



Grace

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina

Kanuga program explores storytelling Sign up by August 6 for Parish Weekend

Grace is gearing up for another great Parish Weekend at Kanuga August 31-September 2. If you haven't registered already, please do it now – the deadline for forms and payment has been extended to Monday, August 6.

Our program this year will be led by renowned storyteller Bill Jones, who will look at how storytelling plays a role in our faith journey. Bill retired as a Presbyterian minister in 2001 and since then has been creating and telling his stories and helping others explore the art of storytelling. He will join us for a story on Friday evening and at the bonfire on Saturday night, in addition to the program on Saturday morning, and he also will be our guest preacher at our Sunday morning worship.

In addition to the programs on Friday and Saturday, there are dozens of other activities, planned and unplanned, to choose from. There is also the option of as little activity as possible: rocking on a porch with a good book and enjoying the cool green spaces of Western North Carolina.

More information about Kanuga, the Parish Weekend and Bill Jones are available at these websites: kanuga.org, gracechurchcharleston.org and billjonesstoryteller.com. Registration forms can be downloaded directly from the Grace website, and extra copies are available in the tract racks at church.



Bill Jones,
Storyteller



First Annual
Ugly Hat
Contest
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Sunday, August 19

The Blessing of
the Book Bags &
Commissioning of
Teachers
9:00 a.m.

Tours of Croft Hall's
new classrooms
10:10 a.m.

Welcome of
returning
C of C Students
All Day

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Refreshed and renewed: The gift of context

From the Rector
The Reverend Canon
J. Michael A. Wright

There we were, worshipping in 1,000-year-old churches, an abbey here, a cathedral there; glorious music echoing from pillar to pillar, from domes and vaulted ceilings. Oh yes, in case I forget, there was lots of scaffolding too! Needless to say, I was reminded of Grace Church often during my summer holiday. For as I was invigorated by the worship I

entered into, I was reminded of the reality that the church everywhere is in a constant state of renewal, repair and restoration. There is no way around the truth of this reality. Buildings decay, people change, structures adapt, and communities evolve. But as I recall our recent time in London I do not choose to dwell on this constancy of change and decay, but rather why it is we bother to repair and restore such sacred spaces. That is, for the worship of God in the beauty of holiness. Nothing can stop that. Not a leaky

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From the Rector

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roof or a leaning tower; not a closed-off chapel or a drafty transept. As the Church, we are ever in the business of praising God for all the blessings of this life and for the great challenges we are given as God invites us into His favorite business, the business of reclamation and redemption.

As I reflected on this great truth I was uplifted by the praises of God shouted from such very special if still imperfect and incomplete places. And I was reminded of another very special place on Wentworth Street. And as if a gift sent from heaven, while sitting in the Great Quire for Evensong at Westminster Abbey, I was greeted by a couple of the faithful from

Grace. And so, the gift was complete. We are forever connected in this great family of the church. Home is never more than an altar away. And we are part of something that calls us constantly to be about this gospel business of redemption, reclamation and renewal. In everything from restoring our sacred buildings to renewing our everyday relationships, we are to be ever rooted in the praises of God and the care of God's people.

It seems to me Jesus had something to say about this when he echoed the words of the law... "Hear, O Israel..." I think you know the rest.

Refreshed and Renewed,
Michael+

Ministries Faire a showcase of offerings Sept. 9

Dozens of ministries at Grace will be presented in Hanahan Hall on Sunday, September 9 during the annual Ministries Faire.

Everyone is invited to Hanahan Hall before, between, and following worship services to learn about opportunities for service and involvement in the church and in the world.

Grace Ministries in the Church include about 40 ministries in five categories:

- ◆ Service Participants and Worship Support
- ◆ Pastoral Care
- ◆ Christian Education for All Ages
- ◆ Parish Life and Fellowship
- ◆ Communication, Property, and Finance

Grace Ministries in the World number almost 20 that serve the needs of persons outside of Grace Church, including those in Charleston, the Low-

country, South Carolina, the United States and foreign countries.

Each ministry will sponsor a display at the Ministries Faire and have volunteers available to describe what they do. Some will have photographs, handouts, and balloons. All will welcome your inquiries as to how you might join them during 2007-2008. There will be plenty of finger foods and beverages.

Please plan to spend some time meandering among the displays, learning about what makes Grace so Great, and discerning if one of these ministries might become *your* ministry this year!

If you have any questions about the Grace Ministries Faire, please contact Faire coordinators Lucy and Ed Dyckman at 843-367-5647 or by email at edward.dyckman@att.net or ldyckman@rocketmail.com.

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**Deadline for the September edition is
12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 15**

How ugly is that hat? Find out at Kanuga

The First Annual Ugly Hat Contest will be one of the highlights of this year's Parish Weekend at Kanuga.

Start planning now... the judging will take place on the Saturday of Kanuga Weekend (September 1) and will be done by the Kanuga Planning Committee. Search the attic... grab a glue gun... be creative! (And *definitely* bring your camera.) Remember to register for Kanuga by Monday, August 6.



Got one of these hiding in your closet? It could be a contender. (Photo from "The Museum of Kitschy Stitches" online at stitchymcycampants.com)

Orange you glad

Students in Deannie and Al Schweickhardt's Sunday School class quickly pass an orange down the line in a relay race at the end of their classroom time. The summer Christian Formation program for children is focusing on "the fruits of the Spirit."



Children's Ministries move toward busy autumn

*From the Director of Children's Ministries
Emily Guerry*

You'd never guess by the temperature, but summer is melting into fall! It will be here before we know it, and we are gearing up for another wonderful year for kids at Grace. Here are the highlights:

Back-to-school

On August 19, Grace will have the Blessing of the Bookbags, Commissioning of Teachers, and Presentation of Bibles at the 9:00 a.m. service. We will gather to commend our teachers and their work to God's direction. Our prayers will include both Sunday School and Little School teachers.

All children are encouraged to bring their new book bags to church to be blessed. Also, all of our third-graders will receive their new Bibles. This is a milestone for our children, and the next year's Sunday School class will be devoted to the use and understanding of Scripture. Altogether it will be a wonderful day at Grace, and we encourage you to be present.

Parish Weekend at Kanuga

Our Parish Weekend at Kanuga is coming up, too, and the registration deadline is Monday, August 6. There will be activities for all ages, with plenty of

time for families to rest, relax, go into town, or do whatever they like. (My favorite way to spend time at Kanuga is in one of the rocking chairs, with a good book!) Call the church office to get a registration form, or download one at gracechurchcharleston.org under Special Events.

Summer classes

Our summer programs in Christian Formation continue, with a wonderful group of parents and other volunteers to teach Sunday School and work in the nursery. They are...

August 5: Randy and Karen French, Marcell and Susan Easter, Hugh and Meredith Buyck, Ginny and Elizabeth Howell, John and Mary Mulvey.

August 12: Chris and Irene Todd, Brooke and Dan Rumph, Jamie and Liane Kerr, Marcell and Susan Easter, Jack and Rachel Crow.

August 19: Chris and Irene Todd, Jimmy and Cathy Streetman, Emily Guerry, Ansel and Rebecca Kay, Jim and Stacy Prutting.

August 26: Susannah Elliott, Jimmy and Cathy Streetman, Lee and Ashley McLoud, Ginny and Elizabeth Howell, Jeff and Anne Tibbals.

We thank them and everyone else who has worked to make summer a success at Grace.

**Peace,
Emily**

Youth Lock-In August 17

*From the Director of
Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Jimmy Hartley*



For more information about youth activities, contact Jimmy Hartley at 478-3208 or jbartley@gracesc.org

The end-of-the-summer Lock-In will be Friday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. through Saturday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m. Plan to bring a friend! Registration forms will be in the email and online soon.

Fall kick-off: Youth and parents, our first evening of EYC for the fall will be Sunday, August 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will break into groups for our Parent Meeting at 5:00, and then gather together for a meal.

Parent drop-in: All parents of students in grades 6-12 are invited to a drop-in with Jimmy Hartley on Saturday, August 25 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert and Holly Behre at 29 Chapel St. in downtown Charleston.

Youth email: Find out about youth events electronically through our youth newsletter. Email Jimmy Hartley at the address above or sign up directly from our church website, gracechurchcharleston.org.

Seeking teachers for youth

Would you be interested in leading a Christian Education class this year on Sunday mornings for students in middle school or high school? We have some exciting curricula to work with at all levels. Please contact Jimmy Hartley at 478-3208 or jbartley@gracesc.org for more information.

Why wait for mail? Go paperless

Would you like to reduce the amount of mail you receive at home, and help Grace Church save money and paper? Then let us know and we will put you on our "paperless delivery" list. You can receive *Words of Grace* electronically each month, along with most of the other mailings the church sends on a regular basis. We hope to be doing Service Participant reminders via email within the next few months, too.

To go paperless, please email Holly at hbehre@gracesc.org, and we will subscribe you to our electronic delivery list. Give us as many email addresses as you like – home, work, both spouses – it doesn't cost anything and you'll be less likely to miss an email. We'll sign you up for *Grace to You*, our weekly email newsletter. There's also a new youth newsletter for Grace members in grades 6-12 and their parents, so please indicate whether you are interested in receiving that as well. You can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time by visiting gracechurchcharleston.org. Click on News and Events and choose Email Lists.

Canterbury House nurse honored

Canterbury House's registered nurse, Cam Spencer, was honored by a local television station in July.

Cam received the Channel 5 Hall of Fame award. This well-known local award was presented in the Canterbury House lobby by TV anchorman Bill Sharpe on July 12, and was televised on July 16-17.

Cam was nominated for the award by Canterbury House resident Gloria Cohen in appreciation for her dedicated work for all the residents.

Grace Church has a special relationship with Canterbury House, which is located on Market Street just a block from Grace and is operated by the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Cam says Grace can assist her in helping Canterbury residents by volunteering to provide transportation to and from health care appointments. If you feel you can provide a few hours to take a resident to appointments, please call Jean Bender at 402-9736 or 991-0827.

United Thank Offering collections continue

Grace members continue to collect change and fill their little blue boxes for the United Thank Offering. Boxes can be obtained from the church office or the tract racks. This is a great way to remind



ourselves to be thankful at all times and in everything we do! If you fill your box, please drop it off at the church office and start on another

one. We will have a UTO Ingathering later in the fall, where all the United Thank Offering money will be collected. If you have questions, please contact Kenny Inman at 881-9710 or email ksinmanjr@yahoo.com.

Hurricane planning may be lifesaving for seniors

Gracefully Aging
The Reverend Paul Gilbert

There's a collect in the Prayer Book that asks us to "read, learn, mark, and inwardly digest." This is good advice when it comes to thinking out plans for seasonal bad weather. That means hurricanes! Charleston County has an invaluable resource available on line at www.charlestoncounty.org. Everything you need to know is contained in the hurricane advisory page. More to the point for our older group is a grim statistic about Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Almost two-thirds of the lives lost on the Gulf Coast were folks over the age of 60. Seniors need a different disaster plan than the younger population. Seniors take longer to prepare and take action, and their medical needs are more complex.

This is important: if your family lives in Charleston, coordinate your evacuation plans with them. Good communication can be life-saving. If you cannot drive, make plans to evacuate when told, with your family. For those who cannot drive and have no family, now is the time to plan your evacuation. Can your out-of-town family come and get you? Are there others in your neighborhood who are willing to transport you? Is public transportation available? Be sure to make a list of your medications and utilize an insulated bag for refrigerated drugs to take with you. Most prescriptions can be filled again at any national pharmacy chain on an emergency basis, if you have a record on file.

If you are able to drive, heed this: It is better to evacuate *before* being required to do so. This avoids the traffic jams and confusion. So what if you spend a night or two in North Carolina because of a false alarm? Consider it a little vacation.

Staying here will require preparation. The local supermarkets have flyers on the subject, as do the TV stations. Here are just a few brief tips:

1. Keep your automobile gas tank filled up.
2. Withdraw cash from your bank account for use when there's no electrical power.
3. Store adequate food and water for three days. Do you have special dietary needs? Stock up with those items.
4. Inform your family of your plans.

If a storm is headed this way, take it seriously. An early response is the safe way to deal with dangerous weather.



Lawton Sifly, left, Jackson Ayers and Channing Stephens get creative with play dough as they enjoy indoor activities at Little School Summer Camp.

Little School preparing for new school year

Preparation for the 2007-2008 school year is well under way! August 13, teachers will return to school for CPR and First Aid Training and to set up their classrooms. Teacher Commissioning and Blessing of the Bookbags at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 19, will ready both teachers and students for the school year. Parent orientation is Monday, August 20, and children will have orientation Tuesday, August 21. August 22 is the first day of school.

Croft Hall has become a serious construction site. As a result of years of planning and diligent fundraising, Little School is completely renovating Croft Hall. When school begins, the work will be complete and Croft Hall will house three classes. Two classes of Fours and the Fives class will be located in Croft Hall, and the Twos classes and Threes classes (two of each) will be located in the main building. Be sure to stop in and see the improvements.

There is space available in the Fives class for children who will be 5 years old by September 1. If you would like information about the Fives class or would like to fill out an application for your child for any class, please contact Rebecca Martin at 345-0907.

Grace to sponsor Happy Hours

September is Grace's month to host Happy Hours at Bishop Gadsden retirement community. These are held on Friday afternoons and offer light refreshments and fellowship for residents of assisted living and the nursing center. If you would like to help, contact Joya Baker at 881-7005 or Rachel Lindsey at 224-8352.

Grace Church Calendar

August 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Upcoming dates to remember: August 31-September 2 - Parish Weekend at Kanuga September 3 - Labor Day: Church Office closed September 9 - Ministries Faire September 19 - Wednesday Nights at Grace fall season begins September 30 - The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels; Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m. October 7 - The Blessing of the Animals (St. Francis of Assisi)</p>			Joseph of Arimathea 1	2	3	4
			Grace serves Lunch at the Soup Kitchen	9:30 am Barnabas Group		
			5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm St. Gregory Choir rehearsal			
The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (anticipated) 5	The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ 6	John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866 7	Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221 8	9	Laurence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258 10	Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253 11
8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Breakfast served by Men of Grace 9:00 am Baptismal Eucharist 10:10 am Christian Education 11:00 am Choral Eucharist, St. Gregory Choir	Kanuga registration deadline		5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm St. Gregory Choir rehearsal			
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 12	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor and Dro-more, 1667 13	Jonathan Myrick Daniels, 1965 14	St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ 15	16	17	William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918 18
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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 19	Bernard, Abbot of Clair-vaux 20	21	22	23	St. Bartholomew the Apostle 24	Louis, King of France, 1270 25
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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 26	Thomas Gallaudet, 1902, and Henry Winger Syle, 1890 27	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430 28	29	30	Alden, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651 31	
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“Steeple Keeper” cares for tower bells at Grace

The term “Steeple Keeper” when used at Grace Church may be a bit misleading, as the St. Dunstan’s Guild Steeple Keeper is not responsible for the actual steeple at Grace Church (or its bell) in any way. Our bells for change ringing are located in the Columbarium/Bell Tower in the Garden of Remembrance. The Steeple Keeper is the person responsible for keeping the ringing chamber and belfry in good order, seeing that the ropes are kept in repair, oiling the bell bearings and muffling the clappers when required. To muffle the bells, a leather pad is attached to every clapper, but only on one side. As the bells swing in one direction, the side without the pad will strike normally, but as the bells return the side with the pad will strike, producing a quieter muffled note. This “half-muffling” of the bells produces a lovely echoing sound reserved for sad or solemn occasions. We sometimes ring half-muffled for funerals at Grace Church or to commemorate an event such as the death of a President or a tragedy such as occurred on September 11, 2001.

If you are interested in a tour of the bell tower, contact the St. Dunstan’s Guild Steeple Keeper, Charles Rhoden, at charlesrhoden@comcast.net or 853-7792. You may find that you are interested in learning more about this ancient form of worship and may even want to learn to ring after having a look at how the bells work.

ERD aids chaplains after fire

After the June 18 fire at the Sofa Super Store, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) decided to help. Through discussions with several people in the area, it decided to donate a one-time grant to the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is a wonderful program run by Fr. Rob Dewey, a member here at Grace. These chaplains are on call to be present in times of emergency for victims, their families, and others involved, such as the surviving firemen. Fr. Dewey and his team were present not only during the fire to pray over the nine fallen men, but through-



out the following weeks, helping the families and firemen who survived cope with the tragedy. ERD was able to make this emergency grant from the non-designated donations received in the past.

Sending donations to ERD that are not assigned to a particular project is helpful in allowing ERD to respond to situations just like this one here in Charleston. To help with future emergency grants, please send your donations marked “un-designated” to Episcopal Relief and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Be sure to note that you are a member of Grace Church, Charleston.

A Word of Thanks

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the Grace Church family for their loving kindness to Ernie and our daughter Lisette. May Grace remain with us always.

Harriott Tunnell

Red Wagon donations needed all summer

Please continue to keep the soup kitchen at Crisis Ministries in mind when you shop, and pick up large cans and packages from places like Costco. Big cans of fruit cocktail and sliced peaches come in handy when you need to turn 14 bananas into fruit salad for 250 people. Tomatoes, potatoes, vinegar and oil are helpful. We’d love quilted pot holders, maybe some of those big glove-like potholders, and a table-top oscillating fan. If your garden gives you an overload of any fresh fruit or vegetables, please call Ellen Muenzen at 216-7829 and we’ll pick it up the day before or day of our lunch session.

New Bible study forming

The Rector plans to begin a daytime Bible study this fall on Tuesdays or Thursdays with child care provided. Please let us know of your interest and the best day and time for you to attend. E-mail Sue Duckworth at sduckworth@gracesc.org or call her at 723-4575.



Kneeler of the month

The Winged Ox: Symbol of St. Luke, the Evangelist, the ox is a reference to Luke’s gospel which deals with the sacrificial aspects of Christ’s life. This image is found in the upper part of the Croft window above the altar (1952). St. Luke was called “the beloved physician” by St. Paul; the kneeler was given by Walker, Edward, and Pearce Buxton in honor of Julian Thomas Buxton, Jr., MD, and stitched by Anne Street Lautz.

- Martha Thomas Rudisill

Service Participants Schedule

Please find substitutes if necessary, and call the church office at 723-4575 immediately so the service bulletins will have the correct names.

	Wed. Aug. 1	Sunday Aug. 5	Wed. Aug. 8	Sunday Aug. 12	Wed. Aug. 15	Sunday Aug. 19	Wed. Aug. 22	Sunday Aug. 26
Ushers	5:30 Tommy Thornhill	9:00 William Sharbrough Barry Gumb Al Schweickhardt Andy Shook Rob Wendt 11:00 David Mann Pete Brown Louis Condon Marie Condon Fitzhugh Hamrick Eleanor Horres Barbara Mann	5:30 Carl Millford	9:00 Jimmy Sampson Walt Ameika Tim Tipton 11:00 Billy Orvin William Crosher Harmon Person Tommy Thornhill Jim Ueberroth Lori Ann Ueberroth	5:30 Bernie Nettles	9:00 Andy Anderson Hugh Buyck Bill Hanahan Len Howell Steve Ray Andrew Smith 11:00 Bernie Ditter Robert Freer John Hart Arnie Scharnitzky Hal Wade	5:30 Glenn Vetter	9:00 John Kammeyer Rick Ashman Wade Boatwright Doug Gepford 11:00 Chip Kelly Lee Hershon Terry Newman Lynn Pagliaro Bill Trawick Gene Whitley
Oblations		9:00 Valerie & Ashlinn Kroesen 11:00 Anne Puckhaber Daisy Stoudenmire		9:00 Flossie & Billy Miles 11:00 Jane & Bernie Nettles		9:00 Dana & William Sharbrough 11:00 Ginger Donehue David Gallipeau		9:00 Debby Bender Debbie Smith 11:00 Mary & Phil Bradley
Lectors	5:30 Mary Person	8:00 Audrey Foley 9:00 Will Black 11:00 Nancy Jordan Carol Stanford	5:30 Carl Millford	8:00 Mary Person 9:00 Heather Jones 11:00 Kitty Robinson Jean Wade	5:30 Jim Callahan	8:00 Mac McTeer 9:00 Clara MacMillan 11:00 Wil Neumeyer Rhoda Votaw	5:30 Laura Page	8:00 Robert Behre 9:00 Austin Nettles 11:00 Paul Meeks Louise Strasenburgh
Intercessors	5:30 Mary Person	8:00 Audrey Foley 9:00 Martha Sampson 11:00 Janette Moody	5:30 Carl Millford	8:00 Mary Person 9:00 Lucy Sass 11:00 Richard Futch	5:30 Jim Callahan	8:00 Mac McTeer 9:00 Ann Stirling 11:00 Ann Cotton	5:30 Laura Page	8:00 Ann Stirling 9:00 Teddy Stockwell 11:00 Pam Thompson
Chalice Bearers	5:30 Dale Tasker	8:00 Ann Stirling 9:00 Vicki Kammeyer P. Keener-Chavis Sara Ray Will Suggs 11:00 Phil Bradley Mac McTeer Carol Hanckel Jerry Poer	5:30 Rhoda Votaw	8:00 Rob Reinhold 9:00 Gilly Dotterer Devon Hanahan Bill Hanahan Vicki Kammeyer 11:00 Lee Hershon Barbara Mann David Mann Pam Thompson	5:30 Mac McTeer	8:00 Mac McTeer 9:00 Robert Behre Bruce DuRant Bob Reinhold Will Suggs 11:00 Dick Barham Phil Bradley Laura Page Suzanne Richardson	5:30 Dale Tasker	8:00 Ann Stirling 9:00 Tally DaPore Paula Keener-Chavis Andy Shook Rob Wendt 11:00 Barbara Mann David Mann Elsa McDowell Jerry Poer
Greeters		9:00 Rachel & Jim Hutchisson 11:00 Joya Baker Charles Huff Angela Shilling John Shilling		9:00 Lindrooth family 11:00 Hatsy Bayse Wally Briedis Cyndy Burris Margaret Mullins		9:00 Dan & Katherine Mendedoht 11:00 Becky Beaman Sandy & Pete Brown Judith Stevens		9:00 Lisa & Jeff Webb 11:00 Susan & John Hartman Clara Heinsohn Cece Stricklin
Coffee Host		9:00 Anne Wyman 11:00 Courtney & Tom Quattlebaum		9:00 Julie Walters 11:00 Harriett & Richard Smartt		9:00 Nancy Ezell-Suggs 11:00 Ann & Bachman Smith		9:00 Laura & Walter Prause 11:00 Nancy & Bill Jordan
Grace Guide		11:00 Arnie Scharnitzky		11:00 Faye Jensen		11:00 Fitzhugh Hamrick		11:00 Eleanor Huggins
Prayer Desk	5:30 Mary B. Wilson		5:30 Charley Gibbs		5:30 Beverly Gumb		5:30 Mac McTeer	

	Sunday Sept. 2	Wed. Sept. 5	Sunday Sept. 9	Wed. Sept. 12	Sunday Sept. 16	Wed. Sept. 19	Sunday Sept. 23
Ushers	9:00 Ansel Kay Bob Bergmann Jamie Kerr Truitt Nettles David Royall 11:00 Bill Flint Gene Gould Kurt Kammeyer Carl Millford Jerry Poer Mary B. Wilson	5:30 Glenn Vetter	9:00 Gilly Dotterer David Adent Robert Behre Tally DaPore 11:00 John Hartman Rick Baarcke Doug Bostick Taylor Bostick Stuart Christie Richard Futch John Willson	5:30 Glenn Vetter	9:00 Jay Hart Scott Adams Sted Dowd John Lighthart 11:00 Bernie Nettles Jim Callahan Brantly Cox Paula Rivers Richard Smartt	5:30 Bill Flint	9:00 William Sharbrough Barry Gumb Al Schweickhardt Andy Shook Rob Wendt 11:00 David Mann Pete Brown Louis Condon Marie Condon Fitzhugh Hamrick Eleanor Horres Barbara Mann
Oblations	9:00 Cindy Blackburn John Blackburn 11:00 Jean Neumeyer Wil Neumeyer		9:00 Jeremy Cook Elizabeth Cook 11:00 Marion Greeley Clara Heinsohn		9:00 Dana Gepford Doug Gepford 11:00 Fitzhugh Hamrick Nancy Hamrick		9:00 Holly Behre Robert Behre 11:00 Anne Puckhaber Traylor Rucker
Lectors	8:00 Audrey Foley 9:00 Heather Jones 11:00 Billy Orvin Charlie Rhoden	5:30 Tommy Thornhill	8:00 Glenn Vetter 9:00 Noah Smith 11:00 Ruth Goldsmith Vista Grayson	5:30 Mary Person	8:00 Sid Brooks 9:00 Devon Hanahan 11:00 Bob Fell Rachel Lindsay	5:30 Karen Rider	8:00 Jan Gilbert 9:00 Dorothy Behre 11:00 Rosalie Crouch Lester Pittman
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Chalice Bearers	8:00 Audrey Foley 9:00 Andy Anderson Eddie Buxton Tally DaPore Rob Wendt 11:00 Dick Barham Carol Hanckel Dale Tasker Rhoda Votaw	5:30 Mac McTeer Laura Page	8:00 Sandy Vetter 9:00 Bruce DuRant Vicki Kammeyer Andy Shook Teddy Stockwell 11:00 David Mann Barbara Mann Elsa McDowell Suzanne Richardson	5:30 Ann Stirling Rhoda Votaw	8:00 Sid Brooks 9:00 John Blackburn Bill Hanahan Devon Hanahan Will Suggs 11:00 Phil Bradley Mac McTeer Laura Page Jerry Poer	5:30 Ian MacDonald Dale Tasker	8:00 Jan Gilbert 9:00 Andy Anderson Jimmy Hartley Ian MacDonald Margaret MacDonald 11:00 Dick Barham Chip Kelly Louise Strassenburgh Cece Stricklin
Greeters	9:00 Jim Hutchinson Rachel Hutchinson 11:00 Nancy Hamrick Fitzhugh Hamrick Charlotte Rhoden Traylor Rucker		9:00 Lou Miles John Miles 11:00 Jean Orvin Billy Orvin Jean Pfaff Charlie Pfaff		9:00 Carolyn Anderson Jennifer Lake 11:00 Deb Barker Peggy Mauldin Paul Pritchard Becky Pritchard		9:00 David Adent Jennifer Buckhalt 11:00 Lynn Barber John Davis Anne Lautz Maureen Ray
Coffee Host	9:00 Linda Locklair 11:00 Flora Hart Janet Smith		9:00 Frannie Reese Tim Reese 11:00 Carolyn Flint Dot McGuckin		9:00 Shane & Michelle Doran 11:00 Eleanor Huggins Caroline Lamb		9:00 Cindy Ball 11:00 Jackie Fleet John Willson
Grace Guide	11:00 Jackie Johnson		11:00 Faye Jensen		11:00 Tommy Thornhill		11:00 David Gallipeau
Prayer Desk		5:30 Susan Cromwell		5:30 Pam Thompson		5:30 Angie Zervos	

Sacred Listening an art that can be developed

*From the Reverend Paul Gilbert
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This is the second in a series of articles on the topic of Sacred Listening. Part 3 will appear in the August issue.

By practicing sacred listening, a powerful tool can become your ally and companion. The results of your attention to this discipline will become noticeable in your circle of family and friends. It will reduce stress, concentrate your mind, open up a new vocabulary of caring and loving and improve how you feel about life in general. It takes practice, but the sacred art of listening can be developed. To be understood is a very powerful experience. A listener with regard for the deeply spiritual and sacred nature of what is spoken to us can become a beacon of hope, a healing presence, and an ally in both joy and suffering.

There are four attributes that make sacred listening possible: time, attitude, position, and awareness. When each of these attributes is incorporated in an encounter with another, the doors will open for this special experience. These attributes are expressed in all the world's religions when the teachings turn to the experience of personal growth and healing. Withdrawal to quiet places, the exploration of one's own inner spirituality, the value of relationship and the ability to listen to one another are features of religious life.

Can these four attributes be activated in our day-to-day world? Of course it is possible, but only with

a conscious decision to do so. This requires a sacrifice of sorts, as do all decisions. Sacred listening requires a sacrifice of time and place as well as an inner reorientation. This is costly, but there are great rewards. The listener gains the ability to slow down time, attenuates the experience of place and begins to deepen the relationship with the one who is sharing this experience.

Making time to actually direct our full attention to

another person is the first step. It is all right to set the limits for this kind of time, and in doing so, the listener is circumscribing a special place in which a significant conversation will occur. Imagine the construction of a wall that encloses the two of you, sealing off interruptions, extraneous noises and the interruption of daily tasks and responsibilities. Within this enclosure you can turn your full attention to the one who will speak.

The arrangements for listening may take on a physical change. Comfortable seating,

quiet location, light that is not harsh and so on are important, but so is inner comfort. Our attitude must be turned to the opportunity at hand: listening. Nothing else must be distracting. It is an inner decision for the listener to make. Listening and hearing, experiencing and accepting are the most important attitudes for the coming moments. Nothing must distract the listener in the coming moments. A silent prayer for attention and relaxation can help prepare for listening.

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From the Parish Register

Baptisms

Evelyn Maris Heath

Deaths

Benjamin O. Turnage, Jr.

Della Jo Stall

Doris Cart Green

Transfers Out

David Alan Cote

Frances Miller Cote

Reiley Katherine Cote

Christ Church, Mount Pleasant

Delivering the Eucharist to homes

Each Sunday, one of our 12 Eucharistic Visitors goes forth from worship to deliver the Sacrament to those who are unable to attend worship. These visits don't replace visits from a priest, but are an additional way of connecting shut-in people to our parish family. If you desire this ministry, please contact the Reverend Paul Gilbert at 723-4575.

Summer Sunday breakfasts continue

Too hot to cook breakfast on a Sunday morning? Then be at Grace Church at 8:30 a.m. for a delicious, hot meal prepared by the Men of Grace. Come to Hanahan Hall for pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and more. It's a great time to catch up with old friends, and perhaps meet some new ones.

Fifth Sunday ERD campaigns take aim at poverty

Each fifth Sunday during the year, Grace Church has an Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Sunday that highlights one of the Millennium Development Goals. These goals are a plan agreed upon by leaders from 191 nations at the start of the new millennium to cut extreme global poverty in half by 2015. Together, they created the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

- ◆ Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- ◆ Achieve universal primary education for children
- ◆ Promote gender equality and empower women
- ◆ Reduce child mortality
- ◆ Improve maternal health
- ◆ Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- ◆ Ensure environmental sustainability
- ◆ Create a global partnership for development

The Episcopal Church followed suit and in two consecutive General Conventions, the Church began acting on those eight goals. ERD, along with the Episcopal Church's ONE Episcopalian Campaign,



and Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, have been working in complementary roles to help achieve these important goals.

July 29 was the most recent fifth Sunday. The project selected for this month will focus on Goal 1: Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. Grace's ERD donations will help a family survive through farming. With gifts of farming tools such as machetes, pickaxes, hoes and plows, families can cultivate their land. Our assistance will also provide agricultural training to help them grow enough food to feed themselves and to sell their extra crops for income.

Please give generously. Gifts made by check should be made out to Grace Church and earmarked for "ERD-MDG 1".

Grace's previous Fifth Sunday project helped people in the Solomon Islands who were affected by the earthquake that severely damaged the area. We raised \$1,300 for the cause. This money helped to send ships with relief supplies, along with food and shelter materials for those who lost their homes.

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