



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## AT A GLANCE

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **Palm Sunday, 16 March**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of Palms  
9:30 AM Liturgy of Palms with St. Joseph's Church  
Holy Eucharist Rite II follows in church at Grace.

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week, 19 March**

5:30 PM Youth Stations of the Cross  
7:15 PM Stations of the Cross  
Lenten Class follows

#### **Maundy Thursday, 20 March**

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar

#### **Good Friday, 21 March**

12:00 PM Proper liturgy for Good Friday  
1:00 PM Peace Walk  
7:00 PM Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

#### **Holy Saturday, 22 March**

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

#### **Easter Sunday, 23 March**

8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II



### POT LUCK LUNCH WILL WELCOME FATHER NOAH TO GRACE

The Vestry is very pleased to announce the arrival of Father Noah Evans as Priest In Charge of Grace Episcopal Church on March 3, 2008. Father Evans' first Sunday with the parish will be **Sunday, March 9**.

Father Evans is a graduate of General Theological Seminary in New York, and he has most recently served as the Associate Rector at St. Anne's in the Fields in Lincoln. His emphasis has been urban ministry, mission work and youth and children's education programs. Currently, Father Evans serves on the Board of the Episcopal City Mission and the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center. He has also as served as the community spiritual leader of the Micah Project, a residential vocational discernment program for young adults.

While at St. Anne's, Father Evans has overseen a 170 participant youth and children's education program, regularly led adult education programs, led youth and adult mission trips to Belize and Mississippi, and he began a successful contemporary evening worship service.

Father Evans is married to the Reverend Sara Irwin and they have a son Isaiah, born March, 2007. They reside in Waltham where Sara is the Priest in Charge at Christ Church, Waltham.

You will all soon have the opportunity to meet Father Evans and welcome him to Grace Church. A pot-luck lunch is planned for Sunday, March 9 following the 10 am Eucharist. Please plan to attend the lunch and introduce yourself to Father Evans! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to a member of your Vestry.

## **ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27**

Grace Church's annual parish meeting was held on Sunday, January 27. Elections were held for parish offices, the 2008 budget was approved and committee reports were delivered. A complete packet of committee reports are in the vestibule outside the entrance to the church if you were unable to attend the meeting

**Congratulations** to all those elected to parish offices:

Senior Warden - Margaret Smist

Vestry - David Lee, Kathy Mumma, June Pietrantoni and Larry Rogers

Diocesan Delegate - James Klasen

Alternate Delegate - Hallie Lee

Deanery Representatives - Allison Andrews, Bruce Clompus, Dottie Palladino & Jane Scherban

Episcopal City Mission Delegate - Sue Maltz

Medford Council of Churches Representative - Catherine Smith

**Many thanks to Bill Honeycutt for his generous donation of the lunch which followed the meeting.**

### **INTERESTED IN WORSHIP?**

Worship is central to our time together at Grace and there are many opportunities to become involved. If you are interested in any particular area, please contact the ministry listed below or speak to Margaret Smist.

**Usher** – responsible for preparing the Church prior to the service, distributing bulletins, assisting with offertory and picking up in the Church after the service. This is a great way to meet parishioners and newcomers alike. *Co-Leaders – Linda Foote and Jill Capuccio*

**Choir** – the choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and again on Sunday morning at 9 am. If you are interested in singing in the choir or playing an instrument during the service, you can contact the *Music Director, Ruth Roper.*

**Acolyte** – the acolytes process in with the Cross and/or candles, participate in the reading of the Gospel and recess out with the choir. *Ministry Leader: Wes Foote*

**Altar Guild** – the altar guild sets the altar and prepares the flowers for the worship services on Sunday morning. Some of the work may be done prior to the Sunday service. The guild also assists with altar preparation for marriages, burials and other special worship events. *Altar Guild Directress: Carolyn Rogers*

**Lector** – the Lector is responsible for the readings during the services on Sunday

**LEM** – the LEM assists the priest with the Eucharist and also reads the Prayers of the People during the service.\* At Grace, the priest usually trains both Lector and LEM's for their roles. Please speak to Margaret Smist if you are interested in either of these positions.

## **BRANTWOOD CAMP**

Although the snow is still piled up outside, it's not too late to start thinking about Summer Camp for your son or daughter. Grace Church still participates in the Brantwood Camp program, which it has done for the last 80 years or so. There are three 2 week terms available. Brantwood is located in Peterborough, NH with access to the mountains, Silver Lake, pool and athletic fields. Boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 15 are eligible. This is a wonderful opportunity and at a cost of \$ 250 per two week period. It is a bargain. If you would like more information about the camp, please contact Wes Foote in Church or at 781-396-5487.

## **CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY**

### **New Schedule began in January for the Wednesday night class!!**

The younger children begin class at 5:45pm, and will end class at 6:35 or 6:40pm.

Dinner is from 6:40 - 7:10pm.

The older class is from 7:10 to 8:00pm.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WALK FOR HUNGER!**

On **Sunday, May 4**, Grace Church parishoners and friends will participate in the Walk for Hunger. Enjoy a festive day walking through Boston and surrounding neighborhoods while ou help our hungry neighbors in Massachusetts. With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth, hungry people need your help more than ever. Your pledges feed people through emergency food programs throughout the state and through food programs in schools, after-school programs, and pediatrician offices. For those of you who cannot walk, please consider providing financial support to the Grace Church team. Shortly, there will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for both walkers and supporters.

## **BELL TOWER UPDATE**

The Bell Tower Restoration effort is again underway. The goal is to stabilize the ailing tower and restore the bells to ring again. Finding funding is the next step. As of mid-February, the Committee is actively pursuing grants and planning fundraising.

We also look forward to continued collaboration with the Medford Historical Society and Medford Public Library. They join with us in recognizing and enjoying the historical significance of the building, and its place in Medford's rich local history.

We have been fortunate to find their support. In examining the tower we are reminded that other parts of the building are in need of overdue repairs. Our relationships with organizations like these can help us coordinate our restoration efforts.



Did you know... that for many years the Grace Church newsletter was called "The Chimes?" There was great pride and pleasure taken in the nine bells, which were placed in the tower in 1873. They also carry historical significance as they were made by Paul Revere's successor company (Blake Brothers Co).

*Submitted by Allison Andrews*

## KOKA SCHOLARSHIP

KOKA is intending to award a Scholarship this year. Eligibility is open to any Parish member going on to College this Fall. Those interested should contact John Schlesinger for more details.

## YOUTH EDUCATION / EVENTS

Save the following dates:

**March 9, 2008** at 7:00 p.m.: Teen/tween group will watch Jesus Christ Superstar

**March 30, 2008:** Sunday School Easter Celebration at Colleen's:

Celebrate Easter by joining us at Colleen's for grilled cheese sandwiches and ice cream immediately after the service. **Many thanks to Warren Ramirez for suggesting and generously funding this event!**

**April 20, 2008:** Sunday School field trip to the Unitarian Church food pantry during our service (if we can arrange it for this date). This will kick off a three-week exploration of hunger issues, culminating in the Walk for Hunger.

## HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

Thoughts of all of our Grace Family are never far from our minds, even though we are separated by thousands of miles. We look forward to the opportunity to 'break bread' again, and we continue to be grateful for the love and prayers that rained upon our family while we were living in Medford and for those that continue now that we are in the United Kingdom.

We recently met with doctors in the UK regarding Nina, and you'll be happy to know that all continues to go well. The doctors here were so pleased that they are now in correspondence with Nina's surgeons in Boston to see what can be done about bringing the skills and technical knowledge needed to begin doing the same surgery and post treatment on this side of the pond. This is extremely encouraging, as it will mean children in the UK with her condition may not have to endure a dangerous, long, and intrusive neurosurgery in the future! Your prayers were part of Nina's success, and now they may indirectly be responsible for the success of many other children overseas! Again, how can we begin to thank you?

We have been migrants thus far regarding a worshipping community here. Are people lucky enough to find TWO Grace communities in a lifetime? I don't know. We haven't settled into a church home, and as a result, we currently don't attend regular worship. However, our Nina won't have it! At two, Nina, independent and outspoken, to put it mildly, has twice within the same week announced out of the blue, "Mama, I want go church." When a two year old asks, especially this one, how can one refuse? Clearly, it's a sign. We went to a Gospel service being held at the local football stadium...like going to church at Gillette, I kid you not. Nina stood in the aisles with hands outstretched and palms raised up, singing loudly. She was simply praising unabashedly, and not because she was mimicking. Yesterday, for an outing, (and to find appropriate clothing for a potty training little one) we went to historic Salisbury. She insisted on not only going to the Cathedral, but on going inside. Once within the walls, as the boy's choir rehearsed, Nina leaned over to me and said quite seriously, "God in here, Mama. God in here." Nina has her own very active relationship with God. She prays with elation and sometimes spontaneously, and sadly, I must admit, this is not something she picked up from watching me. I am a quiet person of prayer in many respects, and mostly I do it in private. As I contemplated my daughter's

relationship with God, which is very much independent of parental stimulation I am afraid, I wondered if she is still aware of the beautiful feelings that being at Grace created for all of us. I wonder if she remembers church as a place where Mama and Dada felt safe, encouraged, and relieved, and as a result, identifies with churches as a place of beauty, a place of God.

I am not proud of the fact that we haven't settled into a community. I don't relish the knowledge that church hasn't been a regular part of Nina's life since leaving our dearly loved Grace, but I am humbled by my daughter's determination NOT to let us forget about communing with God. Is this yet another gift that all of you at Grace gave us? I don't know, but I shall think that it is.

Much love,  
Nicki Hart

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### *FRIDAY'S CHILD IS LOVING AND GIVING*

The Fenn Family and Jude Walsh announce the birth of their niece / grand daughter, Evelyn Lucille Masciave, on February 8, 2008. Eve weighed 9' 3" and was 22 in. long at birth. She and her mother, Sarah, are just fine. Her father, Aldo, and brother, Samuel, also welcome Eve.

## **They're Back! Those Wonderful Church Bulletins!**

*Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced during church services (Summer, 2007 Release). They are all **actual** faux pas!*

The Fasting and Prayer Conference will include meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

## **LAURA DUGGAN TO PERFORM AT THE 11TH ANNUAL MABRAY "DOC" KOUNTZE ARTS FESTIVAL**

Medford Arts Center, Incorporated (MACI) will be holding the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mabray "Doc" Kountze Arts Festival on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 11 AM to 4 PM at the McGlynn Middle School in Medford.

This year's program will include our own Laura Duggan performing "Tea with Mary Cassatt." A tea will also be served by the Grace Church Bell Tower Restoration Committee. Come to the Festival to support both Laura and the Bell Tower Committee!!

Other programs include a documentary film by filmmaker, Don McGlynn, about the traditional folk and country blues artist/guitarist "Spider" John Koerner, entitled, "Been Here Done That", and a documentary film by Ron Frank, "The Eternal Road: Encounter with the Past" with music by Kurt Weill arranged and performed by Paul Lehrman.

# Newsletter Editor

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Remembering we are all children of God, let us pray for those having birthdays during the month of March

Agnes Opara	03/06
Eleanor Puryear	03/07
Anselm King	03/08
Mildred Burger	03/11
Mildred Ramirez	03/12
Akilah King	03/14
Michael Rogers	03/15
Ebby Akiba	03/16
Hugh Skeete	03/16
Barry Silva	03/22
Bailey Lee	03/23
Stepheson Lee	03/23
Daisy Leary	03/25
Debra Schlesinger	03/28
Margaret Smist	03/28
Barbara White	03/29
Mathew Fenn	03/30
Beverly Convery	03/31
Linda Rogers	03/31

Please continue to send any articles you think may be fitting to our new section, HEART STRING TUGGERS. This section was very well received by many of our parishioners. Other articles may be birth announcements, prayer requests, cute stories, recipes, etc. They will be used as fillers according to their size when I have a short month with space to fill.

Please be advised that any photos or articles of personal nature/news/announcements MUST be submitted with consent of the persons involved, pictured or mentioned.

I hope with your help to be able to make our newsletter interesting and informative for all. My email address is [delphine3738@yahoo.com](mailto:delphine3738@yahoo.com); address is 541 Fulton Street, Medford, MA 02155; telephone 781-391-4825. You may also give me or Maria and Mike Fenn any articles after the 10:00 service on Sunday.

*Respectfully yours,*

*Judith A. Walsh*

