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JUNE 2009

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

We have had an extremely active Easter Season here at Grace Church! We celebrated Easter with ice cream, celebrated Oscar Greene's new book, joined together at John Brewer's Tavern to support Maria Fenn's mission trip to Jerusalem, raised over \$5000 through the Walk for Hunger, your Vestry had a day long retreat, over 100 people came to our Clothing Pantry, had our photos taken for the new parish directory, hosted Medford's Veterans on Memorial Day, wrote a Grant to the Diocese to help support Wednesdays at Grace and a grant to the Federal government to restore our historic building and we are hosting the Deanery Confirmation, with 10 of our own being received or confirmed, and more! All of this along with gathering together to worship and learn together on Wednesdays and Sundays, and everything we continually do to keep our community running and growing! This is a parish teeming with life and energy, working and growing together to build God's Kingdom.

When I take a step back and see our community I am overwhelmed with gratitude; gratitude for the dedication and service of every member of this community to our common life together. Thank you for work, perseverance and faith.

As the spring turns to summer, I hope that you will take the opportunity to give thanks to God for all that you have been given. Gratitude is a spiritual practice, something to be intentionally undertaken as part of our daily lives. A friend of mine recently described gratitude this way:

"I think of Gratitude as a grammar — an underlying structure that helps us construct and make sense out of our lives. The rules of this grammar cover all our activities. Its syntax reveals a system of relationships linking us to the divine and to every other part of the creation.

To learn the grammar of gratitude, practice saying "thank you" for happy and challenging experiences, for people, animals, things, art, memories, dreams. Count your blessings, and praise God. Utter blessings, and express your appreciation to everything and everyone you encounter. By blessing, we are blessed."

You will notice starting this month during coffee hour we will no longer be using styrofoam cups, instead we will be using coffee mugs. This is part of an effort of this community to be greener, and reduce our waste. The cups will be washed in the dishwasher each week. Earlier in the year Wednesdays at Grace also stopped using disposable plates and silverware for its weekly dinner that has also greatly reduced our waste.

Peace,

The Reverend Noah H. Evans
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Newcomers Lunch June 7th

Save the Date! – There will be a newcomer's lunch on Sunday, June 7. Speak to David Lee for more information. Check you Sunday bulletin for more information.

Grace Church Children's and Teen/Tween Choirs Schedule

Sunday June 7 - Teen/Tweens sing Sunday morning (9:15 am run-through before church)

Wednesdays at Grace in June

Two Perspectives on the Israel and Palestine Conflict

For Adult Education at Wednesdays at Grace in the month of June we will explore one of the most perplexing and complicated conflicts in our world today. Laced with religion, cultural identity and history, we will hear two different perspectives on the history and dynamics of the conflict. The presentations will also prepare us to prayerfully support Maria Fenn as she travels to the Holy Land in late June.

Wednesday, June 3

Elaine C. Hagopian: Professor Emerita of Sociology, Simmons College, Boston.

She was visiting Professor and Distinguished Lecturer at the American University of Beirut and the American University in Cairo, respectively. She served with UNESCO and UNICEF in the Middle East. She was awarded two Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Grants for research in the Middle East.

Wednesday, June 10

Dennis Hale, Grace Church parishioner and professor of Political Science at Boston College, and the founder of the Episcopal-Jewish Alliance for Israel.

The Three Famous Earharts of Medford: Amelia, Muriel and Amy

Thursday, June 11th at 7pm at Grace Church

In the 1920s the Earharts settled in Medford where they each created a life. Amelia became a celebrity, Muriel got married and their mother, Amy, adjusted to the very different lifestyles of her daughters. Although the sisters had chosen separate paths, they maintained strong personal bonds. This program explores some of the events of their early adult years when the future was filled with promise.

Come learn about this fascinating family and their connection to Grace Church. Muriel Earhart Morrissey and her husband, Albert "Chief" Morrissey, were active members of Grace Church and the Medford Community for years and many of our parishioners still remember them fondly.

Presenter for this public lecture is local historian Dee Morris. The event is co-sponsored by Grace Church, the Medford Historical Society and the Friends of the Medford Public Library. It is our second cooperative lecture presented at Grace.

Watch for a follow-up presentation this fall, which will follow the Earhart/Morrisseys as they navigate the Depression Era with strength and hope, and coming in time to coincide with a new film about Amelia Earhart, starring Hilary Swank.

Submitted by: Allison Andrews

Wednesdays at Grace Party June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Do you like music and dancing? Please join us on Wednesday June 17 2009, at the Wednesdays at Grace Summer Break Party. We will celebrate a very wonderful year of learning and fellowship along with a heart felt send off for Maria Fenn who will be traveling to Israel that Friday on a mission trip. Ray, Elizabeth and Emily Pardy will provide music. We will have a potluck supper at 6pm. Sign up sheets for the supper can be found on the Wednesdays at Grace's bulletin board outside the commons room.

Submitted by Linda Rogers

GraceWorks Playground Construction June 15th – 19th

In order to come into compliance with Massachusetts state regulations on playground surfaces, GraceWorks must re-surface and renovate the playground with a specific, soft-impact surface. Grass is not permissible. New playground equipment will also be installed and be age appropriate for children using this space. The re-surfacing project will be conducted by Crowley's Clippers, a well-respected local company. Crowley came forth with the best bid for GW, which will include a 10-year warranty.

The playground will be used by children up to the age of 8, including the younger children that attend GW during the day. The GW After School program will also have access to this space for children in the 5-8 age groups. The older children will continue to play in the fenced-off area of the parking lot.

Construction for the play ground will take place from June 15-19th. The dates have been selected so that there is the least amount of disruption during church services. However, if parishioners are on the premises during this construction week, please be aware of any construction or signs in the parking lot. We are all very excited about the upgrade of the playground which will enhance the experience of the young people that attend GraceWorks.

Submitted by Branwen Smith-King

Parish Picnic Sunday June 28th

All are welcome to join the fun at our '**End of the School Year Annual Church Picnic**'. A tradition returns again to Grace Church as we celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer with a picnic with your parish family following the 10 am service. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be provided – please plan to contribute a small salad (pasta, potato, green, cole slaw salads) to the festivities. A free will offering will be collected to cover the cost of the above. A sign up sheet will be available in the parish hall beginning on June 7. Be sure to let us know how many from your family will plan to attend so we can plan for food. Also, plan to bring lawn chairs and blankets so we can enjoy our front lawn (weather permitting). If you have any questions, contact Margaret Smist at seniorwarden@gracemedford.org or 782-639-7822.

Submitted by Margaret Smist

Honoring our Sunday School and Wednesday Night Teachers Sunday, June 28, 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday June 28, we will honor our Educators. Please come and join the celebration of their work and service during the 10:00AM service.

Submitted by Rev Noah Evans

Summer Service Schedule

During the months of July and August (July 5-August 30) we will combine our 8 & 10:00AM services, and have one service at 9:00AM. This summer, there will be nursery care during the 9:00AM service beginning at 8:45AM.

Barbara C. Harris Summer Camp

Come spend a week at the Barbara C. Harris Summer Camp! For kids who are entering 4th grade in the Fall of 2009 and older. **The Reverend Noah H. Evans will be a Camp Chaplain the week of July 5-11 – Let's make that Grace Church Week at Camp!!** Generous scholarships are available; please speak to Noah about them. For more information, and to register, visit www.bchcenter.org.

A note from Ruth Hall...

Ruthie wishes to thank everybody for the many prayers, thoughts, messages, cards and flowers. She is home and feeling better and looks forward to getting back to be with her Grace Church Family.

Women's Book Club

Next Women's Book Club to meet Thursday, July 9 at 7 PM at the home of Olivia Bracken (20 Ship Ave. #24, Medford parking is restricted; consider carpooling!). We'll be reading *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, an epistolary novel about a group of villagers in Guernsey under its brief German occupation during World War II. The Women's Book Club is open to all women of Grace Church and their friends. Teens are encouraged to join us for our summer reading! More information about the book, to the Guernsey site:
<http://www.randomhouse.com/rhpg/guernsey/book/>

Submitted by Julia Lisella

Spring Clothing Pantry Report

Grace Church Bi-annual clothing pantry went very well. About 100 patrons attended this spring, with each family member taking 20 articles of clothing. Please keep in mind that the church is now accepting fall/winter clothing for the Fall Pantry. Clothing should be dropped off in the coat closet at the parish hall. Clothing should be clean, stain-free, and with no tears or rips, please. Thank you to all my helpers, both young and older in helping with set up, sorting and folding.

Submitted by Maria Fenn

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

From the Archives Old letters found...

Recently found in the church records are 4 original letters written in the late 1800s, from local figures Peter Chardon Brooks and Dudley C. Hall to the then-current rectors.

The Hall family attended Grace from its beginnings in 1848. They were generous to the church, donating the first rectory in 1873 and one of the nine steeple bells.

Mr. Hall's letter to Rev. Moorehouse thanks the church for its kindness, apparently following the death of a loved one.

The Brooks family was largely responsible for funding the construction of our building in 1868.

One of Mr. Brooks's letters addresses Rev. Hutchins's questions about the construction of the building. It offers personal insight into the architect, HH Richardson.

The other two discuss memorials given by himself and his brother, Shepherd, in remembrance of their mother Ellen Shepherd (Mrs. Gorham) Brooks: the plaque, which hangs on the back wall of the church, and the stained glass window "Rebecca at the Well."

Photocopies and transcriptions of the letters are hanging by the "Archives" bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please have a look at these interesting artifacts.

Submitted by Allison Andrews

Old Shaw's Receipt Program Report

Update on the old Shaw's Rewards program. Thank you to all of you collected and submitted your Shaw's receipts for the old program. We received checks totaling \$276.34 that will be put toward Grace Church's educational programs.

Submitted by Linda Rogers

New Shaw's Reward Program

The "Shaw's Receipt Program" has changed; it is now called "Shaw's Neighborhood Rewards". No more register receipts to collect. Just use your "Shaw's Rewards" card on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and your purchases are automatically calculated toward Grace Church's account. All you have to do is register for the program by linking your "Shaw's Rewards" card number to Grace Church's "Shaw's Neighborhood Rewards" account number, 49001019510, by visiting www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards. Once a year you will need to renew your link to the Grace Church account. Four times a year Shaw's will send Grace Church a check for 1% of your eligible "Shaw's Rewards" card purchases.

Submitted by Linda Rogers

'Brantwood Camp

Boys and girls from Grace Church have been attending Brantwood Camp in Peterborough, NH for nearly 80 years. Much has changed since then, thank goodness, with new camp buildings, pool and dining hall. Two weeks of overnight camp for only \$ 200, over three camping periods in the summer. The program is open to boys and girls, different camp sites, age 11 to 15. Programs include athletics, nature study, hiking and boating at nearby Silver Lake. Some campers, recent and not so recent, include Conor Daly, Jimmy, Adam and Ryan Pearson, Andrew Duggan and Toni Baldassari. Andrew and Toni continued on to become counselors. Anyone interested in the program should contact Wes Foote, 781-396-5487.

\$10 Supermarket Gift Cards 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



Susan Maltz	06/01	Donald Thompson	06/13
Nzube Opara	06/01	Karen Smith	06/13
Alicia Gelardi	06/01	Bryan Spence	06/13
Mary Gavrelis	06/09	Brianna Nwachukwu	06/14
Nancy Duran	06/09	Virginia Soenksen	06/14
Daniel Bozovic	06/10	Frank Hazel	06/17
India Smith	06/10	Kathy Mumma	06/17
Abigail Brady	06/10	Amanda Klasen	06/17
Martin Glynn	06/10	June Sbuttoni	06/17
Quinn Natale	06/11	David Branson	06/23
Rachel Deveney	06/12	Christian Burger	06/27
Carol Schlesinger	06/12	Mary Auner	06/29
Catherine Bozovic	06/13		



GraceWorks After-School and
Child Care Program
160 High Street, Medford MA
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Graceworkschildcare.org

GraceWorks Child Care's Summer Program begins Monday June 29!

Beginning on Monday, June 29 2009 GraceWorks Child Care Program is offering
10 week-long summer program sessions.

Families can sign up for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per session.

Our Summer Program offers weekly swims, arts and crafts, cooking, walks to nearby parks, the library and Medford Square, and a weekly field trip. Each week will have a theme relating to that week's field trip.

Cost: \$40/day

Vouchers accepted!

Time: 8am - 6pm

Age range: children must be entering first grade in September 2009, through age 12

Families provide lunch (no nut products please!), and full water bottle

GraceWorks provides morning and afternoon snacks, and extra drinks

If you would like to tour GraceWorks please call 781-306-0060 and speak with Coreen Gauvin, Director or Laurie Marr, Assistant Director. If you would like an enrollment packet, please call 781-306-0060 and speak with or leave a message for Deborah Smith, Administrative Assistant.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Pentecost 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM H E Rite II 4:00 PM Gathoni Wedding Prep Party 4 - 8pm, Parish Hall	1 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	2 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GW in PH till 5PM 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	3 12:30 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GW in PH till 5PM 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 4:00 PM GW Yoga Class 5:15 PM GP for Pre-K 6:00 PM Community Dinner 6:45 PM Godly Play 6:45 PM Israel/Palestine	4 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GW in PH till 5PM 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 8:30 PM Safe Place	5 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:00PM 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6 9:00 AM Al-anon
7 Teen/Tween Choir Sings at Service (9:15 Rehearsal) Trinity Sunday 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM H E Rite II 12:00 PM Newcomer's Lunch 12:00 PM Wednesdays at Grace Committee Meeting	8 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	9 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GW in PH till 5PM 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 7:30 PM AA Meeting	10 12:30 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GW in PH till 5PM 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 4:00 PM GW Yoga Class 5:15 PM GP for Pre-K 6:00 PM Community Dinner 6:45 PM Godly Play 6:45 PM Israel/Palestine	11 12:00 PM Al-anon 2:30 PM GW in PH till 5PM 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:30PM 7:00 PM Muriel Morrissey Lecture	12 12:00 PM Al-anon 3:30 PM GW in CR till 5:00PM 7:00 PM AA Meeting	13 9:00 AM Al-anon 4:00 PM Teen Group; MOSH Service All Saints, Stoneham
14 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM H E Rite II 10:00 AM TODAY IS EVERYONE SINGS SUNDAY! 3:00 PM Kenyan Fellowship	15 GraceWorks Playground Construction starts today 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	16 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	17 12:30 PM Al-anon 5:15 PM GP for Pre-K 6:00 PM Community Dinner 6:45 PM Wednesdays at Grace Party	18 12:00 PM Al-anon 8:30 PM Safe Place	19 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting	20 9:00 AM Al-anon
21 Father's Day 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM H E Rite II	22 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM GW Oversight Committee Mtg.	23 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM Vestry Meeting in CR	24 12:00 PM Graceworks End of Year Celebration in Hall til 7:30PM 12:30 PM Al-anon	25 12:00 PM Al-anon	26 GraceWorks CLOSED, Staff Retreat Day 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting	27 9:00 AM Al-anon 2:00 PM MARR Baby Shower in Parish Hall
28 8:00 AM H E Rite I 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM H E Rite II 11:30 AM Parish Picnic	29 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	30 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	1 12:30 PM Al-anon	2 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM Women's Book Club-Not at Grace Church 8:30 PM Safe Place	3 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY- GRACEWORKS CLOSED 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4 Independence 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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