



# 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.



## EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Due to severe weather in December, our traditional Christmas Brunch has become an Epiphany Brunch to be held on Sunday, January 6, 2008 following the Eucharist (and Christmas Pageant). What better way to celebrate the new year!!! The menu will include omelets, french toast, ham and other goodies. The brunch has been donated by a generous parishioner, and all funds raised from a free will offering will be donated to our Giving Tree project and a mission trip to Central America for Matthew Fenn.

## AT A GLANCE

**January 6  
Christmas Pageant**

**January 6  
Epiphany Brunch**

**January 13  
Vestry Meeting**

**January 27  
Annual Meeting**

**February 9  
Small Church Summit**

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION AND VESTRY UPDATE**

As previously reported, Grace Church is seeking a 3/4 time Priest in Charge to serve our parish. This process is still 'in the works', and your Vestry continues to dialogue with the diocese and consider various options. A short meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13 following both the 8 and 10 am Eucharist's for those who have any questions or concerns.

At this time, the Vestry is working on budget planning for 2008. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. This is essential to help the Vestry plan for our future which includes new pastoral leadership. At the same time, the Vestry continues to feel blessed to have so many lay ministers working every week with worship, youth and children's activities, fundraising, outreach and administration. The Vestry of Grace Church wishes you all a very Happy 2008,

## **ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

The Annual Meeting of Grace Church will be held in late January - please mark your calendars and plan to attend. At the meeting, Vestry, Officers and other representatives will be elected to serve Grace Church. We will also be approving the budget for the 2008 year. This is the time to come forth with questions, concerns and observations. The meeting will begin immediately following the 10 am Eucharist in the parish hall, and child care will be provided. Lunch will be served and more detail will follow.

NOTE: If you currently chair a ministry at Grace Church, reports are due to the church office by Sunday, January 20th

Open positions for the 2008 year are as follows:

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 Pardy, David Lee, James Pearson Jr. and Margaret Smist.

## THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to all those who helped make our Advent and Christmas celebrations special. Maurice Lee led two weeks of adult education on the Christmas Story and our music director, Ruth Roper, led us in a period of reflection and meditation the week before Christmas. We also thank Deacon Ted and Father Faramelli for their time with us on Christmas Eve. And let us also not forget those who make our services during Advent and Christmas so meaningful especially our Altar Guild, LEM's, Ushers and Acolytes. We have so much to be thankful for at Grace this holiday season.

## FAIRE A GREAT SUCCESS

Our November Fair was a great success thanks to the hard work of many parishioners. Special thanks go to Laura and Steve Duggan for their co-chairing of the event, Jean Spiers for her chairing of the Lobster Lunch and for all those who worked tirelessly on individual tables. Between the two events, we grossed \$6,800, which was \$300 more than budgeted amount. TERRIFIC JOB!!



## 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](http://www.thebreadoflifeonline.org)

*Submitted by Linda Rogers*

## HEART STRING TUGGERS

Stir up the gift of God, which is in three...II Timothy 1:6

What can one person do? Perhaps the following story might answer your questions as it did for me:

One hundred years ago, on sun-baked land near Topeka, Kansas, stood a toppled farmhouse. Nearby in tangles weeds a weather-beaten water pump. From the pump handle hung a bucket filled with water. Down deep beneath the pump was water, cold and refreshing.

To wagons trains heading west, this well was an oasis to thousands and their weary animals.

Those drinking noticed a crude sign saying in effect, "Friends, don't drink the water in the bucket. If you do, others will go thirsty. Prime the pump, and use all the water you need, and fill the bucket so others can drink".

For thirty years wagon trains creaked to this well. Thousands drank, but it was one person who filled the bucket and hung it on the pump. One person made that difference!

Helping others isn't limited to long ago. Today, we can accept kindness and we can pass it on. We can pump meaning into another's life through interest and by listening. We can rekindle their hopes and rebuild trust with our acts. We can restore their spiritual goals with our example. Each of us can make a difference. How many buckets have you filled today?

*Submitted by Oscar H. Greene*

## CONSERVATION UNDERWAY AT GRACE

With the high cost of heating fuel, gas and electricity this coming winter, our Grace Church family will need to make a 'team' effort to conserve oil, gas and electricity. Some tips for us all this winter:

Please be sure heat is lowered to 60 degrees in all rooms, which you vacate. NOTE: The church is on a timer and the thermostat does not need to be touched on Sunday morning!

Please make every effort to maintain heat at no higher than 68 degrees in the Parish Hall, common's room and basement rooms.

Please keep windows and doors closed whenever possible.

Please turn off lights in rooms which you are vacating.

If you are the last person to leave the building, conduct a walk-through to insure that the heat is down and the electricity if off.

If you enter the building in the morning and lights or heat have been left on, please notify the church office so we can address the situation.

THANK YOU for your cooperation!

*Submitted by Margaret Smist*

## 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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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Nathan Grondin	01/01
Branwen Smith-King	01/05
Inez Hazel	01/08
Julie Quick	01/09
Janice DeBlosi	01/13
Jean Swan	01/15
Hallie Lee	01/17
Stephanie Duato	01/25
Molly Fenn	01/26
Brad Clompus	01/30
Anna Perrotti	01/31

## IN MEMORIAM

### ELEANOR WILES

February 4, 1915 –October 18, 2007



Eleanor Wiles was a life-long member of Grace Church. Always a very quiet and loyal presence, Eleanor faithfully attended Sunday 10 o'clock worship services with us, up until April 2007, in spite of her increasingly debilitating illness (cancer). As she wished, on August 19, friends brought her to Grace for Fr. Tom Cook's final day with us. She died on October 18 at the age of 92 and was buried from her beloved Grace Church on October 20, 2007 with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery. Fr. Norman Faramelli and Deacon Ted Gaiser officiated at her funeral.

Eleanor was a quiet, scholarly, independent lady, and those of us who knew her loved her wonderful sense of humor. Even in retirement she loved traveling to Boston for luncheons and shopping, as well as to Harvard Square on the "T". Over the years, during the summer, she would often be seen gardening and trimming bushes at her family home. She called it "her exercise". Several years ago she moved to the Regency, next door to the Church, and loved her apartment, new friends, and being able to walk to Church.

An only child, Eleanor grew up in Medford, and attended Medford public schools. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Radcliffe College with both BA and MA degrees in history and literature. She was an active member of the Athenaeum in Boston.

Eleanor pursued a career in writing, but for many years worked as an editor for Houghton Mifflin Book Publishing Co. eventually becoming the senior editor for the College Text Book Division.

At her funeral, friends and caregivers gave testimony and paid tribute to Eleanor and her life. We miss her presence with us.

*Submitted by Ruth Hall and June Pietrantonio*

## 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

## 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](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

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

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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