

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

Teaching and Learning

In September many of us are involved in the start of a new school year. Our Sunday School classes at Grace start on September 22 at 10:15 am. Grace School begins the first week of September. The School is an important outreach and educational ministry and we celebrate our parish-school relationship on Sunday, October 6, at 9:00 am.

Our mission statement proclaims, "*Grace Church is...a school for discipleship and stewardship...*" In this sense we are always in school. Yet our program year, beginning in September, offers us many opportunities to grow in our discipleship and engage in active stewardship. Watch for these opportunities as they come our way this fall.

Jesus reminds us in the Great Commission that we are called to "*make disciples*" and to teach them "*to observe*" all of his "*commandments.*" At every Baptism we all promise to "*continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship...*"

September reminds us that we are all teachers, we are all learners in our life together in Christ at Grace Church. This is not easy work—to be open to learning from each other—to accept the responsibility to teach, to guide, to mentor others. Perhaps this is why in the letter of James we read, "*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*" James ends by encouraging us to be "*peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy...*" (3:1, 17)

Parker Palmer, the founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal, has dedicated his life to exploring the spirituality of teaching. He writes, "*Authentic spirituality wants to open us to truth—whatever truth may be, wherever truth may take us. Such a spirituality does not dictate where we must go...the spirituality of education is not about dictating ends. It is about examining and clarifying the inner sources of teaching and learning...*" It is exciting to think about the new school/program

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

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule through Sep. 8

Holy Eucharist Rite I7:30 am
La Santa Eucaristía9:00 am
Child Care 9:45 – 11:15 am
Choral Eucharist* 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Sunday Schedule beginning Sep. 15

Holy Eucharist Rite I7:30 am
Child Care8:45 am–12:45 pm
La Santa Eucaristía9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite II9:00 am
Christian Ed classes..... 10:15 am
Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule

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

*Alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

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/Aug and Dec/Jan issues. The deadline for submitting copy is midnight on the 15th of the preceding month.

The next *Grace Notes* deadline is September 15 for the October 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, Lee Meeks, Teresa Preston, Sarah Schultz and Beth Wiggers.

From the Assistant to the Rector

It begins with a picture or story that tugs at your heart. You may wonder what it is like to live in such a place or situation. You may find yourself adding them or their home or their struggles into your prayer. That prayer builds a bridge between your heart and theirs. I think that the Holy Spirit calls us into relationship with people we do not know yet and then the love of Christ binds us together in one body as his Church. That is the pull of mission—the entanglements of caring about and loving our neighbors in Christ.

This fall, we at Grace Church will begin a journey together as a community. The theme for this program year is Mission. How does God call each of us to, “Go into the world and preach the Gospel?” As Titus Presler, a great mission theologian writes in his book, *Horizons of Mission*, “Christian mission addresses fundamental questions about our identity, purpose, and function, and it includes all that God sends us to be and do.” Mission is not just what we do, it is the very who we are and what we are about as a community.

Grace has a lively ministry life that reaches into the very heart of our neighborhood and into the city of Alexandria. We make sandwiches for bag lunches for distribution to workers and homeless in Old Town. We cook and serve monthly meals at the Carpenter Shelter. We help furnish apartments for families in need with ALIVE. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter basket donations bring celebrations to homes with little. And we have gone further afield on mission. Each summer for several years we have sent a team of adults and youth to share hope by helping people rebuild their lives and homes in areas that have suffered from disasters in New Orleans, Alabama, and New Jersey. In recent years, we've formed relationships with the Church in far off places, sharing the witness of Christ with our brothers and sisters in Tanzania, Honduras, and Haiti.

As wonderful as all our work has been thus far, Presler would have us understand, “a fundamental reality about Christian mission, however, is that it belongs to God, not to us.” Scripture reveals “that the real missionary is God.” (p.26) That is our task as a community this year, from the youngest Sunday school tot to those among us who have many years of work under their belt: what is God calling us to be and do as Gospel people today? I invite you to take this journey with Grace and see what frontiers you may cross and who you may meet as we share a life in Christ together.

Peace,
Mother Leslie

September Events	
2	Labor Day: Office Closed
4	Grace School Opening: First day of classes for 2013-2014
5	Adult Choir rehearsals resume (7:30-9:30 pm)
6-8	Shrine Mont Weekend (church office closes at 12:00 noon on Friday)
10	Boys and Girls Choir rehearsals resume (3:30-4:30 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm) Vocal Workshop with Barbara Hollingshead (7:30 – 9:00 pm)
12	Boys’ and Girls’ Choir rehearsals resume (3:30-4:30 pm) Handbell Choir rehearsals resume (6:45-7:15 pm)
13	Grace School Opening Chapel (9:00 am) Boys’ and Girls’ Choir rehearsals resume (5:00-6:00 pm)
15	Regular Sunday Worship Resumes (7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 5:00 pm) Parish Ministry Fair/Sign-On Sunday (10:30 am-1:00 pm)
17	Vocal Workshop with Barbara Hollingshead (7:30-9:00 pm)
22	Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors (9:00 am) Sunday School classes for children and youth begin (10:15 am) Adult Forum Kick-off: Discerning Mission (The Reverend Jacques Hadler) Grace School Fall Family Social (3:00 to 5:00 pm) Newcomer Reception (6:00 pm, following 5:00 pm Eucharist)
23	Grace School Back to School Night (6:30 to 8:30 pm)
29	Founders’ Day, St. Michael and All Angels—158th Birthday of Parish

Formation Program Year Kick-Off

Mark your calendars for September 22, when we welcome the Rev. Jacques Hadler, Jr. as our guest preacher at the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services and as the leader of the forum during the education hour. This year, the program theme is *Grace in Mission with God*. We will be discerning how God calls us into mission as a community and as individuals. Rev. Hadler writes,

For many of us growing up, Mission referred to sending people and money abroad to spread the Gospel and promote the development of strangers in foreign cultures. Now that there are many strangers from different cultures in our midst along with our own generational differences, Mission has come home. In light of this, what does Mission in our time look like? And how are we to go about it?

The Rev. Jacques Hadler, Jr., former Director of Field Education at VTS for 17 years, has been a parish priest for 18 years in five parishes, and a mission partner in Tanzania for 4 years. Currently he is a pensioned itinerant priest, doing spiritual direction and coaching of clergy, consultation with parishes, and teaching in the Doctor of Ministry program at VTS.

The Rev. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen

Region IV September Meeting

Paris Ball, Director of Christian Formation and Shrine Mont Camps for the Diocese of Virginia, will be the featured speaker at the fall meeting of Region IV on Wednesday, September 18. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting, to meet Paris and hear about next steps in the Shrine Mont Camps' capital campaign. There will be time for questions after her presentation.

The meeting takes place in the parish hall of the Church of St. Clement, at 1701 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria. We will begin at 7:00 pm with our annual potluck supper; please bring a dish to share.

The program will begin at 7:30 pm. If you have questions, see June Huber, your parish representative to Region IV, or e-mail Beth Wiggers, president of Region IV, at beth.wiggers@gracealex.org.

A Cabaret Evening for Founders' Day

October 5, 2013—5:30 pm

This year's Founders' Day celebration is going to look a little different. In honor of Grace's 65th anniversary at Russell Road, we'll be filling Merrow Hall with the sounds of music from the 1940s provided by the talented members of the Grace Church choir. Perhaps there will even be a few opportunities for you to join in! The evening will also include an opportunity to learn a little more about the upcoming mission trip to Haiti and to share your good wishes and love offering with the team.



Sound like fun? If you'd like to join us, all you need to do is RSVP at <http://bit.ly/GraceCabaret>. We'll also be taking sign-ups during coffee hour through the month of September. We're asking everyone to bring a food item to share. Families are encouraged to come: nursery care will be provided for children ages 0-5, and a kids' activity in the St. Luke room will entertain ages 5-10. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up quickly.

*Teresa Preston, for
Cabaret Planning Team*

Introducing The Reverend Patricia Dickson

In August, the Reverend Patricia Dickson began to "help out" at Grace Church for some of the healing services that take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. She has been the Director of Pastoral Care, Patient Relations and Volunteer Services at Inova Alexandria Hospital for over five years. Prior to this, she was the Director of Pastoral Care at Shady Grove Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital and Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, an inpatient psychiatric facility. During this time, she served as a part-time assistant at St. James Episcopal Church in Potomac, MD.

Mother Dickson received her degree in nursing from Johns Hopkins and practiced as an RN for 23 years in varying positions including ICU, Oncology, Rehabilitation, Psych, and Skilled Nursing on the Alzheimer's unit she founded.



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A former Roman Catholic, she received an M.A. Degree summa cum laude from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, and did her thesis on "The Moral Imperatives of the Ordination of Women." She received her Masters of Divinity degree, summa cum laude, from St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA, run by Benedictine monks. She then spent one year at Virginia Theological Seminary to earn a diploma in Anglican Studies and did her advanced training in chaplaincy at Georgetown University Hospital and is a Board Certified Chaplain.

Mother Dickson makes her home in Alexandria with her husband Chris and two kitties, Tom and Zach. She and her husband, both vegetarians and passionate about animals, spent many years caring for abused bunny rabbits. Mother Dickson says that she is honored to serve at Grace Church and is looking forward to getting to know our "warm and very welcoming community" better. I won't be surprised if we begin seeing her at times other than Tuesday evenings.

June Huber

Music at Grace

We are about to begin an exciting new program year, and there is much on the horizon for the Grace Church music ministry! On September 15, the choirs return for the normal fall schedule of two sung choral services. I



am pleased to announce that we will now have a paid bass section leader to supplement our Adult Choir at both 9 am and 11:15 am services, as well as on special occasions. Our section leader, Anthony Eversole, will begin studies in the fall as a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in voice at the University of Maryland. He comes to us from the University of Oklahoma. Please give Anthony a hearty welcome to Grace Church!

There are a whole host of special services this program year, including three Choral Evensongs and a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. You can find more information on all special choral services by picking up a music brochure in the tract rack or on the credenza outside the parish office. (You should already have received a copy in the mail.) Please consider giving copies of the brochure to friends, especially those who may not have a church home. Also, please do invite friends to these events; it's good evangelism!

The Boys' and Girls' Choir (formerly the St. Nicholas Choir) will now be singing twice a month at the 9 am service. On many occasions they will be supplementing the sopranos of the Adult Choir, but you will also hear them sing by themselves from time to time. If you know of children and youth who love to sing, this is a wonderful opportunity for FREE music education.

Finally, the Handbell Choir will be offering preludes to the 9 am service on the second Sunday of each month. And remember that we are always welcoming new members to our choirs. As we segue out of summer, I'm very much looking forward to the 2013-2014 program year!

Kyle Babin

Graceful Worship: Reconciliation and Atonement

September is the month when Jews celebrate Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. And reconciliation was the theme of the church library's book display in the third floor hallway over the past several months. This got me to thinking, what do these two concepts have in common?

Yad Vashem, established in 1953 in Jerusalem, is Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. In 1963, Yad Vashem embarked upon a worldwide project to grant the title of "Righteous Among the Nations" to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. To date, almost twenty-two thousand people, from all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds and from all walks of life, have been so recognized. The church library has a copy of The Righteous Among The Nations [272 PAL], which relates 155 of the most moving and riveting of these heroic acts. Some of the stories are almost too incredible to be believed. Some are heart-rending beyond words. All display moral courage seldom encountered in the annals of history.

The library's collection of books by Holocaust survivors Elie Wiesel, Simon Wiesenthal, Deli Strummer, and Corrie ten Boom—and other Holocaust-related books and videos—will be featured on the rolling cart in the library during September. Come, visit and reflect.

Ex Libris

atonement" (Leviticus 16:27). God said, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you for making atonement for your lives on the altar; for, as life, it is the blood that makes atonement" (Leviticus 17:11).

I used to think that they had different meanings. Reconciliation was a "soft" word, and my mind drew a picture of two estranged friends making up and giving each other a hug. Atonement was a "hard" word, calling up visions of someone doing penance for wrong thoughts or actions. But surprisingly, these two words are more similar than I thought.

The dictionary suggests that "reconciliation" means a re-establishing, reinstatement, restoration or renewal of a positive relationship. OK, that's consistent with my picture of hugs. But the word "atonement" originally meant "at-one-ment" (being "at one" or in harmony with someone or something). If you want to become at one with nature you might go hiking or camping. If you want to become at one with your inner child, it means getting back to the playful side of yourself and remembering that life can be fun. If you're lucky enough to be at one with someone, you love that person completely and might even feel like each of you is one-half of a whole.

In theology, atonement describes how human beings can be "at one" with God. This is a softer vision than I originally thought.

The word "atonement" in the Bible is the translation of an Old Testament term. It appears only once in the New Testament, in Romans 5:11, where it is translated as "reconciliation." More on that later.

In the Old Testament, atonement is associated with making amends for man's sin. In Leviticus 16:29-30, God gave this commandment to Israel: "This shall be a statute to you forever: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall deny yourselves, and shall do no work, neither the citizen nor the alien who resides among you. For on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before the Lord." The people were to bring a sin offering, an animal sacrifice "whose blood was brought in to make

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The Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur (“Day of Atonement” or “Sabbath of Sabbaths”) begins this year at sunset on Friday, September 13, and ends at sunset on Saturday, September 14.

Yom Kippur completes the annual period known as the High Holy Days or *Yamim Nora'im* (“Days of Awe”). According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year in the “Book of Life” on Rosh Hashanah, and waits until Yom Kippur to “seal” the verdict. During the Days of Awe, a Jewish person tries to amend his or her behavior and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God and against other human beings. The evening and day of Yom Kippur are set aside for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt. At the end of Yom Kippur, they hope that they have been forgiven by God. Jewish people traditionally observe this holiest day of the year with a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services.

Christians don't have to keep a Day of Atonement because our sins are forgiven through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which makes possible the reconciliation between God and mankind. But the New Testament links this sacrifice to the atonement blood sacrifices of the Old Testament in the words of Hebrews 9:22, “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.” Again in Revelation 12:11, “But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.”

Throughout the centuries, Christians have given different explanations of reconciliation. The earliest one, taught in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, explained that the purpose of everything Jesus did was to lead humans toward positive moral change through his teachings, his example, and his martyrdom and resurrection. The second explanation, promoted by Irenaeus in the 3rd century, said that victory over Satan consists of swapping the life

"Graceful Worship" Goes Blog

A number of readers have given me positive feedback on the "Graceful Worship" articles, and I enjoy both researching and writing them. In fact, I enjoy it so much that I decided to branch out to a broader audience. My blog, started this past spring, can be found at <http://gracefulworship.blogspot.com>. I decided to keep the same name because I try to focus on the many manifestations of God's grace—although I don't limit myself to the subject of worship. If you follow me and submit comments, I promise to answer.

of perfect Jesus for the lives of imperfect mankind. In the 11th century, Anselm of Canterbury argued that only a human being can make recompense for human sin, but this is impossible for any human being, so recompense is only possible for Jesus Christ, who is both God and man. The last explanation, developed by 16th century Reformers, stated that Christ died on the cross as a sacrificial substitute for sinners. Coming full circle back to the Jewish sacrifice for atonement, Jesus is the sacrificial lamb.

We would all agree that the Holocaust is one of the all-time most horrific wrongs done by human beings against other human beings and against God. Can there be real atonement (in the sense of “making amends”) for these wrongs? Can these sins be forgiven? I imagine that it depends upon whom you ask, because Jews and non-Jews are likely to give very different answers, and I can't envision how these wrongs might be

“righted.” However, I believe that there can be reconciliation, and that part of the reconciliation involves remembrance—of the stories of the victims, and the stories of those who heroically acted to save them.

June Huber

Grace Episcopal School opens their 54th year!



Open House for all classes is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, from 9 am-noon. The school year begins on Wednesday, September 4. This year our opening chapel service takes place on Friday, September 13. I invite all parishioners and families to join us that morning at 9 am. This is an important welcoming service for new and returning families as we join together with the faculty and clergy for the school year.

New faculty and staff for the 2013-2014 year include: Scott Fedder (Director of Finance and Operations), Laura Fortsch (Director of Development) and Rene Hackney (School Counselor). Sharon Nicholson (Computer teacher) and Debra Busker (Administrative Assistant) return to GES in different positions.

I welcome the new School Board members who joined the board in July. Those new to the School Board for 2013-2014 are: Katherine McCarron, Parents Association President and Heather Hurley, Parish Representative. They join returning School Board members: June Huber (Chair), John Berry (Vice Chair), Mary Hix (Treasurer), Sandy Tinkham (Secretary), Rob Cheron, Rick Eudy, Jona Gilliam, Bob Malm, Trisha Miller, and Jonathan Wolcott.

The School Board, Faculty, Staff and I look forward to the coming school year!

*Chris Stegmaier Byrnes
Head of School*

Schroeder Field Study

Soon after the Fourth of July, Grace Parishioner Bernie Schroeder began a Field Study at two rural parishes in Virginia's Northern Neck. At Bernie's request, Bishop Johnston recently removed him as a Postulant for the Vocational Diaconate and admitted him as a Postulant for the Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood. The Field Study is a necessary part of Bernie's ordination requirements.

Bernie is serving under the Reverend Torrence Harman, who is Rector of Trinity Church and St. Mary's Whitechapel, both in Lancaster, Virginia. Bernie's tenure in the Northern Neck will be from July, 2013 until May, 2014. He will be eligible for ordination on July 15, 2014, God willing and the people consenting.

News from Fr. David Kendrick

Fr. David Kendrick, a former Grace parishioner, has sent us news that he is settling in as the new rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Springfield, MO. He is learning the customs of his new parish and practicing up on high-church liturgy. He says that it feels like Grace in a lot of ways—Anglo-Catholic but unpretentious.

He states that Springfield is a great community with two universities and thus there is a great opportunity for campus ministry. The town has great history, arts and restaurants while still retaining a small town feel. After dealing with the aftermath of a tornado at his old parish in Alabama, he states that he and Laura will be fine as long as there are no tornados here (knock on wood). The only drawback to the new parish is that they are now further away from all their East Coast friends and their son, John, who will begin law school at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville this year. He is not sure when he and Laura will be back here, but prays that he will get to see all of us face-to-face in God's good time.

The celebration of Fr. Kendrick's new ministry is set for September 26 in Springfield.

Treasurer Report

Financially, we began 2013 very well and have ended the first half of the year with operating income at exactly 50% of budget and with operating expenses at 46% of budget. While we continue to operate with a decent surplus for the year overall, for three of the first six months we actually have run at a deficit on a monthly basis, as expenses have begun to outpace income. We will continue to keep a close eye on our expenses, especially as income can dip significantly during the summer months. If you have not already done so, please consider registering for electronic giving to alleviate the worry about your offering envelope making it to church when you cannot.

Following is a numerical snapshot (in dollars) as of June 30, 2013:

Second Quarter 2013

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
April	92,886	75,336
May	60,828	84,980
June	70,896	79,221

Year-to-Date 2013

Pledge payments received:	444,525
Other Income:	59,134
Total Income:	503,659
Expenses:	464,262
Surplus:	39,397

In addition to fulfilling pledges, parishioners continue to give very generously of their treasure to the many funds that enhance our worship and assist our outreach. These include the Flower Fund, Music Fund, the Food Fund, and the Haiti Micah Project Fund.

Haiti Micah Project Update

Mark your calendars for September 14, October 12, and November 9. That's when Fasttrak Racing will again hold its 5K runs to benefit charities in Alexandria. By going to www.fasttrakracing.com you can sign up for the race.



Include "HMP" in the "discount code" box at the top before making your payment, and Haiti Micah Project (HMP) will receive part of the proceeds. Packet pickup is at 8:30 am. The race is competitive and prizes are awarded. The race starts at 9 am and is completed by 10 am. The cost is only \$15.00.

As many of you may know, Father Joseph Constant has completed his work at Virginia Theological Seminary. He lives in Alexandria and continues his work in the office of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Along with the Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, he is Special Coordinator for Haiti. He collaborates with

a team of colleagues, coordinating the rebuilding efforts of the Episcopal Church's institutions in Haiti, beginning with the Holy Trinity Cathedral Complex, which was destroyed in the January 12, 2010 earthquake.

The work of Haiti Micah Project is ever expanding. After the 2010 earthquake, HMP grew to 400 children. Currently the program has increased 25% to over 500 children who are not only fed, but whose education is supported by HMP. The need for sponsors is even greater. City leaders look to HMP to place needy children. USAID has approved HMP for food distribution.

Almost 60 Haiti Micah Project children were able to take the Haitian national exams required of students at ages 9, 11, 14, 17 and 18. Children must pass the exams before they are allowed to proceed to the next grade level and we recently heard that all 6th and 9th graders passed their exams. HMP not only paid for the costs associated with the exams, but for needed clothing, since their school uniforms may not be worn to the exam. Due to the generosity of a donor, 10 new kindergarten aged children will now be assured of a complete scholarship throughout their elementary school years. The new Joshua Tielking College Scholarship Fund has been established by a generous donation on behalf of Joshua, son of the Rev. Claudia and Nathan Tielking. The Rev. Tielking is currently chaplain at Beauvoir, The National Cathedral Elementary School.

In addition, we recently learned that two pieces of land in the city of Mirebalais have been provided to the Haiti Micah Project. The first piece of land belongs to the city and will be used for the future orphanage. The size of the land will also allow for other projects to be determined. The second piece of land belongs to Father Constant's aunt. This land will be leased, at a very nominal rate, to Haiti Micah Project to be used for the vocational training center. Plans are continuing with efforts to procure the needed funds to build the center.

Mirebalais, the city where HMP is located, is also seeing considerable growth. A new state-of-the-art solar powered hospital has now opened as part of the work of Dr. Paul Farmer, co-founder of Partners in Health. Also, DePaul University has a model education program in Mirebalais.

Karen Wires

Haiti Micah Project Child Sponsorship



Thank you, Grace parishioners and friends! At the conclusion of the 2013 Haiti Micah Project child sponsorship event, we can report that our Church's commitment to the Haiti Micah children remains incredibly strong. Thanks to your generosity, Grace Church will sponsor all of our Haiti Micah children for another year!

Your contributions make it possible for the Haiti Micah Project to provide food, clothing, education, and basic medical care for the poorest of the poor children in Mirebalais for an entire year. In other words, your generosity creates the possibility of a future for children

where none existed.



Thank you again for your continued caring and generosity. For more information about the Haiti Micah Project, please go to their website at Haiti-Micah.org or contact any of the HMP team members.

*The Haiti Micah Project Mission Team—
Tracy Enger, Barbara Read, Lynn Rohrs,
Mary Ann Ryan, Tania Wilkes, Don Wills,
Karen Wires*

Parish Register

Baptisms:

- ✚ Alexander Otto Cline, son of Nathan and Jennifer Cline, grandson of Otto and Jan Wolff
- ✚ James A. and Valli E. Haas, adults

Transfer in:

- ✚ Alan Steffensen, from St. Andrew's Church, Burke

Deaths:

- ✚ Ray A. Peters, husband of Joanne Peters, step-father of Rick Eudy
- ✚ Shirley Shaw Carroll, wife of Frank Carroll, mother of Cheryl Barnes
- ✚ Christopher Battle, husband of Dena, father of Kate and Josie
- ✚ Eddi Rairigh, sister of Ada

September Birthdays

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| <p>9/1 Teresa Preston
 9/1 Lorna Worley
 9/2 Michael Heintz
 9/2 Nancy Macklin
 9/2 Logan Rockhold
 9/2 Joy StJohn
 9/3 Neal Goodson
 9/4 Fiona Dowell
 9/4 Caroline Martin
 9/4 Don Rae
 9/5 Sarah McElwain
 9/5 Nathan Moore
 9/5 Charlie Pease
 9/6 Peter Barnes
 9/6 Blythe Davis
 9/7 Cathy Puskar
 9/7 Philip Smith
 9/7 David Tuma
 9/9 Taso Janevski
 9/9 Graham Kalan
 9/9 Mike Reed
 9/10 Emily LaSalle
 9/11 Edward Corlett
 9/11 Daisy MacIntyre
 9/12 Shae Martin
 9/12 Jennifer Walden
 9/14 Peyton Kalan
 9/14 Vola Lawson
 9/15 Jay O'Malley
 9/16 Mary Beyreuther
 9/16 Lori Dodd
 9/16 Nancy Graves
 9/16 Elizabeth Imphong
 9/16 Cole Ruff
 9/16 John Wires
 9/17 Bob Malm</p> | <p>9/17 David Tepper
 9/18 Rosemary Falcon
 9/18 Paula Fleming
 9/18 Nathan Moore
 9/18 Dutch Zuidema
 9/19 Jean Harmon
 9/20 Allyson Corlett
 9/20 Hermann Gerber
 9/20 Susy Howard
 9/21 Chris Malm
 9/21 Marco Ovando
 9/21 Hayley Winter
 9/22 Corey Hastings
 9/22 Jennifer Long
 9/23 Janet Baker
 9/23 Michael
 Dombrowski
 9/23 Lesa Miller
 9/23 Neille Russell
 9/23 Griffin Winter
 9/24 James LaSalle
 9/24 Rosemary Pollard
 9/24 Nick Robinson
 9/25 Jamie Barr
 9/26 Cooper Johnson
 9/26 Evan Metz
 9/27 Rick Eudy
 9/27 Leslie Malm
 9/28 Avah Arbogast
 9/28 McKinley Cronin
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Vestry

Class of 2013

- Peter Barnes..... Sr. Warden
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 Bill Eckel..... Assistant Treasurer
 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..... Register, Worship

Class of 2015

- Eric Bonetti..... Fellowship
 Lisa Medley Youth
 Barbara Read Pastoral Care
 Mary Ann Ryan Outreach
 Eric Waskowicz..... Education

Alternate

- Teresa Preston Communications

Non-Vestry Coordinators

- Eugene Alford Stewardship
 Gary Carter Fellowship
 Chad Eckles Worship
 Kristine Hesse..... Communications
 Rich Kelly..... Youth
 Nancy Lorentz Education
 Cindy MacIntyre..... Evangelism
 Bill Malone..... Pastoral Care
 Andrea Santos..... TNT
 Tania Wilkes..... Outreach