

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**OCTOBER 2009**

**A MESSAGE FROM RACHAEL**

Over the years, I've been to a number of different churches. From my childhood church, to the churches I visited in seminary, and each felt inauthentic and I never felt like a member of the community. That being said, I got pretty used to being a newcomer at church.

For the most part, I found that the experience of going to a new church happens in one of three ways:

There is the church that is too cold. They ignore the newcomer. In those churches I usually came in and easily blended in to the crowd. I stayed for the service, and then was ignored (either because the church was so large that the members did not know one another, or because they were indifferent to newcomers). I'd try to engage the regulars, but would end up slipping out the door after going unnoticed. I'd only come back if the service was really good.

Then there is the church that is too hot. They enjoy calling out the newcomer in the middle of service during announcements. I personally hate that church. I'm a little shy when I'm new. So, if I hear a "stand up and introduce yourself" I usually ignore the request. I only yield to the pressure if it is so obvious to the congregation that I am new and in that case I never really had a choice anyway.

Finally, there is the church that is just right. They don't ignore the newcomers. They invite them to coffee hour where they will be welcomed. They don't call out newcomers in the middle of service. They introduce themselves and invite in a natural and friendly environment. I love this church.

I have only been here one Sunday, and in that time, Grace Church has been to me a welcoming and hospitable church. You care for your newcomers and welcome them naturally and encourage them to come back again. Of course, you *did* make me stand up and introduce myself during announcements... but that's alright. I am your new intern after all, and I was warned. All in all, I had a wonderful and welcoming newcomer experience.

After such a beautiful welcome, I am truly excited for the possibilities of this year. As I begin to find my place in this community, I am looking forward to meeting each of you and getting to know why you are all here worshipping our Lord in his particular place. I am so encouraged by the way you collaborate. And your love and care for your church and for your community genuinely touch my heart.

So, thank you Grace Church for your very warm welcome!

*Rachael*

Rachael Pettengill, Grace Church Micah Project Intern

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## Wednesdays at Grace Adult Education

Wednesdays 6:45-8:00PM

October 7

### **Creation and Relation**

Part three of our first Adult Ed series of the year will focus on beginnings: the stories of Creation in Genesis 1-3. Come discover how the Biblical text sets up a framework for the relationships between us and God, each other, and the created world. These sessions will be taught by Grace Church parishioner, Esther Brown, a PhD student in Old Testament at Brandeis University.

October 14

### **Exploring Scripture Together**

As a community we will read and explore the lessons for the coming Sunday together. We will be using the "African Bible Study" method that will both deepen our faith, and build us up as a community. This session will be facilitated by the Reverend Noah H. Evans.

October 21, 2009

**Adult Forum on Compulsive Gambling**, Diane Crowley of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling will address the Adult Forum on Wednesday, October 21, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. Gambling in our society has become so commonplace and accepted that many people lose sight of the dangers associated with it. Research shows that individuals who gamble before age 13 are at much greater risk of developing a gambling problem later in life. The Council is committed to increasing public awareness about problem gambling and promoting services to help individuals affected by it. The Council does not take sides on the issue of casino gambling in Massachusetts. Because the issue of bringing casino gambling to Massachusetts will likely be coming to the Legislature in the weeks ahead, this topic should be of interest to many people here at Grace. The Council believes that a state, which sponsors, endorses and promotes gambling needs to take responsibility for the problems that result from. It encourages responsible public policy and problem gambling treatment services. Those who have heard the presentation—which includes testimonies of personal situations-- sing its praises.

We hope to see you there.

You may visit the Council's website at [www.masscompulsivegambling.org](http://www.masscompulsivegambling.org)

*Submitted by June Pietrantonio*

October 28, 2009

### **Modern-Day Human Bondage**

Escaped slave Francis Bok and abolitionists Charles Jacobs and Gerald Bell describe modern-day slavery around the world, with an emphasis on Sudan. *Francis Bok*, a Dinka tribesman and native of Sudan, is an abolitionist and author living in the United States. On May 15, 1986, he was captured and enslaved at age seven during an Arab militia raid on the village of Nymlal in Southern Sudan. Bok lived in bondage for ten years before escaping imprisonment in Kurdufan, Sudan, followed by a journey to the United States by way of Cairo, Egypt. *Charles Jacobs* has been named by *Forward Magazine* as one of America's top 50 Jewish leaders. In 1993, together with Muslim and Christian Africans, Charles founded the *American Anti-Slavery Group*, which brought international attention to genocide and slavery in Sudan. In 2000, Charles flew into southern Sudan to help redeem over 2,000 African slaves. Coretta Scott King and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino presented Charles with the first-ever Boston Freedom Award for his abolitionist work. *Pastor Gerald Bell* is the minister of Strong Tower Church in Boston, which he started with his wife in 2006. He has worked for many years as a member of the American Anti-Slavery Group, with which he traveled to Africa to see the cruelty of modern-day slavery first-hand. In July 2001, Pastor Bell was part of a group working with

the Christian Solidarity International of Zurich, Switzerland, which redeemed the lives of more than 6,700 slaves in South Sudan.

November 4 & 11

### **The Power of Forgiveness**

On these two weeks we will be watching and discussing the documentary, the Power of Forgiveness. We will watch half of the documentary each week, and then join in a discussion of the movie's themes. This excellent documentary explores recent research into the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals. This documentary includes feature stories on the Amish, the 9/11 tragedy and peace-building in Northern Ireland, along with interviews with renowned Buddhist teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, best-selling authors Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson and others. The film also explores the role forgiveness holds in various faiths traditions. It provides an honest look at the intensity of anger and grief that human nature is heir to. We see in the film that there are transgressions people find themselves unwilling or unable to forgive. Through character-driven stories the film shows the role forgiveness can play in alleviating anger and grief and the physical, mental and spiritual benefits that come with it. These sessions will be facilitated by the Reverend Noah H. Evans and Margaret Smist.

### **OUTREACH AT GRACE**

*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. John 21:15*

#### Report – St. Luke's Soup Kitchen

What is it like to volunteer at St. Luke's Soup Kitchen? On August 29<sup>th</sup>, a crew of 10 adults and 9 youth served breakfast and lunch there. Peggy Kerans was one of the volunteers, and she answered some questions about it.

Q. Who came to the soup kitchen?

A. People of all ages showed up – young families with babies and younger kids, and the elderly.

Q. What struck you the most about the experience?

A. Two things really struck me. One was that there were so many youth from Grace Church there, chopping food, helping with the food pantry, doing all kinds of things. It was great to see. It's a nice opportunity for families to participate together in community service. The other thing that struck me was the food. It's all from the Greater Boston Food Bank. Brenda Pearson did a terrific job putting together a wonderful menu with a limited selection of food.

Q. What was the best part of the experience?

A. It was great getting to know other parishioners better, especially the youth. It was time well spent. I know my effort was really appreciated.

Breakfast on the 29<sup>th</sup> included scrambled eggs, sausages, English muffins, cereal, fresh peaches, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Forty-one people came and ate. Lunch was chicken soup, sausage with peppers and onions, rigatoni with sauce, garden salad, and cherry and blueberry pie. Forty people were served.

## **Upcoming Outreach Opportunities**

There are a number of ways to get involved this month, including St. Luke's! Sign-up sheets will be available for most activities, or else ask the contact person.

### **St Luke's Soup Kitchen**

Come join the fun! Volunteers are needed to serve, greet, cook, and clean up. There are two shifts, breakfast and lunch. The next opportunity will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Contact Brenda Pearson at [brendapearson@comcast.net](mailto:brendapearson@comcast.net).

### **Clothing pantry**

The clothing pantry is coming up! This ministry provides free clothing to those who need it. The next one will be on Saturday 17 October. Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday to help sort, fold and arrange clothes, and to help patrons find what they need. Just a couple hours of your time will make a big difference. Contact Maria Fenn at [fennways@verizon.net](mailto:fennways@verizon.net).

If anyone has any questions or ideas about other outreach activities, please let the Outreach Committee know. We are: Jane Scherban (Chair), Maria Fenn, Sara Folta, Dottie Palladino, Brenda Pearson, and Linda Rogers.

*Submitted by Sara Folta*

### **\$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

### **Nominating Committee Meets**

With all the excitement of the new fall season upon us, all the activities that seem to coincide with the start of school, I would like to report for a committee, which seems to work in the background, but is very essential to the continued growth and success at Grace Church. The Nominating Committee held its kickoff meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, just beating the deadline put forth in our by-laws.

The committee consists of Warren Ramirez, June Pietrantoni and Wes Foote, retiring members of the Vestry; Naida Gavrelis and Jane Scherban, officers whose term is complete and Dennis Hale, Sue Maltz and Peggy Wolff-Kerans, who were all elected to serve at last year's Annual Meeting. Linda Rogers sat in on the meeting and both Warren and Dennis were unable to attend.

The committee's task is to put together a slate of names to fill Vestry and Officer positions, that are up for reelection, delegates to Convention, Deanery, Medford Council of Churches and the Episcopal City Mission. This could involve finding as many as fifteen people to fill the open posts.

Although your committee will work hard, I know they will, we would like to encourage all parish members, who have any recommendations for these offices to forward their names to any committee member. Even though the Annual Meeting is not until February, we want to complete the task as soon as possible, so please contact us as soon as possible.

*For the Committee, Wes Foote*

## Notes from the Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR, as always, welcomes all who would like to sing to join them -- those with less choral music-reading experience, as well as committed musicians. Thursday evening rehearsals resume September 10, 7:30- 9, and again 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 be learning inspiring anthems from many traditions -- classical, traditional, Medieval, folk, gospel, pop, world -- some of which require careful preparation and the ability to read music, as well as 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.

EVERYONE SINGS SECOND SUNDAYS! Again this year we extend 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 SECOND 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 nearby. So mark these "Everyone Sings" Second Sundays on your calendar and come make a joyful noise with us! September 13 - October 11 - November 8 - December 13 - and so forth in 2010.

CHILDREN'S and TEEN/TWEEN CHOIRS: planning still underway -- stay tuned for more info to come!

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 and/or e-mail me at [ruth@gracemedford.org](mailto:ruth@gracemedford.org)

So join us this year in "singing and making melody in your heart to God!" (Ephesians 5:19)

- *Ruth Roper*, Minister of Music

## ***Looking Ahead.....***

### **OCTOBER AT GRACE CHURCH**

#### **Dinner with Grace**

In our busy lives, we often lose sight of those around us; people with great adventures and experiences sitting across the aisle. Grace Church is a diverse and wonderful family that reunites every Sunday, but why not a little bit more. In the spirit of hospitality and fellowship, we would like to try something new, and we call it **Dinner with Grace**. The idea is simple; one family hosts, guests are randomly chosen, and the rest is joyous Christian fellowship shared around the breaking of bread. Our first event is planned for **October 3rd from 5:30-7:30 pm**, and we will have sign-ups for those interested in participating through the end of this month. We will recruit host homes who are willing to take in anywhere between 5 to 8 parishioners for a meal, and then randomly place the guests from those who signed up. The meal is designed to be an exchange and not a burden, utilizing the traditional pot luck with each participant providing part of the meal to be shared.

Childcare (with pizza) will be provided at the church during the event so that all can participate.

Children will be dropped at Grace around 5 pm to allow time for parents to arrive at their dinner by 5:30. Children can be picked up at Grace between 7:30-8 pm.

For any additional information, please contact Linda Rogers at [lindamrogers@netzero.net](mailto:lindamrogers@netzero.net), or June Pietrantonni at [June.Pietrantonni@state.ma.us](mailto:June.Pietrantonni@state.ma.us).

Questions??? Contact Margaret Smist at [seniorwarden@gracemedford.org](mailto:seniorwarden@gracemedford.org) or 781-771-1846.

*Submitted by Margaret Smist*

#### **Walk to Cure Diabetes**

Again this year we are walking for the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund) "Walk to Cure Diabetes" on **Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**. Last year, for the third year in a row, thanks to all of you and your generous donations, we topped five thousand dollars. Every dollar counts and each year so many of you respond and together it adds up to this grand total. So, please, feel great about donating \$5 or \$10, it is all of you caring that brings us joy, not the amount you give.

We have had a great year and want to share the details with you. Please visit Hannah's web page, where you can read all about our year together and if you would like, you can donate (tax deductible) directly online to the JDRF through our team, The Best Butterflies.

<http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=87370067>

(This is not linked, so copy and paste or retype it into your web browser)

This disease is so devastating. It touches us day and night every day and every night all year long and continues as the years go by. We can't thank you enough for all of the support you have given us. It means so much to our family.

It is so important to find a cure,...please help.

*God Bless you.*

*Hannah, Linda, and John Rogers*

#### **Restoration Project – Update Presentation**

**Sunday, October 4, following 10am service**

Our church building has stood for 140 years, our parish home and an historic landmark.

The original church building is in need of thorough and careful restoration. Repairs are required now to stem water damage, stabilize the bell tower, and ring the bells again.

The Restoration Committee invites the parish to come learn the latest on plans for restoration to the original ("historic") portion of our church building. Please join us.

*Submitted by Allison Andrews*

### **Harvest Coffee Hour to begin Stewardship season on Sunday, October 18**

Our glorious autumn is upon us, and during this time, our ancestors prayed for rain, a bountiful harvest, for our natural resources and for all of God's creation. As we begin this Stewardship season here at Grace, we will celebrate with a Harvest Coffee Hour following the 10 am service. There will be apple and pumpkin goodies at this gathering and the children will decorate and take home a pumpkin! We have a full schedule for our Stewardship season, which includes our 10/18 festivities, preaching and testimonials by lay leaders, a presentation by our Finance Committee and ending with the ever-popular Sundae Sunday on November 22. All parishioners will receive pledge information and a pledge packet during the week of October 18. Please prayerfully consider 'Why I Give', and if you have any questions, be sure to speak to Father Noah, Margaret Smist, Wes Foote Jr., Steve Viggiani or Cindy Scott. THANK YOU!

*Submitted by Margaret Smist*

### **Fundraiser features 'Friends of Grace'----- Shannon and Matt Heaton!**

Grace Church welcomes back Matt and Shannon Heaton on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 -9 pm**. They will perform their unique blend of traditional and original Irish music and light refreshments will also be provided. Their newest album "[Lovers' Well](#)" is a collection of traditional Irish love songs, stirring traditional and original tunes, and one Thai traditional classic, "Lao Dueng Duen," to honor the time Shannon has spent studying Thai music and language. John O'Regan (Irish music Magazine) called their music "tight, sweet, and tasteful, lacking nothing on either technical expertise or instrumental virtuosity." And Scott Alarik (Boston Globe) wrote, "their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form, meant for sharing, not showing off.

Matt and Shannon have sung in our church choir in the past, and they are regulars at Club Passim in Cambridge and have a following countrywide. Check out their website at [www.mattandshannonheaton.com/bio.html](http://www.mattandshannonheaton.com/bio.html). This is a fundraiser for Grace Church -- the price is \$10 per person and \$20 per family. JOIN US!

*Submitted by Margaret Smist*

## **November at Grace Church**

### **All Saints Sunday**

**November 1, 2009**

#### **Remembering those who have died**

All Saints Day is when we remember and celebrate all of the saints of our lives and history, both living and dead. On this day each year we say special prayers for those who have died. If you have names of those who have died who you would like included in the prayers that day, please send them to Carol in the parish office at [office@gracemedford.org](mailto:office@gracemedford.org) or 781-396-7215.

### **All Saints Convention Production**

Parable Players present "Welcome to the All Saints Convention" on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1st, following the 10:00 AM service in the newly painted Parish Hall. This dramatic production was written and is directed by Laura Duggan who leads a cast of all ages from the Grace Church family with choreography and costumes by Jessica Sciallo. Don't miss the comedy when Reporter Warren Ramirez from Channel 6 arrives to interview some of the well-known and lesser-known saints who have gathered for the All Saints Convention!

*Submitted by Laura Duggan*

### Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the Grace Church Book Club is **Thursday, November 12** at 7pm at the home of Beverly Convery. We'll be reading *Strong Poison* by Dorothy L. Sayers. Please call Bev for more information or directions: 781-396-8129.

*Submitted by Julia Lisella*

### Fall Fair Date Set

The Fall fair will be **Saturday, November 21st**. Donations for Trash and Treasure can be received after November 1st. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Maria Fenn at [fennways@verizon.net](mailto:fennways@verizon.net).

## News about Members and Friends



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Ivy Smith	10/1	Carol Ryba	10/16
Jean Zafaris	10/1	Peter Anderson	10/17
David Lee	10/2	Cheryl Schlesinger	10/17
Inez Reese	10/2	Diane Schlesinger	10/17
Sarah Cluggish	10/3	Nicholas Bozovic	10/19
Doris Johnson	10/4	Wendy Anderson	10/20
Joan Williams	10/4	Solomon Nwachukwu, Jr.	10/20
Andrea McCurdy	10/6	Martha Gleason	10/22
Sophia Williams	10/7	Robert Spindler	10/23
Matthew Anderson	10/8	Dorothy States	10/23
Kaleigh Brawley	10/8	Naida Gavrelis	10/24
Donald Capuccio	10/8	Vincent Magazini	10/26
Alan Maltz	10/8	Malinda Walsh	10/26
Alan Novaes	10/8	Anne Deveney	10/29
Clarence Ligon, Jr.	10/12	Ella Daly	10/31
Marjorie Smith	10/14	Christopher Hunt	10/31
Lisa Carson	10/16	Elisabeth Hunt	10/31
Matthew Duggan	10/16	Kianne Plausky	10/31
Mary Rizzo	10/16	Thomas Quick	10/31

### Trip to England for Mary

Our fellow parishioner and friend, Mary Saragosa, has told us that she will soon be visiting her sister, whom she has not seen in 6 years. We all hope that you have a great time, Mary.

*Submitted by Jude Walsh*

## Welcome our New Parish Administrator

Our new Parish Administrator, Carol Koskelowski, began her work at Grace Church on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Her hours will be 9-2, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 8-1 on Wednesdays. Carol can be reached by phone or email at 781-396-7215 or [office@gracemedford.org](mailto:office@gracemedford.org).

Carol lives in West Medford with her husband and two children, who are attending Brooks school. She has a BA from Clark University and a Masters from Chicago Theological Seminary. She has worked in the development offices of CTS in Chicago and EDS in Cambridge.

I am excited about Carol, and she clearly stood out from the over 100 applications we received for the position. After Linda, Margaret and I interviewed her, we knew right away that she was a great fit for the Grace Medford community.

Currently the Wardens, Treasurer, Vestry, Finance Committee and I are exploring options for the bookkeeper position. In the interim we have a bookkeeper who is working with us one day a week from an accountant temporary staffing agency.

-- *The Reverend Noah Evans, Priest in Charge*

## News in our Wider Community

The Reverend Noah Evans, our Priest in Charge, and the Vestry voted for Grace Church to sign the following public letter proposed by the City of Medford Human Rights Commission. Our signing shows our parish's commitment to the value of the beautiful diversity of God's Kingdom. If you have any questions or thoughts, please ask Noah or a member of the Vestry.

The Medford Human Rights Commission has received many emails and phone calls recently in response to a signboard posted in Medford Square. In response, we feel it is important to reinforce the overall sentiment that the City of Medford is an open, welcoming, and diverse community.

Medford has long been such community and, over the years, has found ways to welcome an ever-expanding array of newcomers. The Medford Human Rights Commission celebrates this spirit of tolerance and openness that characterizes our city. The Commission -- whose charter calls upon us "to reinforce a positive community atmosphere..... to promote understanding to eliminate prejudice and intolerance....." is proud to serve as an amplifier for the voices of good will throughout our city. We have always stood and will continue to stand with other civic and religious organizations that promote tolerance and understanding and call upon all of them to join us specifically in condemning public expressions of hate and intolerance. Hateful expressions of any type, even those protected by free speech, do not foster a positive community spirit we all value so highly.

We thank the many voices of good will in the Medford community who take a caring and positive stand over the voices that try to divide us!

**Senior Supper at Lawrence Memorial Hospital** Join Hallmark Health for the last Senior Supper Series of the year on Tuesday, November 17<sup>h</sup> at an earlier time - 4:30 pm at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Cafeteria. Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with all of the fixings, as well as an assortment of holiday pies, all for \$6.95! The topic will be "Communicating with Your Doctor". Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call: 781-979-6105.

## Important Parking Reminder

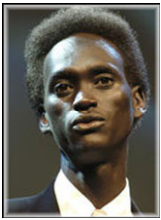
There are emergency fire lanes in the driveway. These are there for our protection and are required by law. This means that we are **not allowed to park in the driveway** with the exception of three handicap-parking spaces reserved at the top of the driveway adjacent to the front lawn. Please park in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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> H E Rite I <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:00 AM</b> H E Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:30 AM</b> Holy Land Presentation-Maria Fenn	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> GW Oversight Committee Mtg.	<b>29</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>5:30 PM</b> Wednesdays at Grace till 8:00 pm <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Education-Genesis: Creation and Relation	<b>1</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 PM</b> Safe Place	<b>2</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-anon <b>5:00 PM</b> 'Dining with Grace'
<b>4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> H E Rite I <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> H E Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:30 AM</b> All Saints Rehearsal <b>11:30 AM</b> Restoration Project Presentation	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>5:30 PM</b> Wednesdays at Grace till 8:00 pm <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Education-Genesis: Creation and Relation	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>6:30 PM</b> Heaton Concert Fundraiser in Parish Hall	<b>9</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-anon
<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> H E Rite I <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> Everyone Sings Sunday!! <b>10:00 AM</b> H E Rite II <b>11:30 AM</b> All Saints Rehearsal <b>3:00 PM</b> Kenyan Fellowship	<b>12</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>GRACEWORKS CLOSED</b> <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>5:30 PM</b> Wednesdays at Grace till 8:00 pm <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Education: Exploring Scripture Together	<b>15</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 PM</b> Safe Place	<b>16</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-anon <b>9:00 AM</b> FALL CLOTHING PANTRY
<b>18</b> <b>Harvest Coffee Hour</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> H E Rite I <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> H E Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Medford Women's Club <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>5:30 PM</b> Wednesdays at Grace till 8:00 pm <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Education Predatory Gambling <b>6:45 PM</b> Adult Education: Predatory Gambling	<b>22</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in CR till 5:30PM <b>4:00 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall till 5PM <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Al-anon <b>2:45 PM</b> GW in Parish Hall 2:45 - 4:00 <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-anon
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## Modern-Day Human Bondage:

*Escaped slave Francis Bok and abolitionists Charles Jacobs and Gerald Bell describe modern-day slavery around the world, with an emphasis on Sudan*



**Francis Bok**, a Dinka tribesman and native of Sudan, is an abolitionist and author living in the United States. On May 15, 1986, he was captured and enslaved at age seven during an Arab militia raid on the village of Nymlal in Southern Sudan. Bok lived in bondage for ten years before escaping imprisonment in Kurdufan, Sudan, followed by a journey to the United States by way of Cairo, Egypt.



**Charles Jacobs** has been named by *Forward Magazine* as one of America's top 50 Jewish leaders. In 1993, together with Muslim and Christian Africans, Charles founded the *American Anti-Slavery Group*, which brought international attention to genocide and slavery in Sudan. In 2000, Charles flew into southern Sudan to help redeem over 2,000 African slaves. Coretta Scott King and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino presented Charles with the first-ever Boston Freedom Award for his abolitionist work.



**Pastor Gerald Bell** is the minister of Strong Tower Church in Boston, which he started with his wife in 2006. He has worked for many years as a member of the American Anti-Slavery Group, with which he traveled to Africa to see the cruelty of modern-day slavery first-hand. In July 2001, Pastor Bell was part of a group working with the Christian Solidarity International of Zurich, Switzerland, which redeemed the lives of more than 6,700 slaves in South Sudan.

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