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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a true blue dream of sky, and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

-- e.e. cummings

The early months of this summer have seemed like an endless ride on Noah's Ark, with rain that seemed not to ever stop. Now that the rain has settled down, and the summer is truly in full swing I am reminded of these words by e.e. cummings.

The presence of God is truly all around us, in nature, in the sky, in family and the life of community. My prayer is that for each one of us to have time this summer to relish in that "which is natural which is infinite which is yes"

This fall I am pleased to announce that we will be joined by Rachael Pettengill, an intern in the Micah Project, part of the Diocese of Massachusetts Intern Program. The Micah Project is an eleven-month residential internship of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts for Young Adults. Interns live together in Christian community, discerning their own vocational calls while serving the Boston area in parishes and social justice related projects.

Rachael will be working at Grace Church 30 hours per week. She will be co-teaching the Rite 13 program with Maria Fenn on Wednesdays at Grace, working with the Outreach Committee, attending weekly staff meetings, doing some adult teaching and possibly leading a mission trip for Grace Church youth next summer. Rachael writes:

My name is Rachael Pettengill. I'm the new Micah Intern for the 2009/2010 year. I grew up in Haverhill, MA and moved to Nyack, NY in 2000 to go to Nyack College. I have felt called to serve in ministry since I was a high school student. I went to Nyack College to study missions and eventually ended up more interested in pastoral ministry. After I graduated college in 2004 I took a semester off and then started at Alliance Theological Seminary in 2005. I originally come from an evangelical background and my college and seminary are affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. However during my time at seminary I started to attend Grace Episcopal Church in Nyack, NY and fell in love with the Episcopal Church. After much prayer and consideration I decided to get confirmed in June of 2006.

The last few years I've been busy studying at seminary (I'm just about finished with my MDiv). I've been particularly interested in Old Testament Hebrew historical and cultural background. I have also worked the last three years for an agency that advocates for people with disabilities in the areas of employment, benefits, education, housing, and other related areas.

I'm very much looking forward to this upcoming year and interning here at Grace Medford! I feel that there is a lot that I can offer and there is so much that I can learn here. I am excited to meet everyone in September!

Peace,

The Reverend Noah H. Evans
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Summer Service Schedule

During the months of July and August (**July 5-August 30**) we will have one service at 9:00AM. This summer, there will be nursery care during the 9:00AM service beginning at 8:45AM.

Parish Office-Summer Hours

During the months of July and August (**June 29-August 30**), office hours will be Monday through Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Tour of Grace

Come take a short outdoor tour of Grace Church on **Sunday, August 9** after the service. Our building is full of history and surprises... Why is it built of rocks? When was that elaborate iron hardware added to the doors, and why are they red? When was "Rebecca" moved? What makes the architect, HH Richardson, so famous anyway? Come find out!

Brought to you by the Restoration Committee.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Mary with our Partner Parish

Grace Church is invited to join with our partner parish, St. Luke's in Chelsea. We are partnering with St. Luke's on several outreach projects, and hope to deepen our relationship in other ways, as well. On **Saturday, August 15**, at 7pm, St. Luke's-San Lucas Chelsea will celebrate the feast of St. Mary. This year the service will include an outside procession, and the dedication of our side Chapel to "Santa Maria Virgen." Veronica Robles (a popular entertainer in the local Hispanic media) and her Mariachi band will once again serenade the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come for this multi-cultural celebration with our partner parish in Chelsea.

Summer Book Group

This summer, Sundays **July 12 - August 30th**, following the 9:00 service, the summer book group will be gathering to discuss God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. We will be reading about a chapter for each week. Books will be available for sale for \$10 later this month. Please come and join us for one week, or the entire series, even if you have not read the chapter. Discussions will be led by a team of Grace Church parishioners. For more information, please contact Noah Evans.

Another day at Wright's Pond on August 23rd

As we near the end of the summer, we are planning another day at Wright's Pond for all Grace Church parishioners. We will gather between 11:30-noon on Sunday, August 23rd. So bring your lunch and your suntan lotion and enjoy the conversation before our hectic fall schedule begins.

Zumba Dance - Ditch the Workout and Join the Party!

I am sure some of you have heard of Zumba but have no idea what it is.. true? Zumba is an aerobic exercise routine inspired by Latin dance. This class is so much fun you won't even know you're exercising! I am hosting a Zumba Dance Party-Master Class on **Sunday, August 23rd** at Springstep from 4:00 to 5:30. This class is open to teens and adults. I would love it if my Grace Church friends would join me in this really fun event. Cost is \$15 in advance. Please see me or email me at Nanci.palladino57@comcast.net if you are interested in attending--thanks so much!

Nanci Palladino, Zumba Instructor

Painting the Parish Hall

As faithful stewards, we have a responsibility to maintain the many gifts we have been given. The Parish Hall is a prime example within our church of a space that has not received the maintenance it has needed over the years, and we would like to change that. Beginning on **Saturday August 22 and Sunday the 23rd**, we are inviting everyone who would like to help us restore the Parish Hall to sign up or show up on those days to work. Jobs range from general cleanup, to painting, to taping, to providing refreshments or even lunch; if you want to help, an opportunity will be provided. Children are welcome and encouraged to assist on this project, but will require supervision from their parents. More details will be laid out as we enter August, and if you have any questions feel free to contact Jim Norton at 734-604-4652 or gallienk@hotmail.com.

Wednesdays @ Grace / Sunday School Meeting

Wednesday August 26th, 2009

For anyone interested in Grace Church Youth Education Programs, please join the Grace Church Children and Youth Committee for an informal meeting at 25 Belle Ave., Medford, the home of John, Linda and Hannah Rogers at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the upcoming 2009-2010 programs. If you are interested in providing input or volunteering to teach, work on a special project or be present in the classroom to help the teachers (our Safe Church policy requires that we have two adults present in each class at all times). Please prayerfully consider your role as a "church family" member in supporting our youth.

All are welcome before the meeting to join us for a cookout of hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers. The food will be served around 5:45pm so please feel free to bring the kids. If you are interested, but cannot make this meeting or need directions, please email me at lindamrogers@netzero.net or call me at 781-396-3765.

Submitted by Linda Rogers

Outreach with St Luke's Community Kitchen:

Grace church has entered into a partnership with St. Luke's Church in Chelsea, Trinity, Melrose, and St. Paul's, Lynnfield to cook and serve breakfast and lunch for a group of 50-60 people every Saturday. The soup kitchen was started by an organization called Chelsea Community Kitchen. CCK organizes the kitchen so it is running smoothly, and then hands the reins over to partnerships such as ours to carry on.

Grace Church assisted St. Luke's on Saturday, May 30th and Saturday, July 18th.

Grace church has committed to cooking and serving every fifth Saturday beginning August 29th.

The hours on Saturday are 9:00-1:00 pm. Those who can do meal prep would need to be there earlier. Below are positions that you can volunteer for:

Coffee, water/ juice Station

Servers

Greeters

Clean-up

Meal-prep

Back-up Coffee, water/ juice station

Back-up Servers

Back-up Greeters

Back-up-clean-up

Back-up Meal Prep

If you want to be a part of this Group, please let myself, Maria Fenn or Fr. Noah know.

Look for more info and a schedule in the September Newsletter.

Yours in Christ, Brenda Pearson

Fair meeting to be held on Sunday, August 30th

Anyone interested in assisting with the Fall Fair should gather for a quick organizational meeting on Sunday, August 30th following the 9 am service. If you have some new ideas for the Fair, we are interested in hearing them! Speak to Maria Fenn for any ideas or questions on tables and to Larry or Nancy Rogers on any questions related to the Snack Bar and Tea.

Looking Ahead.....

SEPTEMBER AT GRACE CHURCH

Sunday, September 6

Labor Day Weekend

Return to services at 8 & 10 AM

Sunday, September 13

Welcome Back Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10 AM

Parish Picnic, 11:30AM

Registration for Children and Youth Programs

Choir Season Begins!

Sunday, September 20

Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10 AM

Parish Ministry Fair, 11:30AM

Sunday School Begins

Wednesday, September 23

Wednesdays at Grace Begins!

Sunday, September 27

Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10 AM

Guest Preacher: Maria Fenn

Presentation of Maria Fenn's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 11:30 AM

The Earhart Women, Part II

A lecture by Dee Morris-Thursday, September 24, 7pm at Grace Church

In the 1930s, pioneering aviator Amelia Earhart became a household name through her flights, her public appearances, and then her mysterious disappearance in 1937. Her mother, Amy, and sister Muriel Morrissey, made their lives in Medford. The Earhart women wrote to each other regularly, and Dee Morris has researched their letters to learn about their lives and reveal how they navigated the Great Depression.

The Earharts belonged to Grace Church, and Muriel was an active member until her death in 1998.

Her husband, Albert "Chief" Morrissey established the Knights of King Arthur youth fraternity.

This lecture is the follow-up to the June presentation, introducing us to the Earhart women. It is open to the public, and co-sponsored by Grace Church, the Medford Historical Society and the Friends of the Medford Public Library.

Watch for the movie "Amelia," starring Hilary Swank, which opens in October.

(submitted by Allison Andrews)

Mark Your Calendars for Congregational Resource Day

Don't miss this annual Diocesan event which has many workshops which will help develop skills and give you spiritual and practical help for joining God's mission in the world. This year's event will be held at Bentley University in Waltham on **Saturday, September 26 from 9 am -2:30 pm**. Workshops include How to run a Meeting, Putting a Lesson Together, The Spirituality of New Member Ministry, Parish Property and much more. See the poster advertising the day on our bulletin board outside the kitchen. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to speak to Father Noah or one of the Wardens.

What is 'Dining with Grace'??

Grace Church is introducing a new way to get to know all of your fellow parishioners. Mark your calendar (**October 3**) for the first **DINING WITH GRACE** event. We will have sheets posted in the parish hall throughout September --- sign up if you are interested in breaking bread with a group from the church. By late September, we will mix and match about 8 -10 people who have expressed interest in this evening. A 'host' home will be chosen and each family will bring a pot luck item to the meal. It is a great way to get to know some parishioners who you may not normally see at church. Everyone can join in -- if we have 50 people sign up, we could have five separate dinners organized throughout Medford on the evening of 10/3. Childcare will be provided by professional caregivers at the church for the evening. Questions??? Contact Margaret Smist at seniorwarden@gracemedford.org or 781-771-1846.

10/8 Fundraiser features 'Friends of Grace'-----the Heaton's!

Grace Church welcomes back Matt and Shannon Heaton on **Thursday, October 8 at 7 pm**. Matt and Shannon are Irish singers who have sung in our choir in the past. They are regulars at Club Passim in Cambridge and have following countrywide. Check out their website at www.mattandshannonheaton.com/bio.html. This concert will be a fundraiser for Grace Church.....so come on

Update on the New Grace Directory!

I know everyone is looking forward to obtaining a copy of the new church directory. Recently, John Rogers and I sorted through literally a 1000 pictures (*have you ever seen him without his camera?*), that John has taken over the years to insert in the activity section of the directory.

John is now putting his master Photoshop skills to use with designing those pages as well as the front and back covers. Once this is done, we will submit to Olan Mills and expect to receive back in a few weeks time, a draft copy that will need to be proofread. Once complete, we will confirm the final copy and send to Olan Mills for printing. Our target date for the new directory is early fall.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped with this project. It was truly a collaborative effort that made this initiative easily manageable and fun for me. So, a big thank you is due to Allison Andrews, Beverly Convery, Maria Fenn, Donna Gargiulo, Marie Glynn, Genita Johnson, Ruth Hall and Linda Rogers. Thank you to all the families that participated. I know not everyone likes getting their picture taken or getting dressed up on a Saturday. Special thanks to John Rogers for not only all his work with the pictures (wait until you see them!), but his guidance and support throughout this process.

Thanks, Nanci Palladino

From the Archives

Or rather, *for* the archives. We have photos and assorted newspaper clippings from years past to be put into photo albums and scrapbooks. I will begin working on this project during August, on Sundays after the church service. Please stop by and join in. It's time to bring these items out so that they can be viewed!

Submitted by: Allison Andrews

Important Parking Reminder

There are emergency fire lanes in the driveway. These are there for our protection and are required by law. This means that we are **not allowed to park in the driveway** with the exception of three handicap-parking spaces reserved at the top of the driveway adjacent to the front lawn. Please park in the back parking lot or on the street.

Submitted by John Rogers

\$10 Supermarket Gift Cards Still Needed

Matthew 25:35-36

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

As you may recall we gave a portion of the Giving Tree \$10 gift cards to Father Noah to give to people in need. Due to the present economic climate more people need help. Approximately one to two people arrive at our doors needing help each week. Supermarket gift cards would be greatly appreciated by these people. Please give as you can and give the \$10 gift cards from local supermarkets to Father Noah.

Matthew 25:40 - The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Submitted by Linda & John Rogers



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

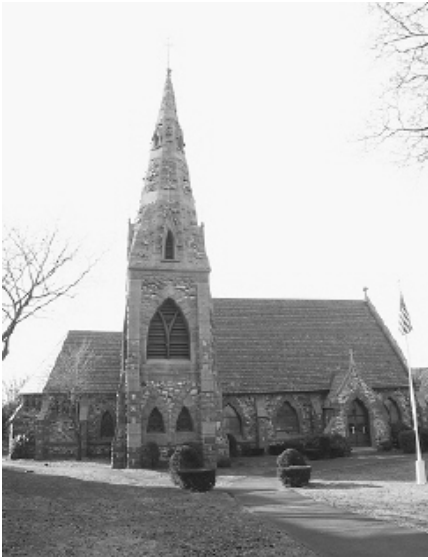
Remembering we are all children of God, let us pray for those having birthdays during the month of August.

Mary Thompson
Rachael Pettengill
Ruby Andreason
Claes Andreason
Roosevel Glynn
Elaine Gaughan
Joan Pappalardo
Nanci Palladino
John Hourihan
David Choi

Keith Corcoran
Tara Hourihan
Lori Schlesinger
Linda Foote
Adam Pearson
Jeana Zafiriz
The Rev. Noah H. Evans
Taylor Beebee
Elizabeth Beatrice
Elaine Walter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM H E Rite II 10:00 AM Book Group- God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time	27 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	28 12:00 PM Al-anon 4:30 PM GW Karate in Parish Hall 7:30 PM AA Meeting	29 12:30 PM Al-anon	30 12:00 PM Al-anon	31 12:00 PM Al-anon	1 9:00 AM Al-anon
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9 Food item of the week: Ketchup TOUR OF GRACE 9:00 AM H E Rite II 10:00 AM Book Group- God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time 3:00 PM Kenyan Fellowship	10 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	11 12:00 PM Al-anon 4:30 PM GW Karate in Parish Hall 7:30 PM AA Meeting	12 12:30 PM Al-anon	13 12:00 PM Al-anon	14 12:00 PM Al-anon	15 9:00 AM Al-anon 4:00 PM Ferluga/Chambray Wedding 7:00 PM Feast of St. Mary at St Luke's-San Lucas Chelsea
16 Food Item of the week: Small Jars of Mayonnaise 9:00 AM H E Rite II - with Baptisms/Lamb, New & Wirz 10:00 AM Book Group- God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time	17 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	18 12:00 PM Al-anon 4:30 PM GW Karate in Parish Hall 7:30 PM AA Meeting	19 12:30 PM Al-anon	20 Children and Youth Meeting 12:00 PM Al-anon 8:30 PM Safe Place	21 12:00 PM Al-anon	22 Parish Hall Painting Day 9:00 AM Al-anon
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MISSION STATEMENT:

Grace Episcopal Church is a multigenerational, diverse and welcoming Christian community, which values shared leadership, service to those in need and nurturing all in the love of God.

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