

# Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

February 2013

## Stretching

Easter Sunday comes early this year, so Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13. Lent is a season for us to pay close attention to God's love in Christ, a love that leads Jesus to Jerusalem and to the cross. Each Friday in Lent we will "walk" the Stations of the Cross, starting at 12:15 pm.

The 14 wooden stations hanging on our nave walls are beautiful reminders of Jesus' way of the cross. If you can't attend our Friday services, I encourage you to find your own time to meditate upon the stations, perhaps on a Sunday before or after the Eucharist, or at some other time during the week.

Our words – attend, attention, attendance, attendant – all come from an ancient Latin word meaning "to stretch." Using the traditional Lenten disciplines – self-examination, prayer, fasting, scripture reading – we can be "stretched" in our life with Christ. We can learn new realities about Christ's love and we can live in this love.

Athletes know how important it is to stretch before and after vigorous physical activity. Living the Christian life, being faithful to our baptismal promises, and sharing in the life of our parish calls for vigor. We all need seasons of attending, of attention, of stretching. God's love in Christ is stretched on the cross so that we might know truth and life. May we all enter into this holy season of Lent in anticipation of new life.

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

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I..... 7:30 am  
Child Care..... 8:45 am–12:45 pm  
La Santa Eucaristía..... 9:00 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

### Weekday Schedule (starting 2/14)

Mondays, Rite II.....6:30 pm  
Tuesdays  
Confessions.....5:45 – 6:15 pm  
Rite II with healing.....6:30 pm  
Wednesdays, Rite I ..... 7:00 am  
Thursdays, Rite I.....12:15 pm  
Fridays  
Confessions..... 11:30 am to Noon  
Stations of the Cross  
with Rite II.....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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Grace Church's newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Gary Carter, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Lee Meeks, Sarah Schultz and Beth Wiggers.

## From the Assistant to the Rector

My husband Kirk and I recently signed up to help out at the Hypothermia Overflow Shelter at the Church of St. Clement of Alexandria on Quaker Lane. The parish has hosted the overflow shelter for over twelve years each evening from January to March. The Carpenter Shelter gets filled to capacity each night during the winter. If it weren't for St. Clement's hospitality to them, these homeless men would be out on the streets on the coldest nights of the year.

This was my first time volunteering for the overflow shelter and I wasn't sure what to expect. Frank Waskowicz welcomed us in out of the light rain and began to show us the simple hosting routine before he left. Kirk and I crossed through the dimly lit sanctuary, where the men were sleeping on mattresses. Our light steps didn't seem to disturb them. There was Wi-Fi access in the small foyer where the television and a hot chocolate cart were set up. We settled in for the night with our laptops. It was very quiet as we sipped our cocoa and watched movies.

The men woke up a little after five. Each told us "thank you" as they neatly stacked their blankets, mats, and sheets. A young man with a thick foreign accent came up a little later and said something that I couldn't quite catch. Kirk explained that the young man was trying to tell me that he didn't say thank you before because his mouth had been full of toothpaste. He had come back to say a proper "thank you."

The Carpenter Shelter bus arrived at 5:45 am. As the men left they each said, "take care." They made sure that we knew they appreciated the comfort and safety and a good night's sleep. I prayed the day would bring them some good news and that they would "take care," too. The night spent keeping watch over them had made me feel connected to them and to their well-being.

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.*

If you are thinking about signing up to take a shift with the overflow shelter this season, I'll be happy to speak to you about my experience and help you volunteer!

*Mother Leslie*

## On Stewardship – “Share God’s Gifts and In All Things Give Thanks” – The Bottom Line

For over 157 years, the people of Grace Church have responded to Christ’s call to love and serve God and to love and serve each other, the community, the diocese, and the world. We are a generous people, who give of the gifts God has given us—sharing our time, talent, and financial treasure out of love, thanksgiving, and a commitment to ministry, mission, and service in Christ’s name.

We share our gifts as we worship and celebrate the telling and retelling of the Good News of God in Christ and His Gift to us and to the world. We share our gifts in ministry and mission supporting the good work that Grace Church does in the parish, in the local community, and in and through the Diocese of Virginia. We share our gifts as we maintain the physical fabric of the church buildings that are a central resource supporting our mission and ministry. We share our gifts as we support Christian Education and development for our rapidly growing numbers of children and youth, pastoral care for our parishioners, and Grace Episcopal School education and outreach. We share our gifts as we feed the hungry and poor through our food bank. We share our gifts as we continue to grow our outreach ministries and mission in Alexandria, Northern Virginia, New Orleans, Alabama, Appalachia, Tanzania, Haiti, Honduras, Indian reservations, and college campuses. We are generous because God is more generous and everywhere we or our dollars go, we proclaim the abundance of God’s love, the power of God’s presence, the reality of the Gospel message.

Thus far the response of the people of Grace Church, who have made their financial commitment for support of Grace Church mission and ministry in 2013, has been excellent. By January 15, 2013, 289 parish families and individuals pledged a total of \$853,000, including 256 renewed and 33 new pledges. The average amount pledged for 2013 has increased 5% compared to 2012.

That’s good, but we’re not done! As this report is written we have received 40 pledges less than the average annual number of pledges received for 2010-2012. There are still a number of parishioners who pledged in 2011 and 2012 from whom pledges have not been received for 2013, and there are a number of parishioners who give regularly to “plate,” but do not pledge. The bottom line is that we have not yet reached the goal of every Grace Church family or single member household becoming a pledging member of the congregation—each of us prayerfully and thankfully committing ourselves and our time, talent, and financial treasure to support the spread of the Good News of Christ through the mission and ministries of Grace Church.

If you have not yet pledged for 2013, it’s not too late. If you know someone who is new to Grace, then consider speaking with them about the importance of making a pledge. If you give regularly but do not pledge, consider making a pledge. If you have not yet completed your pledge for 2012 and are able to do so, please attempt to satisfy your 2012 pledge as early in the year as possible. The amount of each pledge is not as important spiritually as the commitment of making a pledge. Your personal response to God’s Gifts is important because of what that response makes possible, both in your own life, and in our lives together as God’s people at Grace.

*Peter Barnes (Vestry)*  
*Jean Reed (Non-Vestry)*

# Music at Grace

This new year brings some exciting changes in the Grace Church music program. The discussions on November 18 about the vision for our music program have been influential in how we proceed in shaping this vital ministry of the parish. I'd like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with some of these changes, as well as provide a bit of rationale behind them.

As of January 1, we are no longer using the former names of the 9 am and 11:15 am choirs. My intention is to view these groups of singers for two different Sunday morning services as one Adult Choir. While most choristers will continue to sing for only one Sunday morning service, I hope that there may be more fluidity between the groups, as well as "exchange singing." These two groups of singers normally combine to sing for special services that are not on Sundays, so it seems logical to consider all adults participating in the choral program as one Adult Choir. On January 10, we began a new rehearsal schedule. The Adult Choir will now rehearse only once a week, on Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 pm. Members singing for only 9 am will leave after an hour (or hour and a half), and those singing for 11:15 am will continue rehearsing until 9:30 pm. Both 9 and 11:15 am services will share one anthem in common, which I hope will enable members to help out at services for which they typically don't sing on Sunday mornings. The biggest challenge I have discerned in my brief time at Grace is a lack of sufficient singers to spread over two choral services. I hope our new choir schedule and other changes will help address this problem. Moreover, dispensing with choir names and separate rehearsal times will eliminate any possible tension or rivalry between the former "choirs." We intend to move forward as one Adult Choir providing choral music for two sung Sunday Eucharists; I believe this will be a healthy move. The Adult Choir welcomes new members and is open to *anyone* with a willingness to commit to rehearsals! I'm grateful to the current choir members for their flexibility in trying this new schedule.

With regard to the St. Nicholas Choir, we have instituted another rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm in order to accommodate students from Grace Episcopal School. We are indeed blessed to have such a great resource for choir recruitment on site, and so far, five students have expressed an interest in this. Choristers need not be parishioners; in fact, only one of the five students currently enrolled is a Grace Church member. I hope our St. Nicholas Choir program will continue to grow. I'm grateful to Chris Byrnes and GES music teacher Penelope Fleming for their help in getting this new facet of our program started. **Please note that *all* children and youth from reading age to voice change for boys and high school for girls are eligible to participate. This is not simply a choir for young kids; it is Grace's children's/youth choir.**

I ask for your prayers as we continue to grow our music program, and I thank you for your constant support.

*Kyle Babin*

## New Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

*St. Nicholas Choir:* Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm; Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

*Handbell Choir:* Thursdays, 6:45-7:20 pm

*Adult Choir:* Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 pm

## From the Parish Register

### Baptisms

✚ Christopher Allan Rowe, son of Edgar and Weslee Rowe

### Committals in Arlington Cemetery

✚ Charles A. Gardner, husband of Gloria (Poppy) Gardner

✚ Richard H. Troyer, husband of Constance Troyer, father of Natalie Page, grandfather of Amelia Page

# Grace Episcopal School

# From the Library

The Parents' Association is sponsoring the Grace Episcopal School Gala/Auction on Saturday, February 9. The event will be held in Merrow Hall Auditorium and begins at 6:30 pm. This year the theme is "Mardi Gras" and the ticket price is \$85 per person.

In addition to the Gala/Auction, a raffle for a 3-night stay in a guesthouse at the Greenbrier in W.Va. will be held. Breakfast and dinner plus a \$500 gift card to spend as you wish is included for the winner. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$50 each. To purchase tickets for the raffle or get more information, please call 703-549-5067 or email the school office, [office@graceschoolalex.org](mailto:office@graceschoolalex.org).

If you are interested in contributing an item for the Gala/Auction, please call the school office. Or you can pick up a donor sheet on the table outside the school office after church or during the week.

Main Event Caterers will be providing the food once again and there will be lots of wonderful items to bid on during both the live and silent auction!

Thank you for supporting Grace Episcopal School!

*Chris Stegmaier Byrnes*  
Head of School

The Grace Church Library team has a new face! Katie Zeigler has joined Brad Bergmann and Margaret Will to manage our collection of almost 2,000 books. Katie brings a welcome professional librarian's perspective to the team.

The Library's 2012 budget plus the substantial generosity of parishioners has yielded over 120 new books. We now have: the 1997 edition of the Church's Teaching Series; a complete set of the Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis; all of the Mitford Years and Father Tim novels by Jan Karon; and Susan Howatch's Starbridge series and Saint Benet's Trilogy. The newest acquisitions are on the 'New Books' shelf behind the Library door.

We are always looking for better ways to serve the needs of the parish, so please let any member of the Library team know your ideas. On February 17 we'll be having a book giveaway at the 10:15 am coffee hour—please join us!

*Margaret Will*

## Come Read with Us!

The Grace Book Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Grace Library to discuss a wide range of books, fiction and nonfiction, challenging and inspirational. Our discussions are lively, and we find that we learn much more from our reading when we hear others' perspectives. We love having new voices in our discussions, so please mark your calendar and come join us for any or all of the following conversations:

- February 11: *What Happened to Sophie Wilder* by Christopher Beha. This novel about a writer who reunites with a former love explores faith, love, friendship, and the power of storytelling.
- April 8: *Heart of Islam* by Seyyed Hossein Nasr. A leading expert on Islam writes on the spiritual and social values of Islam.
- May 13: *The Children of Men* by P.D. James. This dystopian science fiction novel tells of a world in which all humans become infertile.
- June 10: *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. In this memoir, Walls shares the story of her unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing.

Whether you're able to come one time, once in a while, or every month, you're always welcome. If you have questions, contact Teresa Preston at [teresa.preston@gracealex.org](mailto:teresa.preston@gracealex.org). (Please note that we aren't meeting in March so that we can attend the Lenten suppers.)

# The Mite Box



The term “mite box” refers to a box that is used to save coins for charitable purposes. Contemporary mite boxes are usually made of cardboard and given out to church congregations during the Lenten season. The mite boxes are collected by the church and donations are usually given to the poor. Mite boxes are popular with children because they can fill them with small change and it teaches them the principle of giving to the poor. Use of mite boxes promotes the spirit of contributing based on the intent to help others, and not on the monetary amount.

The lesson of the widow's mite is found in Mark 12:41-44, in which Jesus is teaching at the Temple in Jerusalem.

*“And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.”*

In Jesus' time in Palestine, the smallest Greek copper coin was called a **lepton**; there were no coins called mites at that time. Two lepta were worth a **quadrans**, the smallest Roman coin. A lepton was the smallest and least valuable coin in circulation in Palestine, worth (according to one scholarly source) about six minutes of an average daily wage. However, there were very small Flemish coins called **mijts** by the time of the King James translation, and they were well known outside of Southern Netherlands, so they were substituted by the King James translators because the readers would more easily understand that the coin was worth very little. In the society of the time, it was almost a social obligation to give a silver coin at church collections. Only the very poor could get away with giving a copper coin and only the desperately poor would give a copper coin as small as a milt, as their social status could hardly sink any lower. All this would have been self-evident to the readers of that time.

Although mite boxes are popular with children, there's no reason why adults can't adopt the same concept during Lent. If you put a jar or bowl next to the place where you put your wallet or purse at the end of the day, and empty your change into it each day, you will accumulate quite a tidy sum by Easter, with relatively little pain. Out of your abundance will come much-welcome assistance for those who have very little.

*June Huber*

## 2013 Monday Lenten Study



### Discerning the Word



*DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MINDS,  
SO THAT YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD—  
WHAT IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT.*

ROMANS 12:2

Our culture of intellectual pursuit can become overwhelming. Choosing which books to read, which classes to attend, which degrees to attain, which decisions to make often keeps us in a scramble to feel current and relevant. We gather social and headline news moment by moment in our instantly connected lives, but then what do we do with it to nurture our life in Christ? How do we keep from “conforming to the world” and instead become “transformed” in the renewing of our minds in our modern world?

Stop. Come inside. Be renewed by what you already know. Be transformed by God’s perfect wisdom among us!

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| February 18 | <u>Discerning the Word through Sin, Evil, and Death</u><br><i>with The Rev. Katherine Sonderegger, Ph.D.</i> |
| February 25 | <u>Discerning the Word through Music</u><br><i>with The Rev. William B. Roberts, D.M.A.</i>                  |
| March 4     | <u>Discerning the Word: Mission is not an Option</u><br><i>with The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones</i>              |
| March 11    | <u>Discerning the Word through Friendship</u><br><i>with The Rev. Martin Smith</i>                           |
| March 18    | <u>Discerning the Word without Borders</u><br><i>with The Very Rev. Helen Jacobi, D.Min.</i>                 |

Each Monday night begins with the Holy Eucharist in the Church at 6:30 pm, followed by a simple soup supper hosted by one of our parish organizations in Merrow Hall Auditorium. The programs begin at 7:45 pm and end at 8:45 pm. The Lenten Mission Series for grade-schoolers is described below.

Children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will gather for a mission and outreach activity each evening at 7:40 in the St. John Room.

## Region IV Lenten Series

The eight churches comprising Region IV are sponsoring a Wednesday night Lenten Speaker Series this year. The title of the series is Science and Faith and the topics chosen by the speakers should make for an interesting and thought-provoking evening. Each Wednesday evening will begin with Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm, a “Simple Supper” starting at 7:00 pm and the program will run from 7:30-8:30 pm. Childcare will be provided. A different church will host each Wednesday night.

Below are the speakers, topics and location of each event.

For more information about each topic, go to the web site to see the flyer about the event.

Week One – February 20, 2013 - Are science and faith compatible? – Dr. Paul Julienne – Emmanuel Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA

Week Two – February 27, 2013 – Is there a science of evil? – The Rev. Dr. Kate Sonderegger – Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA

Week Three – March 6, 2013 – How are miracles possible? – Dr. Theodore Martin – Meade Memorial Church, 322 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA

Week Four – March 13, 2013 – Does God participate in concrete ways in the working of the universe and the unfolding of history? – The Rev. Kyle Matthew Oliver – Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA

Week Five – March 20, 2013 – What will our bodies be like in heaven? – The Rev. Dr. Kate Sonderegger – Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA



# New Old Narthex Doors

The beautiful doors, through which you enter into the church on the Russell Road side of the church, were installed there in 1965 and blessed on the morning of Pentecost. The planning for the doors began in 1960 and work began in 1964 by Dorothy Abernathy, a member of the church and the carver of the doors.

Dorothy wished to place symbols on the doors that were appropriate for Grace Church. The left door medallions show the Seven Sacraments and the right door medallions show the Seven Gifts of Grace. The arch above the door is meant to connect them both, with the arch representing Jesus who said, "I am the Door."

Below is a more detailed explanation of the medallions on each door, courtesy of the article that can be found in the booklet about our church building, *Outward and Visible Signs*.



## Left Door

- Holy Baptism – a scallop shell symbolic of the journey we begin as Christians; three water lines representing the triple pouring of water (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost).
- Holy Confirmation – a heart aflame with zeal; seven tongues of fire representing the first Pentecost; the anchor represents Christ as our hope.
- Holy Forgiveness – two crossed keys representing the priestly power of absolution; a burning palm branch for the ashes of penitence.
- Holy Eucharist – the materials of the Eucharist, wheat for bread and grapes for wine.
- Holy Matrimony – two circles representing two whole persons; six water pots representing those holding the water which the Lord turned into wine at Cana.
- Holy Orders – mitre for the bishop and a book wrapped with a stole for priests and deacons. The four markers in the book are marking the Old and New Testament and lessons for Morning and Evening Prayer.
- Holy Unction – a small vessel in which blessed oil is carried to the sick and dying; the dove represents the Holy Spirit which blesses the oil.

### Right Door

- Holy Fear
- Counsel
- Godliness
- Strength
- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Knowledge

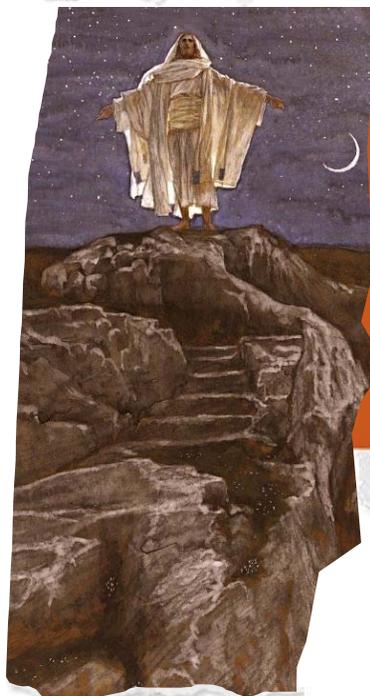
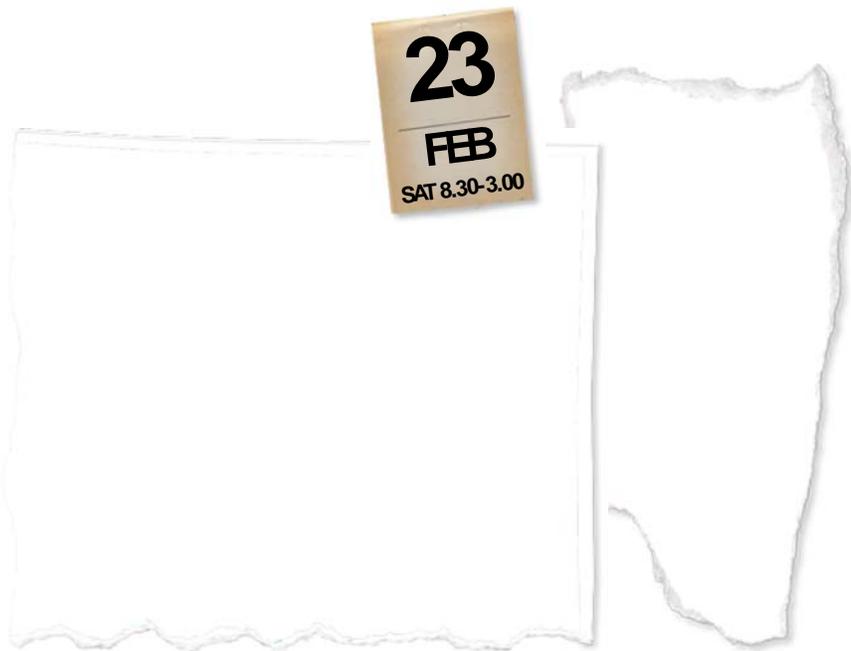


While the doors had been lovingly cared for over the last 40+ years by our parishioners, they also had begun to deteriorate in places and were badly stained on the outside, where they were exposed to the ravages of wind, rain and sun. Through the generous donation of a parishioner, the doors were removed and sent to Chatree's, an Old Town antique restoration company for repair. The doors were stripped down to bare wood and the carving that had not been visible in the upper corners of the doors was again made visible through the restoration process. The doors were then restained and sealed with a clear marine finish. Several coats of this finish were applied in order to protect the doors from the elements.

Because the doors are oak and quite old, the restorer recommended not carving directly into the wood to restore the words that were below each medallion. Instead, he recommended installing a bronze plate with the appropriate wording engraved on the plate. Over a short time period, these plates will weather and turn the same color as the bronze circular handles that are original to the doors.

The doors were reinstalled just before Christmas and now provide a welcoming and, once again, meaningful entryway to our beautiful church. A heartfelt thank-you for this wonderful gift to our parish.

*Amy Barron*



## Lent 2013 SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Saturday, February 23, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Lettie Pate Evans Room  
Virginia Theological Seminary  
Continental breakfast & lunch  
\$35

Register at [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org)

### Discover

Episcopal priest and retreat leader Fr. Stephen Wade guides us in exploring Ignatian spirituality, a treasure of the church for 470 years

### Learn

Come home with an Ignatian "toolkit" for living fully into lent

### Retreat

Step away from your busy routine for a day on the beautiful Virginia Theological Seminary campus in Alexandria

## Grace 2013 Lenten Retreat

Register early for the 2013 Grace Lenten Spiritual Retreat. The retreat will be held this year on the campus of the Virginia Theological Seminary on Saturday, February 23, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Led by priest and retreat director Father Stephen Wade, the retreat will focus on Ignatian Spirituality. Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$35 registration fee. For more information, contact Bill Malone at [bill.malone@gracealex.org](mailto:bill.malone@gracealex.org) or 703/971-9057.

## February Birthdays

2/1	Clara Hastings	2/15	Catherine Giacomo
2/1	Helen Viera	2/16	Jack Hamilton
2/2	Karla Merritt	2/16	Aidan Koelbl
2/2	Kathleen Roche	2/16	Jose Rodriguez
2/2	William Thissell	2/16	Matthew Wiggins
2/3	Perrin Chiow	2/17	Shirley Shaw Carroll
2/3	Lawrence Kline	2/17	Kate Reeder
2/3	Kyle Laemmler	2/17	Kevin Sherlock
2/3	Tony Sosa	2/18	Jamie Grimes
2/4	Adrienne Durand	2/19	Ashley Spencer
2/4	Emma Grimes	2/19	Mary Toler
2/4	Lottie Henry	2/20	Sophia Vassallo
2/4	Alma Deane MacConomy	2/21	Anne McFadden
2/4	Littleton Tazewell	2/21	Pamela Valenzuela
2/5	Ronan Cheron	2/21	Seamus White
2/5	Dana Dancer	2/22	Ned Goodnow
2/5	Paulette Fitzgerald	2/22	Jean Goodson
2/5	Lesley Gable	2/22	Andrew Lorentz
2/5	Karsten Glazier	2/22	Gemma Pianesi
2/5	Katie Schanely	2/23	Claudine Donovan
2/6	Claire Terry	2/23	Lauren Gustafson
2/7	Alexandra Feeley	2/23	James Holloway
2/7	Kelly Gable	2/23	Carole Hunt
2/7	Joseph Giacomo	2/23	Evan Robinson
2/7	Daniel Wakefield	2/23	Nancy Robinson
2/8	Peter Madigan	2/24	Matt Centers
2/8	Peter McElwain	2/24	Carole Guzzetta
2/8	Sofia Reyes	2/24	Connor Murphy
2/9	Charlotte Wright	2/24	Renée Rutkowski
2/10	Bert David	2/25	Graham Borgia
2/10	Betty Lawson	2/25	Mildred Lewis
2/11	Amy Sullivan	2/25	Kerrigan O'Malley
2/12	Peregrine Enger	2/25	Amelia Page
2/12	Elizabeth Legere	2/26	Jay Burgess
2/12	Michelle Solsby	2/26	Betty Jones
2/13	Sally Falatko	2/26	Joe Washington
2/13	Libby Padilla	2/27	Sidonie Gillett
2/13	Lucy-Lee Reed	2/28	Elizabeth Dorton
2/14	Megan Laboy	2/28	Willem Egaas
2/14	Dawn Alee Yerkes		

## The Run that Never Was

Eric Waskowicz believes the Haiti Micah Run 2012 took its cue from the Broadway show *The Producers*. You know, where they were only going to make money if the show failed. Or was it, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Running?* Was it a case of the loaves and the fishes? In the end, one concedes that we do not really understand God's plan.

As many Grace parishioners do know, Haiti Micah Project scheduled the 2012 Run for the Kids on October 28. The event had to be cancelled a few days before because the number of signups was below the critical number needed to turn a profit. A last minute attempt to sign up individuals at Grace brought in 20 more people and several generous donations from non-runners. The costs of putting on the event were avoided. There was disappointment and confusion, but donors, runners, and sponsors all agreed to give their proceeds to Haiti Micah Project so that some beginning steps could be taken to develop a vocational program for older adolescents.

When the final figures came in, HMP netted \$2,627—a sizable amount given that only 38 people were to show up. Naturally, none of this would have been possible without the generosity of those individuals who signed up regardless of whether there was going to be a run or not. Several local churches and Burke and Herbert Bank all told us to keep their sponsorship dollars.

Fundraising 101 probably would not have predicted the outcome, but it was one of those God moments that keep Haiti Micah Project an oasis of hope in a country that continually battles hunger and disease.

*Karen Wires*



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## Vestry

### Class of 2013

Peter Barnes ..... Sr. Warden  
Deborah Crabtree ..... Jr. Warden  
Bill Eckel .....  
June Huber ..... School Board  
Lee Meeks ..... Member at Large

### Class of 2014

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

### Class of 2015

Eric Bonetti .....  
Lisa Medley ..... Youth  
Barbara Read .....  
Mary Ann Ryan .....  
Eric Waskowicz .....

### Alternates

Joy St. John .....  
Teresa Preston .....

### Non-Vestry Coordinators

Gary Carter ..... Fellowship  
Chad Eckles ..... Worship  
Kristine Hesse ..... Communications  
Rich Kelly ..... Youth  
Nancy Lorentz ..... Education  
Cindy MacIntyre ..... Evangelism  
Jean Reed ..... Stewardship  
..... TNT  
Heather Hurley ..... Pastoral Care  
..... Outreach

## EASTER FLOWER REQUEST

You are invited to participate in decorating the church with beautiful Easter flowers. Please complete this form and return it no later than Monday, March 11, with a check for \$35.00 to the parish office or place it in the Sunday offering. Make your check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Please circle one of the choices below and **print the remainder of the message** the way you would like it to appear in the Easter flower bulletin:



“In loving memory of” or “In thanksgiving for”

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Given by (please **print the name or names of the donors** exactly as you want them to appear).

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Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_