



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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PARISH PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 9

Our annual fall picnic will be held on September 9 immediately following the 10 am Eucharist. The picnic will be held on the front lawn, and will be moved into the parish hall in the event of rain. Sunday school and Godly Play registration will also be held that day. More details to follow.

“A REMINDER”

Summer services will continue through Labor Day weekend. **There will be only one service held at 9 am.** There is no childcare during this service. 8 am and 10 am services will resume on Sunday, September 9.

FALL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

September 15 - Mary Cassatt Fundraiser with Tea beginning at 2 pm!

October 18 - In conjunction with the Medford Historical Society, Grace Church will host a speaker who will discuss Henry Hobson Richardson, architect of Grace Church. The event will be held on a Thursday evening and will include a Tea. More details to follow.

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

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

AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

Parish Picnic

SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

Silver Tea Fund Raiser

SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

JDFR Walk

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The Best Butterflies

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As most of you may already know our daughter, Hannah, has type I (insulin dependent) diabetes. We've learned so much in the twenty months since she was diagnosed. This June she started using insulin pump therapy. She is doing very well with the pump. These advances in diabetes management are so important and your donations make all of this possible. We are walking in the JDRF walk to cure diabetes on September 29, 2007. If you are interested in sponsoring us please make your check payable to JDRF and see us after church or contact us at 781-396-2930. Hannah also has a web page.

<http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=86712485>

There you can donate directly online to the JDRF through our team, The Best Butterflies. We can't thank you enough for all of the support you have given us. It means so much to our family. God Bless You.

COMING EVENTS IN THE FALL

A **Silver Tea Fund Raiser** for Grace Church is planned for Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Rumor has it that Mary Cassatt will make a surprise visit! A thirty minute reprise of Tea With Mary Cassatt by Laura Duggan will be performed. This will be an edited version of the complete show that was presented last February. Advance tickets will be \$8.00 and at the door tickets will be \$10.00. Volunteers and bakers are encouraged to call Laura and Steve Duggan, who are chairing this fund raising event, at 781-395-4397.

This year's **Church Fair** will be chaired by Laura and Steve Duggan. The date is Saturday, November 17, 2007. We are calling all "crafters" to start creating items to be sold at this fair. Also, we will be looking for former and new volunteers to help make this year's fair a success. By calling Laura or Steve at 781-395-4397, you can join in the fun and help the church!

The **Lobster Lunch** will be held on Friday, November, 2nd. This event will be headed by Jean Spiers. Jean is looking for people to help on this annual event.

Submitted by Laura Duggan

RESOURCE DAY FOR CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HELD BY DIOCESE

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, is a day of workshops for lay and ordained leaders to help them grow vital and viable congregations that are mission ready. The program covers topics such as formation for all-age discipleship, stewardship, evangelism and church growth, communications, parish business systems and environmental concerns.

Resource Day takes place at Bentley College in Waltham, and costs \$20 per person (\$25 after Sept. 8). If anyone is interested in attending as a representative of Grace Church, the fee will be reimbursed by the church.

For more information, please contact Helen Netos at hnetos@diomass.org or call 617-482-4826 ext. 1402. Advance registration is required by Sept. 18 and is available on the diocesan website (www.diomass.org)

PARISHIONER NEWS NOTES

As we enter September and see the end of summer drawing near, it signals the time to plan Christian Education for our children and youth. September will be here so quickly; we've got to be ready to "hit the ground running"!

The Sunday School teaching staff and the Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study staff, along with Maria Fenn, leader of the Teen/Tween Group, are already deep in our plans for the fall teaching sessions. **Registration for both programs will be held on September 9, the day of our church picnic, after the 10am service. Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study will begin on September 12, and Sunday School will begin on September 16. If you can't make those dates, just email:**

Catherine Smith at Smith.catherine@epamail.epa.gov (for Sunday School) or Deb Smith at Deborah.smith4@comcast.net for Wednesday Nights, and Maria Fenn at fennways@verizon.net, or find one of us on Sunday mornings.

During the month of August we are going to be working hard on preparing a new room for our classes! Coreen Gauvin, Director of GraceWorks, has very graciously agreed to share one of the GraceWorks rooms (for which she pays rent) with our Christian Ed programs. We will be using the room across from Coreen's office, known as "the den" or "the Knights of King Arthur room" as our Sunday School and Wednesday Night room. Working with Coreen we will freshen up the paint, move in some new shelving, and set up all the lesson materials and books for the Christian Ed classes. We will use the room on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This move will clear out all of our lessons and shelving from the Common Room, and help to tie our two programs together.

Catherine Smith is going to be using the lectionary-based "Living the Good News" for the Sunday School curriculum. This curriculum helps our children to understand the readings they have just heard in the Sunday service. Catherine also uses some of the Godly Play storytelling techniques to convey Biblical stories and lessons to the children. The Sunday School curriculum includes many "Christianity-in-action" events, such as making valentines for elderly. Children of all ages are welcome in the Sunday School classes.

Maria Fenn will be focusing on the Prophets for her fall season Bible Study lessons. Maria's class is for children entering grade 2, and older. She will be teaching about Jonah, Ezekiel, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and some of the female prophets, such as Esther and Miriam.

Deb Smith will be also be teaching two lessons on the prophets to the younger children (preschool through grade 1) - "The Prophets" and "Jonah the Backward Prophet". Her class will be covering some of the people of God in more depth. Lessons on Joseph, Moses, Ruth and Samuel will be presented.

And let's not forget the Teen/Tween Group!...Maria Fenn will continue to hold monthly meetings of this most important new ministry for our older children. The Teen/Tween group will continue to view short videos, discuss them, and build bonds with one another, strengthening the community of Grace Church's young adults. The Teen/Tween group meets one Sunday evening each month, and also engages in Christianity-in-action projects, such as the Clothing Pantry.

Teaching the children of Grace Church and their friends is a privilege and a challenge. Why it is a privilege is simple – we have wonderful, enthusiastic, joyful kids in our community. Why a challenge? Partly because teaching Christian beliefs means re-connecting with them in a very new way...seeing them through the eyes of our children, struggling to answer their amazing questions, and listening with new ears to our own words as we teach the stories we think we know so well.

Are you feeling like you could use some renewal in your own worship? Please seriously consider becoming one of our teachers, for Sunday School or for the Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study. Our children need you, and so do our teachers! Educating our children in their Christian faith is so important a task, and it is a task that is a privilege. How children see and feel a faith is often through the adults who surround them at home and at church. Consider being one of the teachers who tries to bring faith alive for them! It won't necessarily be easy, but it definitely won't be boring!

Submitted by Deborah Smith

GRACE CHURCH ARTISTS AT WORK

Julia Lisella will be giving a reading and talk about her new book of poems, *Terrain*, on Thursday, September 6 at 13 Forest Gallery at 13 Forest Street in Medford. She will be speaking along with **Adele Travisano**, who painted the cover for *Terrain*. The event begins at 7 with refreshments and a chance to take a look at all the gorgeous findings at 13 Forest Gallery--the reading and artist talk begins at 7:30; both Julia and Adele should be available after the reading until 9 pm for sales, signings, and more refreshments. This is an event open to the public so feel free to invite friends!

For more info about 13 Forest or the event, see:
<http://www.pigmentiagallery.com/>

SAVE THE DATE

H.H. Richardson Lecture on October 18th

Did you know that Grace Church is the oldest standing building designed by the renowned architect Henry Hobson Richardson (best known for Trinity Church in Copley Square)?

On Thursday, October 18th we will have the opportunity to learn more about the man behind our national historic landmark with a lecture co-sponsored by Grace Church's Bell Tower Restoration Committee, the Medford Historical Society, and the Friends of the Medford Public Library.

Allan S. Galper, our evening's lecturer, is chair of the Committee to Save the H.H. Richardson House in Brookline. He has lectured on Richardson numerous times in the Boston area - both at Boston University as well as for architecture/historic preservation organizations. He has also lectured on Richardson's Brookline home and studio for the Brookline Historical Society at the Brookline Public Library and on the collaboration between Richardson and Frederick Law Olmsted for the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

The lecture will begin at 7:30pm and the evening will include refreshments. Donations to support the Church's bell tower restoration will be accepted at the door. Please join us!

Submitted by:

Sarah Cluggish - scluggish@hotmail.com or 781-874-2113

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ENERGY SMACKDOWN COMES TO GRACE

Over the summer, Sarah, Jason and Sam Cluggish have been competing in TV3 Medford's own reality television show – Energy Smack down.

The Cluggi's are competing against two other Medford families to see who can reduce their energy consumption – or carbon footprint the most. Oil/gas usage, electricity usage, car mileage and trash are being measured weekly through mid-September.

The television show won't air until later this fall – but to see a video preview, check out www.myspace.com/energysmackdown.

Want to get involved? The Cluggi's latest challenge is to involve as many friends, families and organizations to participate. The changes must be measurable and sustainable for 1 year. Making a difference for the environment is easier than you think.

- Commit to recycling as much of your weekly trash as possible.
- Turn your thermostat down a few degrees and your air conditioners up a few.
- Walk or bike when you can and leave the car at home. It's not only good for the environment, but good for your health too!
- Change your light bulbs to compact fluorescents (CFLs) and use only a ¼ of the electricity you currently are paying for.
- Sign up for a free Massachusetts Energy Assessment with National Grid. Call 1-800-632-8300.

Contact Sarah or Jason at scluggish@hotmail.com or 781-874-2113 if you're interested in participating.

Without any noticeable sacrifice, the Cluggi's have been able to reduce their electric bill by 25%. But the final results are still unknown! Check back in October to see how they did.

Submitted by Sarah Cluggish

GRACE CHURCH PARISH LEADERSHIP

Clergy & Staff:

THE REV. Norman Faramelli, (Sept. & Oct.)
THE REV. DR. TED J. GAISER, Deacon
ANA AGUAYO, Sexton
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 AND 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: ANNE DEVENNEY, LAURA DUGGAN, MIKE FENN, BRANWEN SMITH-KING & JANE SCHERBAN

Hospitality: BEVERLY CONVERY

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

<i>Shirley Kountze</i>	<i>09/02</i>	<i>Ashley Zafiris</i>	<i>9/14</i>
<i>Ryan Pearson</i>	<i>09/02</i>	<i>Andrew Duggan</i>	<i>9/17</i>
<i>John Zafiris III</i>	<i>09/02</i>	<i>Nancy Eggar (Daly)</i>	<i>9/22</i>
<i>Solomon Nwachukwu Sr.</i>	<i>09/02</i>	<i>Jordan Williams</i>	<i>9/22</i>
<i>Charrese Murray</i>	<i>09/02</i>	<i>Wesley Foote, Sr.</i>	<i>9/24</i>
<i>Nicholas Gavrelis</i>	<i>09/04</i>	<i>Frank Gargiulo, II</i>	<i>9/24</i>
<i>Michael Fenn</i>	<i>09/04</i>	<i>Carl Kleifgen</i>	<i>9/24</i>
<i>Nancy Sullivan</i>	<i>09/04</i>	<i>James Klasen</i>	<i>9/25</i>
<i>Kristen Sweeney</i>	<i>09/06</i>	<i>Tina Reidel</i>	<i>9/25</i>
<i>Carolyn Gagnon</i>	<i>09/10</i>	<i>Edith Auner</i>	<i>9/26</i>
<i>Renata Kleifgen</i>	<i>09/11</i>	<i>Andrew Zafiris</i>	<i>9/26</i>
<i>Elise Daly</i>	<i>09/13</i>	<i>Peter Bozovic</i>	<i>9/27</i>
<i>Thomas Beckett</i>	<i>09/13</i>	<i>Louise Fortino</i>	<i>9/28</i>
<i>Constance Foote</i>	<i>09/14</i>	<i>Alleyne Booker</i>	<i>9/30</i>

Newsletter Editor

Please send any articles you think may be of interest to your fellow parishioners. Articles may be birth announcements, prayer requests, cute stories, recipes, etc. They will be used as fillers when I have a short month.

I hope with your help to be able to make our newsletter interesting and informative for all. My email address is 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: If you do not receive the newsletter by email, please contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Judith A. Walsh

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