



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## FALL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**November 2** - Our famous Lobster Lunch will be held - be sure to call in your orders early!! Delivery will be available.

**November 4** – Medford Council of Churches Program

**November 17** - Another annual event -- the Church Fair!! Begin saving to spend your money at this Grace Church tradition – ONE DAY ONLY!!!

### REMINDER

Sunday School now begins at 10 am, and the children join the parish at the Peace. Child care is provided for infants and small children at the 10 am service. Please contact Catherine Smith if you are interested in finding out more about this year's program.

Godly Play continues on Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 pm. Please contact Deb Smith or Maria Fenn if you are interested in attending or have questions about the program.

### THANK YOU, ANNA!

Many thanks to Anna Aguayo for all of her dedication and service to Grace Church over the past 5+ years. As Anna was always working at Grace during the day, many of you may not have met her. But, she faithfully served Grace as our custodian. Godspeed, Anna

### BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club to meet Thursday, November 8 at 7pm— location to be announced. We'll be reading Toni Morrison's 1970 classic, 'The Bluest Eye'. For an interesting write up about the novel, see Oprah Winfrey's book club site at:

[http://www.oprah.com/obc/pastbooks/toni\\_morrison/obc\\_pb\\_20000427.jhtml](http://www.oprah.com/obc/pastbooks/toni_morrison/obc_pb_20000427.jhtml).

## AT A GLANCE

**November 2  
Lobster Lunch**

**November 4  
Medford Council of  
Churches Program**

**November 8  
Book Club**

**November 17  
Annual Church Fair**

## **LOBSTER LUNCH**

The Lobster Lunch, which is run by Jean Spier and her crew, will be held from 12:00 to 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

An Art Show and Book Sale will accompany the luncheon fare. The menu is as follows:

Lobster Rolls	\$9.00
Chicken Rolls.....	\$4.50
Sodas, Coffee, & Tea.....	\$1.00
Apple Crisp with Ice Cream.....	\$1.50

Ten (10) or more Lobster Rolls can be ordered for delivery in Medford by calling:

Donna at 781-396-7215 before Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Donna's hours are 8 - 4:00 pm on Monday & Tuesday, and 8 -12:00 on Wednesday.

Bon Appetit!

## **ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR**

The Thanksgiving Faire chaired by Laura and Steve Duggan will open its door at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 17, 2007. It will include Trash and Treasure, Gift Baskets, Children's Table, Raffle Table, Handcrafts, Baked Goods, Books, Jewelry, Scarves, Knitted & Crocheted items.

There will be Christmas Wreaths for order. Grilled fare from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Center Court.

Silver Tea from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Don't miss this exciting event!!!

## **BASKET ITEMS NEEDED!!**

Our Annual Fall Fair is right around the corner. Gift baskets will again be for sale and donations are needed!! All items should be given to Margaret Smist at church any Sunday between now and early November. The baskets are themed, so be creative!! Some examples of possible baskets are:

*Romantic Evening* - wine, candles, candle holders, book of love poems, chocolates, anything red etc.

*Italian evening* - tomato sauce, plates, pasta, wines, olive oil, book on Italian cooking etc.

*Thanksgiving Host Basket* - cornucopia, crackers, dip, fall colored candles, napkins etc.

*Christmas Basket* - ornaments, decorations, Christmas napkins, plates, cards, red and green candles

*Relaxation Basket* - bath salts, soaps, loofahs, tea, book on meditations, journal etc.

Many thanks to those who have already donated items for the 2007 baskets!! Baskets and bows are still needed.

## **CLOTHING PANTRY**

Many thanks to Maria Fenn and her crew for all the hard work and organization it took to make our Semi Annual Clothing Pantry a big success this year. The Pantry was even more heavily attended this season as many of our less fortunate friends and neighbors took advantage of our parishioners' generous donations of wonderful, clean and needed clothing. Many compliments were given to our community for this service provided by Grace Church. Please continue to make your donations of clothing, footwear and other clothing accessories. They are truly appreciated!!

Also, continued thanks to Carol Thompson and Beverly Convery for their diligent work on the Food Pantry!

To our parish family: **keep the food and clothes coming!!**

## **HEART STRING TUGGERS**

Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them.  
Matthew 19:14

Recently, I was in the line at the checkout counter of a local supermarket. Directly in front of me were a mother and her tot, perhaps five years old. I watched as the mother quietly and expertly placed her items on the counter.

Everything was in order. The meat, fruit, groceries and dairy products were grouped so nicely, So intent was my attention until the mother smiled and said, "I do this to be sure I haven't forgotten anything."

The items passed quickly by the scanner, and the mother paid and received her change. Suddenly her five year old son extended his hand. There in his palm was one thin dime. For a moment, the clerk seemed puzzled. Then he leaned forward and said, "You want to help mommy pay for these things?" The lad nodded his head vigorously.

The clerk reached out and took the dime, rang up the cash register and dropped the dime into the tray. Then he removed two shiny nickels and pressed them into the youngster's hand.

The youngster's smile filled the supermarket and my heart.

*Submitted by Oscar H. Greene*

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE**

Your Vestry has held regular meetings to keep the parish informed on their work with the Diocese. Since the summer, the Vestry has met on a weekly basis to discuss our next moves. As reported at the October parish meeting, the Vestry is working with the Diocese to bring a 3/4 time Priest In Charge to serve at Grace Church. What this means it that we will not be going into search immediately, but we (Vestry and parish) will be spending a few years working on leadership development and stewardship goals. The Priest In Charge will mentor and encourage us in this process. We will need to hire a 3/4 time priest due to our financial limitations at this time, but with a successful Stewardship Campaign and a growth in pledging, eventually we hope to transition back to full time ministry. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact a member of the Vestry for information.

## **EVOLUTION OF JAZZ AND THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION**

All Saint's Sunday, November 4, 2007, will be a busy day at Grace Church. In addition to the Baptism of three children and a Festal Eucharist at the 10:00 am service, Father Faramelli will be preparing a special sermon for the day. Father Faramelli will be preaching on the 'Religious Aspects of Jazz', and there will be much support and participation from our choir. Father Faramelli wrote this sermon in 2003, and it explores the roots of both jazz and negro spirituals. He was prompted to explore this theme since he saw a connection between racial justice, the liberation of the slaves and the jazz music of the day. Please join your parish family for this unique worship service and for a congregation sing of 'When the Saint's Come Marching In.' To be followed by **MEDFORD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROGRAM 'TAKE BACK YOUR TIME'** at 1:00 pm.

## **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR ROMAN CATHOLICS: DAY OF EXPLORATION**

The Rev. Joseph Duggan, a former postulant for Jesuit and diocesan priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church and recently ordained Episcopal priest, will lead a day-long workshop for Roman Catholics who are exploring making a change to the Episcopal Church at [St. Anne's in-the-Fields](#), Lincoln (147 Concord Rd.).

The workshop, *Roman Catholics Drawn to the Episcopal Church - Exploring their Lifelong Faith Identities*, will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2007, from 9:00 am to 4 p.m. Cost of the workshop is \$70 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. To register (deadline, November 14th), send your name, address, phone and e-mail address with a check for the workshop fee (payable to St. Anne's in-the-Fields) to:

St. Anne's in-the-Fields  
PO Box 6  
Lincoln, MA 01173

For more information, call St. Anne's parish office at 781-259-8834, or go to the parish website, [www.stanneslincoln.org](http://www.stanneslincoln.org).

## **HELP NEEDED**

Grace needs your help!

There are odd jobs that need to be done around church. A few hours of your time would help a lot. A sign-up is posted, to the right of the Office door. Please have a look at the various chores and consider offering your time and talent.

Jim Pearson is organizing these efforts. Please see Jim or contact him at 781-391-0928 with any questions.

## **JUVENILE DIABETES WALK**

Thank you for all of your contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes. More than one hundred and ten people contributed to the walk this year. Hannah raised over five thousand dollars and Hannah's team, The Best Butterflies, raised just thirty dollars shy of six thousand dollars! We will be sending out more personal thank you notes in the near future.

Love, Hannah, Linda, and John

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORK TO BEGIN**

The 2008 Nominating Committee is now accepting names for the following positions at Grace Church:

Senior Warden (3 years)  
Vestry (2 years - 1 open position)  
Vestry (3 years - 3 open positions)  
Deanery (1 year - 4 open positions)  
Delegate to Convention (2 years - 1 open position)  
Alternate Delegate to Convention (1 year - 1 open position)  
Delegate to Medford Council of Churches ( 1 year - 3 open positions)  
Delegate to Episcopal City Mission (1 year - 1 open position)

Please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving. Nominating Committee members include: Dennis Hale, Genita Johnson, Ray Parady, David Lee, James Pearson Jr. and Margaret Smist.

## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, STONEHAM, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Friends in Christ,

Here is an opportunity and an invitation to join with one of our sister parishes in the Deanery as they celebrate a major milestone:

One hundred years ago All Saints' Church was founded as an Episcopal mission in Stoneham. This fall they are celebrating their centennial with a dinner on Saturday, November 3, and a festival Eucharist the following day, Sunday, November 4, 2007. Keynote speaker at the dinner and preacher at the Eucharist will be the Rev. Canon John L. Peterson, Director of the Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation and former Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. This promises to be an outstanding weekend. A flyer with more information is attached to this email. I hope you will consider attending one or both events.

Best,

Allen Hill, Co-convener, Mystic Valley Deanery

## **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

Well, we've had a new year start up and, as always, we would like to replenish our Acolyte core. This is a good way for our children to participate, in a very significant way, in our worship service. This is not a difficult job, no need to be frightened by it, and anyone would get a more meaningful appreciation for what goes on closer to the altar. We do have enough people already, so that your turn will only come up about once a month. Any young person age eight or older, who would like to participate, should call me, 781-396-5487, or let me know at Church. Once you've volunteered, we'll have training so that you will understand the job. I'm sure you'll enjoy the experience.

*Submitted by Wes Foote*

## **MISSING SOMETHING?**

Miscellaneous items are turning up around the building. These things are being gathered up and placed in the back corner of the Common Room. Some things look like they've been around for a long time...

You are welcome to check this area for anything that may belong to you. In November, these items will be sold at the Trash and Treasure table at the Fair. Anything that doesn't sell will then be donated to charity.

Last Notice!!! Fair warning! Thanks.

## **HIP HOP MASS**

A couple of our teens attended the Hip Hop Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 13, 2007. It was an eye opening experience for them. The Mass itself was performed rather than spoken by young hip hop musicians. If anyone would like a copy of the music, please let Matt Fenn or Ivy Smith know. The next Teen Group will be held on November 18, 2007. Mark your calendars that Teen Group will be on December 16, 2007 and we will be viewing the Nativity Story.

## **COFFEE TIME NOTICE**

Many, many thanks to all who have helped me over the past six years at coffee time following the 10:00 am Sunday services.

Starting in November, 2007 Nancy and Larry Rogers will be in charge.

I am sure that all our parishioners will continue to 'sign up' as hosts at hospitality hour and support Nancy and Larry as you have supported me.

Again, many thanks

*Beverly Convery*

## **NOTES FROM TED**

I recently had the privilege of hearing six Honduran children, ages 6-10, share their stories. All were orphans due to AIDS. Although several were HIV positive, most didn't know they were positive, or even what AIDS was, until a parent died. In sharing their stories, they told of being persecuted, beaten and spat upon. They shared stories of being passed from relative to relative until they were finally thrown out into the street. Some of the girls shared experiences of being abused and raped while living on the streets, and how they would sneak into bars late at night seeking the relative safety of a bathroom floor for a good night's sleep.

In the course of the presentations, we learned that these children are the tip of an iceberg. Honduras has the highest rate of infection in Central America, with 60% of all AIDS cases. The Director of the orphanage, Valerie Nelson, explained to us that within the next 5 to 7 years ~15% of the population in Honduras will be orphaned children, roughly a half million children, many of whom will be HIV positive, infected by their parents.

As we listened to the stories and learned about the growing AIDS epidemic in Honduras, most of us in the room struggled to fight back tears. Many of us exclaimed that "we didn't know," and that, "we had no idea the situation was this bad." And as we settled into our outrage and grief, and started to

live in to our feelings, we learned from Valerie that she fully understood that we didn't know. It was her sense that there was little reason why we should or could know. In fact, that was precisely the point of their presentation. It's difficult to know this kind of information. It's even more difficult for us to understand it and internalize it ... that is, until we've experienced it for ourselves.

Valerie's words to the room were direct and to the point, "come be with us." "Hold an orphaned baby, play games with a dying child, and demonstrate to all of the children that they are loved" ... "just come."

*Submitted by the Rev. Ted Gaiser*

## **CHRISTMAS WREATHS 2007**

Castle Mystic, with the few old time knights who are left, will again be decorating and selling Christmas Wreaths, as we have been doing for more than 50 years, with the proceeds going to this year's Fall Fair. Order blanks are included with this Newsletter, or can be obtained at Church. Pick up dates are November 29, 30 and December 1. Or see Wes Foote to make sure you don't miss in ordering.

**Grace Church  
K.O.K.A.  
Christmas Wreaths**



**\$ 12.00 Each**

**Pick up dates:**

**Nov 29 (7-9pm), Nov 30 (7-9pm), Dec 1 (9-12)**

**Proceeds to Fall Fair**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Wreaths:** \_\_\_\_\_

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH LEADERSHIP

## **Clergy & Staff:**

THE REV. Norman Faramelli, (Sept. & Oct.)  
THE REV. DR. TED J. GAISER, Deacon  
COREEN GAUVIN, Director, GraceWorks  
DONNA GARGIULO, Office Administrator  
RUTH ROPER, Director of Music

## **Officers:**

MARGARET SMIST, Senior Warden  
STEPHEN DUGGAN, Junior Warden  
NAIDA GAVRELIS, Treasurer  
JANE SCHERBAN, Parish Clerk

## **Vestry:**

MICHAEL FENN, WES FOOTE, JR., BRANWEN SMITH-KING, DAVID LEE, RAY PARDY,  
JIM PEARSON, JR., WARREN RAMIREZ & JEAN SPIERS

## **Ministries:**

Acolytes & Ushers: LINDA FOOTE, JILL CAPUCCIO

Altar Guild: CAROLYN ROGERS, DIRECTOR, RUBY GREENE, DIRECTOR EMERIT A

Annual Church Fair: LAURA & STEVE DUGGAN

Annual Pledging & Stewardship: JANE SCHERBAN

Bell Tower Restoration Committee: ALLISON ANDREWS, SARAH CLUGGISH, WES FOOTE, JR., JIM PEARSON, JR.  
& WARREN RAMIREZ

Children's Formation (Sunday School): STEVE DUGGAN & CATHERINE SMITH

Clothing Pantry: MARIA FENN

Communications: MARGARET SMIST

Deanery: JANE SCHERBAN

Delegate to Convention: SARAH CLUGGISH & MARIA FENN

Episcopal City Mission: MARIA FENN

Facilities Care: JIM PEARSON JR.

Executive Committee: STEVE DUGGAN, NAIDA GAVRELIS, MARGARET SMIST & JANE SHERBAN

Food Donation Ministry: BEVERLY CONVERY & CAROL THOMPSON

GraceWorks Oversight Committee: STEPHANIE BRADY, LAURA DUGGAN, MIKE FENN, LISA MCCARTHY, BRENDA  
PEARSON, BRANWEN SMITH-KING & JANE SCHERBAN

Hospitality: NANCY & LARRY ROGERS

Medford Council of Churches: HALLIE LEE

Newcomers: DAVID LEE

Newsletter: JUDITH WALSH, EDITOR, DONNA GARGIULO & VOLUNTEERS

Scholarship Committee: BRANWEN SMITH-KING

Tween/Teen Group: MARIA FENN

Web: JASON CLUGGISH

Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study: MARIA FENN & DEB SMITH

Women's Book Club: JULIA LISELLA

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

11/06 - Julia Lisella and Karen Williams  
11/07 – Audrey Tucker  
11/08 – Jude Walsh  
11/09 – Edward Smith  
11/11 – Mayland Fields  
11/12 – Heidi Bogner  
11/13 – Edwin White  
11/16 – Mary Saragosa  
11/17 – Una Davis  
11/23 – Charles Brawley and Mildred Spencer  
11/24 – Darlene Ford and Melanie Silva  
11/26 – Wesley Foote Jr.  
11/27 – Conor Daly, Arantxa King and Brenda Pearson  
10/28 – Allison Andrews

## Newsletter Editor

This month we have a new addition to our regular items. It is called HEART STRING TUGGERS. Please send any articles you think may be fitting to this new section. 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.

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.

Attention E-mail persons: I have received several notices of people having a problem with downloading a complete newsletter using email. The problem seems to be limited to very few people and may have something to do with the settings on their personal computer. If this is happening to you, please be advised that there will be printed hard copies available in the Church vestibule.

*Respectfully yours,*

*Judith A. Walsh*

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THE RT. REV. M. THOMAS SHAW, SSJE, Bishop  
THE RT. REV. ROY CEDERHOLM, Bishop Suffragan  
THE RT. REV. GAYLE E. HARRIS, Bishop Suffragan

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