

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

November 2008

Rector's Reflections

trust and obey...

On November 4th, we will elect a new President. I hope all of us at Grace Church who are eligible to vote will vote. I've never understood why so many Americans fail to vote. It is our privilege and our responsibility. During this month when we focus on our parish stewardship, we might also reflect upon our responsibilities as citizens of this blessed nation.

We affirm the traditional and legal separation of Church and State. Those who analyze the presidential election of 2008 will look closely at the role of religion regardless of who wins. And we can all wonder about how the next President will (or won't) publicly witness to his beliefs.

Our *Book of Common Prayer* includes nine prayers for "national life" (pp. 820-823). We are encouraged to pray for our President, members of Congress and the Courts. In the prayer for our Country, we pray, "*In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail.*"

We include in our prayers those whose lives have been so traumatized by the chaos of our economy. We pray for those who serve our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. We pray for the commitment and sacrifice all at Grace Church make to continue our ministry and mission.

I always enjoy the month of November because we start with the celebrations of All Saints and end with the beginning of the new Christian year with Advent. In between we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christ the King Sunday. May our liturgies remind us to always give thanks and trust in the Lord. As we pray for our new President-elect and as we hope for an end to the economic crisis, as well as an end to war and violence around the world, I want to close with the words of an old Baptist hymn ("Trust and Obey") that was very dear to one of my former spiritual mentors.

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When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

— *The Rev. Robert H. Malm, Rector*



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite 1.....	7:30 am
Child care.....	8:45 am–12:45 pm
La Santa Eucaristía.....	9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite 2.....	9:00 am
Christian ed classes.....	10:15 am
Choral Eucharist Rite 1.....	11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite 2.....	5:00 pm

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays, Rite 1.....	6:30 pm
Tuesdays, Rite 2 with healing.....	6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite 1.....	7:00 am
Thursdays, Rite 2.....	7:00 am
Fridays, Rite 1.....	12:15 pm

Grace Church is:

- ✧ A center for worship and fellowship
- ✧ A school for discipleship and stewardship
- ✧ A community for healing and outreach

About Grace Notes

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Sacer Notus

Let's grow where we are planted.

In this season of All Saints I am reminded of a dear friend who used to tell me to “grow where I was planted.” Sometimes I would nod sagely at this; other times I would wait until I was on my own and just cry. The fact is, despite our call to sainthood being all-embracing, sometimes we find ourselves in places we would rather not be or dealing with situations we would rather not be facing.

I have been to several training events recently that have been hot on psychology and systems theory. Don't worry if you don't know about those disciplines; they are just ways of explaining how we relate to each other and our places. While studies of human behavior and theories are an interesting way to look at life, I have yet to read one that does not have flaws. I suppose they are like rays of light entering a room from different angles: none seem to illuminate the whole complexity of our lives.

For me there has only ever been one “system” that makes sense: Believing in Jesus Christ. It makes sense because it allows for my rationality but is not tied to it. By believing in Jesus, mystery takes the place of the scattered light rays (which so many theories find themselves with). Thus, God is at the center, as the all-illuminating source, and not the end product explanation. This is why my friend said what he did. It was not to be cruel. It was because he knew, however much I was struggling, however many tears I cried, that I really did believe God was there underneath all my mess. That God was there and I was rooted and grounded in God—so I would grow and ultimately flourish.

That is the call of the saints. That is why there are saints in every place at every time and in every circumstance, because we are rooted and grounded in the same God. We are allowed to be ourselves—wonderfully—and held together in Christ—mysteriously. I have read many books, but not one book or theory will ever explain why a saint follows Christ. Not really. But perhaps you know, perhaps you know what leads you down that path, even on the days when putting one foot in front of the other is hard enough.

So let's grow where we are planted—in an English rose garden or a city street. We are the saints of Christ in whom we are held forever.

— *The Rev. Caroline A. Kramer, Assistant Rector*

The Founders' Day Dinner Question: So What?

Well, those attending the dinner heard and felt the power of the question, *So What?* in the remarks made by the night's guest speaker, The Rev. Frank Wade, who simply asked: "*So What?* if you believe in God as Owner and Us as Stewards (managers), in Tithing, and in Grace Church as a source of healing for those inside of it and a source of generous compassion for those outside of it? *So What?*" You may want to read the entire talk by Dr. Wade in the October 17, 2008 Stewardship letter sent by Father Malm. *So What?* is a question for you to answer; for Grace Church to answer. *So What?* So..... What?

— Barry Barr

Treasurer's Report

	Balance 6/30/08	7/1/08 – 9/30/08	Total 9/30/08
INCOME			
Cash Contributions	\$438,009	\$55,799	\$493,808
EXPENDITURES			
Organ expenses	250,081	7,277	257,358
Architectural fees	47,003	3,620	50,623
Accoustical Consultant	5,548		5,548
Gala	12,018		12,018
HVAC	7,315	7,228	14,543
Legal fees/loan fees	1,273	529	1,802
Loft construction	63,800	147,068	210,868
Permits	1,757		1,757
Roofing	6,576	98,156	104,732
Administration Salaries	604		604
Miscellaneous	2,047	55	2,102
Total Expenditures	398,022	263,933	661,955
NET CASH			
BEFORE LOAN DRAW	\$39,988	(208,134)	(168,147)
Loan Proceeds		180,000	180,000
NET CASH			11,853

— Linda Durand, Treasurer

From the

Parish Register

Baptisms

- Emily Crawford Reuther, daughter of Bill and Mary-Lacey Reuther

Marriages

- Emma Callison Carter and Michael Patrick Murphy
- Sara Louise Bamford and Brian Edward Dubsy

Burial

- Margaret Wilson, mother of Wendy Cummings

— Dorothy Daniel

UTO Ingathering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering will take place on Sunday, November 23, at all services. As we anticipate Thanksgiving and its bounty, let us contemplate the blessings we have received and share generously with those who are in need. "Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others."

— Georgiana Greeley

Capital Campaign

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The costs for all of the work for the capital campaign projects through the end of September are outlined in the Treasurer's Report. During this past quarter, we borrowed the first amounts from the loan that the church had previously negotiated with BB&T. As of September 30, 2008, we have drawn in \$180,000 from the loan.

— Mary Hix

Senior Warden's Report

As the fall begins the Vestry begins to think about 2009. We are in the very early stages of building a budget for 2009. Program Coordinators have been asked to give us information on their financial needs for 2009.

We also start to prepare for the Annual Meeting in January. The term of the senior class of the Vestry, which consists of Jo Belser, Cindy Diehl, Heather Hurley, Richard Smith and me, ends in January 2009. Together we form the nominating committee for the next class of Vestry members. The Episcopal Church of the United States and The Diocese of Virginia Canons define the duties of Vestries. Although there are too many Canons for us to print here, a summary is provided below. You may go to the websites for TEC and The Diocese of Virginia for the full canons.

Canons for the Diocese of Virginia:

Canon 11

Section 4. Only Lay persons, who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing of the church, as defined in General Convention Canon I.17, shall be eligible for election as Vestry members.

Section 8. Every person chosen a Vestry member shall qualify by subscribing to the following declaration and promise: "I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines, worship and discipline of The Episcopal Church; and I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of Vestry member of Grace Episcopal Church, in Region IV in the City of Alexandria, according to my best knowledge and skill." No person shall act as a Vestry member until this declaration and promise have been subscribed to.

Canon 12

Section 3. Each Vestry member shall support the programs of the Church and continuously encourage the members of the congregation to support the programs of the Church and to give generously towards the support of those programs; and each Vestry member shall extend personally a hearty welcome to newly baptized, confirmed, received, or transferred members of the congregation.

Our own Grace Church policies state the qualifications as:

Only lay persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing of Grace Church, and known to the Treasurer as pledging members and regular contributors to Grace Church, shall be eligible for election to the Vestry.

We are seeking qualified individuals to stand for election for the 2009 Vestry. If you would like to volunteer to stand for election to the Vestry, please contact me at jane.rosman@gracealex.org or talk with any of the Nominating Committee members.

Being a Vestry member is a very rewarding experience. I hope you will consider being nominated.

— *Jane Rosman, Senior Warden*

VOICE Action!

On Sunday evening, October 5, three Grace Church members and Father Patrick joined over 2000 people for the VOICE kickoff gathering at First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries, VA. VOICE, which stands for Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement, is a non-partisan, multi-faith citizens' empowerment organization that advocates social justice. Specifically, VOICE seeks to organize Northern Virginians to address affordable housing, immigration and health care availability. Grace has already supported VOICE in some small ways and is currently discerning its future participation. Although recently formed, the group is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation, a Chicago-based community organizing network started in 1940 by Saul Alinsky, the founder of modern community organizing in America.

A 50-member gospel choir welcomed the attendees with spirited song. Seating was tight as people spilled into overflow rooms despite the large sanctuary. During the gathering, VOICE leaders called on state and local political leaders to defend affordable housing initiatives, support English language education for non-English speakers and expand dental services for low-income residents. Political leaders present included Mark Warner, former governor and U.S. Senate candidate; Sen. Richard Saslaw, Virginia Senate Majority Leader; Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair; J. Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board Chairman and William Euille, Mayor of Alexandria. Most agreed to support the VOICE initiatives in some way.

Religious leaders representing diverse faiths offered prayers as well as calls for action. Bishop Jones stated the need to look to sacred scripture for inspiration. Imam Sheikh Shakar Elsayed of the Dar-Al-Hijrah Islamic Center led a prayer for guidance. Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Unitarian leaders all called for unity as well.

Together, representatives from these and other faiths pledged over \$228,000 to help VOICE reach its goals, a remarkable display of goodwill in an age when we often define ourselves by our differences.

—Doug Prince

Music Notes

Royal School of Church Music Affiliation

For several years now, Grace Church has been an Affiliate Member of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) in America. As a branch of the UK organization, its members foster excellence in church music through an organizational forum that facilitates the exchange of knowledge and ideas and provides training and support to music directors. This fall, the St. Nicholas Choir has begun to work through the RSCM's *Voice for Life*, an acclaimed structured choral training guide that provides a framework for choral singers to develop their vocal skills, musical understanding, and knowledge of the repertoire. Eventually, all of Grace Church's choirs will participate in this program. For more information, contact Thom Robertson.

Evensong

Once again, on November 16, the Grace Church choirs will present Evensong in the context of the 5:00 pm Eucharist. This choral service is one of the glories of our Anglican heritage; it has been offered daily in churches, cathedrals, and collegiate chapels for centuries. Please support the choirs by joining them in this beautiful ending to a Sunday's worship.

Advent Procession

Mark December 7 on your calendar and plan to attend the 3rd Annual Advent Procession at 6:00 pm. This special service, sung by both choirs, is always a glorious and holy way to prepare for the coming of Christ. If you've not experienced a choral procession before, you'll be moved as the choirs surround you and begin singing. The procession starts in the dimness of the Narthex and ends in brilliant light at the High Altar, symbolizing the movement from the prophetic expectation of Messiah to the very brink of messianic fulfillment, both in the birth of the Son of God and His final coming in judgment and glory. Following the service, join us in Merrow Hall Auditorium for a festive dessert reception.

—Thom Robertson, Director of Music

College Care Packages

Do you remember the pressure of exam time at college? Cramming to remember a semester's worth of information before a final? Getting the munchies at 3:00 am or skipping meals to meet a paper deadline? You can help bring a little stress relief to our Grace Church college, boarding, and grad students by contributing nutritious snacks, small toys or other items for our Care Packages. This year we will be sending nearly 40 care packages to 25 college, 7 boarding school, two grad school, and four local students, plus one young soldier deploying to Iraq. Please join the Pastoral Care team in the **Merrow Hall Auditorium on Sunday, November 30 during Coffee Hour following the 9:00 am Eucharist** as we prepare Advent/pre-exam care packages. Suggested items include: hand

sanitizer, post-it notes, cough drops, gum, popcorn, instant ramen noodles, tuna kits, microwave macaroni, dried fruit. Homemade brownies or cookies are particularly popular, sealed in individual zip bags. (Some of the students—and parents—have said that they are trying to avoid unhealthy foods or lose weight and have asked that we not include snacks in their packages.) No liquids or perishables, please. Favorites from past years have included Playdoh, squeezable trucks, and capsules that dissolve into mini dinosaurs. Think creatively (and lightweight). Stop by and sign the cards for our young people to remind them they are part of our Grace family, and take away a box or two to mail. Thank you!

— Nancy Robinson, *Non-vestry
Pastoral Care Coordinator*

Grace-ful Stitching

I took up needlepoint over two decades ago as a means of avoiding snacking after dinner while June and I watched television. Over the years I completed countless idyllic scenes, giving many as framed gifts to friends and family.

When the sesquicentennial kneeler renewal project came along, I jumped at the chance for a new needlepoint challenge. Now, two years later, I'm working on my fifth kneeler! Figuring out how to stitch geometric patterns using the least amount of yarn is both relaxing and rewarding to me – I guess it reflects my analytical background.

Trish Bamford has digitized a large number of different patterns. Each is reproduced on several pages of graph paper – the graph is how you keep track of where you are when stitching the design. Each kneeler kit comes with a binder containing the graph pages, ample amounts of the various yarns needed, and canvas backing.

A non-parishioner friend who is working on one of our kneelers came up with the perfect slogan – *kneeler pointing for God's grace*. More stitchers are needed. Won't you join us? Contact Connie Troyer at 703-548-8249.

— Brad Bergmann

Youth and Children

We have recently welcomed Rosa Castillo to our staff as our long awaited Children's Ministries coordinator. Rosa comes to us with a background in children's ministries and administration. She will be working ten hours a week doing general administration and helping teachers. She will also be starting a Jesse Tree project before Advent and working with the and Advent and Christmas children's ministries. Most of Rosa's work will be with children's ministries and her son Ryan will be joining Mrs. Young in the preschool class.

Program Highlights

Sunday, November 2 — Parade of Saints
Saturday, November 8 — J2A Auction
Sunday, November 30 — Wreath making between the services
Sunday, November 30 — Pageant rehearsals start in Sunday School

Grace Church Vestments

Vestments are the garments worn by those who lead and assist in our public worship. Many are descended from the dress of the Roman society in which the early church came into being.

Acolytes wear a **cassock** (a long, close-fitting, ankle-length, red or black robe). Over it they wear either a **surplice** (a decorative, knee-length white cotton tunic with wide sleeves) or a **cotta** (a shorter and simpler version). Lay Eucharistic Ministers wear a **cassock alb**, a modern combination of the **cassock** and **alb** (a thin, white, collarless, ankle-length cotton robe). Outside it they tie a **cincture** (a long, rope-like white cord with knotted ends) around the waist, with the knot at the right side.

Deacons wear a **stole** over the cassock alb, often corresponding to the liturgical color of the day or season. This symbol of ordination is a long, narrow strip of decorative cloth draped around the neck. Deacons wear it draped across the left shoulder diagonally across the body to the right hip. As **deacons** tie their **stoles** on the right, they usually fasten the cincture on the left. Priests also wear a stole over the cassock alb, but it is draped around the back of the neck. **Priests** usually tie the knot of their cincture in front of them, and the loose ends are passed around the stole and tucked through the waist of the cincture at each side. For the celebration of the Eucharist, the celebrant dons a **chasuble** over the cassock alb. This

decorative vestment, shaped like a poncho, also often corresponds to the color of the liturgical season.

For a Festival Eucharist with three Sacred Ministers, the celebrant, deacon and subdeacon all begin with an **alb**. They add an **amice** (a cloth around the neck that includes a starched collar). Over this the subdeacon wears a **tunicle** (a decorative knee-length vestment with a single horizontal band); the deacon wears a **dalmatic** (similar but with a double horizontal band); and the celebrant wears a chasuble. The **cope** is a long mantle or cloak, open in front and fastened at the breast with a band or clasp. The celebrant wears it primarily for processions.

— June Huber

Mission to Honduras

In July, the Our Little Roses (OLR) mission team flew to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, with 10 members and 800 pounds of donations and arts and craft materials. Our goal was to support the efforts of the 20-year-old program begun by Diana Frade, wife of the Honduran Episcopal bishop, and supported by the Diocese of Virginia. Currently there are 85 girls, 7 months to 21 years old at the home, all victims of abject poverty, abandonment, and mental, physical, or sexual abuse, placed by the court until they turn 18. I was impressed by the home's individualized approach for each girl, so she may develop her

particular talents and interests. English is learned. OLR has also developed a transition home for girls who work and attend college; a health clinic used by the girls, the volunteers, and the surrounding community; a school for learning Spanish; and a retreat center set in the mountains.

Our team consisted of Lana McGlynn, Erin Kelly, Sloane Mebane, Barbara Read, John Wires, a father and daughter from St. Anne's Reston, and two sisters born in Honduras, one of whom attends St. Paul's, Williamson, WV. Each team member

had a particular interest they seemed to naturally fill. We interacted with the girls throughout the day and evening: bowling, swimming, a trip to the beach, and daily arts and crafts activities. In the stifling heat and humidity, three rooms in the transition home were painted! Our teenagers were especially appreciated, providing needed energy, enthusiasm, and a model of fun and maturity for the girls. After returning, I frequently think about the individual girls I met and how OLR has changed their lives, as well as mine.

—Karen Wires

November Birthdays

11/1	Laura Bellantoni	11/11	Amanda Fowler	11/19	Corinne Solsby
11/1	Kathie Burgess	11/11	Philip Hall	11/20	Andrew Alford
11/1	Mark Busse	11/11	Michael Madigan	11/20	Benjamin Henderson
11/1	Sarah Low	11/12	Kathleen Burch	11/21	Malcolm Eckel
11/1	Michael Plunkett	11/12	Maxine Meeks	11/22	Jerry May
11/2	Angus Walsh	11/12	Anne Zuidema	11/23	Olivia Lawton
11/3	Katherine Kramer	11/14	Cindy Young	11/24	Holly Bray
11/3	Stuart Latta	11/15	Ashley Alvarenga	11/24	Ola Legg
11/3	Caroline Sweet	11/15	Derin Baird	11/24	Elly Vogtmann
11/3	Alex Willson	11/15	Jennifer Eckel	11/25	Blanca Flores
11/4	Bob Blunden	11/15	Thomas Howard	11/25	Christina Iovino
11/4	Bette Yancey	11/15	Jeff McQuilkin	11/25	Ben Joyner
11/6	Walter Davis	11/16	Christopher Hayden	11/25	Jim Rubin
11/6	Judy Micklish	11/16	Stephanie McCartney	11/25	Katie Zeigler
11/6	Jennifer Pease	11/16	Douglas Prince	11/26	Lisle Bean
11/6	Ray Peters	11/17	Denise Bean	11/26	Stephen Boris
11/7	Amy Barron	11/17	Patrick Crerar	11/28	Geovanny Portillo
11/7	Grace Gnorski	11/17	Mary Helen Fuller	11/28	Joe Reeder
11/7	Mia Howard	11/17	Joanne Lukens	11/28	Anna Sherlock
11/8	Kate Jerde	11/17	Richard Thompson	11/29	Joy Lamb
11/8	Michael Richey	11/18	Mickey Craven	11/29	Marilyn Sosa
11/8	Daniel Sherlock	11/18	Nick King	11/30	Davey Centers
11/8	Barbara Simmons	11/19	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	11/30	Julie Cizek
11/9	Lieu Hazelwood	11/19	Andrea Baumann	11/30	Liz Imphong
11/9	Dabney Holloway	11/19	Joyce Gillum	11/30	Cindy Long
11/10	Patricia Ridgely	11/19	Grace Pattarini	11/30	Christa Warner
11/10	Alexis Wood				

Support Families in Need at Thanksgiving

Once again, the Outreach Committee and TNT will sponsor the Thanksgiving Basket program. Both groups work with the Salvation Army to provide food for Thanksgiving (and most of the week) by sponsoring a family or individual. We suspect that the Salvation Army will see an increase in need as the food pantry has, so please consider sponsoring a family. Don't forget about your co-workers—they might love to help out.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the door near the parking lot. If you have any questions, contact sally.schneider@gracealex.org or call 703-683-1848. We will provide you with a complete list of suggested items to buy and information about delivery. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Adult Forums

November 2 - All Saints Teaching (Sunday School)

November 9 - La Gracia: Our Neighbors in Faith

November 16 - Mental Health and the Church

November 23 - Advent history, customs, crafts and music

November 30 - Fellowship Sunday: No Classes

December 7 -Journeying with Mary: Her Calling

We Need Your Flower Donations!

It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. The Altar Guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decorations. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas decoration fund, please fill out the form below and enclose a donation of \$35. These forms may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church office. Please note "Christmas Flower Fund" on the check memo line. The deadline for notices to be included in the Christmas Flower Bulletin is Monday, December 8. Questions? Call Liz Saalfeld, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at 703-425-8129.

Please circle one of the choices below and **print** the remainder of the message exactly the way you would like it to appear in the Christmas bulletin:

"In loving memory of" or "In thanksgiving for"

Given by: _____

Pledge Campaign

We would simply like to thank those who have already made a pledge for 2009, and to encourage those who have not yet pledged do so as soon as possible. The vestry will be reviewing the budget for 2009 soon, and the annual pledge campaign is literally the first step in determining what we will be able to plan for this next year. We are continually amazed by the generosity and commitment that you have all shown, and we look forward to working with each of you in the ongoing stewardship of Grace Church.

—*Colin Rushing and Jean Reed,*
Stewardship Co-Chairs

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Class of 2008

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Richard Smith Register

Class of 2009

Khacki Berry Evangelism
Anne Caputo Fellowship
Linda Durand Treasurer
Eleanor Reed School Board
Phil Smith Junior Warden

Class of 2010

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Peter Iovino Outreach
Cynthia Puskar Worship
Colin Rushing Stewardship
Easter Thompson School Board

Alternate

Richard Kelly Youth

Non-vestry Program Coordinators

June Huber Communications
Mike Jones Education
John Berry Evangelism
Ruth Corlett Fellowship
Lucy-Lee Reed La Gracia
Barbara Read Outreach
Nancy Robinson Pastoral Care
Jean Reed Stewardship
Marianne Swearingen TNT
Jeff Gustafson Worship
Chrissie Crosby Youth

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Organ Gallery Update

During the week of September 7, “Cecilia” (our continuo organ) was moved up to the newly completed choir gallery. Since that time, the choirs have adjusted to their new environment, and the electricians continue to complete their work. New wooden choir chairs have been ordered that will complement the woodwork of the gallery as well as provide space for choristers to store hymnals and prayer books. Hopefully you have noticed that the choirs have a more immediate presence in the church, and they are ecstatic to have ample light. Come up for a visit—you just might want to stick around and start singing in a choir!

Capital Campaign

Thanks to all parishioners for keeping up with your annual and Capital Campaign pledges in spite of the uncertainty in the economy. Our church’s fiscal health is solid as we enter the final quarter of the year. In the operating fund, we have received \$720,064 in cash receipts through September 30 and we have spent \$716,433 through September 30, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,631. The monthly financial reports that are presented to the Vestry are hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office if anyone wants to review them.

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*photo by
Deborah
Crabtree*

November 2008