

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

Summer Reading

In mid-June I was able to spend several days at the beach in Georgia with family and friends. Part of our routine is to pack lunch and drinks and walk down with our chairs, towels, etc. to the ocean's edge where we set up and expect to spend several hours. When the tide is coming in, we usually have to move everything back toward the dunes a couple of times.

One day after setting up and swimming, I sat down next to Leslie and our daughter Jessica who were already reading their books. After reading my book for about 30 minutes, I got up to get a drink for each of us out of the cooler and walked around the fairly crowded beach. I didn't see anyone else reading!

I did see several people with their smart phones, presumably texting, reading email, going online, etc. Maybe bringing Nooks and Kindles to the beach isn't a good idea with all the sand and water. Certainly the entire print industry is in a time of transformation because of the rapid advances in technology. Yet I hope we don't lose the wonderful gift of reading during our summer vacations and "time away."

This summer many are joining in the "Bible Challenge," an intentional effort our Bishop is leading to help the Diocese of Virginia read the entire *Bible* in one year. The *Book of Common Prayer* provides a daily schedule for reading all 150 Psalms each month. We also have a daily lectionary, providing three lessons for each day.

Jesus read and studied the Jewish Scriptures with great devotion and discipline. At the age of 12 he "amazed" teachers and other adults in the Temple with his depth of understanding (Luke 3:46, 47). St. Luke also tells us that it was Jesus' "custom" to read the Scriptures in the synagogue in Nazareth each Sabbath day (4:16). This reading and studying of the scriptures is presented to us in the ancient collect from the *Book of Common Prayer* so that we might "hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them..." (p. 236).

My beach reading does not normally include the *Bible*. This summer I've enjoyed two wonderful books based on historical personalities and events, both best sellers: *Benjamin Franklin, An American Life* written by Walter Isaacson and *The Big House: A Century in the Life of an American Summer Home* by George Howe Colt. Each, in its own way, witnesses to "the word made flesh..."

I hope the remaining weeks of the summer bring you opportunities for reflecting, relaxing, re-creating and, especially, for reading—even if you use a Nook or a Kindle!

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

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Ordinations

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:30 am
Child Care 9:45 am – 11:45 am
La Santa Eucaristia 9:00 am
Choral Eucharist* 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Weekdays

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing ... 6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite I 7:00 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

Grace Notes is published 10 times a year by Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia – monthly except for combined July/August and December/January issues. The deadline for submitting copy is midnight on the 15th of the preceding month.

The next *Grace Notes* deadline is August 15 for the September issue. Articles should be submitted by e-mail to grace.notes@gracealex.org. All articles are subject to editing.

Grace Church's newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Gary Carter, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Heather Hurley, Lee Meeks, Sarah Schultz and Beth Wiggers.



The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop of Virginia, ordained Jo J. Belser, Laura Doud Cochran, David Malcom Crosby, Elizabeth Ann Locher, Bernard Cayce Ramey and Leslie Nuñez Steffensen to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, June 2 in St. Andrew's Church, Burke, VA.

Jo Belser and David Crosby are long-time Grace parishioners, Elizabeth Locher was our seminarian for the past two years and Leslie Steffensen will be serving as our new assistant rector as of July 1, 2012. The joyous service was well attended, and Grace's Fellowship Committee, giving new meaning to the phrase "meals on wheels," worked closely with the St. Andrew's Fellowship Committee to feed approximately 500 hungry, happy folks after the service.

Celebrate Independence Day at Grace

Independence Day, July 4, has been a major Holy Day in the Episcopal Church calendar since 1928. The collect, on p. 190 of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and the lessons appointed will be used for the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. Father Malm invites all military – Active duty, Retired, Veterans and Reservists – to wear their uniforms to Grace Church for our service on Wednesday, July 4. We give thanks for your service to our nation.



Newly Called Director of Music: Kyle Babin

June 6, 2012

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Grace Church,

I am pleased and excited to announce that I have called our next Director of Music, Mr. Kyle Babin. Kyle will join the staff in late August. His first Sunday with us will be August 26.

After an extensive search and interview process, the Search Committee unanimously recommended Kyle to me. They were impressed by his experience, his training and his gifts as both an Organist and a Choir Director. Kyle is also a devout Episcopalian who appreciates our Anglican tradition of “the beauty of holiness” in our worship.

Currently Kyle serves as Director of Music at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, a position he has held since 2008. At Bradley Hills, Kyle directs four choirs, including adult, handbell, children and youth choirs. Prior to his work in Bethesda, Kyle served as Director of Music at Christ Church in Manhasset, NY. He served in several parishes while pursuing his graduate degrees, a Doctor of Music Arts in Organ Performance from the Manhattan School of Music and a Master of Music in Organ from Yale.

Kyle is a 2002 graduate of Rice University’s School of Music. He has won numerous honors and awards. His recital experience includes the Washington National Cathedral, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin (NYC) and the International Organ Festival at St. Alban’s (UK).

We look forward to welcoming Kyle to Grace Church later this summer.



Faithfully,
The Rev. Robert H. Malm, Rector

NFL Mission to Tanzania



Would you like to read about Lauren Gustafson’s exciting adventures in Tanzania with the “Nets for Life” (NFL) mission? From the church website (www.gracealex.org) click on “News” and “On the Road” for real-time updates on Lauren and the trip.

The most recent update reads:

Later we went to the village proper and the girls went with the NFL staff to interview families about their bed nets and malaria experience. The girls were trailed around by little children wherever they walked, and definitely engaged. This was a larger village, and has a high percentage of nets supplied by the government. The incidence of malaria is down to smaller amounts, but our interviews revealed the need for more education on the proper use of the nets.

We all wish Lauren and her group God’s blessing on their work and safety in their travels!

Shrine Mont

The theme of this year's parish retreat to Shrine Mont is: "And in all things, give thanks," which is a wonderful theme reflecting what a blessed and generous parish we are together. There are many things we can all be thankful for, individually, or in our own family lives. But as a community of Grace, living in grace, there is much we can be thankful for as a parish. And the annual parish retreat is a great place and time to express that thanks in the company of others.

There are three types of Shrine Mont goers: (1) Go always, wouldn't miss it! (2) Go sometimes, when I can fit it in. (3) Never been, what's all the fuss about anyway?

This 'casting call' for a great Shrine Mont parish retreat turnout is to all three groups:

First, if you're one of those people, couples, or families who never miss the parish retreat, then freely share your stories and enthusiasm for our shared time together with others so they can see why you keep coming back.

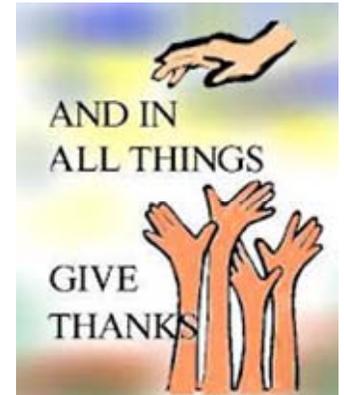
Next, if you are one of those part-timers who come when you don't have something better to do; reflect on what you get out of the Shrine Mont parish retreat and what you can put in. The sum of our collective experiences and the benefits we get from going on our annual parish retreat = what you get out of the weekend + what you put into the weekend for someone else's benefit + all the things we have to be thankful for (I had to get the theme in here somewhere!).

Lastly, if you are new to our parish or just haven't made it to the parish retreat yet, think differently about this. Some people like their retreats to be quiet, relaxing, and reflective. You can do that! Some people like their retreats active, social, and enjoyable. You can do that, too! And some people aren't sure a parish retreat is the kind of thing they would enjoy. Pshaw! You can engage in the activities, services, meals and time as much or as little as you want. What's not to like?

It takes all kinds of people to make a successful parish retreat. We want you there. And in all things, give thanks!

See you in September,

*Peter & Charlie Iovino, Shrine Mont coordinators
Lee & Maxine Meeks, their dutiful assistants*



From The Parish Library

New to the library are: *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*; *Islam at the Crossroads*; *Genesis: A New Translation*; *Witness to the Truth* (Edith Hamilton); *The Wandering Arm* (fiction); *A Sense of Mission: Historic Churches of the Southwest*; *Compass and Stars* (Martin L. Smith); *Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home*; *90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story*; *The Little Book of Prayers*; *Flowering of the Prophetic Word in the America*; *Stones into Schools* (Greg Mortenson); *Open Our Lips: Musical Help for Leaders of the Liturgy* (music book and 3 CDs).

Many thanks to Georgiana Greely and others for these additions. You'll find them on the carts along with books about Christian life, pilgrimages, Holy Eucharist and the Holy Trinity. In the summer, books may be checked out for longer than the normal four weeks. Take a few books from the Parish Library on your vacation and return them in September.

Wendy Cummings

Graceful Worship: A Handy-Dandy Guide to the Episcopal Clergy

It may be second nature to "cradle Episcopalians" but, to many of us who aren't, the variety and hierarchy of clergy in the Episcopal Church can be puzzling. Most of us are familiar with two relatively new types of reference books: "*The Idiot's Guide to . . .*" and "*. . . for Dummies*." Because none of my readers are either idiots or dummies, I thought it best to select a different title for this article. I can't claim that it covers every clergy position that exists, but I've tried to do my best.

The **presiding bishop** (there have been 26 of them so far) is the chief pastor and primate of the Episcopal Church in the United States (ECUSA). The presiding bishop is responsible for leadership in initiating, developing and articulating national policy and strategy; overseeing the administration of the national church staff; and speaking for the church on issues of concern and interest, to the public at large and within the Worldwide Anglican Communion. He or she is the president of the House of Bishops, and is elected by the church's General Convention to serve a single nine-year term. Our current presiding bishop is Katharine Jefferts Schori; and the correct style of written address for the presiding bishop is "The Most Reverend."

The Episcopal Church in the United States consists of nine ecclesiastical provinces, each governed by a provincial synod. (We are part of Province III, the Middle Atlantic.) There are 100 dioceses in the United States proper, plus ten dioceses in other countries or outlying U.S. territories and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, which is similar to a diocese. A diocese includes all the congregations within its borders, which usually (but not always) corresponds to a state or a portion of a state. Each diocese is led by a **diocesan bishop**. Grace Church is part of the Diocese of Virginia, encompassing 38 counties in the northern and central parts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our diocese has 15 regions, determined by geography, and we are part of Region IV, which consists of eight parishes in Alexandria. Each region has a **dean**, who is a member of the clergy. A dean is the priest in charge of a region, a cathedral church, or a seminary, and is addressed in writing as "The Very Reverend." (Our current dean is The Very Rev. Oran Warder, Rector, St. Paul's.)

Our diocesan bishop is the Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston. A diocesan bishop is the chief priest and pastor of a diocese, and all other clergy derive their ministry from him or her. A diocesan bishop is elected by the diocese to serve until he or she retires or dies. This bishop is the "guardian of the faith," responsible to see that the full truth of the Gospel is proclaimed. Diocesan bishops administer the discipline of the Church, and are also responsible to see that the official worship liturgy of the Church is regularly used. The written style of address for all bishops, of diocesan rank and below is, "The Right Reverend"; more senior bishops and archbishops are styled as, "The Most Reverend." A bishop, when present, presides at a baptism because the person being baptized is becoming a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church in its broadest sense. In this capacity a bishop also administers confirmation and ordination.

There are several kinds of assisting bishops. A **bishop coadjutor** is one who has been elected by the diocese and consecrated to assist in the work of the diocese and succeed to the bishopric. A **suffragan bishop** is elected by the diocese and assists the diocesan bishop. (The election for our new suffragan bishop, The Rev. Canon Susan E. Goff, took place on April 21, 2012. Her consecration will occur on July 28, 2012.) An **assistant bishop** is not elected by the diocese, but is usually an already-consecrated bishop employed by the diocesan bishop to assist him or her. (Our assistant bishop is the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.) Suffragan bishops and assistant bishops do not have a right of succession.

A **priest** is a regular minister and spiritual leader of a parish. At ordination, a priest receives authority to proclaim the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and bless and pardon in God's name. When in full charge and called by a vestry, a priest is called a **rector**. A rector's assistants, whether priests or deacons, are often called **curates**. (We don't, however, use that term at Grace Church. Instead we use the terms assistant rector or associate rector, depending on the amount of time they have served with us.) A **vicar** is a priest in charge of a chapel to a parish church, or a mission of a diocese where he/she represents the bishop, the chief missionary. Priests are addressed as "the Reverend," and in salutation may also be called "Father" or "Mother." A priest who has general oversight of the missions of a diocese under a bishop, or some other well-defined diocesan responsibility, is sometimes known as an **archdeacon**.

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On Stewardship

Tithing—The Heart of the Matter: Part III of a Tract by Bishop Francis Gray, Former Assistant Bishop of Virginia

Stewardship is a Mystery

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.—1 Cor. 4:1

All of life is a mystery. It is mysterious that someone could love me and commit herself to me in marriage for life. It is a mystery that genes and chromosomes are reproduced and passed from generation to generation. It is a mystery that God became a human in Jesus, and is represented to us continually in bread and wine, in word and sacrament. It is a mystery that people continue to find comfort in tired liturgies, ill-prepared sermons, half-heartedly sung music. It is a tragic mystery that people kill each other; that people persist in the use of drugs; that we persist in thinking that more money, clothes, gadgets and weapons will bring us inner peace.

We are stewards of mystery, just as we are stewards of time, talent and treasure. Not magic, but mystery. Magic is the manipulation of matter to provide an effect of illusion. The magician knows the result of his work, because he has practiced his craft and is assured of success because of his skill.

Mystery is a reality that is inexhaustible and unpredictable. A culture of utility, which seeks to define, measure, use and manipulate matter will find mystery difficult to live with. Our culture thinks in terms of problems to be solved, tasks to be accomplished, not relationships to be nurtured. "If the Church needs money, then let's have a bake sale. It is easier than exploring the sacramental relationship between myself and my checkbook."

Note: *Part IV* of the Tract by Bishop Gray will follow in a later issue of Grace Notes.

Jean Reed
Non-Vestry Stewardship Coordinator

Stewardship Is...Year Round: A Reminder

The academic year is over and the summer season is upon us. The pace of life slows for many of us as Washington temperatures and humidity soar. Swimming pools teem; museums on the Mall open for extended hours; service bands and the National Symphony give concerts on the Mall; we celebrate with Fourth of July fireworks, Labor Day concerts and cookouts. Individual and family vacations, trips to the beach or the mountains, out-of-town visits to family, mission trips and so on, take us away from the city and the parish. On Sunday and throughout the week, the air-conditioned nave of Grace Church provides a "cool place" of spiritual and physical refreshment as we worship and celebrate the holy eucharist together. Summer, winter, spring or fall, God's work through Grace Church never ceases! Your dedicated gifts of time, talent and money are as important during the summer as they are throughout the rest of the year. On behalf of the clergy, wardens, treasurer, parish staff, and vestry and non-vestry program coordinators, your stewardship co-chairs encourage you to practice year-round stewardship and maintain your level of giving to pledge and plate even though you might be away from the parish this summer.

Stewardship Is...Commitment

To those members and friends of Grace Church who have not yet made a pledge to support Grace Church mission and ministry in 2012, and to those who may be new to the parish, your stewardship co-chairs ask that you prayerfully consider making your financial pledge to Grace Church for the remaining six months of 2012. You will receive a letter and pledge card in the mail during the next few days. Pledge cards are also available in the pew book-racks in the church or from an usher at each Sunday service. Completed pledge cards may be returned in the offering plate on Sundays or to the Parish Office at any time.

Peter Barnes & Jean Reed, Stewardship Co-Chairs

High School Graduates

This June, Grace Church graduated five outstanding young people who have been worshipping and serving at Grace, some long enough that they remember their kindergarten Sunday school teacher. Many of them have been through the J2A program, went on their pilgrimage to Washington State and on mission trips to New Orleans and Dungannon, Va. They have been acolytes, flipped pancakes for Shrove Tuesday suppers, baked cookies for Nets for life, delivered Thanksgiving baskets, been chili cook-off winners, built a handicapped ramp, entertained everyone at Shrine Mont, and even given moving, mature sermons.

In alphabetical order, our graduates and their chosen universities are:

Lauren Gustafson	Mary Washington
Ben Joyner	College of William and Mary
Erin Kelly	Purdue University
Skye Whitlow	Virginia Commonwealth University
Julia Ziegler	School of Visual Arts in New York City



Graceful Worship... (Continued from page 5)

A **canon** is a church official, usually a member of the clergy, on the staff of a cathedral or a bishop. The chapter of a cathedral is an official group made up of the dean and chapter of canons, who meet in a chapterhouse and run the cathedral. A **canon to the ordinary** is part of the bishop's staff and performs tasks as assigned by the **ordinary** (another term for diocesan bishop).

A **deacon** is an ordained assistant to the bishop or to the rector of a parish. A **transitional deacon** is usually advanced to the priesthood after serving six months to one year. (The Rev. Leslie Steffensen, who was recently selected to be Assistant to the Rector beginning July 1, is currently a transitional deacon.) A **vocational (or permanent or perpetual) deacon** is one who is usually engaged in pastoral work, within a parish or elsewhere, without being advanced to the priesthood. In our diocese, according to the diocesan website, vocational deacons "are ordained to exercise servant ministry, particularly to the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely." Deacons are addressed in writing as "The Reverend" but the oral salutation depends on whether the deacon is transitional or vocational, with vocational deacons being called "Deacon" and transitional deacons being styled the same as priests—"Father" or "Mother."

I hope you find this helpful, especially at a time when we're about to have a new suffragan bishop who has served as a canon, and a new assistant rector who has recently been ordained as a deacon.

June Huber

Fellowship at Grace

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank the entire Grace Church community for their ongoing support and donations of time, food and helping hands to prepare, serve and clean up during our spring celebrations.

We began in early spring with our Lenten soup and sandwich suppers, when various programs at Grace provided delicious sustenance as we gathered together to study the mystics during Lent. Then your generous outpouring of gifts and talents provided a wonderful Agape celebration for Easter.

In May, we said farewell and Godspeed to Andrew and Sara D'Angio White as they left us to continue their ministry in New York. Again, the Fellowship Committee and parish members came forward with food and helping hands to show our gratitude for Andrew's ministry.

On June 2, our parish partnered with St. Andrew's of Burke to provide a reception for 500 guests to celebrate the ordination of six new deacons in the Episcopal Church; including our own David Crosby and Jo Belser, our seminarian Elizabeth Locher, and our new Assistant to the Rector, Leslie Nunez Steffensen.

What gifts of grace these are! They reveal the power of connections made when we break bread together, whether it is at coffee hour, potlucks, meetings, parish picnics or Feast Day receptions. Truly when a few or many are gathered in His Name, Christ is there. If you are interested in sharing in this ministry by joining the Fellowship Committee, you will be most welcome. Please contact gary.carter@gracealex.org or lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org

Haiti Micah Project

A painting was presented to Grace Church at the vestry meeting on June 12, 2011. Those present at the meeting from the Outreach Haiti subcommittee were Karen Wires, Lynn Rohrs and Don Wills. Other members include: Mary Ann Ryan, Joy St. John and Barbara Read.

The following statement was read by Karen Wires:

“On behalf of Father Constant, his Board of Directors, and the Haiti subcommittee of the Grace Outreach Committee, we would like to present this painting to Grace Church. It is a gift of thanks to the Vestry under the leadership of Howell Medley for their initiative and unfailing support of the sponsorship program and the needs for a water treatment project. When cholera caused a total absence of drinkable water for one year at Haiti Micah Project, collaboration developed among Grace, ICOH, and Living Waters for the World, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church. As a result, a well was dug, a pump, filtration system and solar system installed, and two facilities were built to house the equipment. Haiti Micah Project now employs an individual who manages the operation every day from 7am to 9pm. Without the leadership and funding from the Grace Vestry, and the leadership from the Outreach Committee, this dream for drinkable water would not have been fulfilled. The lives of hundreds of children would not have been given an opportunity to develop and then thrive in a healthy and safe environment.



This painting was created by Tasse, a young teacher who showed up at the steps of Haiti Micah Project and offered his services. He not only paints, but also does woodworking and currently teaches 20 Haiti Micah Project children these skills. In response to this fortuitous event, Haiti Micah Project will provide needed equipment for the beginning of a vocational program. Land is currently owned to build a vocational facility. In an entrepreneurial spirit, we hope to ship items to the USA so they can be purchased and the program can ultimately be self-sustaining.

We all know that the needs in Haiti can be overwhelming. The conflicts, challenges, and history are well known. Your initial \$5,000 investment for the water project has been fruitful and multiplied in ways that were never envisioned. Thank you again for all you have done. The work is satisfying and brings hope not only to the 22 children who live in the orphanage, but hope to the other 378 who are getting their basic needs met and educational opportunities provided. It also brings joy to those who donate, no matter how small. The good news is that your helping one child at a time not only impacts their lives, but the entire Mirebalais community.”

HMP Child Sponsorship Update

As of June 15, we can report that Grace Church’s commitment to our Haiti Micah children remains strong! The final numbers are not in yet, but it looks like we are very close to sponsoring all of our Haiti Micah children for another year. Thank you Grace community! Your contributions make it possible for the Haiti Micah Project to provide food, clothing, education and basic medical care to the poorest of the poor children in Mirebalais, Haiti. In other words, your generosity creates the possibility of a future for children where none existed. God bless you and thank you for caring for these children.

If you would like more information about HMP or our Grace ministry, please contact any of the HMP Mission team members using our gracealex.org email address.

*Barbara Read, Lynn Rohrs, Mary Ann Ryan,
Joy St. John, Don Wills, Karen Wires,
Kemp Williams, Outreach Chair*



I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. (Ephesians 1:16)

To Our Wondrous Parish,

Your generous encouragement, donations, time, talent and prayers have gone a very long way in making our July 15-25, 2012 pilgrimage to England possible. On this trip, we plan to visit a number of important and historical Anglican/Episcopal sites, including St. Paul's, Canterbury, Salisbury and Winchester, and to grow in our fellowship and spiritual knowledge of ourselves and the church. You have made this very special faith journey a reality for us, and have given us a gift which we will remember and give thanks for each and every day of the trip, and for years to come.

For those who are interested in seeing the fruits of your kindnesses, we plan on blogging regularly during our pilgrimage. Look for "Grace on the Road" on the website. We will present a report about our journey upon our return. Look for information in the weekly bulletins and on the Grace Facebook page for further information.

Our cup truly overflows, thanks to you. May God bless and keep you, both this day, and for evermore.

*In faith, and deep and abiding thanks,
Grace Church J2A*

Alabama Mission Team

The Grace Church Mission Team will embark on its seventh year of mission work shortly after you read this article. We leave for Scottsboro, Alabama on Sunday, July 8 and return Saturday, July 14. The area around Scottsboro was devastated by megatornados in April 2011, with major property damage to homes and businesses and considerable loss of life. Recovery is well underway, but so much more remains to be done. We aim to be a part of that effort.

Our team is 16 strong – six older adults and ten younger adults, mostly from our college-bound EYC. We will fly to a nearby airport and continue to Scottsboro in rental vans. Our lodging and meals will be in the parish hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Our work site will be chosen by a local council of churches and civic authorities. We expect to be on a crew rebuilding homes. In the evenings, under the leadership of our "deacons for the day," we will celebrate compline, a service of thanksgiving and some sharing about the day's work. Please keep us in your prayers and follow our daily blog on www.gracealex.org, by clicking on "News" and "Grace on the Road."

A little bit about Scottsboro. It is small city of around 17,000, the county seat of Jackson County, an hour east of Huntsville and an hour southwest of Chattanooga. It is best known for the painful story of the Scottsboro Boys of 1931 and – as seen on the Oprah Winfrey Show – the home of the nationally renowned Unclaimed Airline Baggage Center. We expect to help the local economy with a visit there.

Khacki Berry

July Birthdays

7/1 Sarah Danielsen	7/10 Mike McGough	7/17 Howell Medley	7/22 Barry Rosman
7/1 Helen Sweeney	7/10 Haywood Torrence	7/17 Georganna Murto	7/23 Vance Allen
7/2 William Baird	7/11 Gavin Carpenter	7/18 Chrissie Crosby	7/23 Pat Moore
7/2 John Berry	7/11 Marvin Ely	7/18 Owen Dowell	7/23 Tod Moore
7/2 Sherryl Dodd	7/12 Burrell Driscoll	7/18 Elliott Gabbert	7/24 Chris Caputo
7/3 Billy Barr	7/12 Soma Fulwiler	7/18 Dorothy Gerber	7/24 Mike Jones
7/3 Rhea Barr	7/12 Greg Hoppe	7/18 David Murphy	7/25 Jean Reed
7/3 Charlotte Steffensen	7/13 Dawn St. John	7/18 Thomas Pfeiffer	7/26 Martha Mills
7/3 Tad Wolcott	7/14 Susanna Cunningham	7/18 Ruth Schrott	7/27 Chad Murchison
7/5 Summer Jones	7/14 Claire Eudy	7/18 Celia Schultz	7/28 Julia McClung
7/6 Alexandra Falcon	7/14 Jeanie Kaufman	7/18 Catherine Warner	7/28 Jane Weaver
7/6 Isabella Nider	7/15 Lina Dobbs	7/19 Cleve Corlett	7/29 William Reuther
7/6 Winnie Samuda	7/15 Charles Hudson	7/19 Mason Hendricks	7/30 Chris Battle
7/7 Kepler Rountree	7/15 Rikki Jarrett	7/19 Sara Kline	7/30 Emma Imphong
7/7 Skye Whitlow	7/16 Lois Kelso Hunt	7/20 Lauren Feeley	7/30 Sally Schneider
7/8 Mike Gentry	7/16 Karlene Kelly	7/20 Callan Henderson	7/31 Sharon Hickok
7/8 Ricardo Sosa	7/16 Emily Reuther	7/20 Reba Winstead	7/31 Dylan Pianesi
7/9 Robert Schultz	7/16 Chris Rugaber	7/21 Pegge Crepeau	7/31 Stephanie Reed
7/10 Will Barnes	7/17 Elizabeth Bagley	7/22 Carl Eckel	

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

8/1 Spencer Foucart	8/6 Ann-Colter Cheron	8/15 Bill Cummings	8/25 Hudson Chiow
8/1 Emily Graves	8/6 Lisa Sprague	8/15 Cynthia Fors	8/25 David Hoppe
8/2 Taylor M. Beyreuther	8/7 Mary-Jo Cooney	8/15 Michelle Kozlak	8/25 Evan Pfeiffer
8/2 Colin Enger	8/7 Amanda Hungerford	8/15 Kelsey Reeder	8/25 Mary Savino
8/2 Heather Hurley	8/7 Jenna Payne	8/15 Carl Seward	8/26 Sam Blunden
8/2 Wendell Thomas	8/8 Diana Jarrett	8/16 Rocky Gillette	8/26 Andrew Smith
8/2 Julia Zeigler	8/8 Kimberly Reyes	8/16 Rosita Sosa	8/26 Colin Stancil
8/3 Grayson Glazier	8/8 Robert Schrott	8/17 Ana Hernandez	8/28 Emma Alvarenga
8/3 Brooke Henry	8/9 Erica McFarquhar	8/20 Callen Dubsy	8/28 David Boris
8/3 Brian Jacobs	8/9 Paul Miller	8/21 Aidan Smith	8/28 Elizabeth McGlohn
8/3 Joanne Peters	8/9 Don Wills	8/21 Frank Waskowicz	8/28 Molly Shaver
8/4 Ralph Lewis	8/10 Jeff Solsby	8/21 Aidan White	8/29 Maggie Eckel
8/4 Deborah Miller	8/10 Victor Vassallo	8/22 Charles Gardner	8/29 Johanna Moore
8/5 Jennifer Day	8/12 Beverley Borgia	8/22 Virginia Griffin	8/31 Susan Hayduchok
8/5 Thomas McElwain	8/12 William Edgar	8/22 Kate Nider	8/31 Elizabeth Locher
8/5 Kim Griffin	8/12 Piers Spencer	8/23 Katherine Di Crocco	8/31 Kathleen Paige
8/5 Michael Ramm	8/13 Paul Winkel	8/23 Keith Giacomo	8/31 Catalina Velasquez
8/5 Jan Spence	8/15 Marc Cooper	8/24 Heather Murphy	8/31 Timothy Willard

Growing @ Grace



Upcoming Opportunities for Children, Youth and Parents

Hey Parents!

August 2012

Do you love Grace's family programs and want to contribute in some way, but find yourself too busy during the school year to volunteer on Sunday mornings? Consider joining our newly forming Family Steering Committee. This group will meet four times during the year to assist with behind-the-scenes work, support our gifted teachers and nurture our family faith formation programs. Do join in!

Our Summer Calendar

Vacation Bible School—July 9–13, 2012

Registration is full, but all are invited to support this important program through food or supply donations, teaching or behind-the-scenes support! Students who have completed 5th grade or beyond are welcome to join our awesome youth counselor program, too.

Children's Chapel @ 10:00 am—Every Sunday this Summer

Join Miss Heather and travel through biblical times with her incredible story telling in the St. Nicholas room. We always need parent volunteers, too, so do sign up to experience God in this important and nurturing ministry.

For more information about these and other family ministries, contact Julie at family.ministries@gracealex.org.

July 10: Last Photo Date for Pictorial Directory

Make a photo appointment at www.gracealex.org (under NEWS ROOM). The final available photo date is July 10. If you "don't do computers" or have special needs, call June Huber at 571-329-0607 and she will take care of you. Don't miss your chance to be included!

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Vestry

Class of 2012

Amy Barron Junior Warden
Lisa Bellantoni Register
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Theresa Lewallen Member-at-Large
Robby Schrum Senior Warden/TNT

Class of 2013

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

Class of 2014

John Berry School Board
Elizabeth Legere Stewardship
Erica McFarquhar Treasurer
Mai-Lan Smith Evangelism
Kemp Williams Outreach

Alternates

Lisa Medley Youth
Lynn Rohrs Fellowship

Non-Vestry Coordinators

Gary Carter Fellowship
Chad Eckles Worship
Kristine Hesse Communications
Rich Kelly Youth
Nancy Lorentz Education
Cindy MacIntyre Evangelism
Jean Reed Stewardship
Joy St. John TNT
Patt Sullivan-Perry Pastoral Care
Easter Thompson Outreach

