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FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

September always fills me with excitement. Even though it has been years since I have been in school, it represents the excitement of new teachers, new classes and new possibilities. Activity picks up at church; Boston's streets are filled with students moving in, a New Year beginning. I am excited that this is my first fall with you all at Grace Church, a new beginning for me, along with being a new beginning for all of the many new people who have come to Grace in the past year.

On September 7th we return to our regular schedule with services at 8 & 10:00 AM. Our Choir will be back leading us in music, and we will have a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones during a parish picnic on the front lawn following the 10:00 service. You will also be able to register your children for Sunday School and Wednesday Evening Godly Play.

On September 14th there will be the Grace Church Open House and Ministry Fair. This is a special Sunday for us all to invite our friends, neighbors and family who might be searching for a community of faith to come and learn more about Grace Church. The Ministry Fair will give us all, newcomers and long time members alike, a chance to learn about the many ministries and programs of Grace Church along with how we can get involved. I encourage you to see if there are new ways in which God is calling you to deepen your life in Grace Church – maybe helping to weed our gardens, joining a book group, singing with the choir, teaching our children, reaching out to those in need or helping to provide hospitality to our community. Sunday School also begins on the 14th.

On Wednesday, September 17th our Wednesday Night dinners will resume at 6:00 PM with Godly Play, Confirmation Class and Adult Education all beginning at 6:45. There will be something for everyone on Wednesday Nights, so bring the whole family! I will be teaching a course entitled *Connect?*, a six-week exploration of what it means to connect to a Eucharistic community.

On September 21, parishioner Matt Fenn, now a student at U Mass Dartmouth, will be our preacher. He will reflect on the mission trip he took to Ecuador this summer with Deacon Ted. After Coffee Hour, Ted and Matt will give a slide presentation about their trip.

October 5th will be Deacon Ted Geiser's last Sunday with us at Grace Church. Deacons in our Diocese move parishes every three years, so it is Ted's time to move on. Ted writes more about his move on the next page. We will have a chance to celebrate all that Ted has done and meant to Grace Church over the last three years he has been with the parish – his prophetic voice in preaching, his presence during the months of transition and his love and care for Grace Church. He will be missed.

As I look at the pages of this newsletter, I know that we are blessed to have such a vibrant, growing and faithful community. A community where we all can come and know that we are loved by God and be shaped and formed by that love to serve the community and the world.

Peace,
The Reverend Noah H. Evans
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SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

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Please see inside for detailed information regarding listed events

A letter from Deacon Ted

As many of you know, I have an unusual diaconal placement. Most deacons are placed in a parish with regular duties related to worship, preaching, teaching, and pastoral care ... in short, they serve by participating in the daily life of their respective parish. While I have shared in some of those typical responsibilities at Grace Church over the past three years, my primary placement responsibilities, which are diocesan, have engaged me in worship and mission travel outside of regular church life.

I came to Grace Church, at Tom Cook's invitation, in search of a spiritual home ... a place where I could find community and spiritual companionship. During our time together, you've become an important part of my spiritual life. You've also been very supportive of my diocesan endeavors, encouraging me and supporting mission work through your intentionality regarding mission activities, prayers, attention to mission-related issues, and financial generosity. In addition, our shared worship life has included Holy Eucharist, Morning Prayer, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. I've been honored by the opportunities you've given me, and have enjoyed working with you in all of these aspects of community life.

You've been good about allowing me the freedom to fulfill my diocesan obligations with many Sundays on the road at other churches around the diocese. You've also indulged my domestic and international travel schedule for both secular and non-secular obligations. Every time, you've welcomed me back with open arms. When I returned from El Salvador we had a great conversation after church facilitated by a presentation about the mission trip. You engaged with me after my trip to Honduras, providing clothing to Honduran children at El Hogar as part of your Christmas offering. We talked about life and challenges in East Africa after my mission trip to Tanzania. Most recently, you supported me and Matt Fenn in our mission work in Ecuador. I hope you know how much I've appreciated your support and our shared journey in God's mission in the world.

And now, as I'm sure you've surmised by the tone of my note, my message is one of transition. You may recall my saying in the Annual Meeting that my time with you would soon draw to a close. Standard deacon agreements are for a three year term, and I will have been at Grace Church for three years in October. This means that my time at Grace is coming to an end ... on Sunday, October 5, to be precise.

I will continue to engage the diocese in global mission efforts. My current "dance card" is already filling for speaking, preaching, and teaching engagements throughout this academic year. In addition, I'm currently working on a couple of micro-enterprise projects for diocese in Central & South America, I'll be assisting Bishop Harris with a presentation on potential diocesan projects in the Holy Land for our diocesan convention, and am scheduled to attend a diocesan mission program in Haiti in November. I'm also working with a local professional to develop a post-traumatic stress clergy training program for the clergy in El Salvador and may be leading a mission trip to Israel/Palestine next summer.

In terms of my spiritual home, I've accepted an invitation to serve at Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington. As with my time at Grace, I'll be scheduled to preach periodically and when I'm not on the road will regularly participate in the worship life of the parish. Our Redeemer has a strong mission focus and has been active in Honduras over the past several years. One of their interests in inviting me to share in their ministry is the hope that I will help them develop an expanded global mission agenda. I'm looking forward to this opportunity.

It's never easy to say goodbye. Fortunately, though, our burden is mitigated by the fact that given my role in the diocese I will most certainly cross paths with many of you, many times, in the coming months and years. When we do, I hope you'll be sure to say hello. In the meantime, I will remain

Yours in Christ,

Ted

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Ted J. Gaiser

Sunday School Registration & Parish Picnic Sunday, September 7 -- Sunday School and Godly Play Registration with Parish Picnic. *Sign up sheets for the picnic are on the bulletin board.*

NEEDS:

- At least two, preferably four, new teachers to join in teaching Sunday school for either class.
- Classroom Assistants to help with the class and serve as the second adult in the classroom

Fall 2008 Children and Youth Program Schedule and needs

After meeting with parents and hearing a lot of feedback, it has been decided to make some change to our Sunday School and Godly Play schedules starting in the Fall. In addition, in order to comply with Diocesan Safe Church standards we need to have at least two adults in every classroom. If you have questions or comments, or are ready to learn more about teaching and leading our children and youth, please contact any member of the ad hoc children and youth committee (Noah Evans, Maria Fenn, John Rogers, Catherine Smith, Deb Smith and Ivy Smith)

Youth Education-Teachers, Assistants & Activity Coordinators Needed.....

Preschool – 4th grade Sunday School class during the 10:00 o'clock service until the Peace when they come back to church. 5th-7th grade Sunday School class who will be in church and leave after receiving communion for their class. Each class must have a teacher and an assistant, the assistant helps with the class. If you feel you can't teach, you can volunteer to coordinate a preplanned activity often w/ the older children assisting, e.g. making valentine cards for Grace Church seniors and shut ins. If interested please speak to Catherine Smith or Fr. Noah.

Wednesday Godly Play resumes September 17

Wednesday Night Godly Play dinner will be moved to 6:00-6:45, and then Godly Play Class I (preschool-3rd grade) & Class II (4th-7th grade) will meet from 6:45-7:45. There will also be occasional adult education at 6:45 on Wednesdays throughout the year.

NEEDS:

- At least two new trained Godly Play teachers. (There is a two-day training offered in September; if two people agree to go, Noah will also join them for the training.)
- Several adults to regularly serve as classroom "greeters" to assist with classes

Ministry Fair Sunday September 14

After the 10 am Eucharist service, Grace Church will host our annual Ministry Fair. This is the opportunity to learn about the many ministries in our church and sign up to actively participate. We look forward to seeing you on that day.

Open House and Invitation Sunday September 14

To coincide with the Grace Church Ministry Fair on September 14, the Newcomers Committee will sponsor an Invitation Sunday and Open House. Packets of 5 invitation postcards will be available on Sunday, August 31 and Sunday, September 7. Please take one and send up to five invitations to friends or people you know who might like to learn more about Grace Church. During the Open House on Sunday, Sept.14, the Newcomers Committee will sponsor Church Tours at 11:15, 11:30, 11:45, 12:00, and 12:15. These tours will last 15 minutes. Information on Grace Church will also be available. Please contact David Lee at 617-627-5632 with any questions.

Confirmation Class

Beginning in September, youth in grade eight and up will begin to prepare for Confirmation in May 2009. The Confirmation classes will be on Wednesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 22 & 29 at 6:45PM. We will then meet again for several weeks in January, and again for a service project in the spring. There is also a required Diocesan Confirmation retreat with Bishop Shaw at the Diocesan Camp and Conference Center March 20-21. Grace Church will also be hosting the Mystic Valley Deanery Confirmation service on May 30, 2009 (mark your calendars!). For more information, please speak to Noah Evans.

CONNECT? COURSE on Wednesday nights

Come and join us for *Connect?*, a six-week exploration of what it can mean to connect to a Eucharistic community. Participants listen to presentations and build relationships in small discussion groups that provide support, encouragement to grow in faith, and in connection with the parish. *Connect?* invites us all to consider Jesus' invitation to a new life in God's reign of love and justice. The course will meet on Wednesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 22 & 29 at 6:45PM, following the Wednesday Night Community Dinner and will be led by the Reverend Noah Evans. Come to one session, or make the commitment to come to them all. Topics include – Connect with Jesus: An Open Invitation, Connect with God: Praying Freely, Connect with God's Story: The Good News! And Connect in the Eucharist: Becoming Part of the Story, Connect with Faith: Living the Story. For more information, please contact the Reverend Noah H. Evans, graceclergy@verizon.net or 781-396-7215

Diocesan Resource Day

Saturday, Sept. 27 (8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) Congregational Resource Day, "Tools for Parishes," at Bentley College in Waltham.

There will be workshops that will help parish teams develop skills and will provide them with information and practical help around congregational development. The day promises something for everyone; there will be workshops on topics including stewardship, outreach, mission, welcome ministry, mission, adult education and buildings and grounds. This year all three bishops will take part in offering workshops, reflection and stories of vitality, growth and mission from around the diocese. For more information or to register speak to Noah Evans or visit with Diocesan website, www.diomass.org. A number of parish leaders plan to attend, so come join us!

Gracious, it's another 20s/30s Potluck!!!

Ann and James Kossuth will be hosting the next "Young at Heart" potluck picnic in their 88 Winthrop Street backyard on Sunday, September 28th at 4 o'clock p.m.

Directions:

The tan two-family is located on the corner of Winthrop and Orchard streets, on the right-hand side going from Medford Square to Tufts. Take a right after the Methodist Church onto Orchard, and there is plenty of on-street parking on either side of the road (ignore permit parking signs), plus 1-2 spaces in the driveway.

Requests:

Please email Ann at afrenning@gmail.com with 1-2 different choices of what you'd like to bring for food. We'll give you your first choice unless someone has already signed up for it.

Also, we do not have lawn furniture, so please bring a picnic blanket and a couple of chairs if you'd like to make yourselves more comfortable.

Thanks and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Ann, James, and Lucy K.

Notes from the Minister of Music

It is exciting to begin another musical year at Grace Church!

THE ADULT CHOIR, as always, warmly welcomes all who would like to sing to join them -- those with less choral music-reading experience, as well as committed musicians. The Choir resumes on September 4 their regular Thursday evening rehearsals, 7:30- 9, and Sunday mornings at 9 am to prepare that morning's music. We meet in the Choir Room, on the lower level at the foot of the east stairway by the Rector's Office. Younger singers able and willing to attend rehearsals with the adults at an adult pace, and sing during the service, are welcome to join us. We will continue to present inspiring anthems from many traditions -- classical, traditional, Medieval, folk, gospel, pop, world -- some of which require careful preparation and the ability to read music, and some wonderful music which is not especially difficult to learn. If you come sing with us regularly, you will experience many different kinds of choral music, and you will find yourself improving from week to week.

A CHILDREN'S CHOIR and a TEEN CHOIR (+/- grades 6 and up) will meet this fall to rehearse and present one or two musical selections for Sunday worship. This is a new program, inspired by and growing out of the wonderful musical offerings from our young people in the past few years. Many thanks to those who have led children's music in the past (especially Laura Duggan, Catherine Smith, and Sharon Brown) for the work you have done planting these seeds -- and we can use your ongoing help! Parents and other music-loving teens and adults in the congregation are invited to help organize and chaperone these rehearsals, which will be held under the direction of Ruth Roper, Minister of Music. If you/your child are interested in participating, please e-mail Ruth for more information and an informal intake questionnaire to complete and return.

Our first scheduled "Kid's Music" Sunday will be OCTOBER 26, so get this on your calendar now please!! The second planned presentation will be some Christmas music on December 21 and possibly Christmas Eve.

Tentative rehearsal times (subject to revision once parents are caucused) will be:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Wednesdays, October 15, 22, & 29, and December 3, 10 & 17, 5:30 - 6:00, before Community Dinner.

TEEN CHOIR: Wednesdays, September 24, October 18 & November 5, 12 & 19, and December 17 with the children's choir, 5:30 - 6:00, before Community Dinner.

New this year: "EVERYONE SINGS" THIRD SUNDAYS! This year we would like to offer a special invitation to singers who may for one reason or another be unable to sing with the choir regularly, but would like to sing on occasion. Every THIRD SUNDAY of the month I and the choir especially invite those who are new to singing, or those whose schedules preclude singing regularly with the choir, to join us at 9:00 am to put together some easily-learned music for that morning's worship service. Older children and teens able and willing to attend this 45-minute rehearsal with the adults, and sing during the service, would be welcome to join us. Parents with younger children may attend if they can give at least some their attention to learn the music, and their children are content in their arms or stroller, or reading or coloring nearby. So mark these "Everyone Sings" Third Sundays on your calendar and come make a joyful noise with us! September 21 - October 19 - November 16 - December 21 - and so forth in 2009.

Any INSTRUMENTALISTS in our midst are invited to participate on occasion as soloists or part of an ensemble - let me know if this interests you and I'll find a place for your gift of music.

If you'd like to be on a Music e-mail list to keep up on the goings-on, let me know. Feel free to contact me at ruthsroper@yahoo.com or call me at 781-396-2922. (Note that the number listed in the Grace Directory is incorrect.) I do hope that you and your children will join us this year in "singing and making melody in your heart to God!" (Ephesians 5:19)

- *Ruth Roper*, Minister of Music

Mystic Valley Deanery Update

The parishes of a diocese are divided by region into *deaneries*. Deaneries have a governmental function, since they each have representation on the Diocesan Council. There are 12 deaneries in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and each has a liaison in the diocesan offices. Grace Church is a member of the **Mystic Valley Deanery**. The Deanery meets on a quarterly basis to discuss issues in the deanery, and most recently, the group collaborated on the B-Safe project. Many thanks to Dottie Palladino and all of her volunteers on this project!

Bishop Cederholm has recently announced that the Deanery's new Dean will be The Rev. Michael Dangelo, of St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield. Grace Church's Deanery representatives are Allison Andrews, Brad Clompus, Dottie Palladino and Jane Scherban. The next meeting of the Deanery will be Wednesday, September 24 at a location to be announced. If you are interested in attending, please speak to our representatives in September.

Gift Baskets are back....

Gift Baskets have become a new tradition at our traditional Fall Fair. I am getting the word out very early that I am in need of items for the gift baskets!! I will be collecting items beginning in October - bags can be left in the Commons Room, but please let me know you have left it so I can take it home in preparation for assembly day! The baskets are themed so individual items or items for an entire basket are appreciated. Suggestions and ideas are below. Be Creative!!!

Margaret Smist

Italian Basket - Pasta, Spaghetti dishes, sauce, red wine, biscotti, olive oil, wineglasses

To Welcome Baby - baby clothes, bath toys, rattles, books, piggy bank

Thanksgiving Host basket - wine, snacks, holiday scent candle, napkins, fall table ware

Christmas basket - ornaments, dishes, Christmas candle, note cards, wine, wineglasses

For the Man in Your Life - Sports glasses, snacks, beer, team caps, sports book/magazines

Mexican Fiesta - Salsa, chips, Southwestern decorations, chip/dip dish

Time to Relax - books, journals, candles, bath products

Thanksgiving Faire and Lobster Lunch Cometh in November....

Two major fund raisers at Grace Church will make their return before Thanksgiving: the Lobster Lunch on Friday, November 14th, from noon to 1:30 and the Thanksgiving Faire on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 to 5:00. Jean Spiers has graciously agreed to again chair the Lobster Lunch, and Laura and Steve Duggan will return as the co-chairs of the Faire. Allison Andrews will woman the famous Grace Church Silver Tea scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00. Linda Foote and Company will be fired up for Grilled Fare from 11:00 to 2:00. Ruth Roper will make a return performance as Trash and Treasure Diva. Gift Baskets by Margaret Smist will be ready for purchase, too. Look for the return of baked goods, jewelry, scarves, handcrafts, Christmas wreaths, toys, and a silent raffle!

What can you do to help make our fund raisers a success? Contact Steve and Laura at 781-395-4397 or lrduggan@aol.com and volunteer to help. We need people for Faire set-up and clean-up, and to man or woman tables. You can save all of your trash and treasure over the summer for Diva Ruth. Say, Yes, when asked to bake for The Silver Tea or bake table. You can call Jean at 781-396-2128 and agree to get take out orders and / or prepare the rolls of lobster or chicken and serve the walk-in luncheon costumers. If you have a great new Idea for the Faire, don't hesitate to tell either Laura or Steve in church! **There will be a Faire meeting on Sunday, September 28th after the 10:00 am service.**

We all have talents that can be used at the Faire. The Lord wants us to use them! Harken...come all ye to the Lobster Luncheon and Thanksgiving Faire!

Submitted by Laura Duggan

Vestry Highlights

Naida Gavrelis reported on the projects of the newly formed Finance Committee. Recommendations were made to Vestry on the refinance of the Rectory and the financial management of unrestricted bequests. Vestry voted to approve both of the Finance Committee's recommendations. Naida gave a special thank you to Bill Honeycutt for all his work to help determine our best mortgage options. (For more detail see Vestry Minutes posted in the Parish Hall.)

Margaret Smist distributed to Vestry a working draft of Grace Church Goals put together by Naida Gavrelis as result of the Vestry Retreat discussion in May. Vestry will review, discuss, and organize the implementation of the proposed goals in the coming months. It was noted that some of the goals have already been checked off as completed.

Noah discussed three budget items he would like to see in the 2009 budget. They are: a cost of living raise for all staff members, a budget line for outreach, and a maintenance budget, which reflects the needs of the church. Noah commented that he would like to see a solid draft budget in place prior to the start of the Stewardship Campaign. He noted that the 2009 Stewardship Committee is in the process of being formed. Members thus far agreeing to serve on the committee are: Noah Evans, Margaret Smist, Jane Scherban, Wes Foote, Jr., and Steve Viggiani. Noah is looking for one more person to serve on the committee.

Submitted by Jane Scherban, Clerk

Bell Tower Committee News

The Bell Tower Restoration Committee continues to meet and plan. Recently, an update presentation was made to the Parish after Sunday services. A small crowd was present to hear the latest.

As previously mentioned, a matching grant has been submitted and we expect to hear the outcome by the end of the year. Funds will need to be raised to match the grant and reach the total cost of restoration. Several parishioners have made contributions to the effort and we thank them for their gifts.

A note of historical interest... the Brooks Estate in West Medford recently held an open house and tour. Grace Church has a special connection to the Brooks family, as it was Mrs. Ellen Brooks who paid for the building in 1868. The Brooks Estate, as it is now known, was the summer home of her son, Shepherd Brooks. His brother, Peter Chardon Brooks, summered in his own home nearby (no longer standing). The two sons donated the Rebecca at the Well window in memory of their mother, in 1884.

Submitted by: Allison Andrews

Help Wanted

The bookshelves in the Church hall are overflowing. I'm looking for some help to sort used books, find a good home for books that aren't moving, and make room for new contributions. Ideally, I'd like to find someone who would like to take over this ministry by the fall. If you are interested in coordinating the Used Books for Fairly Traded Coffee, or just want to help now and then, please email Julia Lisella at jlisella@comcast.net or call at 781-391-3919.

Submitted by: Julia Lisella

Women's Book Club

Women's Book Club Meeting:

Thursday, September 18, 7pm

At the home of Beverly Convery

(if you need her phone or address email me at jlisella@comcast.net)

Reading *The Shack* (available on amazon.com)

Submitted by: Julia Lisella

Seeking to Learn about Muriel Earhart Morrissey

A Medford resident named Betty Owens is compiling a biography of former Grace parishioner Muriel Earhart Morrissey. Muriel was the sister of the famous Amelia Earhart, but lived an interesting life in her own right. Betty is preparing a presentation on Mrs. Morrissey this spring.

Of particular interest is any information on Muriel Morrissey; her mother, Amy Otis Earhart; and the Grace Church Day School, a kindergarten which ran from approximately 1935-1945 and was co-founded by Mrs. Morrissey.

Betty and Muriel were neighbors and friends in West Medford, where Betty still lives. They were members together of several Medford organizations.

If you have information or memories you would like to share, please contact Betty Owens at 781-396-3601 or Allison Andrews at 781-396-6796.

Submitted by Allison Andrews

News from Mildred

Mildred Spencer, will soon be a resident at the Atria Maplewood in Malden. The address is 295 Broadway, Malden, MA. Mildred will have her own studio apartment in this senior living facility. Arrangements are being made by her family to furnish her apartment to her tastes. Maria Fenn sees or speaks with Mildred everyday and will be helping with the move.

When settled in, Mildred will appreciate visitors or phone calls from her Grace Family. Mildred will have her own phone. In the meantime, anyone may contact Maria or her mother, Jude Walsh, at 781-391-4825 for information regarding Mildred.

Submitted by Jude Walsh and Maria Fenn

A special "Thank you"

To our Volunteer crew who assist Grace Church every week to provide our Parishioners with their Sunday bulletins, monthly newsletters and various other tasks. I thank them for their continued support to me, Donna Gargiulo, Administrator at GC. They continue to make my job easier and they are much appreciated.

THANKS TO "THE CREW"

Ruthie Hall, Beverly Convery, Stephanie Duato, Ruthanne Pearson, Barbara Povey, Carolyn Rogers, Carol Ryba, Jean Spiers and Joan Williams. And all the others who continue to support Grace Church.

Submitted by Donna Gargiulo

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Benjamin Kulubya Jr.	9/1	David Henson	9/14
Alyssa Chiodi	9/2	Ashley Zafiris	9/14
Shirley Kountze	9/2	Sarah Brown	9/15
Solomon Nwachukwu, Sr.	9/2	Pamela Davis	9/16
Ryan Pearson	9/2	Andrew Duggan	9/17
John Zafiris, III	9/2	Nancy Eggar (Daly)	9/22
James Owen	9/3	Jordan Williams	9/22
Samuel Brown	9/4	Wes Foote, Sr.	9/24
Michael Fenn	9/4	Frank Gargiulo, II	9/24
Nicholas Gavrelis	9/4	Carl Kleifgen	9/24
Nancy Sullivan	9/4	James Klasen	9/25
Kristen Krakofsky	9/6	Tina Reidel	9/25
Harold Sutherland IV	9/9	Edith Auner	9/26
Carolyn Gagner	9/10	Andrew Zafiris	9/26
Gabriel Walker	9/10	Peter Bozovic	9/27
Renata Kleifgen	9/11	Lauren Hanson	9/27
Elise Daly	9/13	Louise Fortino	9/28
Thomas Becket	9/13	Nancy Rogers	9/28
Constance Foote	9/14	Alleyne Booker	9/30



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 THE REV. DR. TED J. GAISER, Deacon
 COREEN GAUVIN, Director, GraceWorks
 DONNA GARGIULO, Office Administrator
 RUTH ROPER, Minister of Music

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 NAIDA GAVRELIS, Treasurer
 JANE SCHERBAN, Parish Clerk

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Ministries:

Acolytes & Ushers: LINDA FOOTE, JILL CAPUCCIO
 Altar Guild: CAROLYN ROGERS, DIRECTRESS, RUBY GREENE, DIRECTRESS 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
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 Communications: MARGARET SMIST
 Deanery Representatives: ALLISON ANDREWS, BRAD CLOMPUS, DOTTIE PALLADINO,
 JANE SCHERBAN
 Diocesan Delegates: JAMES KLASSEN, MARIA FENN
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 Hospitality: NANCY & LARRY ROGERS
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 Tween/Teen Group: MARIA FENN
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 Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study: MARIA FENN, DEB SMITH
 Women's Book Club: JULIA LISELLA

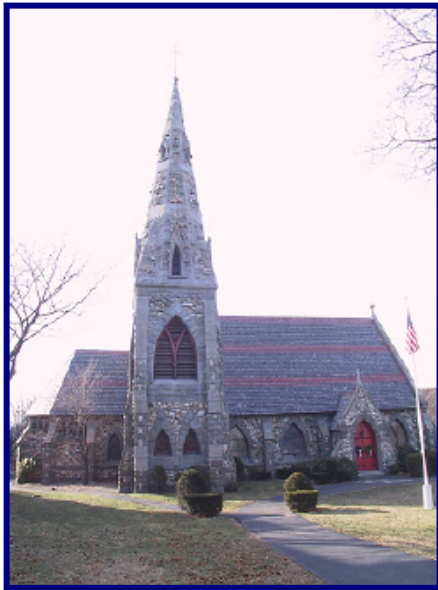
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 THE RT. REV. ROY CEDERHOLM, Bishop Suffragan
 THE RT. REV. GAYLE E. HARRIS, Bishop Suffragan

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM H E Rite II 10:30 AM Summer Book Group	1 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	2 10:00 AM Noah/Donna Meeting 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting	3 12:30 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM	4 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:30 PM Safe Place	5 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:00PM 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6 9:00 AM Al-anon
7 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM H E Rite II 11:15 AM Parish Picnic/Sunday School & Godly Play Registration	8 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	9 10:00 AM Noah/Donna Meeting 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM Vestry Meeting	10 12:30 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM	11 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM Choir Practice	12 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:00PM 7:00 PM AA Meeting	13 9:00 AM Al-anon 9:30 AM Peace Walk
14 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:15 AM Prayer Group 10:00 AM H E Rite II 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM TODAY IS EVERYONE SINGS SUNDAY! 11:00 AM GC Nominating Committee Meeting 11:15 AM Ministry Fair-Open House 12:00 PM Kenyan Fellowship	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	16 10:00 AM Medford Women's Club 10:00 AM Noah/Donna Meeting 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	17 12:30 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 6:00 PM Community Dinner 6:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:45 PM Connect? Course 6:45 PM Godly Play	18 12:00 PM Al-anon 12:00 PM Medford Clergy Association (Tentative) 2:30 PM GraceWorks in Parish Hall till 5PM 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:30PM 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:30 PM Safe Place	19 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GraceWorks in Commons Rm till 5:00PM 7:00 PM AA Meeting	20 9:00 AM Al-anon
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