

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

March 2010

Rector's Reflections

Suffering and Hope

I hope that the snow is all melted by the time you read this and that you are well into the Lenten disciplines that prepare us for Holy Week and Easter.

We look forward to Lent as the season that helps us to recollect and to comprehend our Lord's trials, sufferings and the cross. Lent is also a time to anticipate Christ's triumphant Resurrection and the gift of new life.

The Episcopal Church shares in the reality of suffering and the hope for new life in Haiti. At Grace we continue week by week to pray for and to support those suffering with serious illness. Thankfully, we also live with the hope of new life: births, baptisms, marriages and graduations.

Transitions always include challenge, risk, hope and faith. I've been reading the David McCullough biography of Harry Truman. I really never knew the details of Truman becoming Vice President in the November election of 1944, and, then, five months later becoming President when Franklin Roosevelt died. The war in Europe was coming to an end, decisions had to be made about using the atomic bomb in Japan, and most wondered if Truman was up to the job.

One Sunday morning 65 years ago, shortly after moving into the White House, Truman slipped past his Secret Service detail and walked unaccompanied across Lafayette Square to St. John's Church where he sat in a pew near the rear of the nave, mostly unrecognized.

Truman, during one of the most challenging times of transition in our nation's history, said his prayers, looked to the suffering of Christ on the cross and found hope in the reality of Easter.

March is a month of transitions. We start Holy Week on the 28th on Palm Sunday. Keep saying your prayers; look to the cross; know that Easter comes.

Grace, peace and love,
— The Rev. Robert H. Malm

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite 1 7:30 am
Child care8:45 am–12:45 pm
La Santa Eucaristía9:00 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 16:30 am
Thursdays, Rite 27:00 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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From the Assistant Rector

A Change is Coming

Darick Walker; William Burns; Paul Powell; Justin Michael Wolfe; Jerry Jackson; Teresa Lewis; Leon Winston; Anthony Juniper; Ivan Teleguz; Ricky Javon Gray; Thomas A Porter; William Morva; Alfredo R. Prieto; Joshua W. Andrews. These fourteen people have some differences. Thirteen are men, one is a woman. The oldest is 45, the youngest is 28. Seven are African American; the others are Caucasian and Latino. However, they all have something in common. They are all incarcerated on death row in Virginia and are condemned to die.

You may not be surprised to learn that since resumption of the death penalty in Virginia in 1982, 105 people have been executed. Virginia is second only to Texas in the number of people we have put to death in modern times. And, there has been only one person ever exonerated in this same time frame.

In the season of Lent, my thoughts often turn to those condemned to die. Of course this is the time when we journey with Christ through his trials, his condemnation, and his agonizing walk to and death upon Golgotha. Some would argue that the fourteen named above are different from Christ in every way. They were all convicted of murder, after all. Yet, all will share Christ's fate, put to death by the state.

I oppose the death penalty for several reasons, too many to describe in any real length here. In general, I believe that capital punishment merely attempts to satisfy man's most base instinct, that of revenge, while simultaneously denying both victims and perpetrators the kind of real healing that might result from an emphasis on, what Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called, "restorative justice" rather than retributive justice.

Further, I reject the notion that a person once convicted has no more value. I believe that God can redeem any person and can bring healing to any situation. I'm not saying that violent perpetrators should not spend the rest of their lives in prison. Nor am I saying that there are not situations where lethal means may have to be used to protect the innocent. We live in a sinful world and law enforcement and soldiers often have to use lethal means to "arrest" the sinful aims of others and in order to protect the innocent. However, once someone is incarcerated, and the public is protected, what value is there in executing him or her? I believe that God can find the good in any person and even those with a violent past may be capable of some contribution to society.

The fact that Earl Washington, Jr. was on death row in Virginia and was within days of being executed, only then to be exonerated based DNA evidence, suggests to me another compelling argument against the death penalty. Our system of justice may be very thorough. I know that police and prosecutors do their very best to present the facts of each case as completely as possible. However, our system is not perfect. Judges and juries are not perfect. To think that our system is infallible is to make it an idol. And it is our admitted and recognizable human fallibility, coupled

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Guests Sent Home Full and Happy

Chili Bowl Raises More than \$2200

More than two thousand dollars raised and a hundred and fifty tummies filled...that was the news from the 2010 Chili Bowl, the annual TNT fundraising event held January 31. Twelve parish groups participated (see side bar).

In the “judge’s choice” category, the Communications Team received third place overall for “Amy’s Dad’s Recipe” while the “Wider Church” received second place for their “St. James Recipe” with cumin crème fraiche. (This might be the first time the phrase “crème fraiche” has been used in this newsletter or at a Chili Bowl!)

Judges also presented two first place awards—one in the vegetarian category to the “Environmental Grace” team’s “Kevin’s Recipe” and one in the traditional recipe category to the vestry’s “NAME CENSORED” contribution.

Cash tips left at each table served as votes and were tallied to determine the top three “people’s choice” award winners based on receipts. Grace Parishioners (and perhaps a few eager parents!) voted overwhelmingly to award first place to the EYC table in the “people’s choice” category. They received nearly \$300 in “votes.” The Communications Team received second prize with just over \$200 in “votes” while the Mission Team rounded out the list in third place with

almost \$190. The Communications Team won “best presentation” honors for a creative booth including a little tongue-in-check “Twitter” humor about a certain rector’s sermons!

A special “THANK YOU!” goes to all from the TNT group who rallied to set-up, run and clean-up after the event, including: 2009 TNT Coordinators Margaret Will and Marianne Swearingen; they were assisted by Heather Hurley, Teresa Preston, Bill Malone, Joy St. John, Julie Simonton, Beth Wiggers, Kristine Kilbride, Kelly Gable and Miranda Boyd. In addition, Howell Medley, Allison Campbell, Jean and Lucy-Lee Reed, Eleanor Reed, Charlotte Wright, Fr.

Patrick and Christina Crerar assisted the TNT crew. Fr. Malm and Leslie cheered on the competitors. A special thanks to each for their assistance “above and beyond the call of chili.”

As always, there were some good memories including the “not-suitable-for-publication-in-a-family-church-newsletter” moniker of the Vestry’s winning recipe, some old friendships strengthened and new friendships made. Despite some snowy weather preceding the event, attendance and participation were strong and the food and fundraising a success.

—Jeff & Michelle Solsby, 2010 Chili Masters

2010 Chili Bowl Teams

- TNT • Seminarians • Altar Guild • Grace Episcopal School • The “Wider” Church • Communications Committee • EFM • Vestry • EYC • Rite 13
- Environmental Grace • Mission Team

A Change is Coming *(Continued from page 2)*

with the irreversibility of an execution once carried out, that should compel us with all our force to call for an end to the death penalty. There have been 135 people exonerated nationwide since the death penalty was reintroduced.

At the 208th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia (2003), we approved a resolution (R-7a) that reaffirmed our diocese’s “long-standing opposition to the death penalty and call[ed] upon the Episcopal Church to work vigorously for an immediate moratorium and

subsequent abolition of the death penalty in all states and in the federal system.” To date we have been unsuccessful in bringing an end to capital punishment in Virginia, but I remain hopeful. Momentum seems to be building. In 2009, New Mexico repealed its death penalty law, and other states are considering similar action.

I am yours in Christ,
— The Rev. Patrick T. Crerar, Assistant Rector

Graceful Worship

How Did Lent Come About?

The word Lent, which we use to describe the forty days preceding Easter, originally meant the spring season, from the Anglo-Saxon “lencten” or “spring.” It has been used since early times to translate the Latin term “quadragesima” meaning “forty days.”

The Lenten semi-fast may have originated for purely practical reasons. During times of subsistence agriculture, food stored away was running out or had to be used before it went bad. (What was left of fruit and vegetables was old, wrinkled and moldy, except for some items like broccoli and winter leeks.) No new food crop was expected soon.

The example of Christ’s forty days fast in the wilderness was the predominant influence in establishing the duration of Lent. Some early church fathers supported the view that a forty days fast was an apostolic institution. For instance, St. Irenaeus (d. 203) wrote to Pope St. Victor I, commenting on the

differences between practices in the East and the West: “The dispute is not only about the day, but also about the actual character of the fast. Some think that they ought to fast for one day, some for two, others for still more; some make their ‘day’ last 40 hours on end. Such variation in the observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers.” When Rufinus translated this passage from Greek into Latin, the punctuation made between “40” and “hours” made the meaning to appear to be “40 days, twenty-four hours a day.” But the importance of the passage is that since the time of “our forefathers”—a common reference at that time to the apostles—a period of Lenten preparation existed. Most modern scholars agree that artifacts of the first three centuries indicate both diversity of practice regarding the fast before Easter, and a gradual process of development in its duration.

— June Huber

Grace Notes Going Online

Starting with this year’s July-August issue, we will no longer use an outside printer to produce *Grace Notes* or send copies through the mail unless specifically requested. This is a cost-saving move, because the 2010 budget only covers the cost of five printed issues this year.

We will post each issue on Grace’s web site (as we already do at www.gracealex.org under “News”) and starting with this issue, we will notify parishioners via email that the issue is available. Please try reading *Grace Notes* online, or print a copy and share it with members of your household.

A printed version of *Grace Notes* will be available in the office. For those who cannot obtain our newsletter any other way, we will mail a copy. However, since this mailing will have to be by first class mail, we are asking the recipient to consider a donation to cover the cost of the postage (\$10 – about \$1 per issue).

A survey will be included in the April issue of *Grace Notes* that will ask parishioners for their preferred method of receiving *Grace Notes*: online, pick up a copy in the church office, or by first class mail.



Parish Register

Baptism

- ✧ Serena Lambeth, adult
- ✧ Hunter Scarborough Lambeth and Eleanor Pearson Lambeth, children of James and Serena Lambeth
- ✧ Johanna Elsie Moore, daughter of Eric and Adrienne Moore
- ✧ Cole Joseph Ruff, son of Greg and Amanda Ruff
- ✧ Celia Glen Schultz, daughter of Robert and Sarah Schultz

Marriage

- ✧ Anne Elivia McFadden and Gary Charles Schroen

Transfer In

- ✧ Marilyn E. Hernwall from Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria

— Dorothy Daniel

Parish Notes: Save the Date

Weekday Observances in Lent

Confessions: Parishioners are invited to take advantage of “walk-in” opportunities for the Rite of Reconciliation, or private confession, on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:15 pm and on Fridays from 11:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Wednesdays during Lent: As in previous years, the Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist is being celebrated at 6:30 am and is followed by a Lenten breakfast at 7:00 am in the St. Mark Room.

Stations of the Cross: During the Lenten season, the Friday 12:15 pm liturgy begins with the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Week Schedule

Mark your calendars—Holy Week begins Palm Sunday on March 28. The full schedule of services from Palm Sunday through Easter will be posted on bulletin boards around the church and on our web site.

And don't forget: Bishop Jones will be with us for Baptism and Confirmation on the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 3, at 8:00 pm.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 7. Be sure to set your clocks ahead so you will be on time for church.

Lenten Series Lectures:

This year's five-week series explores the way Christ is experienced in a variety of cultures. Each Monday night begins with the Holy Eucharist in the Church at 6:30 pm, followed by a simple soup supper hosted by one of our parish organizations in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Programs for adults and youth in grades 6 through 12 begin at 7:45 pm and end at 8:45 pm. All are invited. A movie series for children in grades 1-6 is described elsewhere in this issue.

On February 22, Dr. Leo Lefebure, Professor of Theology and Matteo Ricci Chair, Georgetown University presented the first program in the series, *Christ the Wise Teacher*, which compared and contrasted the wisdom of Buddha and the wisdom of the Judeo Christian tradition, including the wisdom sayings of Jesus.

March 1: The Rev. Martin L. Smith, Senior Associate Rector and Theologian in Residence at St. Columba's Church in Washington DC, will talk about *Christ in Multicultural America*.

March 8: The topic will be *Jesus the Guru*. Our speaker, The Rev. Dr. Sathianathan Clarke, The Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity, Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission, at Wesley Theological Seminary, will discuss Jesus as Guru and theological images of Christ in India.

March 15: The Rev. Narcis Sebikwekwe, a priest from Tanzania, currently studying for a Masters of Theological Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, will discuss images of Christ that resonate with people in Africa, especially in Tanzania, in the topic *Christ the Beloved Ancestor*.

March 22: Our concluding topic will be *Christ the Liberator*. The image of Christ as liberator is a widespread image throughout Central and South America. After looking at the historical roots as seen through the lens of various liberation theologians, we will discuss why such an identity is still meaningful for us today.

Vestry Elected

During the annual parish meeting held on February 14 after two delays due to snow, Grace parishioners elected the new vestry class for 2012 and elected Erica McFarquhar to complete the 2011 term left vacant by Jeff Gustafson's death. The new executive committee was also named.

Vestry Class	Executive Committee:	
of 2012:	<i>Senior Warden</i>	Howell Medley
Amy Barron	<i>Junior Warden</i>	Frank Waskowicz
Lisa Bellantoni	<i>Treasurer</i>	Nat Ames
Theresa Lewallen	<i>Register</i>	Cynthia Puskar
Robby Schrum	<i>Member-at-Large</i>	Colin Rushing
Sharon Steele		
<i>Alternates</i>		
Lisle Bean		
Kristine Hesse		



These photos were taken from the first snow in December... when it was still pretty and not such a mess!

March Birthdays

3/1	Eugene Alford	3/10	Anabel Rodriguez	3/22	Maquire Alden
3/1	Yanira Rodriguez	3/10	Lynn Rohrs	3/22	Kathleen Arthur
3/1	Peter Zuidema	3/11	Joyce Stancil	3/22	Dawna Gardner
3/2	Shirley Tyler	3/11	Karen Wille	3/22	Paige Medley
3/3	Beau Grimes	3/12	Ashley Busse	3/22	Liz Rugaber
3/3	Vi Legere	3/14	Alexandra Jordan	3/22	Ethan Woodhead
3/3	Cindy MacIntyre	3/14	Liz Saalfeld	3/23	Mia Giacomo
3/3	Isabella Nannini	3/14	Mai-Lan Smith	3/23	John Stewart Gnorski
3/3	Alice Russell	3/15	Christian Flores	3/23	Pat Hansen
3/3	Tyler Smith	3/16	Michael Key	3/23	Easter Thompson
3/3	Jonathan Wolcott	3/16	Jean Thompson	3/26	Lisa Doelp
3/4	Stacey Glazier	3/17	Jeremy Barr	3/26	Georgia Gillette
3/7	Meghan Cummings	3/17	Swep Nelson	3/26	Patt Sullivan-Perry
3/7	Chuck Dodd	3/18	Betsy Bamford	3/26	Kathy Zucca
3/7	Sarah Martin	3/18	Emma Carter	3/27	Ashley Metz
3/7	Jeannine Raymond	3/19	Ovidio Flores	3/27	Jessica Trejo
3/7	John Weise	3/19	Valerie Fowler	3/28	Jo Belser
3/8	Ada Rairigh	3/19	Robert Schrum	3/30	Brad Bergmann
3/8	Eddi Rairigh	3/19	Barry Smoot	3/30	Riley Butcher
3/9	Scott Knudsen	3/20	Barry Barr	3/30	Samuella Hunt
3/9	Gregory Ruff	3/20	Gail Miller	3/30	James Murphy
3/10	Sophia Jordan	3/21	Taylor Ballenger	3/30	Marianne Swearingen
3/10	Renata Kamakura	3/21	Madison Busker	3/31	Kate Schneider

Children's Ministries

Heroes and Legends of the Bible – Lenten Movie Series

Our children's Lenten movie series will explore the lives and stories of our biblical ancestors. Children will encounter folks like Joseph and his coat, Joshua at Jericho, Samson and Delilah, David and Goliath, and Daniel in the lion's den! The series is for children in grades 1 through 5 and will begin immediately after the simple supper (at approximately 7:40 pm). Youth in grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to attend the adult program. No childcare for younger children will be provided.

Pick Up Your Lenten Materials!

Daily devotional materials are available for children, youth and adults. Young children will focus on the story of Jonah, teens will have a Lenten calendar and adults may use the Episcopal Relief & Development book of meditations. We also have mite boxes available, which will be collected at Easter to support ERD as well. For more information please contact Rosa Castillo at kids@gracealex.org.

Get Ready to RENEW!

Are your kids ready to grow in faith, have fun and change the world? Then be sure to register them for RENEW, the Green Vacation Bible School (VBS). In partnership with Christ Church in Old Town, Grace is happy to offer VBS during the week of July 12 – 16, 2010, for children ages 4 to 12. Full day and half-day options are available. To volunteer or learn more about this exciting program, please contact Rosa Castillo at kids@gracealex.org.

Godly Play Returns to Grace

Godly Play will begin at Grace for our preschoolers and Kindergarten classes at Easter. As with any new ministry, full support from the congregation is vital to the success of this program. Therefore, a Godly Play presentation will

be made during the Adult Forum on March 7 so everyone can learn how to get involved or support the program with his or her talents. A more detailed orientation for parents and prospective leaders of the program will be held on March 14, and the first class will begin on April 11. For more information please contact Rosa Castillo at kids@gracealex.org or Julie Simonton at Julie.simonton@gracealex.org

— Rosa Castillo, Children's Ministries Coordinator

What's Comin' Up?

Opportunities abound, my friends! Check them out...

Diocesan Youth Day of Service

March 13, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm: Join with youth from across the Diocese at St. Christopher's Church in Springfield. Visit www.thediocese.net for registration.

Senior High Weekend at Shrine Mont

April 9, 11:00 am: Focus on the *Searching for God in Wondrous Things* passage from Luke during this Parish Youth Ministries (PYM) weekend. Contact Julie Simonton if you are interested at julie.simonton@gracealex.org.

Shrine Mont Summer Camps

ALL SUMMER LONG! Choose from ten different camps that begin as early as June 25 and run through August 14. Art, music, drama, sports, outdoor explorers, and—of course —St. George's. Visit www.camps.thediocese.net for more information.

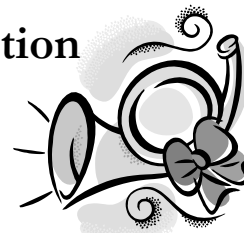
AND...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Vacation Bible School needs youth volunteers! Mark your calendars for July 12 - 16 and stay tuned for more details.

— Julie Simonton, Assistant for Family Ministries



Grace church is hosting a Silent and Live Auction
Saturday evening
April 24, 2010
Details to come



Announcements

Silent Auction to Benefit Father Yohana

Cindy Diehl, a member of Team Tanzania, provided the following information for our ongoing efforts to support Father Yohana Mtokambali and his ministry in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. Grace Church has committed to providing Father Yohana a much-needed car of his own. His ministry takes him all over the city and currently he uses public transportation or he depends on the good graces of friends and family. A silent auction will be held on Saturday, April 24, in the Merrow Hall Auditorium to raise funds for this effort. Please save the date; we promise good fellowship and a chance to help out a dear friend of Grace Church. If you want to help, please contact the members of Team Tanzania; cindy.diehl@gracealex.org, eleanor.reed@gracealex.org and theresa.lewallen@gracealex.org.

Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch

All those at our annual parish meeting heard the call from our Rector. For Grace to grow from glory to glory, we each have to grow spiritually, and we all have to attract new members to our parish family. For the latter, here's our chance! The Saint Andrew's Guild will host this year's Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch on Sunday, March 21, between the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. The Merrow Hall Auditorium can hold 20 tables of 8 comfortably. Let's go for it. Please think of someone—friend, neighbor, or colleague—who is looking for a spiritual home and a warm and loving community, and invite him or her to come and see! Please call the church office with the names in your party. Child care will be available. The “tickets” are free. All you need are guests!

Theological Programs for YOU

Upcoming Events at the Institute for Christian Formation and Leadership, Virginia Theological Seminary. Visit www.vts.edu/icfl/ for more information.

Fridays at the Seminary

- ✧ **March 12:** Celebrating the 1979 Prayer Book at 30
- ✧ **May 7:** Scandalous Risks – Looking at Faith, Brokenness, and Doubt through Susan Howatch's Starbridge Novels

Center for the Ministry of Teaching

- ✧ **June 6-8:** Youth Ministry that Inspires

The Shakespeare Lectures – The Arts and Spirituality

- ✧ **June 16:** George Bernard Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession*

Nurturing a Parent (NAP)

We are lucky to have many young families at Grace, and many of those families are lucky to be welcoming new children! To help support these families, Grace is launching “Nurturing a Parent” (NAP), a new ministry to provide assistance and support to families adjusting to a new child.

We will be using the LotsaHelpingHands website to coordinate meals, laundry assistance, or to take an older sibling for a play date. If you are not familiar with this site, it is basically an online community created to assist in organizing tasks when a person or family is in need. Members who join the community are notified by email whenever a new task is posted, which they can choose to complete if they are available.

There are two ways to proceed if you are interested in occasionally volunteering with NAP. You can either visit this site www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622941/ and “Request to Join the Community;” or you can email Sarah Schultz for assistance with joining and to ask questions (sarah.schultz@gracealex.org). If you are or know of an expectant family that could benefit from NAP, we'd love to hear from you as well!

Grace Book Group

The Book Group at Grace, which began meeting this past Fall, has been a great success. Participants have found the books and conversation to be extremely rewarding and insightful. The Book Group is open to everyone, and you may drop in anytime or for only those particular books that interest you. Generally, we cover about 80-100 pages of a book per week. We meet on Monday evenings (from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) in the Library. During Lent we will take a hiatus so we can participate in the Lenten program. We'll gather again on the evening of April 12. Watch the bulletin for announcements of our upcoming books.

If You Are a Mom at Grace ...

We are beginning a new book ... please join us! We meet for book study, conversation, fellowship, and mutual support. The first Monday of the month we meet at St. Elmo's Coffee House in Del Ray for open conversation. All other Mondays we meet in the Grace Church library for book study. On March 8 we begin *Surrendering to Motherhood* by Iris Krasnow. Childcare is provided in the Grace Church nursery from 10:15 – 12:15 am. For more information contact Julie Simonton at julie.simonton@gracealex.org or 703-549-1980. Or just show up!

Connections. . .

Anne Caputo, who just finished her year as our senior warden, is serving as the 2010 president of SLA, Special Libraries Association. SLA is the world's largest global library association, representing more than 11,000 corporate, law, government, medical and academic libraries and information centers. In her 12-month term as president of the association, Anne will be traveling around the world. In February, she will be speaking in New Delhi; in April she goes with a People-to-People delegation to Beijing and Shanghai. Later in the year, she will visit SLA branches in Australia and New Zealand. That's in addition to trips to chapters in major United States cities. SLA's annual conference will be held in New Orleans in June, a conference that attracts 5,000 members, exhibitors and media. Anne is encouraging the association to plan some community service projects on rebuilding and food distribution in this still recovering city. This would be a first-time community involvement by SLA. Clearly Anne has been influenced by Grace Church mission trips to New Orleans.

A member of the J2A pilgrimage group that went to Scotland and a junior at Emory University in GA, **Sydney Barron**, daughter of **Mike and Amy Barron**, is studying at the University of Salamanca in Spain for the spring semester. Sydney, who is living with a host family that speaks no English, is studying two courses in political science and two in Spanish. Already having journeyed to Morocco, she will have great opportunities not only to travel in Spain but also to France and Belgium before her return in May.

Barbara Biebrich, who had been at Woodbine Rehabilitation Center for several months recovering from health problems, moved to Illinois in December to be near family. Leaving Grace Church was the hardest part of the move, but she was looking forward to going back to the area of her childhood. For many years, Barbara had been a volunteer reading tutor in an Alexandria elementary school, was a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) at Grace Church and an unobtrusive friend and helper to parish shut-ins.

George Waskowicz, an 8th grader at GW Middle School, was selected to play the baritone saxophone at the All-District Jazz Concert at Episcopal High School. Students from Alexandria and Fairfax auditioned for the event which, alas, was cancelled by the first of many 2010 snowstorms.

We look forward to hearing from you with your news or news of your family: Dorothy Daniel, dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org (703-524-0990) or Linda Waskowicz, linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org (703-836-8435).

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Class of 2010

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Peter Iovino.....	Outreach
Cynthia Puskar.....	Register
Colin Rushing.....	Member-at-Large
Easter Thompson.....	School Board

Class of 2011

Alison Campbell.....	Pastoral Care
Rich Kelly.....	Youth
Erica McFarquhar.....	
Howell Medley.....	Senior Warden
Frank Waskowicz.....	Junior Warden

Class of 2012

Amy Barron.....	
Lisa Bellantoni.....	
Theresa Lewallen.....	
Robby Schrum.....	
Sharon Steele.....	

Alternates

Lisle Bean.....	
Kristine Hesse.....	

Music Notes: Two More Chances

Our series of **Vesper Organ Recitals** will continue at 6:00 pm on the second Sundays of March and April. On March 14, organist Timothy (Tim) Edward Smith will present a program of music for Lent. A native of Cape Cod, Tim earned degrees in organ and church music from Wheaton College, Northwestern University and The Boston Conservatory. His career has involved organ building as well as sacred music, and he has recently joined the staff of Di Gennaro-Hart after

several years in Columbus, Ohio. In 2007 Tim released three compact disc recordings on the Raven label. His Episcopal service includes St. James Cathedral in Chicago, St. Mary the Virgin in New York, and St. James Church in Columbus. He is founder and executive director of The Portageville Chapel, the nation's first retreat for organists (www.portagevillechapel.org)

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On April 11 at 6:00 pm, Tim Smith will join Thom Robertson in a program for music for two organs and two organists at one organ. Not many churches can boast having two separate instruments, so this is a rare chance to hear this music. Works for two organs will include music by Giuseppe Busi (a contemporary of Verdi) and the Spanish baroque composer Antonio Soler. Duets will include music by historical as well as contemporary composers. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar!

— Thom Robertson,
Director of Music

Easter Flower Request (include label above)

You are invited to participate in decorating the church with beautiful Easter flowers. Please complete this form and return it no later than Monday, March 15 with a check for \$35.00 to the parish office or place it in the Sunday offering. Make your check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

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