at Grace. I think it helps us be better at what we do when we refresh ourselves, reexamine what might have become routine, and welcome those who are new to the ministry.

Thank you if you signed up to serve in a ministry here at Grace. The continuing education schedule was recently published in an E-Grace newsletter. There are also copies in the cloister for you to pick up. Come join us as we wind up for our service to God in His Church.

### *13th Annual Grace Church Barbeque A Benefit for Westside Child Development Center*

*Saturday, October 30, 2010*

*5:00—8:00 P.M.*

*American Legion Hut—East Greenville street*

### **The Que needs you!**

**\$15.00 a Person**  
Eat in or Carry Out  
Children 12 and under  
**\$8.00**  
Eat in Only

**\$50 Weekend Pass**  
Includes:  
Friday Night's  
Steak Dinner  
and  
Saturday's Barbeque

Looking for tickets or volunteer sign up?  
Joe Maxwell 226-1127 or  
Melissa Langford 617-4912



# Christian Formation Projects

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## Grace Church Word of the Month

**Crozier** is the staff, often in the shape of the shepherd's crook, carried by the bishop in procession and held by the bishop when pronouncing an Episcopal blessing. It can also be called a pastoral staff. This and the mitre, the distinctive shield shaped hat worn by a bishop, are for the congregation the more visible, outward signs of the episcopate. If you have not already, read the story in [Cross-walk](#), (edusc.org) about the Bishop's vestments, ring, pectoral cross and crozier.

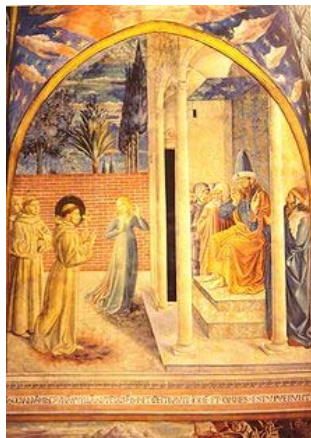
## Saints of Grace

The kind of teacher, that children never forget, the kind you want for your kids, the kind that make classrooms enjoyable places, those kinds of teachers are treasures. Many people, not just teachers, can have this Saints of Grace impact. In a church like Grace Episcopal we call them **Saints of God** and celebrate their lives because they have given so much to our congregation, their talents, smiles, love, and ever present enthusiasm for whatever challenges they face.



Ren Thompson, Ms. Ren to those who knew her, was that kind of teacher. Everyone has a Ms. Ren story, well, almost everyone does and if you haven't we're about to share some of them with you.

The Saints of Grace team during the next year will be documenting their stories. We feel it is important for the future of Grace to know those who have gone before them and served diligently. This committee will try to record the stories of those who are still with us, so that when they become eligible for sainthood, we have their story.



Candidates that have been suggested include Ren Thompson, Mary Burgess, Arthur Holman, Anne Cleveland, Milton Antonakos, and Helena Howard. **Please suggest others and sign up if you would like to help record these stories.**



## Sunday School Shepherd

Great for young parents and newcomers. Learn all the children and families at Grace. Shepherds are the essential relationship part of this program, learning the children's names, providing continuity of leadership and being a friendly, safe presence in the classroom each week. No lesson planning-just show up with a smile.

## Godly Play

Through the imaginative presentation of Bible stories, Godly Play invites children to wonder about themselves, about God and the world in a way that is playful and meaningful. The origins of Godly Play are in the work of Sofia Cavaletti and the Montessori movement. Through the use of simple wooden story figures, children learn Bible stories from Old and New Testaments. Godly Play teaches children the tools of religious language and assists them in becoming more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Designed to be flexible, Godly Play can be used in Church School or other settings. This program meets on the second Sunday each month during the 10:30 service and is for children age 3-5. We will add dates as leaders become available. Leaders and helpers welcomed.



## Busy Hands Bags

These are the bags in the bell tower to help children with busy hands focus during the service. Research indicates children listen very well when their hands are busy. They are focused and retain more details. Of course, any parent who has said something, thinking their child was preoccupied, only to have them repeat it at the dinner table can validate this research. This is a simple job for busy but regular church attendees Pick up the basket in the nursery and replace the index cards, stickers and gummies. Put puzzles back into Ziploc bags. Occasionally, we will add special items to the bags. All supplies with instructions will be in the basket in the nursery.

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## **Grace's Environmental**

**Group** will study and support Grace Church as we raise awareness of our choices and actions and the impact they have on God's creation –our Earth.

**Audio Visual** team members would start the program each Sunday and Wednesday on the TV panel in the parish hall. Individuals with Power point experience are welcome to help create the programs which we hope will run every time a group gathers in the parish hall. This has been a great way to share the events of Grace as well as to see the families of Grace in fellowship.

## **Bird Feeder Filler**

This is another simple task that makes life in the nursery much easier. New comers to the nursery often find



watching the birds a calming activity which makes missing Mom and Dad less stressful. The birds can empty the feeder in about two weeks, so this might be a job for the less regular attendee.

We use safflower seed because the squirrels don't like them. The container and scoop are under the sink in the nursery. The feeder is just outside the nursery window. This is a great task to perform with your child. If you have extra time, you can check the feeders in the memorial garden. These empty at a much slower pace

## **CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

**Wednesday, October 6th, 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.**

### **The Peaceable Kingdom**



Grace Church will host a **Peaceable Kingdom** exhibition during **Advent**. This is Edward Hicks image of the Peaceable Kingdom, we want to see your idea. All art that is submitted for show must be original. Paintings,

graphics, drawings, pottery, textiles, sculpture, ceramics, woodwork, leather work, photographs, stained glass, and other handmade fine arts or master crafts that reflect the concept presented in **Isaiah 11:1-9**. Pieces must be ready to display and be delivered to the church by November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. See Father Jack or Lyn Merchant if you are interested or have questions.

## **EYC**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** deadline for registration for "24" high school event cost \$50

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-12:30 Carwash. The youth had a "no wash" car wash last year during the drought and Grace gave generously. The youth are ready to make good on their deal. No need to have your "rain check" your word is good. If you were not here then or did not buy a ticket, but need a carwash now just make a donation and get in line.

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** Saturday River Rafting Trip

**October 23-24<sup>th</sup>** "24" Diocesan event for 10th grade

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** meet 5-7pm

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** All Saints Sunday meet 5-7

## Foothills Convocation Chili Cookoff!

When Wal-Mart starts stocking aisles of Pepto-Bismol, you know that it's soon time for the Foothills Convocation Chili Cookoff! Mark your calendar and call the plumber: Sunday, **October 3rd, at 4 PM.** It's at the Pavilion behind Holy Cross Church, 205 E. College St. in Simpsonville.



**Tickets are \$20** and include all the chili you can stand, along with beer, wine, tea, salad, cornbread, and dessert. This is a fundraiser. All proceeds from this crazy event benefit our Water Campaign at Cange, Haiti. We'll even have a speaker telling about her experiences at Cange. More info on that later.

We'll have "trophies" in two categories: *Hot & Spicy*, and *Tame & Mild* decided by celebrity judges (well, sort of: it's Bishop Waldo and others. Pray for them.) You, the peons, will vote for the *People's Choice* award. Each ticket gets one vote; additional votes are 6 for \$5. (This is Chicago-style: vote early and vote often.)

We also need folks who want to make cornbread or a cooling dessert.

Have your parish make at least a gallon each of *Hot & Spicy*, and *Tame & Mild* chili. Give them really stupid or goofy names, and please bring them to Holy Cross Pavilion by 3:30. Late entries will sit between Barack Obama and Rush Limbaugh.

The parish office should have a limited number of tickets. Then just bring your titanium spoon and we'll take care of the rest.

Stay tuned for further details.

Questions? Contact one of the chili beans:

Dennis DeFrancesco: Holy Cross, 228-9299,  
[defran1@aol.com](mailto:defran1@aol.com)

Donna Jones: St. Peters, 268-5766, [mwdtj@att.net](mailto:mwdtj@att.net)

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[hill\\_alice@bellsouth.net](mailto:hill_alice@bellsouth.net)

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Carol Hallman, Redeemer, 275-4075, [cphallman@yahoo.com](mailto:cphallman@yahoo.com)

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper



**October 6, 2010**



Brats, German potato salad, German Beer & all the extras to go with our theme including German music.

**Reservation required.**  
**Parish Life**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

**September 29, 2010**

**Menu:** Chopped steak with onions & gravy, rice pilaf, cole slaw, Barbara's baby biscuits, red velvet cupcakes with cream frosting. Milk for children and tea.

**Hosted by Barbara Scott**

**\$6.00 per person**

**\$3.00 for children under 10**

**Family of 4 or more \$20**

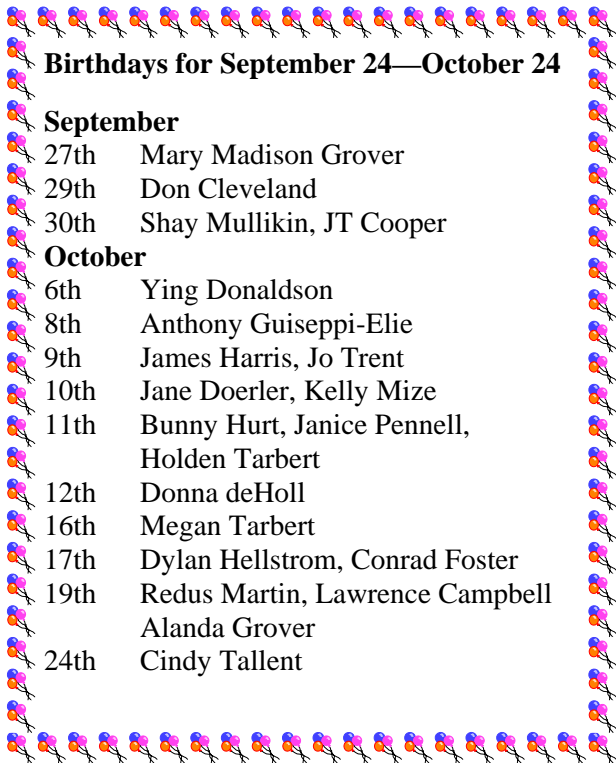
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**PERSON (S) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN UNDER 10 :** \_\_\_\_\_

# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

**Deaths:** Berkley Haynesworth Little– August 19, 2010, sister-in-law of Mary Carter Warren.



## Birthdays for September 24—October 24

### September

- 27th Mary Madison Grover
- 29th Don Cleveland
- 30th Shay Mullikin, JT Cooper

### October

- 6th Ying Donaldson
- 8th Anthony Guiseppi-Elie
- 9th James Harris, Jo Trent
- 10th Jane Doerler, Kelly Mize
- 11th Bunny Hurt, Janice Pennell, Holden Tarbert
- 12th Donna deHoll
- 16th Megan Tarbert
- 17th Dylan Hellstrom, Conrad Foster
- 19th Redus Martin, Lawrence Campbell Alanda Grover
- 24th Cindy Tallent

## Prayers

### Pray for healing and comfort

- Doni Rhinehart
- Julie Kent
- Stuart M. Barnes-cancer
- John Bostater
- Karlann Bosttaer –chronic leukemia ,cancer
- Tippy Anderson-cancer
- John Josey
- Leif Jacobsen-bone marrow cancer
- Anna May Jacobsen –cancer
- Barb Flagel
- Rebecca Veeck-health issues
- Jennifer Gaffney-health issues
- David Rutledge
- Betty Ward-cancer
- Wesa Lund
- Sabra Nickas
- Josh Faller-coma
- Debbie Walls-Thyroid Surgery
- Wilma Eady –health issues
- Camilla Dick-widow
- Danny Jennings-health issues
- Pam Whitfield-health issues
- Al Osteen-cancer

### Requested by

- Hugh Osburn
- Kathy Bostater
- Kathy Bostater
- Melissa Langford
- Greta Jacobsen
- Greta Jacobsen
- Ellie Cooper
- Ellie Cooper
- Anne Radnor
- Al Sloan
- Ellie Cooper
- Sara Cheek
- Billy Croy
- Baillie Brown
- Ellie Cooper
- Linda Hoffman
- Lawrence Campbell

**Expectant Families:** Kelly & Jared Mize

## Monthly Stewardship Report for August

Budget for 2010	\$ 315,516
Needed Monthly	\$ 26,293
Received August	\$ 24,598
Received through August (including prepaids)	\$ 197,409
Needed through August	\$ 210,344
Diocese Assessment for 2010	\$ 48,501
Assessment Paid through August	\$ 32,334

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