

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



September 2010

Sundays

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



Jack-in-the-pulpit

Hey all,

The best thing about being gone is coming back home. It is good to be back home here at Grace Church. My sabbatical was full with many wonderful and difficult things. Going on pilgrimage was demanding on every level, glad I did it, glad I made it back.

Thank-you for giving me this time away and for supporting my family and me with your prayers and your presence. Thank-you to everyone who worked so hard over the months not only keeping the parish going but keeping it thriving and fruitful and spirit filled. I am not only thankful but also proud to be part of such a faithful and alive congregation. I am awed by you.

Soo...things coming up:

The **Ministry Celebration** is August 29th. **Sunday School** starts September 12th.

Sunday September 5th is the **Feast of Saint Seersucker**, the last Sunday to wear your seer-sucker, we'll take some pictures!

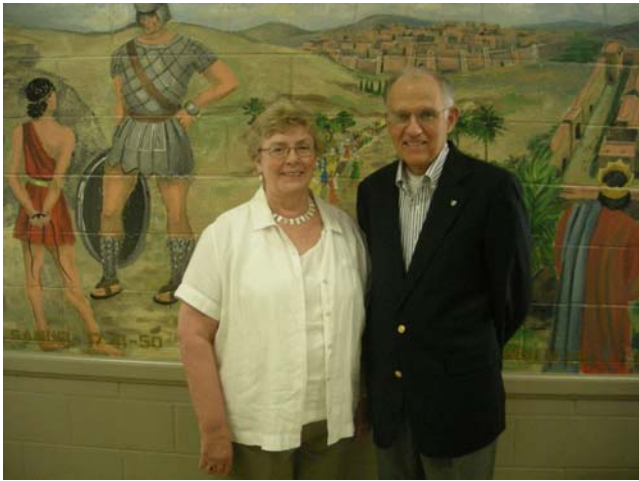
The **Minister's Cook Off** benefitting Safe Harbor is September 30th. Maybe I'll win again?

Time to get ready for **Bishop Waldo's first visit** on October 3rd. Classes are currently meeting for those who are to be baptized and/or confirmed that Sunday. If you have previously taken the class to be confirmed and would like to be confirmed on October the 3rd then let me know.

Pax,

Father Jack

NEWCOMERS



Please welcome Bob and Barbara Earle to Grace Church. The Earle's grew up in New Jersey and lived in Virginia for ten years before moving to Stone Mountain, GA where they lived for thirty three years. They moved to Anderson about two and one half years ago and live on Lake Hartwell near Exit 14. Bob studied Dairy Science Technology at Virginia Tech and worked for Southeast United Dairy Association in Atlanta, GA. Barbara graduated from Cedar Crest College and taught in NJ and VA for 10 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Later, she was a school system paraprofessional. The Earle's have two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren living in Asheville, Cincinnati, and Chapel Hill. Bob enjoys biking and volunteering at the Botanical Gardens while Barbara enjoys reading. Both Bob and Barb are life long Episcopalians and have been coming to Grace for about a year.



Please welcome Bob and Lynne Prince to Grace Church. Bob and Lynne are native to Anderson and have one son who also lives in Anderson. The Prince's live near the Elk's Lodge where Grace has our Barbeque. Bob and Lynne are alumni from Wofford College and Anderson University, respectively. The Prince's have their own business named the "Reading Source" where they provide supplemental reading material to schools. The business was a family business started in the 1920's. The Prince's enjoy golf, reading, and traveling whenever possible. Bob and Lynne were charter members at St. George Mission formed in 1977. They have been coming to Grace Church for about one year. Lynne has joined the Pastoral Care Ministry.

Tip of the Verge !

Barbara Scott, Verger

The parts of our main church building

For the benefit of our newcomers and to refresh us old-timers, I am going to review some of the definitions referring to the physical plant where we worship on Sunday:

A **cloister** is defined as "an arched way or covered walk along the inside wall or walls of a church . . . with a columned opening along one side leading to a courtyard or garden." Our lovely memorial cloister is a welcoming entrance to our place of worship. It is mostly enclosed to protect us from the elements as we enter or leave the main church building.

You may also enter the main church building via the **narthex**: "any church vestibule leading to the nave." Our beautiful arched narthex doors open onto McDuffie and Morris Streets through the **bell tower** (the tallest part of the exterior of our main church building), the opposite direction of the cloister. The "holding" area at the back of the church is also part of the narthex.

The **nave**- of Grace Church is where the pews are located and is defined as "that part of a church which is between the side aisles and extends from the chancel to the principal entrance, forming the main part of the building." The nave is not to be confused with the sanctuary.

The **sanctuary** is "the part of the church immediately surrounding the **altar**, the holy of holies." The sanctuary is also called the **chancel** and is set off by a railing or screen. Our sanctuary is set off by both a chancel rail (where we kneel to take Communion) and a rood screen. The sanctuary is only the small area between the kneeling rail and the rood screen.

A **rood** is "a cross as used in crucifixion, i.e., the cross on which Jesus was crucified." A **rood screen** is "an ornamental screen, usually with a rood above it, serving as a partition." In our church, the rood screen serves as a partition between the apse and the sanctuary. Our beautiful cross sits atop the rood screen between the floral offerings.

Our choir is seated in the **apse** of our main church building, behind the rood screen and across a small hallway from the sacristy. **Apse** is defined as "a semi-circular or polygonal projection of a building, especially one at the east end of a church, with a domed or vaulted roof." In addition to housing our talented choir, the apse at Grace Church displays the beautiful and timeless Shepherd Window we see as we look east when we worship.

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

Donna Jones: St. Peters, 268-5766, mwdtj@att.net

Alice Hill: Good Shepherd, 801-3465,
hill_alice@bellsouth.net

Heather Smith, Good Shepherd, 320-2600
Heatherjs04@yahoo.com

Carol Hallman, Redeemer, 275-4075, cphallman@yahoo.com

Grace Notes

It's hard to believe we are back in the swing with music everywhere. The first choir rehearsals will begin on

Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30-6:00 for the children, followed by the Adults at 7:00 –8:15. Both rehearsals are in the choir room. Alicia Hack is our beloved choir mother. Please thank her



next time you see her for her tremendous help each week with the kids. Both choirs will begin preparation for the upcoming visit by Bishop Waldo on **October 3rd**. A very big day for music!

On **September 12th**, Anderson native and internationally renowned soprano Mary Minott Burgess will be kicking off the centennial celebration of Anderson University with a gala memorial concert in memory of her mother, our beloved Mary Burgess. Mary was a 1937 graduate in the 4 year music program at AU. She taught hundreds of students in her private studio for over 50 years in addition to being the Choirmaster here at Grace Church for decades. Mary Minott's accompanist for this concert will be Orangeburg native George Darden. George is one of the great concert pianists of our time in addition to being a cousin to our Lyn Merchant. The concert is limited seating and will take place in Daniel Concert Hall of the Rainey Performing Arts Center, Anderson University at 3:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Beard at AU for tickets (\$10) OPEN seating. You do not want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime-event.

Remember we have seating in the choir for 24.....which means room for YOU.

Many thanks to Rob Elsner for his procurement of the keyboard used while we worshiped in the air-conditioned Parish Hall. Thank you Rob!

Soli Deo Gloria

Bill

**Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 6th
for Observance of Labor Day.**

Outreach

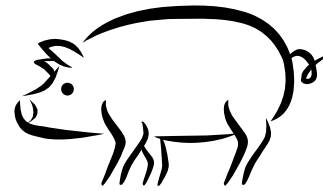
The funds from this years BBQ will go to the Westside Community Day Care Center. This day care provides child care for many working families who otherwise could not afford childcare. Parents are very involved in the program and all pay some tuition for this service. The program is operated by the YMCA but it is not fully funded by the Y. Recent financial restraints have place this program in serious jeopardy and the funds from the BBQ will enable the day care to keep its doors open. We look forward to working with Westside Community Day Care and having a very successful BBQ.

Thanks,
Jim Boyer
Outreach

Please join our many friends and supporters at
The Anderson Sunshine House
“Making a House a Home” Gala Fundraiser
Thursday, September 16, 1020
7:00—9:30 P.M.
At the Anderson Arts Center
(110 Federal St., Anderson , SC)
Tickets \$25—dress is casual evening attire

The evening will feature
Jim Boyer as the evening MC
The Oren & Sarah Jones Award of Appreciation for
Service to Homeless families
Local Musicians
Wine, beer and heavy hor d’oeuvres
Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE Annual Barbeque



Saturday, October 30, 2010

MEMORIALS

July 16, 2010—August 15, 2010

In Memory of *Lucille Mayo* by:

Lene B. Chapman
Betty Antonakos

In Memory of *Horace B. Bladon* by:

Herb & Vylene Purvis
Lena B. Chapman

In Memory of *Elizabeth Ducworth* by:

Mary Carter Warren

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

HONORARIUMS

Received July 16—August 15, 2010

In Honor of *Howard Tallent's Birthday* by
Lily Roland Hall

In Honor of *Gill Powell & the Pastoral Care Committee* by:

Julie & Jessie Kent

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Grace Church Word of the Month Confirmation

Confirmation is a post baptismal rite of mature commitment to Christ through prayers, the renewal of baptismal vows and the laying on of hands by a bishop. It is usually preceded by a period of organized prayer, study and instruction called a confirmation class or inquirers class. It is expected that when one is ready and has been prepared, a public affirmation of faith be made. This is a pledge to recommit to the responsibilities in the Baptismal Covenant. Confirmation includes the laying on of hands by a bishop with a prayer that the Holy Spirit would come upon the candidate. Bishops are our earthly representatives of those first disciples. Bishop Waldo will be visiting with us on **October 3rd**.

Sunday School Classes for children and youth will begin on September 12th. Be sure to check for information at the Ministry Celebration.

On the **second Sunday each month**, Kathy Bostater will be teaching a class on the second Sunday each month for the older children in the nursery during the 10:30 service. She will use the Godly Play curriculum. Children will meet in the nursery and move to the Godly Play classroom. Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture. Godly Play teaches children the art of using Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Look for this at the ministry celebration.

Adult classes will include the continuing of the **Articles of Faith Class** facilitated by Rob Elsner, the **Episcopal Christianity** class led by Father Jack and the **20's and 30's** will start on September 12th with the Virtual Bible Book of Matthew discussion.

EYC will be September 12th with a pool party at the Whiffens-more details to come.



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 should be 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 19th at noon. See Father Jack or Lyn Merchant if you are interested or have questions.

Save the Dates

Ministry Celebration August 29th 9:15am

Sunday School will start on September 12th

Bishop's visit with confirmations and baptisms October 3rd

Blessing of the Animals October 10th

All Saints November 7th

Advent and Peaceable Kingdom Exhibition begins

November 28th

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS—

One **MUST** call Phyllis at the church office for reservations by **Tuesday AM in order to be served**. Parish Life will host the 1st Wednesday of each month except for September which will be the 8th. Barbara Scott will host the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month as well as September 29th. Looking forward to see what good things are coming from Barbara's kitchen. All charges will be \$6 per person, \$3 per child under 10 and \$20 per family of 4 and more. We are in need of volunteers to help clean up after the dinners, please let Pam Herold know or call the church office and let Phyllis know if you can help!

Menus:

September 8th—Chicken Tenders, potato salad, mac & cheese, squash casserole, baked beans, salad, coleslaw, rolls, watermelon, desserts. Hosted by Parish Life.

September 15th—Roasted Chicken Breast or thighs with pan sauce, broccoli mashed potatoes, butter corn, Barbara's baby biscuits, Berry banana split, milk for children and tea. Hosted by Barbara Scott.

September 22nd—Spaghetti with meatballs in pomodoro sauce, green salad, with homemade dressing, Homemade Italian Bread, Creamy lemon pie. Milk for children and tea. Hosted by Barbara Scott.

September 29th—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.

October 6th—Oktoberfest—German Bratwurst with kraut and onions. German potato salad, German beer, mac & cheese, baked beans, dessert. Hosted by Parish Life.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

September 8, 2010

Menu: Chicken Tenders and all the sides

Hosted by Parish Life

Theme: Summer Fest

\$6.00 per person

\$3.00 for children under 10

Family of 4 or more \$20

NAME: _____

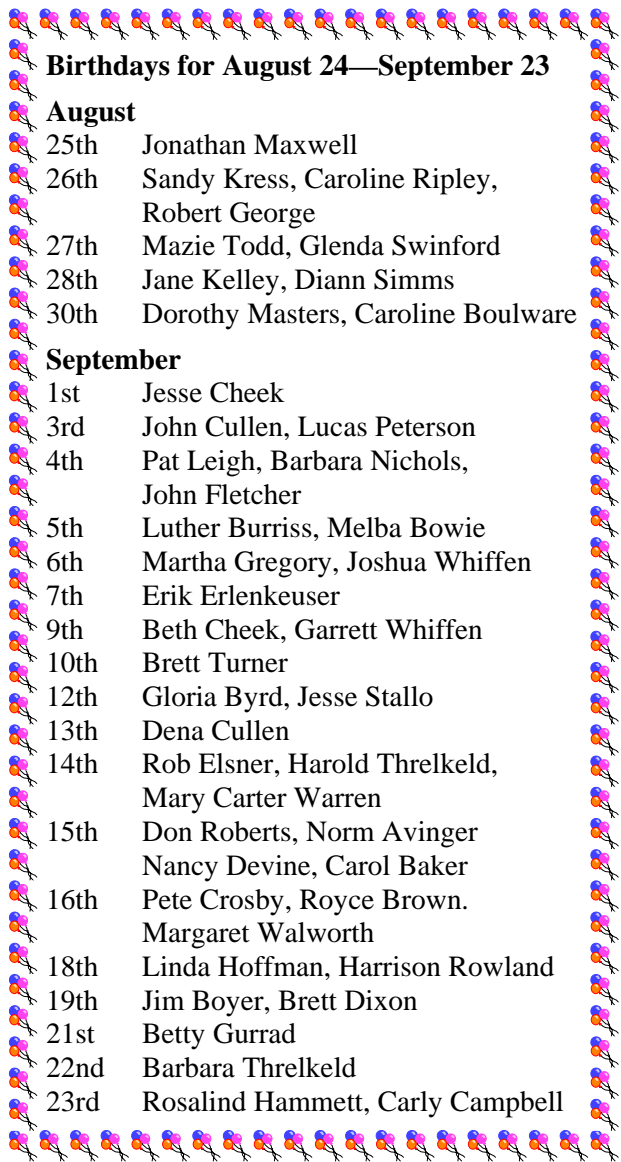
PERSON (S) : _____

CHILDREN UNDER 10 : _____

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Congratulations to Beth Warren upon her graduation from USC School of Law. She is the wife of Carter Warren and daughter in law of Mary Carter Warren.

Deaths: Lucille Mayo— July 19, 2010



Birthdays for August 24—September 23

August

- 25th Jonathan Maxwell
- 26th Sandy Kress, Caroline Ripley, Robert George
- 27th Mazie Todd, Glenda Swinford
- 28th Jane Kelley, Diann Simms
- 30th Dorothy Masters, Caroline Boulware

September

- 1st Jesse Cheek
- 3rd John Cullen, Lucas Peterson
- 4th Pat Leigh, Barbara Nichols, John Fletcher
- 5th Luther Burriss, Melba Bowie
- 6th Martha Gregory, Joshua Whiffen
- 7th Erik Erlenkeuser
- 9th Beth Cheek, Garrett Whiffen
- 10th Brett Turner
- 12th Gloria Byrd, Jesse Stallo
- 13th Dena Cullen
- 14th Rob Elsner, Harold Threlkeld, Mary Carter Warren
- 15th Don Roberts, Norm Avinger Nancy Devine, Carol Baker
- 16th Pete Crosby, Royce Brown. Margaret Walworth
- 18th Linda Hoffman, Harrison Rowland
- 19th Jim Boyer, Brett Dixon
- 21st Betty Gurrad
- 22nd Barbara Threlkeld
- 23rd Rosalind Hammett, Carly Campbell

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

- Doni Rhinehart
- Julie Kent
- Stuart M. Barnes-cancer
- John Bostater
- Karlann Bosttaer –chronic leukemia
- 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

Requested by

- Hugh Osburn
- Kathy Bostater
- Kathy Bostater
- Melissa Langford
- Greta Jacobsen
- Greta Jacobsen
- Ellie Cooper
- Ellie Cooper
- Anne Radnor
- Al Sloan
- Ellie Cooper

A BIG THANK YOU to Howard Tallent for contributing his time and service to the church when he installed the new compressor.

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Monthly Stewardship Report for July

Budget for 2010	\$ 315,516
Needed Monthly	\$ 26,293
Received July	\$ 22,862
Received through July (including prepaids)	\$ 172,811
Needed through July	\$ 184,051
Diocese Assessment for 2010	\$ 48,501
Assessment Paid through July	\$ 28,292