

# Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

## Joyful Giving Marks Our Discipleship

There seem to be mixed signals indicating whether or not our national financial crisis has abated. We all hope to be on the road to economic recovery, yet the “experts” preach caution. Two recent surveys would confirm their concerns.

Only 23% of the public say President Obama’s policies have improved the economy; 29% think matters are worse; and 38% believe there is no change. In May, 56% of American families expected flat or declining incomes over the next year. Before the recession in early 2007, 89% expected higher or level incomes for the year ahead.

We have mixed signals as we study our finances at Grace Church near the mid-year point. The positives are:

1. Strong sustained giving to our Grace Anew Fund – the capital campaign to pay for the new organ and other major physical plant improvements (only about \$280,000 of unpaid pledges are due from our \$1.3 million total).
2. Incredible generosity supporting special mission efforts (for example, Father Yohana’s car – over \$18,000) and our ongoing Outreach ministries, including the Food Pantry and Discretionary Funds.

Last month in Grace Notes, our parish Treasurer, Nat Ames, reported some “sobering news.” Our pledge payments are coming in slower than ever before. Through May we were \$59,000 behind last year’s pace. And we had more pledging units who had not yet contributed anything for 2010 (48 to 30) and more in the 20% or less paid category (41 to 30).

July and August are historically the two slowest months of the year for pledge income. If we don’t reverse the trend, the Vestry is going to be in a very difficult position in anticipating costs for the last four months of the calendar year.

What needs to happen?

- ✧ The Treasurer, Parish Administrator and/or Rector need to be notified if circumstances have changed in an individual’s or family’s income and a pledge total needs to be lowered or discounted.
- ✧ All pledging parishioners need to try to pay 60% or more of their 2010 pledge by the end of August.
- ✧ Anyone active at Grace who has not recorded a pledge should contact the Parish Administrator with a pledge amount for the second half of 2010.
- ✧ Those who will be out of town during the summer can mail their pledge payments to the office.

I am confident that we will not need to make drastic cuts in our program ministries. I fully expect all of our people to continue the ministry of faithful, even sacrificial, stewardship. Let’s reverse the anxiety about the economy that infects so much of our culture. Let’s continue the joyful giving that marks our discipleship at Grace Church.

— *Grace, Peace and Love, The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

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# Worship Schedule

## Summer Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite 1 ..... 7:30 am  
Child care ..... 9:45 am–11:15 am  
La Santa Eucaristía ..... 9:00 am  
Choral Eucharist\* ..... 10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite 2..... 5:00 pm  
\* alternates between Rites 1 and 2

## Summer Weekday Eucharist

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

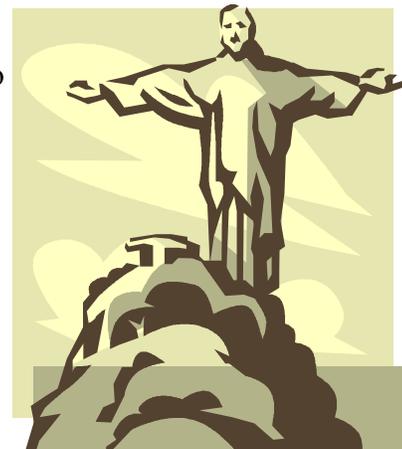
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From the Assistant Rector

## Welcome

On Sunday, June 13, we were busily preparing in La Gracia for the Chirilagua Festival, our best opportunity of the year to share the good news and love of Christ with our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters in the Arlandria community, affectionately known as Chirilagua. God was certainly involved in our preparation, as the gospel lesson for the day was Luke 7:36-8:3, which I'm sure you recall is the story of the Pharisee who invites Jesus to his house for dinner, fails to welcome him in the customary ways and then is offended when a sinful woman washes his feet with her tears, dries them with her hair and anoints them with perfume. In short, Jesus takes the Pharisee to school on the importance of welcome.



We tried to live that message in the world that day, greeting our neighbors, sharing balloons, and some fun, face painting, and giving them an invitation to come and worship with us in Spanish. Whether they come is in God's hands. We've done our part; we sought to honor and serve Christ in them, and gave them the welcome that our risen Lord commends and offers with outstretched arms to the world.

My only regret is that we don't have more opportunities like this. In the Fall, we'll have Art on the Avenue, which is another great opportunity to get beyond our doors, but again a "once a year" event. I wonder, what could we do to reach the unchurched, the unaffiliated, and the uninterested, in an ongoing way?

We have so much going for us, as far as welcome. We are a very welcoming community, and are ready to receive seekers. We know how to welcome people and each one of you offers great hospitality to those who find their ways through our doors. We also have some means of reaching folk outside our doors. Those examples above, but also our sign and physical property on a major thoroughfare, our school, our website, all of these are great ways of reaching people who may be curious about us. In fact, many would call our website our new front doors, as metaphorically it is the way that many people first "enter" our church. Lastly, we belong to the Church that proclaims "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You."

Now what are your ideas? What do you think we could do to go beyond what we are doing to invite, welcome and encourage those beyond our doors to experience the joys of this community, worship with us, and discover the love of Christ, who reaches out to the world with outstretched arms.

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

## Rite 13 Celebrates Transformations

Seven youth in Rite-13 celebrated their individuality and creative potential during the Rite-13 liturgy, “A Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood.” This liturgy offers these youth, their parents, and their parish community the opportunity to express this rite of passage from childhood toward adulthood.

The youth are presented to the congregation as men and women who share in “God’s power of creation.” They are reminded that “Human beings, because they are made in God’s image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power – not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God’s purpose.”

Let us pray for these men and women who are called to use their gifts wisely and responsibly in the building of God’s creation.

### Kids and Teens Look Forward to Summer

While June brings an end to the Grace program year, it heralds the beginning of a glorious flurry of summer ministry opportunities. Our youth are preparing for their mission trip to New Orleans from July 6 – 12. They will work at three different worksites ... helping with home renovations, preparing kids at summer church camp to present a one-act play, and providing meals to work crews and tutoring to inner-city kids.

When they return, many will get up the next morning to shepherd our younger ones at Vacation Bible School. This year’s program welcomes four-year-olds through fifth graders to ReNew: the Green VBS! ReNew is an environmentally-focused program that inspires kids and adults to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice stewardship of creation. Take a look at how the Parable of the Sower is woven into an engaging program that examines Self, Community, and World at [www.wearesparkhouse.org](http://www.wearesparkhouse.org).



*A rite of passage was recently celebrated during the Rite-13 liturgy to present seven of our youth to the parish as they transition from childhood toward adulthood.*



Many of our children and youth also plan to attend St. George’s Camp at Shrine Mont. This year Shrine Mont offers eleven different camps from June 25 through August 14. If you’ve not already, check out everything they offer at <http://camps.thediocese.net>

— Julie Simonton, Assistant for Family Ministries

## Graceful Worship

# Our Baptismal Font

Our font (from the Latin *fons* for fountain) is made of white stone and covered (when not in use) by a brass figure of a guardian angel, reminding us not to “despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the fact of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10). It is on casters, so that we can move it from the church entrance (where it usually lives) to the front of the Nave when baptisms take place.

Fonts are often placed near the entrance to a church to remind believers of their baptism as they enter the church to worship, since the rite of baptism serves as their initiation into the Church. In many churches of the Middle Ages and Renaissance there was a special chapel or even a separate building for housing the baptismal fonts, called baptistry.

Fonts like ours are intended for baptism using a non-immersion method, such as aspersion (sprinkling) or affusion (pouring). The simplest fonts consist of a pedestal



holding a basin of water. Materials can vary greatly, consisting of carved and sculpted marble, wood or metal. The shape can also vary. Some are eight-sided as a reminder of the "new creation" and as a connection to the practice of circumcision, which traditionally occurs on the eighth day. Some are three-sided as a reminder of the Holy Trinity.

Some churches have fonts where water pumps, a natural spring, or gravity keep the water moving to mimic the moving waters of a stream. This visual and audible image communicates a "living waters" aspect of baptism. In most cases (like ours), however, a silver vessel called an ewer is used to fill the font when it's time for baptism. I think Father Malm enjoys the process of pouring the water from the ewer into the font – watch closely next time, and you'll see what I mean.

— June Huber

## Eco Notes

One of my favorite movies is the second installment from the *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*. I always enjoy the hobbits' encounter with the Ents. The Ents are shepherds of trees. They don't move around much and prefer to stay semi-hidden in the forests of Middle Earth. War comes to their land and the Ents choose not to get involved. Their minds are hastily changed when the chief Ent, Treebeard, discovers a devastated forest chopped down to feed the war machines and industries of the evil wizard Saruman. The Ents get fired up and Saruman must change his ways when the forest turns against him.

I hope the Senior Class of 2011 remembers a time when I was one of their Sunday School Teachers. Besides arts and crafts, I remember teaching them about the Biblical prophets: Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah and others. The story line seemed to go something like this: God didn't approve of the Israelites' behavior. He would send prophets who warned them to change to their ways. The prophets taught repentance, care for others and concern for God's creation. When God's people ignored the prophet's warnings and

didn't behave, God would visit upon them wars, famines, plagues and enslavement in far off Babylon. Do we have prophets today? Are we like the Israelites who ignored the voices of wisdom. We are asked to change our lifestyles and ways of living. Or are we modern Ents? Do modern Ents ignore the events around them, and wait until the environmental dangers are on their doorstep?

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is a wakeup call for all of us. The environmental disaster in the Gulf of Mexico makes me angry. The anger is against all of us who are complacent with our lifestyles and activities. We cannot exclusively blame BP for this disaster, but must look at ourselves in a mirror and say it is our fault too. We must begin to change and to believe in a future where fossil fuels are history. We must become like the Ents and get "positively hasty" about change. We must become followers of modern prophets who preach of Genesis Covenants, climate change and lifestyle changes that make differences.

— Jennifer G. Eckel

## Parish News

### Shrine Mont is Coming

LORD, HELP US! It's time to start getting excited about our annual parish retreat to Shrine Mont. We hope you and your family will join us September 10-12, 2010, for a weekend of relaxation, good times, good laughs, and good friends. The theme this year is "Lord, Help Us," and we encourage you to use the time at Shrine Mont to reflect on the many styles of prayer we use and the many instances each day we stop to ask God for help in our lives.

Although a lot of people visit Shrine Mont to have a quiet, peaceful weekend, there are always plenty of activities to choose from. New this year: We are planning to offer a special moms & tots playgroup, lots of children's worship activities, and a few new porch activities (in addition to the traditional favorites).

The registration process has begun! You may fill out a form in Merrow Hall on Sunday mornings or fill out a form online, through the church website ([www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org)). The prices have not changed since last year: people 13 years old & up are \$150 each, 8-12 year olds are \$90, 4-7 year olds are \$40 and kids under the age of 3 are free. Registration fee includes room and board and all activities (unless otherwise noted).

If you have ideas of things you'd like to see at Shrine Mont, or if you're willing to volunteer to help us, please contact Alison and Richard Smith at 703-813-5740. We welcome your input, your time, and your talents. "Lord, Help Us" make this a great weekend for everyone!

— Alison Smith

### The Food Pantry:

#### Small Space, Big Mission

Across from the Church office, there's a little closet with a big mission – the Food Pantry. In the last twelve months, 20 volunteers from Grace Church have distributed 1,920 bags of canned food to feed 1,905 hungry Alexandria citizens. When the budget allows, we also give grocery store vouchers so our clients can buy milk and other perishable items that the Food Pantry cannot accommodate. The Alexandria Department of Human Services refers most of the Food Pantry clients to us, but St. Rita's Outreach Coordinator and agencies such as ALIVE! also make referrals. Clients may only receive our help once a month. At

times, the demand for our aid has almost overwhelmed us.

How do we get the food we distribute? Some comes from activities like Grace Episcopal School's Thanksgiving project. Students bring in enough canned goods and boxes of cereal to build a huge "Tom Turkey" in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Occasionally a local office or social organization collects non-perishable food for us. The Grace School Daisy Troop donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies. We get a few surplus USDA items each month for the cost of some paperwork. But, by far, most of the food we distribute is purchased from the Capital Area Food Bank.

Generous contributions by parishioners to the Food Fund allow us to buy the food we distribute and provide money for the grocery store vouchers.

If you have any questions about the Food Pantry or would like to volunteer, contact Barbara Sherlock.

— Barbara Sherlock

### The St. Francis Guild Cares for the Grounds

About 15 years ago, the St. Francis Guild was created to care for our parish gardens, trees, shrubs and grounds. Although we use a professional service for grass cutting, it is the parish volunteers who weed, trim, clean up, plant and attend to so many of our outdoor property needs.

Last winter was extremely hard on many of our trees and shrubs. The large, beautiful magnolia tree near the front of the parking lot was severely damaged. So, too, the boxwood and evergreen trees outside the clergy offices and library lost many limbs. The Guild has worked at repairing, trimming and trying to restore all of our plantings and trees.

From time to time the Guild will host a Saturday morning clean-up day. Please speak to our Jr. Warden, Frank Waskowicz, and the Guild Leaders, Kevin Sherlock and Barbara Ramm, if you'd like to volunteer to help or participate in this wonderful ministry caring for our property.

We can all thank each member of the Guild for their service, especially this last spring and early summer. Regular members include Kevin Sherlock, Barbara Ramm, Stu Perry, Jack Hamilton, Khacki Berry, Lucy-Lee Reed and Wolf Ramm.

— The Rev. Robert H. Malm, Rector

# Stewardship is...

At Grace Church our practice of Christian Stewardship is a year-round program, not just something we think about in the fall at the time of the annual pledge campaign. Focused on faith and based in scripture, stewardship is our individual and corporate response to the free gift of God's love in Christ Jesus – a fundamental principle of Grace Church since its founding in 1855.

In April, the Grace Church Vestry and Clergy adopted the following Statement of Stewardship to testify to their individual and corporate belief and commitment to the place of stewardship in their lives, and invited each of us

at Grace Church to join them in the statement and make it our own.

This summer we ask that you reflect on the vestry's statement and invitation, and how it reflects your own stewardship journey. If you have already pledged to support Grace Church's mission and witness, we encourage you to sustain that support through the summer month by regular giving of your time, talents, and treasure. If you have not yet pledged for 2010, we encourage you to consider your stewardship commitment and make a pledge for the remainder of the year.

— Colin Rushing and Jean Reed, Stewardship Co-Chairs

## Statement of Stewardship

### We believe that Stewardship is ...

- ✧ All that we do with all that we have after we say, "I believe."
- ✧ Our joyful and thankful response to God's generosity.
- ✧ Our responsibility to manage the time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us by God.

### We commit ourselves to ...

- ✧ Give joyfully as a means of praising God that we may grow closer to Jesus, God's greatest gift.
- ✧ Give sacrificially of our time, talent, and money to do God's work through the Church and in the world.
- ✧ Make a tangible monetary pledge to Grace Church.
- ✧ Tithe or strive to give an increasing proportion of our income with the goal of tithing.
- ✧ Serve as faithful stewards of God's creation and of the Gospel of Jesus.

### We challenge the people of Grace Church to ...

- ✧ Share our belief and commitment as a spiritual as well as financial promise.
- ✧ Generously support the mission of our parish and the Episcopal Church.
- ✧ Accept our collective need to give as an act of thanksgiving and worship.
- ✧ Make a pledge and support the ministries of Grace Church.

We ask your prayers as we manage our collective time, talent, and treasure to serve the church, the community, and the world; to feed the hungry and cloth the poor; and to spread the Kingdom of God.

We invite you to join us in making this statement your own.

— The Vestry and Clergy of Grace Church

## Parenting@Grace

### Grace-full Moms Explore "Bad Girls"

"Bad Girls of the Bible" is next on the Grace-full Moms reading list. In our newest book, Liz Curtis Higgs offers a unique perspective on "girlfriend theology" that leads women of all ages into experiencing God's grace anew. So join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 for an adventure through stories of the Bible's best-known "femme fatales." Childcare is always provided.

— Julie Simonton,  
Assistant for Family Ministries

## Parish Register

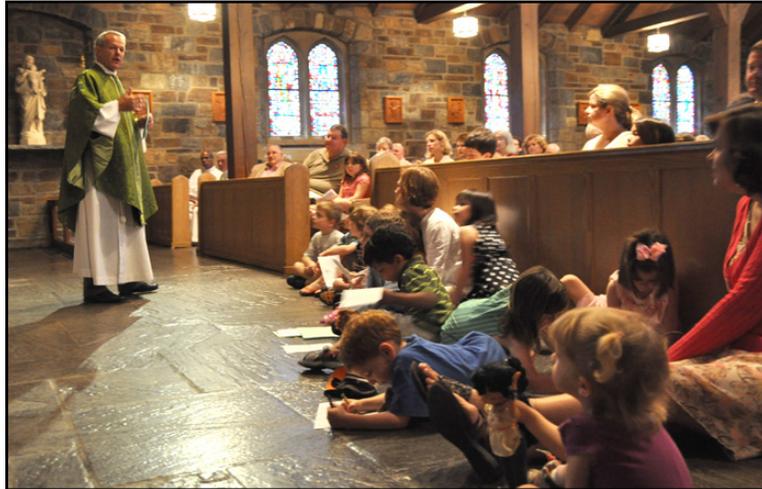
### Baptism

- ✧ Elizabeth Lea Bagley, adult
- ✧ Bryce Elliott Fleming, son of Dean and Paula Fleming
- ✧ Natalie Adela Winkler, daughter of William and Katherine Winkler

— Dorothy Daniel

# Instructional Eucharist

*Children ask the most inquiring questions! Father Malm responds to "Why he wears a dress" during Instructed Eucharist*



*"You mean we get to talk to Father Malm during church?!? That's cool!"*

*During Instructed Eucharist, Father Malm celebrates at the Free Standing Altar*



## July Birthdays

7/1	Mike Hix	7/14	Susanna Cunningham	7/19	Cleve Corlett
7/1	Leslie Stancil	7/14	Claire Eudy	7/19	Sara Kline
7/1	Helen Sweeney	7/14	Javier Flores	7/20	Lauren Feeley
7/2	William Baird	7/14	Mitchell Hazard	7/20	Callan Henderson
7/2	John Berry	7/14	Jeanie Kaufman	7/21	Pegge Crepeau
7/2	Sherryl Dodd	7/15	Lina Dobbs	7/22	Carl Eckel
7/3	Billy Barr	7/15	Martha Hazard	7/22	Barry Rosman
7/3	Rhea Barr	7/15	Charles Hudson	7/22	Karen Spencer
7/3	Tad Wolcott	7/15	Rikki Jarrett	7/23	Vance Allen
7/5	Summer Jones	7/16	Karlene Kelly	7/23	Pat Moore
7/6	Alexandra Falcon	7/16	Emily Reuther	7/23	Tod Moore
7/6	Isabella Nider	7/16	Chris Rugaber	7/24	Chris Caputo
7/6	Winnie Samuda	7/17	Elizabeth Bagley	7/24	Mike Jones
7/7	Skye Whitlow	7/17	Howell Medley	7/25	Jean Reed
7/8	Mike Gentry	7/17	Georganna Murto	7/26	Martha Mills
7/8	Ricardo Sosa	7/18	Chrissie Crosby	7/27	Chad Murchison
7/9	Robert Schultz	7/18	Owen Dowell	7/28	Roy Hoffman
7/10	Will Barnes	7/18	Elliott Gabbert	7/28	Kearsley Walsh
7/10	Mike McGough	7/18	Dorothy Gerber	7/28	Jane Weaver
7/10	Haywood Torrence	7/18	David Murphy	7/29	William Reuther
7/11	Marvin Ely	7/18	Thomas Pfeiffer	7/30	Emma Imphong
7/12	Burrell Driscoll	7/18	Ruth Schrott	7/30	Sally Schneider
7/12	Soma Fulwiler	7/18	Celia Schultz	7/31	Sharon Hickok
7/12	Greg Hoppe	7/18	Catherine Warner	7/31	Stephanie Reed

## August Birthdays

8/1	Emily Graves	8/8	Diana Jarrett	8/15	Carl Seward
8/2	Taylor M. Beyreuther	8/8	Robert Schrott	8/16	Rocky Gillette
8/2	Heather Hurley	8/9	Erica McFarquhar	8/16	Rosita Sosa
8/2	Wendell Thomas	8/9	Paul Miller	8/17	Ana Hernandez
8/2	Julia Zeigler	8/9	Don Wills	8/17	Kara Peralta
8/3	Grayson Glazier	8/10	Jeff Solsby	8/19	Savannah Soraghan
8/3	Brooke Henry	8/10	Victor Vassallo	8/20	Jose Trejo
8/3	Brian Jacobs	8/12	Beverley Borgia	8/21	Aidan Smith
8/3	Joanne Peters	8/12	William Edgar	8/21	Frank Waskowicz
8/4	Jerry Horwitz	8/12	Fatima Flores	8/21	Aidan White
8/4	Ralph Lewis	8/12	Daniel Robinson	8/22	Charles Gardner
8/4	Deborah Miller	8/12	Piers Spencer	8/22	Virginia Griffin
8/5	Jennifer Day	8/13	Paul Winkel	8/22	Kate Nider
8/5	Kim Griffin	8/14	Liz Carter	8/22	Santos Trejo
8/5	Michael Ramm	8/14	Barbara Poole	8/23	Katherine Di Crocco
8/5	Jan Spence	8/14	Duncan Walsh	8/23	Keith Giacomo
8/6	Lisa Sprague	8/15	Marc Cooper	8/24	Heather Murphy
8/7	Mary-Jo Cooney	8/15	Bill Cummings	8/24	Chase Nelson
8/7	Amanda Foster-Baril	8/15	Cynthia Fors	8/25	Jeffery Chiow
8/7	Jenna Payne	8/15	Kelsey Reeder		(Continued on page 9)

## Connections. . .

As many of you know, **Jo Belser** and **David Crosby** are Grace Church's postulants for holy orders, and have just finished their first year at Virginia Seminary. Seminary policy requires them to spend this first summer in CPE (clinical pastoral education). Jo will be working at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, one of two local Episcopal retirement communities, where she will do pastoral visiting as well as assisting in celebrations of the Eucharist with opportunities to preach. David will travel daily across the Potomac to the Washington Hospital Center, where, as a chaplain intern, he will take his turn on day and night shifts.

This fall, Jo will begin her field work at a young and vibrant parish in Dunn Loring, and David will be at St. George's near Howard University. Meanwhile, **Andrew White**, our seminarian, will continue his field work under Father Malm and Father Patrick at Grace Church, after spending the summer with his wife, Sara, on a Navajo reservation in Arizona.

More high school graduate news: **Kerrigan O'Malley** has graduated from St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. While there she played varsity tennis and was a participant in the French Club and Normandy Scholar Exchange Program, so it is not surprising that she hopes to major in Romance Languages and Art History as a student at Wake Forest University. For many years, Kerrigan has participated in Irish dance, including performing in the Irish Dance World Championships. **Kelsey Reeder**, another St. Stephen's & St. Agnes graduate, will be attending Fordham University in New York City "with an open mind, dedication to community service, and perhaps a career in graphic design." Kelsey has become a leader in the youth group FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools). While in high school, she was also part of the Normandy exchange program and co-captained the varsity softball team.

In June, Father Malm officiated at the wedding of **Scott Rosman** and **Katie Hauck** in Carlsbad, CA. The ceremony took place at Leo Carillo Ranch. The couple, after a honeymoon in Greece, will live in Los Angeles. Scott, the son of **Barry and Jane Rosman**, spent most of his teenage years at Grace Church. He is currently the National Sales Director for IndieClick Media Group.

The next Grace Notes deadline will be August 15 for the September issue. Please send any news you'd like to share to Dorothy Daniel ([dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org](mailto:dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org)) or Linda Waskowicz ([linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org)).

## August Birthdays (Continued from page 8)

8/25	David Hoppe	8/27	Sophia Raymond
8/25	Evan Pfeiffer	8/28	Emma Alvarenga
8/25	Francesca Revilla	8/28	David Boris
8/25	Mary Savino	8/28	Elizabeth McGlohn
8/26	Sam Blunden	8/29	Maggie Eckel
8/26	Andrew Smith	8/29	Johanna Moore
8/26	Colin Stancil	8/31	Susan Hayduchok
8/27	Blair Forbes	8/31	Kathleen Paige

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## Vestry

### Class of 2010

Nat Ames	.....Treasurer
Peter Iovino	.....Worship
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	.....Fellowship
Lisa Bellantoni	.....Education
Theresa Lewallen	.....Evangelism
Robby Schrum	.....TNT
Sharon Steele	.....Outreach

### Alternates

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



Interested in learning more about ministries and programs at Grace Church?

While on our website ([www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org)) click on *Programs*.

## Mission Team

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Last spring the Grace community learned about the Haiti Micah Project from Reverend Joseph Constant, Director of Ethnic Ministries and Student Life at Virginia Theological Seminary. Fr. Constant established the Haiti Micah Project (HMP) to care for street children by meeting their basic needs for shelter, food, clean water, health care, education, vocational training, and spiritual and emotional well being.

Before the January earthquake, the Haiti Micah Project supported 150 children. By February, that number had doubled to bring in children streaming into Mirebalais from Port O Prince. By June, the number had increased to 400, with an additional 50 children being fed each day.

As the number of children in dire circumstances has increased, the living conditions in Mirebalais have deteriorated. Running water and electricity are now available inconsistently; the cost of high quality local food has increased dramatically; and, medical supplies are becoming scarce.

Haiti Micah Project and the children of Mirebalais need our support now.

In order to maintain and expand the program, additional funds are needed. It costs less than \$1 per day to feed, clothe and educate a child. Please consider bringing one or more children into the program for only \$300 per year or \$25 per month.

After much prayer and consultation with Rev. Constant, we've concluded that sending a full mission team to the Haiti Micah Project this year is not practical and would create a burden for our host. We may send one or two individuals at some point this year, as an advance team for a future mission. The Haiti Mission Team will donate its share of Mission Team funds to HMP to bring an additional seven children into the program.

This summer we expect another opportunity to collect supplies for HMP. Please look for collection information in the parking lot lobby.

Donation information can be found at: <http://www.haiti-micah.org/index.html>.

— *John Berry and Mary Ann Ryan*

## TNT News

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After an excellent berry-picking outing in May, the Grace TNT went kayaking on June 12 along the Potomac. The group gathered at Jack's Boathouse in Georgetown on a beautiful Saturday morning, and our armada of kayaks paddled around Roosevelt Island before making our way back to the docks.

At the end of July, the TNT will see a Washington Nationals game together. And on Saturday, August 21, we're planning to head to Wolf Trap to take in the sounds of The Temptations and The Four Tops. Mark your calendar if you're interested in joining us!

— *Robert R. Schrum, Jr.*

*TNT Group from a  
Recent Kayaking Trip*

