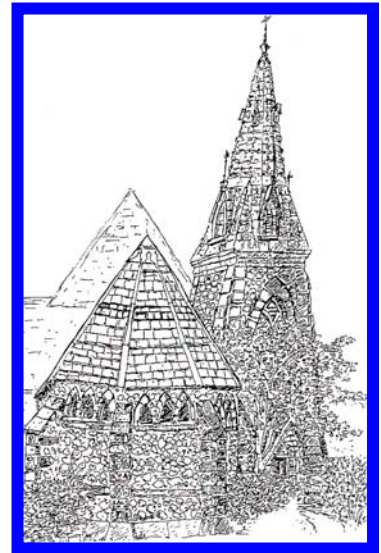


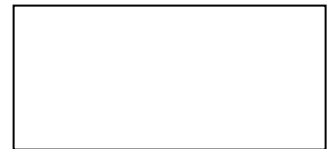
Grace Episcopal Church

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2007



*"And the Child continued to grow and become strong,
increasing in wisdom, and the Grace of God was upon Him."
Luke 2:40*

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If you do not want to receive the newsletter any longer, please let us know at 781-396-7215.

Grace Episcopal Church



Dates at a Glance

Thursday, February 1

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4

Eucharist 8 and 10

Food Sunday: bring in your donations for local food pantries



Sunday School after the 10am service

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

Wednesday, February 7

Children's Bible Study : 5:30 class for preschool through grade 1. Dinner 6:30. Second class: 7:00-8:00pm for grades two through five. Older children welcome in 7-8pm class

Thursday, February 8

Friday, February 9

Acolyte Training, 6:30pm. See page 2 for details

Saturday, February 10

Walk for Peace: meet 9:30 in front of Bestseller's Café



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11

Eucharist 8 and 10

Prayer Group: Common Room, 9:15-9:45am

Sunday School after the 10am service

Teen/Tween Time Group: 6-8pm, details on page 3

Monday, February 12:

Tuesday, February 13



Wednesday, February 14

Children's Bible Study through grade 1. Dinner 6:30. Second class: 7:00-8:00pm for grades two through five.

Older children welcome in 7-8pm class.



Thursday, February 15

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Fundraising Event: Tea with Mary Cassatt details on page 4

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 18

Eucharist 8 and 10

Newcomers Inquiry w/Father Tom: 9am, Common Room.

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day
Happy February
Vacation Week!



Tuesday, February 20

Wednesday, February 21

Ash Wednesday
Special Service for children, details to be announced in our weekly bulletins. No Godly Play lessons, but community will meet.



Thursday, February 22

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

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Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany ***February 25***

Eucharist 8 and 10

Prayer Group: Common Room, 9:15-9:45am

Monday, February 26

Tuesday, February 27

Wednesday, February 28

Children's Bible Study : 5:30 class for preschool through grade 1. Dinner 6:30. Second class: 7:00-8:00pm for grades two through five. Older children welcome in 7-8pm class.

ACOLYTE TRAINING **FEBRUARY 9**

A number of young people have approached me about becoming acolytes. So, with that in mind, it seems an appropriate time to schedule training for newcomers as well as some refresher tips for those already with experience. Let's have the training time at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 9th. Following the training, we will sit down to pizza. Hope everyone can make it. Please let me know.



Submitted by Wes Foote, Jr.

ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP **AVAILABLE!**

With a generous donation by the Anderson family, Grace Church has established a scholarship fund for post-secondary studies.

Applicants need only be an active member or family or friend of an active member of the church to be eligible. He or she must also be enrolled or recently accepted in an institute of higher learning. Scholarship amounts will vary depending on the pool of candidates and the funds available. Applications will be available in February, the completed form is due on March 31st and scholarship recipients will be notified by May 31st.

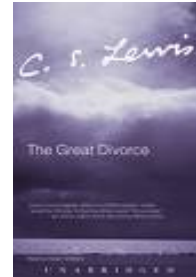
Please contact the church office or Branwen Smith-King for details.

Submitted by Margaret Smist



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB **NEXT MEETING**

Our second meeting of 2007 will be March 8 at 7PM; location to be announced. We'll be discussing *The Great Divorce*, by C.S.Lewis, so start reading!



PARENTS OF TWEENS **& TEENS**

The first Tween/Teen group meeting on January 14th was a success! Twelve young people showed up to watch the NOOMA video "Rain", to discuss, and to eat homemade brownies. Watch for details on times to preview the next NOOMA video, "Flame" – again, approximately 10-15 minutes. Dates and times will be in our weekly bulletin, and also available from group leader Maria Fenn.

The next meeting will be Sunday February 11, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Remember that your teens/tweens are welcome to bring a friend!

You can find more information on the NOOMA series on the web, at

<http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/>

Please make the effort to come to one of these informational sessions to see the video. If you have questions please contact Maria Fenn at 781-391-4825, fennways@verizon.net.



THE TWEEN/TEEN TIME **GROUP MEETS FEBRUARY 11**

Teens and Tweens, your group will be meeting on February 11, Sunday evening, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Meet in the Common Room at 6:00pm to see a short video, "Flame" and open discussion on the life issue featured in the video. Light refreshments

will be served. The evening will end with a period of silent reflection in the Church.

Please arrange to have a parent pick you up at 8:00pm. If you need a ride home contact Maria Fenn BEFORE February 11. at 781-391-4825, fennways@verizon.net.

Please come! Bring a friend! Give this new group a try – it's just for you.

P.S. Help plan a dance, to be held in February!



"TEA WITH MARY CASSATT" IS COMING TO MEDFORD!



Laura Duggan in her role as artist Mary Cassatt

Tea with Mary Cassatt, a multi-media play in one act about a famous woman artist, is coming to Grace Episcopal Church at 160 High Street in Medford on Saturday, February 17th. The show is written and directed by Laura R. Duggan, who also portrays Mary Cassatt. The show recently premiered at the Greene Theatre at Boston's Emerson College in

December of 2006. The Medford production will also include *Grace Church's famous Silver Tea* served an hour before the show at the matinee performance at 2:00 P.M. and the evening one at 8:00 P.M. Doors are open one hour before show time.

Advanced tickets are \$12.00 and \$15.00 at the door. Contact Chairpersons, Steve and Laura Duggan, at #781-395-4397 or e-mail <lrduggan@aol.com> for tickets.

This is a fund raiser for Grace Episcopal Church.

Submitted by Laura Duggan

THE DREAMS

By Oscar H. Greene

Outside it was a soft June evening while inside Grace Episcopal Church The Reverend Dwight Hadley merely smiled. A wedding rehearsal was taking place and the maid of honor was missing. The gracious bride-to-be was worried and a little cross. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and the bride was deeply hurt. As the wedding party left Grace Church, the telephone rang. It was "Meeley", the maid of honor calling.



"I'm fog-bound in New Jersey, "Pidge", and I'll be down tomorrow even if I have to take the train.

"Meely", the maid of honor, was Amelia Earhart the famed aviatrix. "Pidge" was her younger sister Muriel Earhart, soon to become the wife of Albert "Chief" Morrissey, a veteran of the famed Naval Splinter Fleet of World War I.

Amelia arrived and she served perfectly. I never met Amelia Earhart, who disappeared somewhere in the Pacific Ocean in July 1937, shortly after my graduation from high school in Williamstown, Massachusetts. But I became fast friends with her sister Muriel Morrissey, a long time member at Grace Episcopal Church. Often Mrs. Morrissey would say, "I received a hurried call from a



high schooler seeking information about Amelia. When I promise to mail this in the morning the youngster told me the term paper was due the next day!"

On March, 1984,

Mrs. Morrissey invited me to the dedication of the Amelia Earhart General Aviation Terminal. The day was cold, blustery, and 25 degrees. The 150 people attending were pleased the ceremonies were held indoors.

Once inside the terminal I noticed a tall, slender lady with reddish, close-cut hair. Her dress was similar to that worn by Amelia Earhart. In fact, she resembled Amelia. Then I overheard someone saying, "That's Grace McGuire, and her name will blaze the headlines and the television very soon!"

Grace McGuire had completed five heartbreaking and frustrating years pursuing her dream. She had purchased and rebuilt a 1935 Lockheed Electra 10E plane. She planned to fly this plane while retracing Amelia Earhart's ill-fated 1937 route. The plans were to carry the identical instrumentation, the same lone navigator, and the exact amount of gas. Ms. McGuire planned to fly around the world from Miami, Florida and back to Miami.



Miss McGuire said, "I am ready to go, but I need a sponsor."

"How much would that cost?"

"About \$25,000." I gasped.



Later, I received two letters from Miss McGuire, and then silence.

For twenty-three years Ruby and I served on Trash & Treasure at the Grace Episcopal Church fall fairs. A few days before the 1984 fair, Mrs. Morrissey called. Would I pick up some things for our tables? Of course. But we were frightfully busy and our promise fell through the cracks. Then on the morning of the fair, Mrs. Morrissey's housekeeper appeared carrying two pieces of luggage. "These are Amelia Earhart's bags," she said, dropping them at my feet. I studied the faded luggage and questions raced through my mind.

I hurried to the telephone and I called Mrs. Morrissey. Her cheerful voice answered. "Is this really Amelia Earhart's luggage?" I asked.

There was a long pause. Then, "Yes, dear, they are. Amelia left them with me before her last flight in 1937. I've kept them for forty-eight years hoping she would need them. I guess it's time to share them with someone else.

By the time I had returned the bags had been sold. But within those few minutes I learned a lesson about hope, letting go, and sharing.



Amelia Earhart and Grace McGuire dreamed of flying around the world. Mrs. Morrissey dreamed of Amelia returning to Medford. And I will always dream of the three sterling people whose hands touched my life.





Amelia Earhart and her little sister Muriel. They are standing on the front porch of their Kansas City home, summer of 1902.

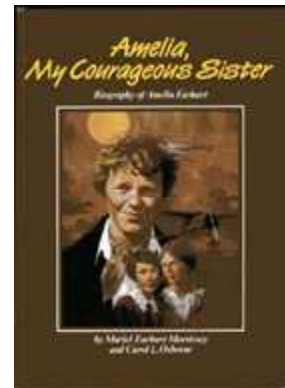
Credit: Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College



Marker on Brooks Street identifying Amelia's home.



Amelia with her Lockheed
From www.remoteviewing.com



Amelia, My Courageous Sister, written by Muriel Earhart Morrissey

February 2007 Birthdays

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



- 2/1 Elizabeth Branson
- 2/7 John Zafiris, Sr..
- 2/8 Dorothy Battista
- 2/9 Warren Ramirez, Anita Stinson
- 2/10 Joshua Davis
- 2/11 Barbara Povey, Miss Genita Johnson,
- 2/12 Evan Whatley
- 2/13 Alec Perrotti
- 2/14 Nathaniel Stinson
- 2/19 Barbara Hathaway
- 2/20 Ruby Greene
- 2/21 Jean Spiers
- 2/23 Keith Chesnell
- 2/24 Dennis Hale, John Zafiris, Sr.
- 2/25 James Welch
- 2/27 Cynthia Nwachukwu

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Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study: THE VESTRY, FATHER TOM COOK, MARIA FENN AND DEB SMITH

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