



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Diocese of MA cordially invites you to attend a:

SMALL CHURCH SUMMIT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 9:30 – 12:30
at St. Mark's Church in Burlington

We want to hear of the joys and challenges you experience – how God has blessed you and called you to mission.

We want to nurture “communities of practice” where prayer and holy relationships help congregations grow in vitality and viability.

We want to explore new paradigms for lay and ordained leadership and relationships among congregations.

We want to be surprised by God's grace whenever God's church gathers in Jesus' name for the sake of the Gospel.

If you are interested in attending the summit, please contact Margaret Smist by January 15, 2008.

MATT FENN'S MISSION TRIP

Matt will be selling goodies at the coffee hour on Sunday, February 10 to raise money for his mission trip. Please stop by after service to purchase something delicious and home-made for your Sunday dinner.

Also, there will be a Teen Group meeting that night at 6:30 pm.

Also, there will be another Movie Night on Feb 20th (the Wednesday of vacation week) showing the movie Narnia. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Church Hall. Thanks.

Submitted by Maria Fenn

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 6th. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and begins a 40 day period of reflection and self-examination in preparation for Easter.

A 7:15 p, Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held with Father Norm Faramelli and Deacon Ted Gaiser officiating.

AT A GLANCE

February 6
Ash Wednesday Service

February 9
Small Church Summit

February 10
Teen Group

February 20
Movie Night

ANOTHER SPECIAL DAY AT GRACE

Epiphany at Grace Church was an exciting day! Our 10 am service was a Pageant with Morning Prayer. Many thanks to Laura Duggan, Ruth Roper and Deacon Ted for their hard work organizing the pageant, the music and the service for the day.

Many thanks also to the Pearson Clan for their organization and preparation of the Epiphany brunch. Delicious food and great fellowship were shared by 90+ parishioners in the Parish Hall. Proceeds from the brunch, which totaled over \$600, will be used exclusively for Outreach.

INTERESTED IN WORSHIP?

Sundays at Grace Church are special days and help us all to get our week off to a good start. 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. If you are interested in either area, please let Margaret Smist know.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Maurice Lee and I will be conducting a Bible Study on Wednesday nights during Lent.

More information will follow in the Sunday bulletin as Lent approaches. Please drop by and join in the discussion of the good book with some good friends.

Submitted by John Rogers

A LETTER FROM GRACEWORKS

We would like to share some information with the parishioners of Grace Church. As we begin another new year, GraceWorks is operating at over 80% enrollment in both the preschool and after school programs. These numbers are in part due to working with other community programs. We now accept children from the Medford Community Partnership and the Child Care Resource Center. These programs assist families in paying for child care and allow GraceWorks access to staff enrichment programs including workshops, training and in some cases reimbursement for college classes. Having this additional support helps us with the required staff development set forth by the State of Massachusetts.

Along with strong enrollments GraceWorks continues to enrich the physical environments of our space. We have recently done some painting with the help of a parent who is a professional contractor and anticipate more painting shortly.

This year we are looking to replace the carpet in the hallways with either tile or an inlaid floor. We will begin taking bids for this work by the end of January. Anyone who does this type of work and is a member of Grace Church is welcome to bid on this job. Please contact Ms. Coreen Gauvin at 781 306-0060.

Overall GraceWorks is doing well and we look forward to another year working with Grace Church.

Submitted by Coreen Gauvin, Director of GraceWorks

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY

Hello Families!

The Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study will start up its winter season on Wed. January 23. Maria and I will post our class schedules outside the Common Room. We have a family signed up for January 23rd's dinner.

The 5:30 class has had a problem with latecomers. Having children arrive 10, 15, even 30 minutes late interrupts the storyteller and lessens the impact of the lessons. Maria and I have decided to address the problem in the following way:

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

Dinner will be from 6:40 - 7:10pm.

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

Once the younger group has started its class, latecomers will not be admitted. Parents - the kids seem to really like attending the classes. Please get them there on time. We aren't looking forward to disappointing any child.

We'll see you on the 23rd!

Submitted by Deborah Smith

REMEMBERING

BERNICE EUGENA SAMSON RICE - 1906-2007



If you were to ask her family about what were the most important things in Bernice Rice's life you would probably hear *her Church, her family, and her love for travel*—not necessarily always in that order!

Bernice was born June 29, 1906, one of five children born to Frederick and Annie Pratt Samson. She grew up in Medford, graduating from Medford High School with the class of 1924. She was Baptized at Trinity Church, Boston.

While Bernice worked in her teens as a waitress at the "Select Ice Cream Parlor" at the corner of Hadley Place, Kenneth Rice of Everett found her there and began courting her; they were married in 1927. In 1977 the Rices celebrated 50 years of marriage at Grace Church, surrounded by family and friends. During their marriage, "sing-alongs" with Bernice at the piano were regular Sunday evening rituals in their home.

Bernice loved to cook and was a member of the "Catering Group"—a group of women who cooked and hosted events at Grace over many years. Her famous "scrambled eggs" were the centerpiece for many breakfasts at Grace, and knitting for the Seamen's Club was one of her special projects. She was a member of the Diocesan Periodical Club, and at Grace led many mission projects, including making scrap books out of old calendars and used greeting cards and collecting Campbell soup labels to be used to purchase needed items.

The "Night Owls" were an active group of younger adults (single and married) at Grace Church for many years and Bernice and Ken were their advisors. They were also members of a "Couples Club" which formed during the 70's at Grace. This group put on most of the social events in the Parish including the Fair, many Church suppers during the year and other social activities on Saturday evenings. Bernice took a very active role in St. Anne's Guild. Ken served on Vestry and both Bernice and Ken served Grace actively and in many ways over the years.

Their love of travel took Bernice and Ken to many places. Greece, Portugal, Spain, England, Venezuela, the Wisconsin Dells, Canadian Rockies, Hawaii, and Georgia are only a few of the many places to which they traveled and shared adventures.

With a love for entertaining in mind, in 1964 they purchased a cottage in Gloucester where many members of our parish enjoyed parties and good times hosted by the Rices. Ken died in 1980.

Five generations, starting with Ma and Fred Samson and continuing with the Rice family, have worshipped at Grace, including sons, Kenneth, Richard, and Robert (all now deceased), and daughter, Linda Foote. Several of Bernice's 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren are currently members of the Grace Church family.

Bernice was secretary at the Medford Public Schools Superintendent's Office for over 30 years, a member of the Medford Historical Society and a member of Eastern Star Fraternity.

A 100th Birthday Party for Bernice was held at Linda and Wesley Foote's home in June 2006 where Bernice and her life were celebrated by family, friends, and local officials. Bernice died at Lawrence Memorial Hospital on May 15, 2007--almost 101 years old. Her funeral service was celebrated by Fr. Tom Cook at Grace Church and burial was at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

Bernice's life was active and rich. She is missed by family and friends.

May light perpetual shine upon her.

Submitted by June Pietrantonio and Linda Foote

WARM HANDS WARM HEART MINISTRY

As winter descends upon us and chills invade our heated homes, it is important for us to remember those who are less fortunate. The Bread of Life is an organization that helps those of us that are in need. This year there is a great need for new men's large and extra large, winter gloves, hats and long underwear. If you can help, please place your new items in the plastic box labeled "Bread of Life" under the table in the vestibule between the Parish Hall and the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rogers at 781-396-2930. For more information on The Bread of Life, see their website at www.thebreadoflifeonline.org

Submitted by Linda Rogers

NOTES FROM TED

In 1997, the General convention of the Episcopal Church designated the last Sunday in Epiphany as World Mission Sunday to increase awareness of, and participation in, the wider global mission of the Church. One of the purposes for its creation is for churches to have an opportunity to learn about companion diocese relationships, parish-to-parish links, mission networks and societies, Episcopal missionaries past and present, and ways to get involved with mission efforts throughout the world. We are encouraged to use the opportunity to focus on the many ways God's mission is carried out around the world, through prayer, relationship, time, labor, and money.

"Extending God's Grace to Everyone, Everywhere" will be the theme of World Mission Sunday 2008, to be observed this year on February 3. Based on 2 Corinthians 4:15, "Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God," World Mission Sunday's theme underscores the variety of opportunities for nurturing relationships in Christ throughout the world and is a call for Episcopalians to live out the Baptismal Covenant by proclaiming the Good News, seeking and serving Christ in all persons, and striving for justice and peace among all people

As the Director of Anglican and Global Relations notes, "thousands of Episcopalians have experienced the grace that comes from participating in our church's international mission endeavors. The joy of being part of God's mission in the world -- of knowing that we can make a difference while serving alongside our partners -- is one of the great blessings available to us." Individually, in teams, as congregations, as dioceses, as missionaries and as mission supporters, Episcopalians are reaching out to everyone, everywhere, with commitment, energy, and Christian love. God's mission transforms the world and the church ... and transforms us, reminding us that we are all one in Christ.

The ways in which our Diocese has engaged in world mission include formalizing and supporting the work of the Jubilee Committee in addressing AIDS in Africa with a commitment of time, talent and treasure, and 0.7% of its annual budget, the formation of a committee to develop relationships with Palestine, and the support of a mission strategy goal for every church in the Diocese to have a partnership with a church or organization outside of the U.S. You may recognize that goal, as it's the one I support.

I hope you'll plan to join me on **World Mission Sunday, Feb. 3**, in reflecting on God's mission in the world.

Ted J. Gaiser

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

Medford Arts Center, Incorporated (MACI) will be holding the 11th 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.

YOUR PICTURES OF EVENTS AT GRACE

If you have photos of an event at Grace, please do continue to share them on the bulletin board, left of the office door.

If you would rather leave photos with me, I will hang them for display and then store them in the archives. Prints and/or digital images are ok.

Everyone enjoys seeing these pictures. Thanks for sharing!

Allison Andrews

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BOOK CLUB

The next book we'll be reading is *Lying Awake* by Marc Salzman. It's a fabulous little novel, contemplative, thought-provoking and very slim!

We're meeting on February 7, 2008 at the home of Ann Frenning Kossuth.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Elizabeth Branson	02/01
John Zafiris Sr.	02/07
Dorothy Battista	02/08
Warren Ramirez	02/09
Anita Stinson	02/09
Joshua Davis	02/10
Barbara Povey	02/11
Genita Johnson	02/11
Alec Perrotti	02/13
Nathaniel Stinson	02/14
Barbara Hathaway	02/19
Ruby Greene	02/20
Jean Spiers	02/21
Dennis Hale	02/24
John Zafiris Jr.	02/24
Cynthia Nwachukwu	02/27

Newsletter Editor

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; 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

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

Vestry:

MICHAEL FENN, WES FOOTE, JR., BRANWEN SMITH-KING, DAVID LEE, RAY PARDY,

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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

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

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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

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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

Grace Church is a congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

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THE RT. REV. ROY CEDERHOLM, Bishop Suffragan
THE RT. REV. GAYLE E. HARRIS, Bishop Suffragan

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