



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Grace Church,

My time as your Micah Project Intern is coming to a close. This year has been one of the most transformative and enriching years I've had and it is all because of you!

When I came to you in September 2009, you all warmly welcomed me with open arms. Throughout this year we've been able to accomplish some amazing things like the Food For Thought Campaign and the Hunger Justice Mission trip and many other things. I've enjoyed meeting with many of you, getting to hear your stories and why you all do what you do here at Grace.

I've had the pleasure of serving on the Outreach and Education Committees. I got to help teach Rite 13 and some Adult Ed Forums. I've been able to work with all our wonderful Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. I've had the opportunity to grow as a leader and a preacher. And, I've learned so much about the life of a parish and all the amazing things a community can do together!

Although I will no longer be your Micah Intern, the good news is that I'll still be here at Grace! As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are starting a new ministry with Tufts University to form an Episcopal worship community for Tufts students where they can explore the relationship between social justice and their faith.

I'm very much looking forward to continuing on with Grace and working with Tufts students! Next year will have a new set of challenges and learning experiences for me and for us at Grace and I hope that we will be able to grow together and succeed in this endeavor!

Rachael Pettengill
Lay Associate for Student Ministries

OUTREACH AT GRACE

The Outreach Committee has been searching for a way to match the interests and talents of our congregation with the deepest needs of our community. And, we think we have found it! Starting this fall, Grace Church will partner with English at Large, the leading volunteer based adult literacy organization in our area to offer services as language tutors working one-on-one with almost 50 adults in need in our community.

We need you to join in this effort and help us build a new successful ministry at Grace Church. If you are interested in becoming an ESL tutor, you must attend the orientation on Thursday, August 12th. A representative from English at Large will be lead the orientation and go over all the program logistics and answer any questions you may have. In addition to orientation, to tutor you will need to attend 15 hours of training. If you can't make it to the orientation or training this time around, there are likely to be more opportunities – we hope to offer another session in 2011. Therefore, if you can't make these dates, we ask you to try to join us again at a later time.

Below is more information on the program, volunteer dates and information on English-at-Large. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Outreach Committee with your questions.

Nanci Palladino at npalladino@jhancock.com

Outreach Committee: Jane Scherban, Rachael Pettengill, Sara Folta, Dottie Palladino, Brenda Pearson, Linda Rogers and Maria Fenn

About English-At-Large:

English At Large trains volunteers to become English language tutors and work one-on-one with adults in its 20-town service area. Currently it serves more than 250 adults each year. The efforts of volunteer language tutors can have an immediate impact that resonates throughout each learner's life. English At Large, which was formerly known as EMLC, is the leading volunteer-based adult literacy organization in our area. A private, non-profit affiliate of ProLiteracy Worldwide, its volunteers have provided free English literacy services to adults for more than four decades. These services include individual and small-group tutoring and conversation practice, which a volunteer tailors to the specific needs of each learner. With the help of more than 280 volunteers each year, English At Large's learners are changing their lives—reading books to their children, finding new and better jobs, achieving citizenship, even voting for the first time.

August Orientation:

Orientation will be held at Grace Church on **Thursday, August 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. You must attend this session if you are interested in becoming a tutor.

Training:

Training will be held at Grace Church on the following dates. All related training expenses will be paid for by Grace Church. We are able to accommodate up to 48 Grace Church members to be involved in this ministry and you must be 18+years old. The total time commitment for training is 15 hours. You would attend 10 hours of training, then get matched and meet with your student for three weeks, and return for the remaining five hours of training. Training is scheduled for the following Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM:

Week 1 September 9

Week 2 September 16

Week 3 September 23

Week 4 September 30

Week 5 October 21

Week 6 October 28

Tutors are matched during the week of 9/24 and 10/1. Tutors would begin meeting the week of 10/4 or 10/11. Training resumes for Thursday 10/21 and 10/28 from 7-9 PM.

Volunteer Schedule and Commitment:

Tutors will meet on Thursday evenings at Grace Church from 6:30-8:30 PM. You will meet with your student beginning on Thursday, October 4th for six months and continue through March. If you are unable to volunteer on Thursday evenings, you have the option to make arrangements to meet on a different day/time with your student. You are still required to attend orientation, training and commit to meeting once a week for six months.

Babysitting Services!

Many adults are unable to participate in these types of programs since they are parents and are in need of child care. Utilizing our child care facility, we are removing barriers and providing another service that is very much needed. Students will be able to bring their children during their tutoring session, and the children will be cared for by trained professionals on Thursday evenings.

Submitted by Sara Folta

New Grace Church Outreach Opportunity!

Greater Boston Food Bank

Where: 70 South Bay Avenue, Boston, MA

When: **September 18, 1:00-3:30, October 16, 1:00-3:30, November 20, 9:30-12, December 4, 9:30-12**

Sign-up: Volunteer Registration sheets are located on the bulletin boards in the church hall or you can sign-up on Facebook.

Please contact Nanci Palladino if you have any questions. nanci.palladino57@comcast.net

Submitted by Nanci Palladino

Grace Church's New Ministry with Tufts University and Changes in Rachael's Responsibilities

Grace Church is about to embark on a new ministry with Tufts University. Our intern, Rachael Pettengill, will begin to meeting with Tufts students in August to help form a student group. As of August first her title will be "Lay Associate for Student Ministry".

Rachael will be using a model of community organization and relational evangelism similar to that taught to both her Diomass Intern program and our Leadership Development Initiative GreenUp CleanUp group. This model involves identifying, recruiting, and developing leadership, organizing community around that leadership, and building power from the resources of that community. This is achieved through the five practices: Public Narrative (equipping people to turn their values into sources of motivation as a story of self, story of us, and story of now), Relationship Building (building the relationships through which people can commit to work together to achieve common purposes), Structuring (developing leadership by creating interdependent teams designed to collaborate across multiple levels of coordination), Strategizing (devising tactics to creatively translate resources into the power to achieve clear goals at each level of organization), and Acting (producing specific, observable, and measurable results to evaluate progress, exercise accountability, and adapt strategy based on experience).^{*} Using this model, Rachael will help to form a leadership team of students to begin worship and outreach ministries with Tufts students and our local community.

Margaret Smist will be serving as Rachael's coach, meeting with her weekly for reflection and supervision. Margaret will also be working with and learning from the team of coaches who are supervising other Relational Evangelist interns with the Diomass Intern Program. Noah Evans will continue to work with Rachael, supervising her at weekly Staff meetings, collaborating on a possible student worship service, serving as a pastoral resource for Tufts students and helping to integrate the Tufts ministry with the life of Grace Church. This is an exciting new model of ministry for our parish, Diocese and the Episcopal Church.

In order to open the time needed to develop the Tufts ministry Rachael's role and responsibilities in parish life will also change. She will be rotating off of the Education Committee, and she will remain on the Outreach committee. Rachael will no longer have a formal role in our education ministries or on Wednesday nights. Her administrative responsibilities over the weekly email and some electronic communication are being transferred to Carol. Her work training LEMs and Lectors will also conclude this summer.

As a member of this parish in the Discernment for Ordination process, Rachael will still be present on Sundays, preaching occasionally and serving as a LEM.

For more information on the Tufts Episcopal ministry or to find out how you can get involved contact Rachael Pettengill at rachael@gracemedford.org or 781-396-7215.

^{*}information in brackets from www.diomassintern.org/REPP.html

Other questions about the changes in staff responsibilities, please contact the Reverend Noah H. Evans, noah@gracemedford.org or 781-396-7215.



Come SING with the GRACE CHOIR!



Another musical year at Grace Church begins in September! New and returning singers are welcomed back to join in this ministry of healing and inspiration, liturgical leadership, and praise to God.

THE ADULT CHOIR welcomes those with less choral music-reading experience, as well as committed musicians. Thursday evening rehearsals resume September 9, 7:30- 9, and again Sunday mornings at 9 am to prepare that morning's music. We meet in the Music and Education Room, downstairs. Our repertoire will include anthems from a wide variety of traditions -- classical, medieval, folk, Anglican, 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 sing with us regularly, you will experience many different kinds of choral music, and you will find your music skills improving from week to week. BTW, 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.

"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, the choir and I 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 are welcome, assuming 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 12 - October 10 – November 14 – December 12 - and so forth in 2011.

CHILDREN and TEEN/TWEEN SINGERS will present special music during the year – stay posted for details! And 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

Please know there is a place for you to join with us in "singing and making melody in your heart to God!" (Ephesians 5:19)

Ruth Roper, Minister of Music

AUGUST AT GRACE CHURCH

Sunday School

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School next year, please come to a planning meeting at Catherine Smith's house on **Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00**. If you are interested in teaching but cannot make the meeting, please email Catherine at smith.catherine@epa.gov to inform her of your interest. We're also looking for volunteers to be doorkeepers and special project coordinators.

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

By now, all of you should have received a questionnaire from the Discernment Committee, either via email or on paper. To date, we have received less than 50 completed questionnaires. Please complete yours and return it -- electronically or on paper -- as soon as possible, and **no later than August 8**. The participation of the whole parish is crucial for the Committee's work in getting a sense of the congregation's direction and goals.

Every week throughout the summer, one or more members of the Committee -- Margaret Smist, June Pietrantonio, David Choi, Marie Glynn, James Kossuth, and Jim Norton -- will be available after the service to talk with anyone who has any questions or concerns about the process. We'll be the people with the "Discernment Committee" hats (each hat an original Siobhan Glynn design). You can't miss us. After all the questionnaires have been returned and analyzed, the Committee will host an **all-parish forum and brunch after service on Sunday October 3**. Please plan to attend.

Submitted by James Kossuth

Let's Play Ball!



Join us for 1st summer softball game outing at Grace Church!

Sunday, August 22nd

Game time 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. pizza to follow!

**\$5.00 per person, \$10.00 family (up to 4) then \$20 for over
Carr Park, Medford**

Everyone is welcome to play in this fun friendly game of softball regardless of your skill level or age! Come join the fun, bring your glove and join a team! If you are unable to play bring your lawn chair and come cheer us on!!

Bring your own soft drinks and glove!

Team Captains are Noah and Margaret!!! You must sign up and pay by Sunday, August 15th. See sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards in the church hall.

Please see Nanci Palladino with any questions or contact at nanci.palladino57@comcast.net

Bishop Gayle Visits

Bishop Gayle Harris will be visiting the deanery parishes in a less formal way than she would on an official visitation during these summer months. Her goal will be to learn more about our ministry—the things we do well, areas of challenge for us, and our hopes and aspirations. She is scheduled to be present for worship at Grace Church on Sunday, August 29 at our 9:00 a.m. service. Please plan to join us for worship and fellowship that day as we welcome our bishop among us!

Summer Recycling Help Needed!

Plastic & aluminum recycling does not get picked up from Grace Church (yet). Helpful parishioners take it home and put it out with their own recycling (or drop it off at the City Yard). We need some volunteers to help with this over the summer. If you're willing to help once, or many times, we need people to take the recycling from the kitchen and put it out with your own (you can borrow the bin from the church) or take it to the City Yard. Please speak with Alicia Hunt: iggy@mit.edu or 781-874-0493.

Submitted by Alicia Hunt

Reusable water bottles (“eco-bottles”) save money and the environment by reducing the use of plastic water bottles. The Grace Church **GreenUp CleanUp** project is selling these for \$12.50 each to raise funds for our park cleanup project and other environmental stewardship initiatives.

For questions about the **GreenUp CleanUp** project or the eco-bottles, ask one of the team: Ann, Jon, Linda, June, Margaret or Rachael.

Submitted by Jon Hunt

Looking Ahead.....

Wednesdays @ Grace / Sunday School Meeting Wednesday Sept 1, 2010

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 2010-2011 programs. If you are interested in providing input or volunteering to teach, work on 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 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

Women's Book Club

Dear Women of Grace,

A reminder that our next book club is September 9 at 7pm at the home of Olivia Bracken: 20 Ship Avenue #24, Medford. We'll be discussing *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. As always, all women of Grace and their guests are welcome!

Many of you have expressed interest in our group, but haven't yet been able to make it, or have only been able to make a few meetings. Please know that you can join us any time (even if you haven't read the book of the night!) and do pass this email on to whomever you feel might be interested—or send me their email and I will include them in the distribution list.

Submitted by Julia Lisella

GreenUP CleanUP

Green Up Clean Up event on **Saturday September 11th.**

Grace Church is planning another Green Up Clean Up for the National Day of Service on September 11th to clean up Tufts Park. If you are interested in participating, you can speak with Rachael Pettengill.

LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE RELAYS

Every year, about the middle of September, the North Medford Running Club sponsors a relay race that circles Lake Winnepesaukee in NH. Vin Maganzini and Wes Foote were discussing this and felt that there were some runners in the Grace Church stable and possibly we could field a team. What is a team? It's eight runners, either male or female, any age. The legs of the relay are anywhere from 3.5 miles to 11 miles, for a total of about 64 miles. Usually takes place on a Saturday, middle of September and can be a lot of fun. If you are interested, let Vin or Wes know, and if there is enough interest, we can enter a team under the Grace Church banner.

Submitted by Wes Foote

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars -- our Fair date has been set for Saturday, November 20!!!

The Community and Parish Life committee has been busy at work, and our 2010 Fair will have a new look. Trash and Treasure, used books, donated jewelry and our snack bar will be moved to a new time (in the spring). The Silver Tea will now be held during Laura Duggan's theatrical fundraiser in October.

We are still working out the details of the changes, but more information will follow as we make plans for the Fair. Please speak to Carrie Cross, Nanci Palladino, June Pietrantonio or Margaret Smist if you have questions or would just like to help out. We are very excited about bringing some fresh new ideas to this traditional event at Grace Church!!

Submitted by Margaret Smist

Artisans for the Church Fair

A call for all Grace Church Artisans, Aspiring Artisans and any one in between to gather together regularly to create beautiful handmade items for this year's church fair. This is a group for folks who are masters and folks who want to learn or teach themselves in community for a creative giving to the church. This is a chance to share with each other, create new ideas, and make beautiful things. Whether you are a knitter, painter, quilter, candle maker, sewer, jeweler, card maker or you have a new idea or you have supplies to donate. Contact: Carrie Cross, if you are interested (cross_carrie@hotmail.com , 617/515-7037).

Submitted by Carrie Cross

Grace Church Happenings

Summer Worship Schedule

We will have one worship service at 9:00AM during the summer months of July and August. On Sunday, September 5 we will resume our regular schedule with service at 8:00 and 10:00 AM.

Children and Youth Programs Resume in September

Sunday School and Wednesdays at Grace will resume in September. Sunday School resumes on September 25, and Wednesdays at Grace resumes on September 22. Please register your children for programs at www.gracemedford.org.

Summer Office Hours for the Parish Office

Beginning the week of June 28th the Parish Office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM. This schedule will remain in effect until the week of August 30th. The last day of summer office hours will be Thursday, September 2nd.

Carol Koskelowski will be on vacation July 6-9, August 4 & 5 and August 16 - 20. While Carol is away volunteers will be checking messages and staffing the office on a reduced schedule to make sure parish needs are met.

Rides to Grace Church Events

If you ever need a ride to Sunday services, or any Grace Church event, please call the parish office. We are here to help you find a ride! It is helpful if you call at least 48 hours before you need the ride.

Prayer Group

Grace Church Prayer Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the GraceWorks kitchen downstairs. Come and join us to pray for the Grace family and your specific prayer concerns! Please contact Susan Maltz, amaltz8486@comcast.net if you have questions!

Submitted by Sue Maltz

Cooking for Families with New Babies:

Fellow Grace Parishioners:

As Christians we believe we are called to love, serve, and care for one another. At Grace Church we do this in a variety of ways, some are informal, and some more organized. We sometimes assume that pastoral care is only for our elderly members, or those who are sick and hospitalized. People of all ages need help and support, and people of all ages can offer these gifts to others.

As you know, we recently blessed the following expectant and new mothers; Abby Williamson, Kathy Mumma, Peggy Kerans, Caterine McCurdy, Shannon Heaton and Carrie Cross. I am organizing a "meals for new moms, dads and babies" program to support and help these families through the first few weeks upon bringing their baby/babies home

If you would like to help in this pastoral effort to cook a dinner and bring it to them please let me know, I will add you to the list. You will be contacted on your assigned day to bring over dinner.

Any questions do not hesitate to contact me at: 781-391-0928 or email me at:

brendapearson@comcast.net.

Submitted by Brenda Pearson

Bowling League

How many are aware that Grace Church is part of the Medford Church/K of C Bowling League? The league this year celebrates its 100th consecutive year of operation, perhaps the longest consecutive streak in the country. Of course, this is candlepin bowling, real bowling, that is enjoyed mostly in this part of the country. Team members this season are: Jim Pearson (the younger), Don Capuccio, Marty Lord (brother of former secretary), Mike MacDougall (a friend) and Wes Foote (the younger). Former team members that might be remembered were: Cal Carpenter, Fred LeBert, Ken Blodgett, Jim Pearson, Sr., Pete Pearson, Richard Foote, Ed Sherry, John Schlesinger and Emil Schlesinger. Even heard that Don Thompson and Oscar Greene tried one year. The league started with six teams, had as many as sixteen at times and has shrunk back to six. But it continues, not as much representative of the Churches it once was, and is still a fun league. Bowling night has been Wednesday at 6:30 for years. Anyone interested in joining in the future should contact Don or Wes. We are always looking for more bowlers.

Submitted by Wes Foote

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

Linda Gravallesse	08/02	David Choi	08/21
Rachael Pettengill	08/05	Keith Corcoran	08/22
Mary Thompson	08/05	Tara Hourihan	08/22
Ruby Andreasen	08/10	Linda Foote	08/25
Claes Andreasen	08/14	Adam Pearson	08/26
Roosevel Glynn	08/16	Jeana Zafiris	08/26
Elaine Gaughan	08/17	Rev. Noah Evans	08/27
Joan Pappalardo	08/18	Taylor Beebee	08/29
John Hourihan	08/19	Elizabeth Beatrice	08/30
Nanci Palladino	08/19	Elaine Walters	08/30

If we do not have your birthday, please contact the church office at 781-396-7215 or office@gracemedford.org

NOTE FROM THE VESTRY

Giving money to individuals at Grace Church

It is not uncommon for people to come to Grace Church asking for money or personal assistance. The Vestry requests that parishioners refrain from giving cash to individuals while at Grace Church. If someone is seeking assistance, the Wardens and all Staff members have access to food cards that can be given instead of cash; please direct request on to a staff member or a Warden. As a parish community, we want to be able to help those in need, but we also want to discourage folks being made uncomfortable by these request. You are also invited to give food cards to be used for people in need of assistance.

Note from Editor:

When emailing an article to me for an upcoming newsletter, please reference the Grace Newsletter in your Subject Line. This will help me in not overlooking an article when I don't recognize the sender's name.

Thank you.

Jude Walsh, delphine3738@yahoo.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM H E Rite II	2 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	3 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	4 12:30 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM Sunday School Meeting	5 12:00 PM Al-anon 8:30 PM Safe Place	6 12:00 PM Al-anon 5:00 PM HEET Weatherization Walk Through	7 9:00 AM Al-anon
8 9:00 AM H E Rite II	9 12:00 PM Al-anon 1:00 PM Bookkeeper at Grace 7:30 PM AA Meeting	10 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	11 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:30 PM Al-anon	12 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM ESL Orientation	13 12:00 PM Al-anon	14 9:00 AM Al-anon
15 9:00 AM H E Rite II 3:00 PM Kenyan Fellowship	16 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	17 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	18 12:30 PM Al-anon	19 12:00 PM Al-anon 8:30 PM Safe Place	20 12:00 PM Al-anon	21 9:00 AM Al-anon
22 9:00 AM H E Rite II 4:00 PM Grace Church Softball Game - Carr Park	23 12:00 PM Al-anon 1:00 PM Bookkeeper at Grace 7:30 PM AA Meeting	24 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	25 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:30 PM Al-anon	26 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:00 PM Al-anon	27 12:00 PM Al-anon	28 9:00 AM Al-anon
29 9:00 AM H E Rite II with The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris 1:00 PM Parish Hall Scheduled	30 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	31 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Al-anon 7:30 PM AA Meeting	1 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:30 PM Al-anon	2 9:00 AM Parish Office Open 12:00 PM Al-anon 8:30 PM Safe Place	3 12:00 PM Al-anon	4 9:00 AM Al-anon

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