

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



August 2010

Sundays

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

An Invitation

Ministry Celebration

A Celebration on Gifts

August 29th, 2010

9:00am until 10:15am

Coffee, teas and juices with pastries
will be served and gifts for all!

This is an invitation from God for us to live more deeply into our call as baptized members of the Body of Christ.

The Celebration will continue with the 10:30 liturgy and Holy Eucharist, immediately followed by lunch on the grounds. Hamburgers, hot dogs, iced tea and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a picnic dish to share.

This would be a great time to get acquainted with our new members and reacquainted with others.

Please come and join us for fun, fellowship and Hearts the Clown.

NEWCOMERS



Please welcome Bill and Virginia Hinnant to Grace Church. Bill and Virginia are empty nesters with four children in college or professional school. Bill holds an MD degree from MUSC and a JD degree from Georgia State University and Virginia attended the College of Charleston. They reside at 103 Sunrise Harbour, Anderson and enjoy gardening, cooking, travel, going to the gym, music, dancing, theatre, sporting events, reading and keeping up with their children Chip, Ronald, David and Lauren and two dachshunds Elliot and Misty. In addition to operating a medical and legal practice in Anderson, Bill is General Counsel of the American College of Legal Medicine and on the Adjunct Faculty at Clemson. Virginia is an avid dog lover, writer and has a background in marketing and public relations. Bill and Virginia have been coming to Grace Church for almost a year and have hosted coffee hours.

Congratulations Lily!!!

Lily Elsner, daughter of Rob & Besty Elsner, graduated with academic honors from the Governor's School of Science & Mathematics in Hartsville on May 29th. Lily attended St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Hartsville and sang in the choir. At GSSM, she was editor of the yearbook, co-president of the Model UN, Director of Chorus, co-chair of the Senior Gift Campaign, student council representative, English Tutor, Beta Club secretary, Co-founder of the 'Algorithms' a *capella* group, and athlete on several varsity teams. She won first place at the South Carolina Junior Academy of Sciences research competition for both written and oral presentations of her research on antibodies done as a Roche International Scholar at the University of Karlsruhe (Germany), and will be presenting this work for the American Academy of Sciences competition in 2011. She will be attending Wellesley College in Massachusetts this Autumn on full scholarship, including the Watson-Brown Scholarship. She plans on majoring in biology and go into the field of public health after medical school.

Tip of the Verge !

Barbara Scott, Verger

What is YOUR Ministry at Grace Church?

Opportunities for ministry abound at Grace Church. Listed below are some possibilities for you to consider.

Acolyte: Ages 10 through high school. Must be a member of Grace Church. Initial training and required yearly continuing education for this ministry is conducted at the church. These young parishioners add a touch of ceremony and dignity to every worship service. It also gives them a sense of accomplishment and enhances their worship experience.

Usher: For men and women of all ages. The ministry of usher is to assist parishioners with moving around in the church (ONLY at appropriate times, of course), seeing that they have a service leaflet, and guiding new parents to the nursery, assisting with traffic during Communion, and being available to assist as needed. Collecting and presenting the alms is also an important part of this ministry. Initial training and required yearly continuing education for this ministry is conducted at the church.

Lay Reader: Ages high school to senior citizen. Must be a member of Grace Church. Initial training and required yearly continuing education for this ministry is conducted at the church. Lending a voice to the reading of God's Word is a special ministry that offers another way to share with our fellow parishioners on Sunday morning. Lay Readers are needed for both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services.

Chalice Bearer: Ages high school to senior citizen. Must be a confirmed member of Grace Church. Initial training and required yearly continuing education is done right here at Grace Church. Sharing in the administration of Holy Communion is a humbling experience and helps us honor our sense of community with our church family. This ministry includes the reading of the Prayers of the People at Sunday worship. Chalice Bearers are needed for both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Adult confirmed members of Grace Church are eligible for this ministry. It is helpful to have served for a year as Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer. Taking the Holy Communion from the main service on Sunday morning to our members who can no longer attend church is a blessing to both giver and receiver. The Diocese does the initial training for LEV and periodic continuing education is required to maintain this license.

Enrollment for all these ministries will take place at the **Ministry Celebration on August 29**. Training sessions will be held in September. The training schedule will be available at sign-up on August 29. All training is done immediately after church. I look forward to working with you as you begin or continue your special ministry at Grace Church.

The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation

I have called you friends... John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, *God Invites* all people:

- To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
 - To hear the Word of God through scripture, to honor church teachings, and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
 - To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
- To hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit... John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, *God Inspires* all people:

- To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God's will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
- To study Scripture, mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
- To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.

To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God's creation.

...I am giving you these commands that you may love one another. John 15:17

Through The Episcopal Church, *God Transforms* all people:

- By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God's work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
- By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God's will.
- By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.

By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a life-long journey with Christ, in Christ, and to Christ.

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**

Peaceable Kingdom Exhibition begins **November 28th**



Children's Choir will start back **Wednesday, September 8, 2010** for ages 5-12 from **5:30—6:00 p.m.** Anyone interested, please let Alicia Hack or Lyn Merchant know.

Congratulations to William Langford for selection to DYLC as a representative from Grace Church.

Do you know what it really means to be an Episcopalian from the Historical Perspective? Come and work through the Thirty-Nine Articles of Faith, the defining statement of what we believe as members of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

9:15-10:15

**Sunday Mornings in the Parlor
Continuing through the Fall**

Led by Rob Elsner

Outreach

Once again we had a very successful Manna truck Event. Thanks to the many volunteers who came out on a Saturday morning and bagged the most green beans, cabbage, tomatoes, potatoes, and greens I have ever seen. It really was a great effort.

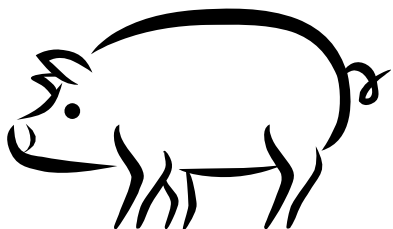
Also, many thanks to those who helped with the Haiti School Project fundraiser. In spite of the heat, over once hundred people attended the "pool party" and raised \$8000. This money is for staffing and supplies at the school in Bois Joli. Grace continues to be active in supporting this and other projects in Haiti. We are excited that Brett Turner is going to Haiti in August and look forward to hearing about his trip. Thanks Brett.

Our next big event is of course the BBQ. We are talking with potential charities about being our partner. If you would like to recommend a charity, please call me at 617-0653 soon!

Thanks,
Jim Boyer
Outreach

Brett Turner will be traveling with a group from the Diocese to Haiti on August 17th. He will be part of the presentation of the Stations of the Cross, created by Carroll Bowie, to the church in Cange in memory of Mme. Yolande Lafontant. Please remember him and this group in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE Annual Barbeque



**Saturday
October 30, 2010**

MEMORIALS

May 16, 2010 through July 15, 2010

In Memory of *Ray Wactor* by:

Katherine K. Kington
Patricia Hargrett
Maurice R. Corbitt
Barbara J.B. Whitney
Rev. George B. Salley, Jr.
Douglas & Sally Jurney
Mr. & Mrs. Jack P. Holland
Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Powell
Delene & Jasper Lee
Cynthia & Richard Lill
Jerry A. Steding
Vernon & Ed Jones

In Memory of *Daniel Mayer* by:

Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Powell

In Memory of *James H. Lyons* by:

Dean, Cheryl & Tracy Bowen
Trudy Gordon
Josephine Wood
Dr. & Mrs. Don Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Boyer Royal

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

HONORARIUMS

Received April 16, 2010 through July 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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Grace word of the month Spiritual Gifts

When we are baptized it is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. Also, it is our ordination into lay ministry. In the Book of Common Prayer, the first type of minister mentioned is the Lay minister. God is calling you and me into ministry and counting on us to grow his kingdom. We are called by God to carry out the Great Commission to make disciples of men, women and children. Receiving the Holy Spirit means that we also receive Spiritual Gifts.

Which of these gifts do you think you might possess?

Administration	Hospitality
Artistry	Intercession
Discernment	Knowledge
Evangelism	Leadership
Exhortation	Mercy
Faith	Music: Vocal
Giving	Music: Instrumental
Pastoring	
Service (helping)	
Skilled craft	
Teaching	
Wisdom	
Writing	

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 an inventory of gifts. (See resources)

Be open to discovering potential gifts by trying something new.

Resources

Online spiritual gifts inventories are available

http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1Lth/b.1355371/k.9501/Spiritual_Gifts.htm

<http://archive.elca.org/evangelizingchurch/assessments/spiritgifts.html>

Printed copies of these inventories will be available in the narthex and parish hall.

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.

Confirmation—The Youth Confirmation Class will kick off with a retreat on, August 20th - 22nd. They will meet at Alicia Hack's home at 6:00pm Friday and be finished at 1:00pm Sunday. The classes will continue on Sunday mornings at 9:15 on August 29th, September 12th, 19th, 26th. Attendance in a class is required for confirmation. Confirmation will be October 3rd. If you have any questions, contact Lyn Merchant.

Parish Life Ministry— Parish Life Ministry is looking for hard working people who enjoy fun while working hard in the kitchen and serving others. Our ministry facilitates any event, which creates fellowship and community for the parishioners of Grace church.

Our Ministry coordinates Wednesday Night Suppers, Ministry Celebration Day, Easter Sunrise Breakfast, Annual Breakfast Meeting. The Bishop's visit (this year October 3rd), Advent Wreath making, Blessing of the Animals (this year October 10th) and if the Minister's Cook Off is held this year, we help Father Jack with his famous "On a Wing and a Prayer" Blackened chicken wings.

Please come by our booth on August 29th, Ministry Celebration Day (formerly Rally Day) and sign up for our committee.

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 7

NAME: _____

PERSON (S) : _____

CHILDREN UNDER 7 : _____

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Births: Congratulations to Carey & Erin Hughes on the birth of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth Hughes born June 12, 2010.

Deaths: Ray Wactor, June 12, 2010
Horace B. Bladon—Father Jack's Grandfather

Anniversaries: Congratulations to Jesse & JoAtha Cheek on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Al & Sandy Sloan on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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
Baillie Brown-health issues
Ginger Cox-cancer
Betty Ward-cancer
Wesa Lund
Sabra Nickas
Betsy Elsner


Requested by

Hugh Osburn
Kathy Bostater
Kathy Bostater
Melissa Langford

Greta Jacobsen

Ellie Cooper
Ellie Cooper
Martha Gregory
Baillie Brown
Baillie Brown
Al Sloan

Rob Elsner



Birthdays for July 23—August 23

July

25th Ty Chastain
29th Alicia Hack
31st Lila Albergotti, Lawrence Hammett, Wyatt Turner

August

2nd Gretchen Foster, Kathy Bostater, Jodie Webb, Chris Young
5th Herb Purvis, Toni Smith
7th Phyllis Crosby, Jesse Kent
8th Pat Bradham
9th Amanda Vanvalkenburg
10th Lawrence Hammett
11th Marian Campbell
12th Janice Dixon, Skyler Guinn
13th Katharine Worthington, Mike Cheek, Loretta Warder
15th Andy Potter, Andrew Eady,
16th Kathy Morris
17th Amy Cox
18th Janie Fleming, Jeff Ricketson
20th Emma Kate Potter
21st Bunny Brown, Bill Ducworth, Andy Boulware, Julian George
23rd Brian Peterson

Pledge Statements: All members who pledged for 2010 should have received a pledge statement for the first half of the year. Please review the status of your pledge. If you have some "catching up" to do, please consider how you can become current with your pledge. Through June, only 57 of 112 pledges (51%) were current.

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Monthly Stewardship Report for June

Budget for 2010	\$ 315,516
Needed Monthly	\$ 26,293
Received June	\$ 20,423
Received through June (including prepaids)	\$ 149,949
Needed through June	\$ 157,758
Diocese Assessment for 2010	\$ 48,501
Assessment Paid through June	\$ 24,251