

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

June 2011

Rector's Reflections

Love, Always

Ascension Day is Thursday, June 2, and is followed by Pentecost on Sunday, June 12. Normally we celebrate these two great feasts in May, but Easter Day was extremely late this year. Ascension and Pentecost mark the end of the fifty great days of Easter, and we enter once again into the long Pentecost season, lasting to late November. Pentecost is a season when we consider our ministry and mission, our stewardship and discipleship, as the Church, the Body of Christ in the world.

I'd like Easter to last at least 100 days! Holy Week and Easter Sunday pass too quickly. The weeks of Eastertide will soon be a distant memory. We proclaim that every Sunday is a "little Easter," but it's just not the same.

So many great events, celebrations that we've long prepared for, pass too quickly. When we come down from these "mountain top" experiences we often feel a let down, a wistful sadness. How do we continue to keep joy, excitement and expectation in our hearts day by day?

I think the two collects for Ascension Day lead us into an answer (*Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 174 and 226). First we pray, according to his promise, Jesus abides with his Church on earth, "even to the end of the ages." Jesus is always with us. The joy, the excitement, the expectation of all that is good in life continues. The best is yet to come!

In the second collect we pray that "we may also in heart and mind" ascend with Christ to heaven. The Risen and Ascended Lord leads us to our eternal hope of everlasting life and to the mission of the Church on earth to do all we can to help the Kingdom of God become a reality. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

The baptisms, the weddings, the requiems, the memorial services, the graduations, all the wonderful celebrations we anticipate and experience help to remind us that God's love for us in Christ does not end; it does not come and go; God's love is here and now, always.

*Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule through June 5

Holy Eucharist Rite I7:30 am
Child Care 8:45 am – 12:45 pm
La Santa Eucaristia9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 am
Christian Ed classes..... 10:15 am
Choral Eucharist Rite I..... 11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Sunday Schedule beginning June 12

Holy Eucharist Rite I7:30 am
Child Care9:45 am – 11:45 am
La Santa Eucaristia9:00 am
Choral Eucharist* 10:00 am
*alternates between Rite I and Rite II
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Weekday Eucharist beginning June 14

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing ... 6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite I7:00 am
Thursdays,* 12:15 pm
*alternates between Rite I and Rite II

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

Putting Things Back Together

Many of you know that I have a collection of crosses and crucifixes that hang upon the walls of my office. My hope is one day to have a cross from every country. Recently a friend gave me a crucifix he had brought me from Chile. I was very grateful for his gift. Sadly, in his travels back from South America, the crucifix, specifically the corpus – the body of Christ depicted on the cross – had been broken. Fortunately, none of the five pieces had been lost, and I was confident I could glue the pieces back into a whole.

Later that afternoon, I set about this task, Krazy Glue in hand. Like a determined surgeon, I reconnected the arms, then the legs and then the feet. Five pieces, all delicate, were pulled and pressed as best I could match them up again. Unfortunately, as I pulled legs back into place, the arms that I had already glued into place began to pull apart. The same would happen to the legs and rest of the corpus as I rejoined arms. Perhaps it was the nails that kept some of the pieces in place and inflexible to change and movement. The Body of Christ resisted all my efforts to put it back exactly as it had been.

In the end, the pieces came close enough to hold each other together, but the wounds were still evident. “I cannot put the body of Christ back the way it was,” was the thought that entered my mind, “not perfectly at least.” What resulted was still broken. But as I looked upon the crucifix I noted that it was still also beautiful. It didn’t have to be the way that it was.

Reflecting on this experience in the Easter season, I’m reminded that the risen Christ still bore his wounds after his victory over the grave. Many have wondered about why that would be. If Christ conquered death, if he cured and healed others, why wouldn’t he heal himself?

There is surely more than one answer to why the wounds remain. One reason has to do with identity, which Jesus retains, as the “crucified one.” His wounds then assure those of wavering faith of the truth of his resurrection. Note the answer given to Thomas’ doubt, “put your fingers into the wounds in my hands, reach out and put your hand in my side” (John 20:27). Some would argue also that Jesus wounds remain as a reminder of the price paid for our redemption.

Yet another aspect of the wounds that remain, and yet the new life that exists, is the reminder of the injustice and brokenness that led to his crucifixion. Jesus suffered injustice, but he also had life on the other side of it. In the end, an injustice – brokenness – could not overcome God’s love.

The reality of life and the victory of love, in the midst of brokenness and injustice, is a good analogy for most of our inflicted (intentionally or not).

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Graceful Worship

Relics and Reliquaries

In preparation for our recent trip to Italy, Brad and I attended an exhibition at the Walters Gallery in Baltimore entitled “Relics and Reliquaries Reconsidered.” I had thought that the exhibition and veneration of relics was a “holdover” practice of the Roman Catholic Church. Much to my surprise, the exhibition contained a relic of America’s first saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821). I later learned that until 1969, relics were still placed under the altar stones of all Roman Catholic churches. The veneration of relics was rejected by most of the Protestant Reformers and by most Protestants today, but relics continue to play an important part in Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

A relic is an object or a personal item of religious significance, carefully preserved with an air of veneration as a tangible memorial. Relics have been and, in some cases still are, an important aspect of many religions. The word *relic* comes from the Latin *reliquiae*, meaning “remains.” A reliquary is a shrine that houses one or more relics.

In ancient Greece, a city might claim to possess the remains of a venerated hero, or objects associated with the hero. In contrast to the relics of Christian saints, relics were not usually regarded as holding a particular power derived from the hero. Miracles and healing were not attributed to them, but their presence was often believed to protect the city.

In Buddhism, relics of the Buddha and various sages are venerated. It is said that after the Buddha’s death, his remains were divided into eight portions and enshrined in *stupas* (mound-like heaps) wherever Buddhism was spread, despite his instructions that relics were not to be collected or venerated. The Buddha’s relics are considered to show people that enlightenment is possible, to remind them that the Buddha was a real person, and to also promote good virtue.

One of the earliest Christian sources that purport to show the efficacy of relics is found in 2 Kings 13:20-21: “*So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. As a man was being buried, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha; as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he came to life and stood on his feet.*” With regard to relics that are objects, an often cited passage is Acts 19:11-12: “*God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them.*”

Traditionally, a martyr’s relics are more prized than the relics of other saints. First-class relics are directly associated with the events of Christ’s life (manger, cross, etc.), or the physical remains of a saint such as a bone or skull. Second-class relics are items that the saint wore or frequently used. Third-class relics are objects that are touched to a first- or second-class relic, such as small pieces of cloth.

Many tales of miracles and other marvels were attributed to relics beginning in the early centuries of the church; many of these became especially popular during the Middle Ages. Since the beginning of Christianity, individuals have seen relics as a way to come closer to the saints and thus form a closer bond with God. Since Christians during the Middle Ages often took pilgrimages to shrines of holy people, relics became big business. Pilgrims saw the purchasing of a relic as a means to bring the shrine back home in a small way, since during the Middle Ages the concept of physical proximity to the “holy” (tombs of saints or their personal objects) was considered extremely important. Instead of having to travel hundreds of miles to become near to a venerated saint, one could venerate the relics of the saint within his or her own home.

There are many relics attributed to Jesus, perhaps most famous being the Shroud of Turin, said to be his burial shroud. Pieces of the True Cross were the most highly sought-after relics. Many churches claimed (and some still claim) to possess a piece of it—so many that John Calvin, in his *Traité Des Reliques*, famously remarked that there were enough pieces of the True Cross to fill an entire ship!

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Growing @ Grace:

Upcoming Opportunities for Children, Youth and Parents

June 5 is Youth Sunday

Our 9:00 am service offers a rich opportunity to highlight the tremendous gifts our children and youth offer to Grace Episcopal Church. From artwork and greeting, to lectors and intercessors, to sermons and oblation bearers, our children and youth are deeply and vitally present to us during this special worship service. Go kids! Go youth! Go God!!!

June 5 @ 5:30 pm is our final J2A and EYC Dinner and Fellowship

Our Vestry is providing dinner. Come for a final evening together before summer begins!

June 12 is Teacher Recognition and Parish Picnic!

At the 10:00 am service and immediately following: Honor our INCREDIBLE team of Christian Educators, cheer on our youth as they serve up a picnic feast and sit at table with your parish family. See you there!

Contact family.ministries@gracealex.org for information on all things children, youth and parents.

Grace-full Moms Begin Book on “Momfulness”

We continue to heartily enjoying *Momfulness: Mothering with Mindfulness, Compassion, and Grace* by Denise Roy – and it’s never too late to join in on the conversation! In this book, Roy combines her experience as a marriage and family therapist, a spiritual director and a mother of five in this delightful book of meditations, a sequel to *My Monastery Is a Minivan*. Grace-full Moms meets in the Grace library every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. Childcare is provided in the Grace Church nursery from 10:15 am – 12:15 pm. For more information contact Julie Simonton at julie.simonton@gracealex.org or 703-549-1980. Or just show up.

Are You a Kid at Heart? Then Volunteer for VBS!

Come for a single morning – or stay for the whole week.

Do you love to sing, dance, and be silly? Or do you love to quietly sit with paint, brush and paper – or watch a ladybug crawl? Then you will be a super fit for VBS! We have opportunities for ages of all wisdom: half-day or full day, one day or all five. VBS is in session July 11-15. Contact Julie Simonton at family.ministries@gracealex.org for more information.

—Julie Simonton,
Assistant for Family Ministries

Grace School News Graduation

On June 8 at the 9:00 am chapel, Grace Episcopal School will hold graduation exercises for the twelve 5th grade graduates. Many of the graduates attended all eight years here at Grace Episcopal School! We are extremely proud of their many accomplishments here at Grace and in the community. We wish them the very best in all that they do in the future. Best of luck to all of you in Middle School!

5th Grade Graduates:

Miles Clark
Katherine Conner
Jack Corby
Drew Fisher
Tori Griffin
Mackie Hamed
Kendall Huheey
Charlotte Terry
Ahmei Thevoz
Lily Walsh
Merrin Winkel
Jack Wood

Many thanks to all the parishioners who made donations and bought raffle tickets to benefit the Spring Program for Financial Aid. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

—Chris Stegmaier Byrnes,
Head of School

Music Notes

Summer Choir Begins

When Grace Church moves to the more relaxed summer schedule on June 12, the choirs will take a break from their weekly schedule. Instead of having weekly evening rehearsals, interested singers are encouraged to come to the Choir Room at 9:00 am on Sundays to prepare a simple anthem to be sung later that morning at the 10:00 am service. This means each Sunday is “self-contained” without carry-over. This is a good chance for people not presently singing to give choir a “try out.” You’ll find that the gallery gives you a different perspective on the liturgy, and also how exciting it is to be surrounded by the sound of the organ.

If you’re interested in giving Summer Choir a try, show up in the Choir Room (on the lower level) at 9:00 am beginning Sunday, June 12. Remember: Those who sing pray twice! For further information, contact Thom Robertson.

—*Thom Robertson,*
Director of Music

Environmental Committee News

The kitchen now has a commercial dishwasher ready to run mugs and cups through a wash cycle in only two minutes! Environmental Committee members and Coffee Hour Hosts are working together learning about the washer and how best to use it. Right now the mugs are in use during the 9:00 o’clock coffee hour on a first come first served basis. Committee Members assembled an amazing collection of donated coffee mugs. Do you have some extra coffee mugs that would enlarge this collection? Pass them on to Father Patrick. The red sesquicentennial mugs and Grace Shrine Mont mugs are especially welcome. Committee members may sponsor an “Ugly Mug” contest in the fall. Stay tuned for details.



In other Environmental Committee Activities a garden is taking shape outside and to the left of the new narthex doors. Four raised beds will house squash, tomatoes and other vegetables. The garden is using compost from parish activities and lots of city mulch. Any harvested produce will be donated to the food pantry. Parishioner and committee member Cindy Ikard is calling for volunteers and assistance from Grace Gardeners of all ages and levels of experience. Contact her at (703) 994-0768 or cindy.ikard@gracealex.org for more information.

—*Jennifer Eckel*

Connections

Our information on high school soon-to-be graduates and their plans covers only our EYC seniors. If you know more about others with Grace Church connections, please let us know so we can include them next month. Meanwhile, congratulations to the following:

Steven Boris to the University of Virginia
Heather Murphy to Old Dominion University
Chas Saphos to Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)
Henry Tazewell to William and Mary

An addendum on our post-college graduates: **Meghan Cummings-Kralik**, daughter of Wendy and Bill Cummings, received her MBA in IT at the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas, Austin. She has a job starting in June with Emerson Corporation in St. Louis, MO.

In case you didn't read this in *The Virginia Episcopalian*, our own **Kendall Metz** is on the nominating committee to search for the next Bishop Suffragan to replace Bishop Jones who is retiring. Also on the committee is **Sam Bridges**, son of Steve and Penny Bridges. The Rev. Bridges was an associate rector at Grace Church in the recent past.

Good news from **Dan and Katy Pattarini** in Oman! "We will be coming home this summer (Katy and the children in early July, Dan a month later)...We have rented a house for the next year in Warwick Village, and will once again be very close to church...Dan will be in training at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington. He will study Arabic and train as a Consular officer as he prepares for a two-year assignment in Cairo starting next summer (2012). The children will attend an American K-12 school in Cairo and we are hoping Katy will be able to teach there." Katy goes on to say how glad they are to be coming back to their spiritual home at Grace Church, and that Grace, Nicholas and Amelia are looking forward to acolytes and the St. Nicholas choir..." We have very much appreciated the care packages sent to us by the Grace Church community. Although we have been far away, we have always felt very close in spirit."

Closer to home: **Barbara Morris** is developing a new passion with water color classes at Goodwin House, Bailey's Crossroads. From her beginning ten months ago, she has sold ten paintings...some at a Goodwin House resident art show, some she donated to community library projects close to her heart. These sold well at silent auction. What an exciting new-found interest and talent!

Send us news of family and friends:

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From the Library

Get your summer reading material in the Parish Library. Both adult and children's books are waiting for you. We have about 75 children's books in two crates on the right side of the library. Some are board books for the very young and some are for children who can read. *World, World, What Can I Do?* uses simple language and lovely illustrations to show how children can help protect the environment. *Boys Life Adventure Bible Storybook*, *At the Lord's Table - A Communion Book*, *Doubleday Illustrated Children's Bible*, *A First Bible Story Book*, *Jesus for Children*, *The Rich Fool*, *The Woodland Gospels According to Captain Beaky and His Band* are some more of our titles. We have over 1000 fiction and non-fiction books for adults. Books can be checked out for 4 weeks and DVDs for 1 week. If you are going to be away for longer than 4 weeks, just note on the book card, when you sign the book out, when you will be returning the book. Keeping books for the whole summer is OK. Questions? Contact Wendy Cummings at wendy.cummings@gracealex.org.

—Wendy Cummings

Haiti Micah Child Sponsorship a Success!

Our parish response to the Haiti Micah Child Sponsorship event will make you proud! As of May 22nd, our last day, we collected enough money to sponsor 36 Haiti Micah children! This yearly financial support will provide food, clothing, education and medical care for each child through the Haiti Micah Project (HMP).

The sponsors for children that were made by individuals or groups will receive a picture and letter from their child and a thank you letter from HMP. The remaining children are sponsored by Grace Church with the combined donations of parishioners and friends. Grace will receive pictures of our children and a thank you letter from HMP. With our original 17 children, Grace Church and its parishioners are now sponsoring a total of 53 Haiti Micah Children! Pretty terrific!

For those still interested in sponsoring a child, please send a check directly to Grace Church, made out to Grace Church, with HMP Sponsorship in the notation line. Please indicate if this money is for individual sponsorship (\$300) or to be combined with other donations for a Grace Church sponsorship (any amount). Grace will forward all donations to HMP. If there are specific questions, please contact Mary Ann Ryan at mary.ann.ryan@gracealex.org.

The Grace Mission and Outreach Committees and the Haiti Micah Project thank everyone for their caring and generosity, with a special thank you to those who made this opportunity possible.

—Mary Ann Ryan, Chair,
Haiti Micah Mission Team



Putting Things Back Together

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Yet, the love in those relationships can still have life. I've known couples who have overcome the deepest breaks in trust and have survived. Relationships can know resurrection and the power of new life. However, like the pieces of the corpus, they cannot be put back exactly as they were. They must know a new reality.

When we try to force them back into their former mold, we can pull apart the pieces we have tried to reattach already. Those repairs are still too fresh. The nails of injustice still hold them pinned where they are. No matter how hard we try we cannot erase, cover over or even fully heal those prior wounds. They remain. The new corpus can have new life and vitality, but the old wounds are still there. It never pays for one of those in the relationship to say something like, "Why can't you just get over it." The brokenness remains.

Every relationship requires forgiveness, and as the great theologian, Archbishop Desmond Tutu has said, "There is no future without forgiveness." Forgiveness is required if our relationships will survive and know resurrected life. And that forgiveness is real and actual, but forgiveness doesn't require that we forget. The opposite in fact is true. To know new life, we do remember – and we love anyway. We can learn to trust again. We can be vulnerable again. Our relationships can be alive again with new life. They can be beautiful again, even while wounds remain.

—The Rev. Patrick T. Crerar,
Assistant Rector

Relics and Reliqueries *(continued from page 3)*

And it gets even better. Brad is currently reading a book from our church library by John Julius Norwich entitled, *A Short History of Byzantium*. When the Emperor Justinian rebuilt the Church of St. Sophia (in Constantinople) for the third time, “*the relics were such as no other church could match, dominated as they were by the True Cross itself, brought back from Jerusalem by the Empress Helena with the other instruments of the Passion. There too were Christ’s swaddling clothes and the table at which he and his Apostles had sat for the Last Supper.*”

St. Jerome (A.D. 340 - 420) clarified Christian belief in his **Ad Riparium**: “*We do not adore, I will not say the relics of the martyrs, but either the sun or the moon or even the angels...But we honor the martyrs’ relics, so that thereby we give honor to Him Whose [witness] they are: we honor the servants, that the honor shown to them may reflect on their Master.*”

The East–West Schism of 1054 formally divided the State church of the Roman Empire into Eastern (Greek) and Western (Latin) branches, which later became known as the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church, respectively. I was able to find nothing in current Roman Catholic doctrine to justify any statement that the Church encourages belief in a magical virtue, or physical curative efficacy residing in a relic itself. However, for understandable reasons, the Church continues to permit the display and veneration of relics. The sale of relics, however, is strictly forbidden by the Roman Catholic Church. Their Code of Canon Law states that “*It is absolutely forbidden to sell sacred relics*” and that “*Relics of great significance and other relics honored with great reverence by the people cannot be alienated validly in any manner or transferred permanently without the permission of the Apostolic See.*” I was understandably surprised to discover that you can currently bid on relics of saints on the Internet site “eBay.”

The veneration of relics continues to be of importance in the Eastern Orthodox Church. As a natural outgrowth of the concept in Orthodox theology of “theosis,” the physical bodies of the saints are considered to be transformed by divine grace. The remains of the departed faithful are referred to as “relics” and are treated with honor and respect. For this reason, the bodies of Orthodox Christians are not traditionally embalmed. In August 2010, British newspaper *The Telegraph* reported that the remains of John the Baptist were discovered embedded in an altar in the ruins of the ancient monastery on the island in the Black Sea. A Greek inscription on the stone casque contains a reference to June 24 – the date on which John the Baptist is believed to have been born. “*We found the relics of St John the Baptist – exactly what the archaeologists had expected,*” said Bozhidar Dimitrov, Bulgaria’s “minister without portfolio” and a former director of the country’s National History Museum, who was present when the stone urn was opened. “*It has been confirmed that these are parts of his skeleton.*” Exactly how the relics ended up on the island, and how their authenticity has been “confirmed,” remains a mystery.

As Brad and I visited churches in Rome and other cities, we encountered a variety of relics, usually enshrined in side chapels. I didn’t take photographs of them because it seemed inappropriate, but we were always interested to read the inscriptions that accompanied them, and imagine the visitors who have approached them with reverence over many years.

—June Huber



The Parish Picnic is Sunday June 12th, the Day of Pentecost, following the first 10:00 am service of the summer, rain or shine. EYC will provide the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Grilled Chicken. Please join us and bring your favorite Picnic food to share.

June Birthdays

6/1 Francis Dombrowski	6/10 Linda Waskowicz	6/21 Tim Dodd
6/1 Jason Spence	6/11 Grace Hughes	6/21 Barbara Read
6/1 Ron Vassallo	6/11 Surinder Khanna	6/22 John Boris
6/2 John Cunningham	6/13 Rowena Lund	6/22 Rachel Rushing
6/2 George Waskowicz	6/13 Daniel Shaver	6/23 Charles McElwain
6/2 Margaret Will	6/14 Joyce Ames	6/23 John Raymond
6/3 Ava Fraser	6/15 Richard Kelly	6/24 Jonathan Doelp
6/3 Sarah Schultz	6/16 Jacob Hazelwood	6/24 Anne Lukens
6/3 Randy Wallace	6/16 Jennifer Lednicki	6/24 Lew Michael
6/4 Abigail Dougherty	6/16 Avery Murchison	6/24 Virginia Tucker
6/4 Armando Falcon	6/16 Matt Wolff	6/24 Karen Wires
6/4 Sam Woodhead	6/17 Katie Hayden	6/25 Benjamin Martin
6/5 Sydney Barron	6/17 Sarey Hayden	6/25 Beth Scott
6/5 Hilda Burcher	6/17 Shannon Kelly	6/25 Jackson Spencer
6/6 Susan Moore	6/17 Hazel Lockwood	6/26 Didem Baird
6/6 Cynthia Puskar	6/17 Julia Slattery	6/27 Maria Cooper
6/6 Wolf Ramm	6/18 Al Baker	6/27 Jean Hawes
6/6 Philip Saphos	6/18 Patti Burch	6/27 Jeff Winter
6/7 Avery Baird	6/18 Debra Busker	6/28 Paul Bellantoni
6/7 Nikolai Karamyshev	6/18 Sally Stone	6/28 Andrew Chriss
6/8 Eleanor Reed	6/19 Maya Hendricks	6/28 Rebecca Funes
6/8 Polly Spahr	6/19 Ricardo Sosa	6/28 Bill Spahr
6/9 Lisa Cassidy	6/19 Mark Sweet	6/29 Margaret Hillsman
6/9 Kristine Hesse	6/20 Lillian Curley	6/30 Sara Dubsy
6/9 Amelia Martin	6/20 Cindy Diehl	6/30 Theresa Lewallen
6/10 Jane Rosman	6/20 Jessica Tefft-Soraghan	
6/10 Donna Tripiett	6/20 Otto Wolff	

From the Parish Register

Baptisms:

Finlay Ata Baird, daughter of William Baird and Didem Turker Baird

Whitney James Jackson, son of James and Matti Jackson, grandson of Chuck and Poppy Gardner

Blessing of a Civil Marriage:

Glenda Farciert and Fernando Farciert Espinoza

Yesica Marili Lopez and Rusbin Manuel Lopez

Christina Anne Zola Peck and James Peck

Marriage:

Abigail C. Greene and Haile Selassie Dagne

Transfer in:

Amy Knight Sullivan, with baptized daughter, Fiona from St. Andrew's Church, Burke

Transfer out:

Lana McGlynn to St. Paul's Church, Cary, North Carolina

11th Annual Altar Guild Tea – themed *A Royal Wedding* – was held on May 7th. This year's tea raised over \$2600



The Royal History of Tea was presented by Kelly Gable



The tables were decorated with photos of Wills and Kate



Seventy-six guests attended the affair

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Vestry

Class of 2011

Alison Campbell Register
 Rich Kelly Youth
 Erica McFarquhar Treasurer
 Howell Medley Senior Warden
 Frank Waskowicz Junior Warden

Class of 2012

Amy Barron Fellowship
 Lisa Bellantoni Education
 Theresa Lewallen Evangelism
 Robby Schrum Member-at-Large / TNT
 Sharon Steele Outreach

Class of 2013

Peter Barnes Stewardship
 Deborah Crabtree Worship
 June Huber School Board
 Lee Meeks Lee Meeks
 Mary-Lacey Reuther Pastoral Care

Alternates

Jeff Solsby
 Kemp Williams

Non-Vestry Coordinators

Heather Hurley Communications
 Nancy Lorentz Education
 Paul Bellantoni Evangelism
 Gary Carter Fellowship
 Barbara Read Outreach
 Patt Sullivan-Perry Pastoral Care
 Jean Reed Stewardship
 Virginia Robinson TNT
 Chad Eckles Worship
 Lisa Medley Youth