

Lo & Behold

September 2011

Christian Formation Kick-Off

September 11

following the 9:45 service

Hot Dogs and Sundaes on Sunday.

Come see what it's all about!



Weaving God's Promises!

What does a church family have in common with the hand-weaving process? Just as it takes various threads to make a piece of cloth, it takes a variety of "folks" to make a church! Each of us brings our own "thread" to the fabric of our church and each person's gifts are twined in-and-out of the "warp" of our faith, tradition, and God's work in our individual lives. Together, as we use our gifts to help each other and the people in our community, we form a "tapestry" of faithfulness.

Join us on Sunday, September 11 to weave a tapestry of prayers, promises, and hope for our upcoming year of Christian Formation. Kimberly Stevens will

bring her weaving loom warped and ready for everyone to weave in yarns, ribbons, fabric or paper stripes for a banner that will hang in the Parish Hall. There will also be markers, so that you can write a prayer, promise, scripture reference, or word of hope onto the ribbon and fabric or paper stripes to be woven into the tapestry. The loom will even be ready for early church folks, too! Together we can all create a beautiful banner to inspire us in the upcoming year.



Parish Family Update

In Memoriam...

Miles Crider

Jim Anderson

Melissa Chalke Mathison

James Bynum

Lewis Kolb

May Light Perpetual Shine

Upon Them

Thanksgiving for the Marriage of...

Dekonti Mends-Cole
& Dr. Gareth Potts

Congratulations to

St. Alban's, Louisville on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their founding as a congregation!

Vintage Grace Correction!

Due to typist error, Marian Bates' phone number was incorrect in last month's newsletter. It should have been: 270-443-1375. Sorry!



DOK
(Daughters of the King)
will meet
September 19, 6:30 pm
at the church.



**Traditional Choral Evensong
Sunday, September 11, 6:00 PM
Commemorating the
10th Anniversary of 9/11**

All are welcome, so bring family and friends to this beautifully moving service, as we remember those who died and pray for the healing of our world.

Faith in Film—“Fearless” (Rated R) at Maiden Alley on **Monday, September 12, 6:30 pm, \$5.**

Morning Prayer Offering....



Last week’s gospel lesson struck a chord with me: “...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” In recent decades, the rubrics of our prayer book instruct that the principal Sunday service should be the Holy Eucharist. As a result, we rarely gather as a community anymore for Morning Prayer. Oftentimes, I pray the service alone. But I imagine how much more “prayerful” it would be if two or three (or ten) were gathered in Jesus’ name.

So I would like to offer a weekday service of Morning Prayer, to see if others would benefit from a communal celebration of the “Daily Office.” As an experiment, we will gather in the chancel pews at 7:30 am on Thursday mornings, beginning September 15. Come dressed as you are. I promise to have you out the door well before 8:00 for the sake of those who need to get to work.

DeaconRichard

Christian Formation

Beginning Sunday, September 18

For Adults at 8:30 am led by The Rev. Libby Wade
The Power of a Focused Heart -Life Lessons from the Beatitudes

For Adults after the 9:45 am HE -*Faith in Fiction* discussion led by Gerry Gutfreund & Matt Jaeger

(Other Classes will begin in October)

For Youth after the 9:45 am HE

Babies/Toddlers-Nursery Care with Tina Apperson & Carol Griffin

Preschool-1st Grade-*Weaving the Family of God*

led by Charlene Baker and Stacy Grimes

2nd-5th Grade-*Images of God + Soup Project*

led by Libby Wade and Meghan Holland

Middle/High School-*I Will with God’s Help*

led by Stefan Jagoe and Donna Groves

Sunday Evenings and During the Week

Younger Children & Families-Godly Play, Wednesdays at 5:15 pm beginning September 14

Older Children and Teens- See Youth Website or Newsletter for Grace Kids and EYC Activities

Young Adults – Pub Theology Schedule available from Meghan Holland

Adults-Feed and Read Book Discussion Group

(for more info, call Tricia Baxter)

Education for Ministry (Mon. morning and Tues. night)

(openings in both groups – call Libby Wade)

Sunday Evening Service

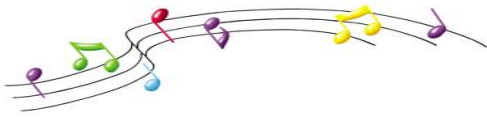
This worship service will take a break from September through mid-October. During that time Meghan and Libby will work with those who have regularly attended that service, as well as others, to plan for the worship needs of this parish while reaching out to the community. We welcome your input!

Welcome St. Matthew Lutheran

Sunday, September 18

Due to construction work, St. Matthew Lutheran will be unable to use their worship space for a couple of weeks in September, so Grace Church invited our Lutheran brothers and sisters to join us on September 18. Pastor Aaron Stamper will be the joint Celebrant at 9:45 with our own Meghan Holland, and St. Matthew’s choir will sing with our choir. What a joy to welcome this congregation in the year that marks the 10th anniversary of our denominations being in full communion!

Vintage Grace—“Celebrating Grandparents Day” at Grace Church on **Thursday, September 22, 11:30 am.** The Rev. Libby Wade is planning this program honoring grandparents and asks that you bring photos of your grandchildren and (if possible) a photo of yourself as a child. Lunch will be provided. Make reservations with Kimberly Stevens in the parish office.



Let Music Resound!

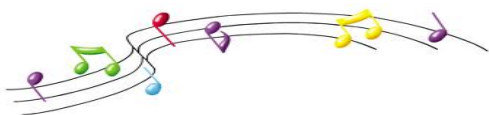
Let's face it, change is inevitable. There are many reasons why change might occur. Sometimes we make a change simply to improve ourselves or some object. Sometimes something happens and change is thrust upon us whether we want it or not. Whatever the reason, change must happen. We here at Grace Church have been blessed with beautiful organ music played for the last forty years on an outstanding Allen-made organ. Not any more. On Sunday morning, June 26, a giant bolt of lightning struck Grace Church destroying our organ and damaging our phones, air conditioning, and sound system. A new organ became a necessity; change was required.

An Organ Committee, headed by Rick Coltharp, was charged with finding Grace Church a new organ. The committee consisted of Rick, Judy Bray, Libby Wade, Amy Thompson, Jason Russell, John Kraus, Julie Jaeger, Paul Grumley, Greg Baur, and myself. We felt we needed to explore all possible avenues for a replacement, including a pipe organ. We asked for quotes from four organ companies: a pipe organ from Miller Organs and three electronic organs—Allen, Rodgers, and Johannus. After looking carefully at each initial proposal, we narrowed our search to the three electronic organs. It was decided the pipe organ would be prohibitive in cost and it would have required that we alter a section of our worship space and sacristy to make even a very small pipe organ fit. That was unacceptable to the committee.

All three electronic organ companies made strong bids and each organ had its pluses. To hear how the organs would sound in a church setting, the committee traveled to churches in the area to hear organs built by Allen and Rodgers, and we sampled the Johannus here in our own space. Choosing the right organ for our setting was very difficult, but ultimately we decided that the Allen organ made the most sense for us. The vote in the committee was unanimous and the committee made its recommendation to the Vestry, which also voted unanimously to accept the Allen proposal.

The Allen organ is a wonderful instrument. We are very excited about it and look forward to hearing it resound with music in our church before Christmas. Although it is priced reasonably, this organ is still a significant investment for our church to make. We will need some sort of fundraising effort to ensure there is no debt hanging over our heads. You will hear more about fundraising as we move into the fall. In the meantime, if you would like to make a contribution toward our new organ, please make your check out to Grace Church and mark it Organ Fund.

Philip Counts, Senior Warden



Choir Returns! Temporary Organ Arrives!

"Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

On Sunday, September 11, we will gladly welcome our singers back to the choir pews with Sherry Dikin as a new soprano. They began rehearsing in August and are eager to present their offering of new and old anthems and hymns. Also arriving in time for this Sunday is a temporary organ on loan from the Allen Co. until our new organ is built and installed. While this organ is smaller than the one being built for us, it should serve adequately in the interim. Organist Judy Bray proved her versatility in moving from instrument to instrument this summer as a result of the lightning strike in June.



Waiting with Bated Breath

New Website

Our professionally designed website should be up and running before the end of September. Look for new features including an on-line calendar and password protected parish directory, as well as more user-friendly versions of tried and true features. The Rev. Meghan Holland is guiding this venture as website manager.

Stained Glass Windows

The three windows sent away last year will be returned this fall restored to their former beauty. As more funds are available, other windows will be restored. Donations may be made at any time to the Stained Glass Window Fund.

Sidewalk Repair

The City will begin work soon to repair the sidewalk in front of the church thanks to the persistence of our Junior Warden, Eddie Narozniak.

Sexton News

Our Sexton, Blaine Hebert, came through his recent gall bladder surgery with flying colors and should be back on the job this weekend, although heavy lifting activities will be curtailed for awhile longer. Thanks to our part-time Sexton, Carol Griffin, and others for filling in while Blaine has been out.

Blaine's fiancée, fiber artist Erin Bay, has had a piece of her art accepted in an art show in Ithaca, New York. Blaine and Erin will be traveling to Ithaca for a few days when the show goes up. Congratulations, Erin!

Keep Up the Good Work!

Summer is always a difficult time for churches financially. In spite of added anxiety this year over the wildly fluctuating stock market, Treasurer Terry Richards reports that Grace actually had a positive balance sheet for the month of August! That is good news indeed. Our year-to-date deficit was reduced to \$49,238. We hope September will bring another reduction in that deficit.

Many thanks go to those who have kept their pledges up to date thus far. We know that 1/3 of our pledge income normally is received in December, but are also aware that our deficit this year is larger than at the same time last year. Fact is, we need everyone's help lest we dip too far into our reserves this year. If you can bring your pledge up to date, please do so. Those who did not pledge for this year are also encouraged to consider giving.

This is your church. The work we do together makes a difference in so many positive ways. Without your gifts of money, as well as time and talent, our effective witness and ministry in Christ's name will be seriously jeopardized. Keep up the good work!



Acolyte News & Notes:



Floor Torch Signup—

A new sheet is posted on the acolyte board across from the Vesting Room for kids under the age of 3rd grade to signup for a Sunday to help extinguish the floor torches during the last hymn. It's a great way to introduce little ones to the "big church". There will always be an adult or older acolyte to guide them.

Will Hancock (a charitable guy...)—

Will H won the summer fireman contest, and has chosen to donate his prize money to Project Hope Animal Shelter. Lucky dogs...(and cats).



Gray Ribbon—

We are missing one gray ribbon which was not returned after Ribbon Sunday.

You know who you are...



Mrs. J's contact list—

After lo these many years, I have finally put all my acolyte e-mail contacts in a "group" in my computer.

I'll be trying it out as we begin the next round of scheduling.



Girl's Christmas Lunch—

Do you want to "do lunch" and the "exchange ornaments" at Tribeca again sometime between the time school is out and Christmas? And when is school out for you? I'm there if you are!

Feedback please.

-contributed by: Julie Jaeger



With grateful hearts, we acknowledge gifts of time, talent, and treasure....

...the new Agape group under the leadership of Sherry Shadle and Doris Ross for providing meals to several experiencing illness or grief this month;

...the Grace Knitters for replenishing our supply of Prayer Shawls which were blessed at a Wednesday HE and will be given away to those experiencing sad and joyful times.

...Julie Jaeger for her leadership of our acolyte corps of 32 youth and adults who serve so faithfully;

...Stefan Jagoe and Donna Groves for their creative and wise leadership of EYC and Grace Kids with special thanks to the children and teens who helped with Youth Sunday;

...the Vergers Guild for another delicious breakfast in August;

...Rick Coltharp and the Rev. Meghan Holland, who accepted nominations for diocesan offices to be elected at Diocesan Convention in November and for the Rev. Richard Paxton and Fowler Black who will continue to serve in elected Diocesan positions;

...All who are helping with Godly Play this fall;
...Cheryl Crider, who donated two large cans of coffee;

...And all who contribute to our common life.

To the Staff and Congregation of Grace Church,

My thanks to all of you for your thoughtful and extremely generous "parting" gifts as I left my job at Grace at the end of July. Your support, in all its forms, means a great deal to me as I continue this new chapter in my life.

My first month as a "starving artist" has been educational, to say the least, but I'm making progress and churning out a half decent sentence or two.

Knowing I have the encouragement of a congregation of friends behind me, however, makes the work that much easier.

Gratefully and Admiringly,
Matt



Race to Nowhere
Awareness, Dialogue, Action

Those who viewed this documentary about how our high-pressure, high-stakes culture can push young people to the brink, burn-out teachers, and frustrate parents were challenged to take action to counteract this phenomenon. We hope Grace Church (one of the film's local sponsors) will provide a forum for continuing conversation among educators, parents, and youth.

In the meantime here are a few suggested actions:

- Visit www.EndTheRace.org and/or www.RaceToNowhere.com
- Become advocates for change. Together we can show strength in numbers.
- Empower students. Give them a voice. Talk to them about the stress in their lives.
- Download the RaceToNowhere iPhone app and create a video testimonial.

Libby+ & Stefan



Grace Church featured in the book
“Sacred Places of Kentucky”!

Pre-order “Sacred Places” for \$34 (includes tax & shipping). The publisher, Kentucky Monthly Magazine, is donating 10% of all the books sold at our church back to us, but we must have the order & money in no later than September 28!

To order, contact
 Kimberly Stevens at
 443-1363 or grachurch@hotmail.com.



I Will, With God’s Help

Learn about the Episcopal Church
 Explore ways to live out your baptismal promises
 Make a mature affirmation of faith

Confirmation Classes for Teens

Sundays after 9:45 HE beginning September 18

Contact Stefan Jagoe to enroll

Inquirer’s Classes for Adults

Individual Instruction or

Group Meeting, Sundays, 6 pm, beginning September 25

Contact The Rev. Libby Wade to enroll

Bishop’s Visit for Confirmation — Sunday, October 30



Relax-Connect-Renew is a weekend of true retreat with an opportunity to work with experienced teachers on subjects like meditation, tai chi, yoga and sacred space.

Presented by Paducah Yoga Center



Relax-Connect-Renew

7pm October 21- 11:30am Oct. 23

All Saints Center

833 Hickory Grove Road Leitchfield, KY 42754

Located on beautiful Rough River Lake,

All Saints Center

is the perfect place to be refreshed.

For registration and more information, visit <http://allsaints.episcopalky.org/event1.html>

Cursillo-October 6-9 at All Saints Center. This diocesan weekend is an opportunity to meet clergy and laity who are seeking to strengthen their faith. It provides an opportunity through shared prayer, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and love to experience the reality of the gift of God’s love freely and unconditionally given. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated daily. Registrations due mid-September. (<http://cursillo.episcopalky.org>)

Diocesan Fall Youth Gathering-October 14-16 at All Saints Center for 7th-12th Graders. Experience fun, meet friends, explore faith. See Stefan Jagoe or the Rev. Meghan Holland for registration info.

Marcus Borg Lectures-October 21-22 at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbard’s Lane, Louisville. Dr. Borg will lecture on his new book, *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power—And How They Can Be Restored*. Visit www.stmatt-ky.org for more info. Want to carpool? Tell Kimberly Stevens in the parish office.

Opportunities To Serve As Christ's Hands In Our Community!

Lourdes Hospice Volunteers Needed Ways You Can Help....



- ❖ Listen to concerns of patient/family
- ❖ Keep the patient company.
- ❖ Sit with the patient so family can get out.
- ❖ Run errands for patient/family.
- ❖ Make support phone call to patient/family.
- ❖ Make a difference in someone's life.
- ❖ Bring more meaning into your own life.
- ❖ Do not need to be medically trained.
- ❖ Act as a valuable resource to the community by educating and informing others about hospice and end-of-life issues.
- ❖ Clerical duties in the Hospice office.

*For more information, please contact
Susan Mason, Volunteer Coordinator
270-415-6340 or 1-800-870-7460*

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Emergency Food Pantry



Would you please be our

Soup

Congregation for the rest of 2011?
What does this mean?

We appreciate so much our congregations helping us to keep the Emergency Food Pantry shelves stocked all year around. End of the summer typically means barer than usual shelves at PCM.

To make it as easy as possible to help, PCM just asks that members of your congregation make a commitment to bring **ONE CAN OF SOUP TO CHURCH EACH SUNDAY**

from now until January 1, 2012.

How easy is that?

Many thanks from the Staff at PCM!!!

“For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.” -Matthew 25: 35-36 (New Living Translation)

St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals

October 2, 5:00 p.m.
East Courtyard

A small reception will follow
for humans and animals.



Prayers for deceased pets, too.

Special Thank You



to the Vestry for providing the meal
and serving at the **Broadway
Community Kitchen** on Sunday,
August 14.

Grace will cook & serve on:
Oct. 2 (EFM), Nov.27 (Vergers), & Dec. 18 (EYC).

For more information on helping,
contact Julia Schaberg @ 442-3184.

Also, Kirchoff's is now donating Saturday's leftover baked goods to Broadway Community Kitchen. Julia Schaberg delivers them to the Grace Church kitchen on Saturday. We need a volunteer to take them to Broadway UMC each Sunday morning.

Call Kimberly Stevens if you are interested in helping.



PCM News & Notes:

*-Contributed by Greg Baur,
PCM Board Member*



PCM welcomed its newest staff member on August 1st. Nicole Hoyle Eaton is the Fresh Start Coordinator and is overseeing all facets of the program.

Progress continues on the Fresh Start Transition House. All of the rooms have been adopted by area churches. Grace has chosen to adopt the "common" room; more details may be found elsewhere in this issue. The Transition House office needs office furniture donations. If you or your business can donate shelving or a copy machine, it would be a great help. Grace Church recently donated desks and a chair. Nicole says they are already in use. Anyone who can help may contact Heidi, Kathy or Nicole at 442-6795 or pcm@hcis.org

The Emergency Assistance Funds have seen demand far surpass the weekly allotted budget. PCM staff begins handling requests when the office opens each Monday morning and funds are gone by noon. The board voted to increase the resources for this program by one thousand dollars per week for four weeks and review the funding at the September meeting.

PCM will be contacting Lourdes and Western Baptist Hospitals concerning the Meals on Wheels program. The funding for this program is extremely low. Since January 1st, 580 meals have been provided to 35 individuals at a cost of \$2,656. This program provides one meal a day for six weeks to senior citizens identified by the hospitals as needing the service after discharge from the hospital.

The Fund Run was a great success this year raising \$12,152. That amount will go to PCM and \$10,000 in matching funds will go to the PCM endowment. Thank you to all who contributed to this. PCM raised \$1,624 from first-time donors to qualify for a \$1,200 matching grant from the Tommy Blair Challenge. Thanks to all who made this a success.

You can now "Like" PCM on Facebook thanks to the work of Rev. Russ Frazier of First Church of the Nazarene.

Finally, for the months of September through December, the Grace contribution to the PCM food pantry is soup. You can help by putting either cans of soup or boxes of dry soup mix in the cupboard near the pop machine.

Fresh Start Transition House "Common Room" Wish List:



- Entertainment Center
- 2 desks · Couch
- Loveseat · Lamps
- Single chairs · Carpets
- Coffee and end tables
- Television
- Table and chairs

-Financial donations for the room also accepted.

-Contact The Rev. Meghan Holland to arrange drop-off of donated items.

Fresh Start: What is it?

Contributed by: Nicole Hoyle Eaton

The Fresh Start Transition House is a 3,000 square foot single story building that is the former home of the Army Reserve Medical Detachment Unit. Located at 2001 N. 12th St, the building will allow for five bedrooms, three of them double occupancy. There will also be an office, a small conference room, and a community living room. Residents will share a kitchen and prepare their own meals.

Women, especially those just released from prison, need a place where they are valued so they can learn to value themselves. The Fresh Start Program will give them a fair chance to return to the community without their past haunting them at every step. They will, in every sense of the phrase, be given their own fresh start in life.

By providing support and resources to residents, the women will become productive citizens in the Paducah community. Instead of continuing to be an expense in the form of tax dollars, lives will be changed and the future of families will be brighter. Their futures will include strengthened relationships and reunification with their children, families and friends.



KROGER REWARDS ADD UP!

For all of you who shop at Kroger, if you haven't already joined our Kroger Gift Card Rewards program, we hope you will join us in putting your grocery shopping dollars to good use! Kroger has a program for non-profit organizations where they rebate 5% of all our purchases to the church each time we spend \$5000. So far this year, the church has received reward checks from Kroger in the amount of \$538.55!



The Kroger Gift Cards are available in the church office for \$5 and are already pre-loaded with \$5. To start using your card, you need to "load" it at the Kroger Guest Service desk for any amount up to \$500 and then use the card when checking out as you would a regular credit or debit card. Each receipt will show you the amount remaining on your gift card and the card is reloadable at the service desk at any time.

Time for a New Church Photo CD!

How many of you remember the photo CD of our church members? It has been awhile since it was updated and it is time to do it again. Copies of the current CD are available from the church office upon request.



You can do one of three things regarding your photo: 1) leave the photo as is, 2) submit a new photo via email to Sherry at grachurch@hotmail.com or 3) have a new photo taken by Dan Songer on Sept. 18 between 8:30 am and noon. Call the church office to make an appointment or just find Dan on either date. If Sherry does not hear from you by Sept. 18, she will assume that you do not wish to change your photo.

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