

Ministries at Grace



Grace Episcopal Church
in the City of Charleston

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As Grace Church grows and evolves, new ministries arise based on the needs, opportunities and challenges before us.

We invite you to share your ideas and suggestions for new ministries for Grace.

Contact Nancy Ezell Suggs at 723-4575.

Worship

Supporting and participating in services

Acolytes

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The St. Thomas Guild of Acolytes is made up of boys and girls in grades four through college who participate in the sacramental ministry by serving as crucifers, torch bearers, banner and flag bearers. Newcomers are always welcome with individual or group training available.

Altar Guild

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Members work in teams and prepare the church for services of divine worship. They prepare the altar, Eucharistic vessels, hangings, linens and priest's vestments for every service including baptisms. A special committee of the Altar Guild assists at all weddings in the church. New members, both men and women, are welcome with training available before team assignment.

Bell Ringers

**Doug McCoy, 559-4443
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Members of the St. Dunstan's Guild of Tower Bell Ringers practice the ancient art of change

ringing in the English tradition at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. Sunday morning services and on special occasions including weddings and funerals. There are 10 bells and each bell rope must be pulled by willing arms. Those interested in learning more about bell ringing are encouraged to visit practices on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the bell tower in the Garden of Remembrance.

Chalice Bearers, Lectors and Intercessors

**The Reverend Canon
J. Michael A. Wright
723-4575, rector@gracesc.org**

From time to time, the Rector will invite lay members to assist with the cup at Holy Eucharist, read the appointed lessons and offer the Prayers of the People. Training and guidance is provided. Call for more information.

Eucharistic Visitors

**The Reverend Paul Gilbert
723-4575**

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Lay men and women with special training take the Sacrament from the Communion rail during Sunday worship and deliver it directly to people who are unable to be in church. For details see page 6.

Flower Guild

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Members arrange the altar flowers and any other special flowers in the church for worship. Flowers from the altar are made into smaller arrangements and taken to people who are sick or homebound. Special training is offered in periodic workshops. About every two years, the Flower Guild holds a Harvest Festival for Grace Church. More details are on page 21.

Oblation Bearers

Devon Hanahan

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Parishioners represent the parish in bringing forward the bread and wine that will be consecrated at Holy Communion. Singles, married couples and families with children are all encouraged to be a part of this ministry.

Red Wagon

**Julie Walters, Director
of Children's Ministries**

723-4575

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The Red Wagon is parked in the back of the church each Sunday and serves as Grace's collection point for food donations for the Crisis Ministries Shelter. Children volunteer to bring the wagon

forward as a part of the offering at the 9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist every Sunday. More details are on page 16.

Ushers

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Members warmly welcome parishioners and visitors to worship services. They are also responsible for escorted seating, collecting the offering, directing the orderly flow to the altar during communion, helping in emergencies, and assisting the clergy in identifying newcomers and visitors. Newcomers are welcome, will be trained, will have guidelines available and will be assigned to various services. Teams are assigned for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. Individual ushers serve at 8:00 a.m. Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and at special services and funerals.

Nursery and Children's Chapel

Lisa Webb, 991-1435

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Professional staff work with volunteers to provide a safe and welcoming environment for infants and toddlers while their families are in church. A Children's Chapel is offered at 9:00 a.m. for 3- and 4-year-olds. Parents assist as nursery hosts and volunteer with the chapel. More details are on page 9.

Music

Scott Bennett,
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Jodi Bennett, Director of
Children's Choirs
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The St. Gregory Choir is the principal choir within the parish. Known throughout the region as one of the finest parish choirs, the choir regularly undertakes an ambitious schedule of additional musical services and concerts. Contact Scott Bennett, 723-4575, sbennett@gracesc.org

The St. Augustine Choir is comprised of members who love to sing and want to participate in making music at Grace Church, but without a major time commitment. The choir sings about once a month at the 9:00 a.m. service. Newcomers are welcome to practices on scheduled Sunday mornings following the 11:00 a.m. service. Contact Scott Bennett, 723-4575, sbennett@gracesc.org

The St. Nicholas Choir is affiliated with The Royal School of Church Music, and its choristers are trained using the choral training system originally devised in England. This fine choir is the

principal choir at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Family Eucharist, singing at least three anthems each month. Contact Jodi Bennett, Director of Children's Choirs, 723-4575, jbennett@gracesc.org

The St. Nicholas Junior Choir is for children age 6 through 8 (grades 1 through 3). Rehearsals are each Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., beginning August 16. Contact Jodi Bennett, Director of Children's Choirs, 723-4575, jbennett@gracesc.org

The St. Cecilia Choir is for children age three through the second grade. The St. Cecilia choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist once per month and on other special occasions. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Contact Jodi Bennett, Director of Children's Choirs, 723-4575, jbennett@gracesc.org

Handbell Choir

Members of the Handbell Choir rehearse each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., having fun and learning music together. The choir plays about once per month at one of the Sunday morning services. Newcomers are encouraged to learn to make music in this special way and meet new friends. Contact the choir's director, Richard Show, 469-8142 richard.show@comcast.net.

Pastoral Care

Taking care of our parish family

Barnabas Group

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The Barnabas Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Dotterer Chapel. This gathering includes many people with life-threatening illness, and is open to anyone who has concerns and would like the support and caring of committed Christians. The focus is healing, health and wholeness mediated among us through faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. A member of the clergy or Stephen Ministry attends this group.

Cards and Notes

Debbie Bandy, 813-1178

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Volunteers write and mail cards or notes of encouragement as the church is made aware of the needs of our parishioners.

Caregiver Luncheons

The Reverend Paul Gilbert

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Grace offers a monthly Caregiver Luncheon with conversation, fellowship and encouragement for anyone who is caring for a loved one, parent, spouse or child with special circumstances. An RSVP and \$5 donation for lunch is requested. Call the Church Office at 723-4575 to find the date of the next luncheon.

Eucharistic Visitors

The Reverend Paul Gilbert

723-4575, pgilbert@gracesc.org

Lay men and women with special training take the Sacrament from the Communion rail during Sunday worship and deliver it directly to people who are unable to be in church. This is not meant to replace visits by clergy but serves as an additional way to remind people who are shut-in that they are connected with their parish family through the Eucharist.

Grace Calls

Joan Halkyard, 886-3545

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An "inreach" program in which participants are matched with a fellow parishioner who, for whatever reason, has been unable to join in the active worship at church. "Grace Calls" takes the form of either periodic telephone calls or visits of short duration, depending on both the inclination of the caller and the preference of the home bound parishioner. All parishioners are encouraged to alert the clergy about anyone in our church family who would welcome these calls.

Grace Cares

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Jeannie King, 763-4999

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Parishioners are organized and ready to assist members of the parish when there is a new baby

or at times when life gets hard, temporarily or long-term. Volunteers are assigned (by geographic area, when possible) to provide rides to the doctor or hospital, prepare and deliver meals, pick up medications, or provide temporary respite care to people experiencing difficult times. On Sundays, flowers from the altar are made into arrangements that Grace Cares volunteers deliver to sick and shut-in members, which provides a very special ministry of visitation.

Keeping in Touch (KIT)

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As young Grace members begin college life away from home, the Rector contacts an Episcopal priest at a Church nearest their college to let their presence be known. In turn, the Rector writes to the student to tell of the church. A volunteer from Grace is paired with each student to keep in touch throughout the school year, especially at exam times, as a reminder that our students are loved and cared for while they are away. Please let us know of any students we might not be aware of and if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Private Prayer Chain

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The Prayer Chain is made up of parishioners who offer intercessory prayer for others – always honoring their confidentiality.

Written requests for prayers may be placed in the Prayer Box near the entrance to the church, on the table in the hallway between the cloister walk and Hanahan Hall, or in the church office. They also may be phoned in to the church office or submitted on our website: gracechurchcharleston.org.

Seniors Ministry

The Reverend Paul Gilbert
723-4575, pgilbert@gracesc.org

Grace's ministry to older members incorporates many of the Pastoral Care ministries found on these pages. In addition, in September 2010 we've begun a monthly Seniors Day Program with luncheons, speakers, field trips and other engaging activities. Pastoral visitation is also a key component of Seniors Ministry at Grace. Our clergy and fellow parishioners want to support you, and you're encouraged to call the Church Office to arrange for a visit.

Stephen Ministry

Pam Ueberroth, 406-1975
pamthompson@spherion.com

Stephen Ministry plays a quietly active role at Grace with individual parishioners referred by the clergy, the Barnabas Group and as the laity representative at the Wednesday evening Prayer Desk during the Eucharist. A new training class will begin this fall. Anyone wanting more information on this important ministry at Grace can contact Ann Smith or Pam Ueberroth.

Christian Education

Opportunities to learn and grow for all ages

Adult Christian Education Committee

Mary B. Wilson
843-0903

This committee of clergy and lay people meets periodically to plan Sunday morning, Wednesday night, and special programs to meet the current needs and interests of adult parishioners.

Themes vary by season. Bible studies, book studies, Education For Ministry (EFM) and Emmaus Program sessions take place throughout the year. Recommendations from the congregation for programs of interest are highly encouraged. Please join us if you are interested in this committee.

Adult Classes

Grace offers multiple opportunities for adult study on Sundays and during the week. The adult education program focuses on understanding the Bible, preparing for the sacramental life of our church, and encountering the culture of our times. Current programs and complete schedules are available on our website, gracechurchcharleston.org.

College Students

Rob Donehue, 723-4575
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
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Free Bread and Wine: Grace welcomes all college students who are seeking to find a faith community in Charleston! Wednesday evenings... fellowship. The Eucharist is a traditional Rite II service from the Book of Common Prayer, and dinner is normally a simple meal in the parish hall. Following dinner, the college group is invited to stay for a discussion about a topic pertinent to their lives as they continue to grow in their understanding of faith. Movie nights, retreats, service projects and other learning opportunities are organized through the college ministry as well.

Confirmation

Grace traditionally offers two opportunities each year for adults to prepare for Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church. Confirmation occurs in November and in May, and a four- or five-week series of classes is scheduled for adult confirmands in the spring and fall. Please contact the Church Office at 723-4575 or rectorsadmin@gracesc.org if you would like to be part of the next class.

Youth Classes

Rob Donehue, 723-4575

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

rdonehue@gracesc.org

Grace offers programs for middle school and high school youth on Sunday mornings. Each month an overarching theme helps connect us from week to week. Adult teachers are needed to serve on a rotating basis, with lots of help and support.

Confirmation

Young people who are 13 or in the 8th grade are invited to consider preparing for Confirmation in May by attending a series of classes from fall through late spring.

EYC Youth Group

Grace also offers youth a chance for fellowship, worship and learning on Sunday evenings and at special events throughout the week through EYC, Every Youth Connected. See details on page 12.



Children's Ministries

Julie Walters, 723-4575

Director of Children's Ministries
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Spy KIDS on Sunday mornings

"Spy KIDS" stands for "Kids Investigating Divine Stories." Grace has adopted a creative approach to learning stories from the Bible. This program is a rotation-based workshop model that offers children choices of activities: for example, making Good Sam Gruel in the cooking workshop while investigating the Good Samaritan story, and printing banners using paint and real fish as they learned about Feeding the 5,000.

Nursery and Children's Chapel

Lisa Webb, 991-1435

nursery@gracesc.org

Professional staff and volunteers provide a safe and welcoming place for infants and toddlers during worship services and while the Sunday and Wednesday Christian Education classes are in session. At 9:00 a.m., children age 3 and 4 may attend Children's Chapel in the room next door to the nursery, with Bible stories, music and activities appropriate for their age. Children join their parents in church at The Peace.

Vacation Bible School is a week of fun for about 120 children each year. It takes about 40 volunteers required to make this

event happen. Music, crafts and snacks are always very creative and the children have fun learning stories from the Bible.

Mini-sessions have been offered during the summer for children and youth. Grace has offered a Red Cross babysitter course, acolyte training, cooking, and manners camp in the past, and we look to offer more in the future. If you have a skill or talent to share with young people and would like to lead a mini-session, please contact Julie Walters.

Little School at Grace Church

Amy Mathisen, Director
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A well-trained and educated staff of instructors, an excellent educational curriculum and a Christian environment help pre-school children discover that learning is fun and exciting. The children are nurtured and loved while ultimately developing self-reliance, concentration, initiative, and a superb educational tradition which is paced appropriately for each child.

Discernment Committee

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Members meet as requested by the Rector to help lay persons discern their call to ministry, either lay, the deaconate, or the priesthood.

Tract Racks

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Much of the literature available from Grace, the Diocese of South Carolina, The Episcopal Church, and other religious affiliations is found in the tract racks in the church. Community Outreach Programs literature is also available. Volunteers keep an eye out for useful literature and keep the racks filled. Please check the big, two sided, rack in the atrium during the week and Hanahan Hall on Sundays. A smaller rack is located in the hallway between the Garden and Hanahan Hall. Requests and small donations are welcome and can be placed in the small box on the racks.



Parish Life & Fellowship

Spending time together as a parish family

Parish Life Committee

John Britton, MD, 852-9862

Committees plan programs, social time, food and entertainment for special parish events such as

- The Parish Picnic
- Parish Weekend at Kanuga
- Saints on the Street Festival
- Back-to-School Swim Party
- Attending local sports events: baseball, hockey, etc.

Volunteers are always needed to plan these events and help with the many tasks that allow them to happen. Ideas for new events are welcome and newcomers to Grace are encouraged to join us.

College Ministry:

Free Bread and Wine

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Also for college students... KIT (Keep In Touch) Ministry

This program lets Grace stay in touch with young members as they go away to college and helps link them with churches where they are attending school. More details are on Page 7.

Foyer Groups

Laura McGeorge, 830-7595

Hatsy Bayse, 856-0355

Mary Person, 478-4762

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Each spring and fall, informal groups of six to eight adults meet four times for a simple meal in the home of one of the group members to deepen relationships and strengthen fellowship. There is no agenda. Foyer Groups are informal, intergenerational, and fun. New groups are set up twice a year, in September and January, to vary membership and to widen opportunities to meet new people. Applications are available on the church website and substitutes are welcome to enter mid-season.

Men of Grace

Reece Williams, (803) 476-3502

Boyd Hipp, 883-3878

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A group of men get together regularly to enjoy each other's company and prepare a hearty breakfast for the parish. This group organizes lunch and dinner meetings with speakers of interest to the parish. The men also are helping to perform small repairs

for people who are unable to do them. New ideas and new members are always welcome. Come be a part of this unique fellowship and witness the miracle of men in a kitchen actually knowing what they are doing!

Saints & Sinners

Amy Eversole, 568-1684

Jean McDowell, 696-7200

Laura McGeorge, 830-7595

gracesaintsandsinners

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Saints & Sinners invites all young adults in their mid-20s through 40s to enjoy fellowship through social activities. Married, single, with children, without children – everyone is welcome. Join us and get to know other Grace Church members your age.

Seniors Ministry

The Reverend Paul Gilbert

723-4575, pgilbert@gracesc.org

Grace offers a monthly Seniors Day Program with luncheons, speakers, field trips and other engaging activities. See more on page 7.

Suppers

Wednesday Nights at Grace

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Wednesday suppers are offered from September-November and January-April. Dinner is served by the Gracious Gourmets from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist is at 5:30 p.m. A variety of other programs and activities are scheduled on Wednesday evenings, and a nursery is provided.

Sunday Nights at Grace

Julie Walters, 723-4575

childrensministries@gracesc.org

SNAG events are scheduled about once a month during the school year. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., parishioners of all ages gather for social time, a meal, and a brief time of worship. A nursery and fun activities for children and youth are provided.

Youth: EYC

Rob Donehue, 723-4575

Director of Youth and Young

Adult Ministries

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Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00, middle school and high school students gather at Grace for EYC (“Every Youth Connected”). The evening typically includes a brief time of worship, games, dinner, and a short, fun program. The intent of this group is to give our youth an opportunity to gather in church without the usual formalities. Special events are planned year-round including activities with other downtown churches, outreach work, mission/pilgrimage trips, “lock-ins,” retreats, and just-for-fun trips

The Tea Room and the Church Mouse Boutique

While the annual Tea Room and Church Mouse Boutique in May and June serves as a fund-raiser for outreach in the community, it is also a “parish life” event in the sense that it brings so many of our members together for fun and fellowship as they work side by side to make the Tea Room happen. More details about the Tea Room are on page 19.

The Business End

Buildings, money and administration

Columbarium & Garden of Remembrance

**Kathy North,
Parish Administrator,
723-4575, knorth@gracesc.org**

Grace follows the ancient tradition of providing space for burial within the confines of the churchyard. Grace's Columbarium contains niches for cremated remains. It is part of Grace's Bell Tower and is surrounded by a peaceful and beautiful Garden of Remembrance. Niches are still available and each will accommodate two interments. More information is available on the Grace Church web site: www.gracechurchcharleston.org.

Counting of Plate Offerings

**William Flint, 795-1850
Bernie Ditter, 795-0434**

Volunteers meet Monday mornings in teams of two to four people to record the previous week's offerings and report the results to the church office.

Office Volunteers

**Bunny Martin, 723-4575
bmartin@gracesc.org**

Grace members are needed to volunteer for various tasks at the church office. They might be found greeting visitors, proofing printed materials, answering phones, helping with mailings, etc. If you are willing to assist with such tasks, usually for no more than 2-3 hours, please call Bunny Martin at the Church Office, 723-4575, or at home, 884-2400.

Planned Giving

**Charley Gibbes, 559-9477
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The Planned Giving Committee encourages parishioners to remember Grace in their estate planning. In addition to bequests in our wills, there are other types of gifts that allow parishioners to express their charitable intent now, while using the income from the gift during their lifetime, realizing immediate tax benefits. Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuities and Annuity Trusts, and Pooled Income Funds are the most common examples. Brochures are available and inquiries welcome.

Saving Grace

Barbara Christie, 762-9206
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Saving Grace is a major project to repair, restore and renew our historic church building. Construction work began in 2007 and a major capital campaign, “Saving Grace For the Future,” is under way. People with energy and enthusiasm for saving our historic building are invited to be part of this important effort.

Stewardship

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About 90 percent of the operating budget of Grace Church comes from payments on annual pledges made by parishioners. Stewardship is both a way to support the church and a means of spiritual growth as members give back a portion of the gifts and blessings they have received. Volunteers are invited to be part of Grace’s annual campaigns and ongoing stewardship efforts.



Reaching out to others in the community and the world

Outreach Committee

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Committee members link the needs of the greater Charleston community and the talents and abilities of Grace Church members who wish to serve. Each year, the Outreach Committee sponsors a variety of outreach projects small and large. Share your talents and let us know of new opportunities.

In addition to the ministries listed in this brochure, the Outreach Committee also evaluates and responds to funding requests from outreach organizations in the community and the world. Recipients have included Lowcountry AIDS, Water Missions International, the Mirembe Orphanage in Kenya, St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport, Miss. (destroyed by Hurricane Katrina), the Carolina Hearing Aid Bank, Lowcountry Orphan Relief, and others.

Bishop Gadsden

Advisory Committee

Gina Kozek, 442-7500

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Melinda Nicholson, 724-9363

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Volunteers help residents of Bishop Gadsden retirement community on James Island enjoy life

as extended members of the Grace community. Grace clergy offer Holy Eucharist at the Chapel and the Cloisters monthly. The church also holds its annual Children's Ministries Easter egg hunt at Bishop Gadsden. The Advisory Committee meets regularly with Bishop Gadsden staff and other Episcopal Church representatives to determine the needs for the upcoming months.

Canterbury House

Anne Kilpatrick, 343-9929

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This ministry addresses the needs of all who reside in this affordable senior living community located near Grace. A Spring Tea and a Christmas Tea are held annually and are enjoyed by volunteers, residents and staff. Grace volunteers also help with transportation needs and the wellness program. Grace's presence is an important part of our ministry at Canterbury House.

Crisis Ministries: Shelter Meals

Breakfast:

John Blackburn 853-8765
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Lunch:

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Susan Cromwell, 588-2420
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Dinner:

Robert Hughes, 270-8826
jroberthughes2003@yahoo.com

Cookie Baking:

Peggy Mauldin, 884-4003
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Teams of volunteers cook hearty, wholesome meals each month and serve them to up to approximately 200 homeless persons living in and around the Crisis Ministries Shelter on Meeting Street in Charleston. Dinner is served on the third Thursday of each month.

In addition to serving the evening meal, volunteer bakers also provide home-baked cookies and brownies for dessert and bring them to the church kitchen for delivery. Baking cookies for homeless children is a special way to teach young children to reach out to others.

The next morning (Friday), the breakfast crew meets at 5:00 a.m. to cook and serve a filling breakfast. The lunch crew operates on the first Thursday of each month and the fifth Thursday if there is

one. The lunch preparation crew works in the Shelter kitchen from 9:00-11:00 a.m.; a second crew serves the meal from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Crisis Ministries: The Red Wagon

**Julie Walters, Director of
Children's Ministries**
723-4575

childrensministries@gracesc.org

The Red Wagon is parked in the back of the church each Sunday and serves as Grace's collection point for food donations for the Crisis Ministries Shelter. The wagon is brought forward by children during the 9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist every Sunday and blessed as part of our offering. Because this is a particularly appropriate way for families with children to teach the value of giving to those in need, the Children's Ministries Department encourages children to bring offerings and carry the wagon forward at worship.

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy's Survivor Follow-Up Group

Mona Stuhr Dayhoff, 724-1212
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Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is a non-profit ministry that provides pastoral care and counseling for employees and families of law enforcement and emergency ser-

vices agencies, as well as the general public during times of crisis. An extension of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, the Survivor Follow-Up Group is a support group of lay persons from many different congregations that follows-up with individuals and families after a traumatic death. Begun at Grace, this group now meets at the North Charleston City Hall monthly for training and support. Grace members interested in this ministry are encouraged to get in touch about training.

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)

**Mary Person, 478-4762
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ERD is the primary method Episcopalians use to help people in need, including rebuilding devastated communities after hurricanes, earthquakes and other disasters, and to assist in offering long-term program development solutions to fight poverty using the UN's Millennium Development Goals as a guide. In 2005, Grace members gave \$90,000 to victims of the tsunami in southeast Asia and hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast. Grace members continued their diocesan leadership by recently giving more than \$7,000 to build a house in the Nicobar Islands devastated by a tsunami.

Gifts of Hope Fair

Ann Stirling

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On November 14, 2010, the Outreach Committee will again offer a unique alternative way to shop for Christmas gifts. At the Gifts of Hope Fair, people can browse among several outreach ministries and learn how even modest gifts can go a long way to help those in need. Gifts can be made in honor of someone special, or as memorials. Donors will receive gift cards to give to the person being honored. Gifts of Hope Fairs were held in 2008 and 2009 and were a great success.

Helping and Lending Outreach Support (HALOS)

Judy Casey, 766-3411

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Jan Place, 762-3307

Grace members generously support HALOS, a non-profit agency that depends on partner churches, businesses, and civic groups to assist children who are in foster care under the supervision of the state Department of Social Services because of abuse or neglect. Through HALOS, Grace members provide back-to-school clothes and supplies, summer camp opportunities, tutoring, birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, and more. Brochures about this program are available on the tract rack.

Memminger Partnership

Audrey Foley,
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Memminger School serves children from preschool through grade six, nearly all of whom receive free or reduced-price lunches. (Memminger has been temporarily relocated to North Charleston until the end of the 2012-13 school year, but Grace is maintaining its partnership with the school.) Grace volunteers work with teachers in a variety of ways, from assisting with parties and field trips to tutoring and visiting classrooms. Grace members also contribute breakfast bars to help students who arrive at school after breakfast is served, and school supplies to use in the classrooms. A complete description of this ministry and the volunteer opportunities involved is on the church website.

PeaceWork

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PeaceWork is a way for people to knit, crochet, quilt or sew for others as a means of outreach as well as fellowship. Our first projects were lap blankets made for parishioners from 9-inch knitted or crocheted squares. PeaceWork also participated in a Lenten pro-

ject to knit caps for mariners as part of the “Christmas at Sea” project. Other options we might consider are making things for soldiers, premature babies, cancer patients or even homeless animals! Everyone is welcome into this new ministry, and we offer “remedial knitting” for those whose skills are rusty or who would like to learn to knit.

Seafarers’ Ministry

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Established in the 1820s, this ecumenical Christian organization welcomes and serves the needs of those men and women who make their livelihood in the port or at sea, without regard for nationality, race, ethnicity, politics, or religion. Grace supports this ministry through volunteers who visit ships and perform administrative functions at the Seafarers’ Center, and by contributing to the Christmas at Sea Project, supplying Christian and secular literature for seafarers’ use, and making financial contributions to help meet the ministry’s expenses.

Tea Room and Church Mouse Boutique

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Grace Church raises thousands of dollars each year for outreach during the annual Tea Room and Church Mouse Boutique. This happens during the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston in late May and early June. Lunch is served Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The entire parish is involved with planning and food preparation, publicity, finance, collection and donation of items to sell in the gift shop, making fresh desserts daily, growing flowers for garnish, serving, cleaning up, welcoming others, and just being there for support. Members donate and collect new and gently used items for the Church Mouse Boutique, which operates each day of the Tea Room. Grace volunteers also arrange with local and regional authors who volun-

teer their time for book signings, giving some of the proceeds to the Tea Room effort. All proceeds from the Tea Room and the Boutique are used to support outreach in our community.

Youth Outreach

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Grace's youth program actively seeks ways to get young people involved in service projects and outreach activities on a regular basis. This includes working with Habitat for Humanity and Rural Missions in building and repairing homes for families in need, volunteering at the Crisis Ministries Shelter on Meeting Street to help prepare dinner, participating in mission trips, and generally encouraging youth to seek out opportunities for service wherever they can.



Welcoming ministries

Greeting visitors and newcomers

Grace Guides

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Grace Guides offer 15-minute tours of the church after the 11:00 a.m. service. Each guide serves about one Sunday every two months. Guides also participate when the church is part of one of the spring or fall tours of historic places, and when the church is open for other public events. Training is provided, with sessions scheduled as needed.

Greeters

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Saying “Good morning” before church services, this rotating group of volunteers, both individuals and families, serves to welcome newcomers and parishioners to Grace. Greeters are assigned usually once or twice a year to stand in front of the church before services, and in Hanahan Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Coffee Hosts

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The delectable treats we enjoy after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sundays are provided by a rotating list of volunteer parishioners. Will you take a turn in this ministry of hospitality? Being a coffee host means providing three to four trays of food to nibble on, either store-bought or home-made.

Ushers

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Members warmly welcome people to worship services. Read more about ushers on page 4.

Around the church

Other important ministries at Grace

Gifts of Grace

Book and Gift Shop

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Gifts of Grace is open in its new quarters near Hanahan Hall on Sundays after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services and on Wednesday evenings. Wonderful books for all ages on many topics are available, as well as jewelry, greeting cards and unique gift items suitable for special occasions including baptism and confirmation. Bibles and prayer books can be ordered for personalized engraving. Volunteers staff the shop. All major credit cards are accepted and proceeds from sales benefit the Saving Grace campaign.



Gracious Gourmets

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Using the church kitchen and Hanahan Hall, members prepare delicious meals for the congregation on Wednesday nights and provide food for receptions and special occasions such as “High Tea” throughout the year. This group often makes calls to volunteers to help bring food for these special events.

Harvest Festival

Carolyn Yarbrough, 884-3592

About every two years, the Flower Guild holds a Harvest Festival, with the next one scheduled for October 27-31, 2010. An internationally known flower designer leads flower arranging seminars that are attended by flower guild members from churches around the region. Displays of dozens of floral arrangements are placed throughout the church so the public can view them free of charge as a gift from Grace to the community. Other events include a street festival and a special Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints.

Needlepoint Guild

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The 600 small kneelers in the nave and the six acolyte chairs in the chancel are all being covered with needlepoint by members who already enjoy needlepoint or who are learning this skill. They work from canvases with hand-painted designs adapted from the stained glass windows, the furnishings and appointments of the church, or Biblical subjects. These are made into kits with all the yarn needed to complete them. The stitcher or another church member buys the kits for

the cost of the materials as a contribution to the church. The finished kneeler then becomes a gift to the church with a plaque honoring a friend or relative. If you would like to arrange for lessons or get help with a project, please contact Ginger Donehue.

Wedding Guild

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Wedding Guild members assist couples with planning the details of their weddings at Grace Church. Working with the clergy, Guild members coordinate the events and work behind the scenes to make sure that everything flows smoothly.



Find out more!

Visit Grace's website:

<http://gracechurchcharleston.org>

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