

## Lo & Behold

November 2011

The Grace Episcopal Church Newsletter

Paducah, KY

### Vergers' Breakfast Sunday, October 30

The Bishop's Visit is the next date for the Vergers' Breakfast. Join us between the services for food, fellowship, and celebration for those about to be baptized and confirmed!



### Blessing of Halloween Costumes

Bishop White has offered to pronounce a blessing on Halloween costumes (and those wearing them) as part of the **Vergers' Breakfast this Sunday, October 30**. Children are invited to wear their costumes to the breakfast. We'll schedule the blessing toward the end of the breakfast time, around 9:15 AM. Whether children wear their costumes to church or not is entirely up to the parents!



Turn back your clocks before you go to bed on November 5 lest you arrive an hour early on Sunday, Nov. 6!

Be sure to check the batteries in your smoke & carbon dioxide alarms as well!

### A Day of Welcome at Grace Church Sunday, October 30

The Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White, Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky, will be our guest this weekend.

On Saturday, Bishop White will ordain the Rev. Richard Galloway to the priesthood at Trinity in Fulton, where Richard is serving as Vicar. It has been more than a year since the Rev. Ellen Ekevag, our former Assistant Rector and Vicar of Trinity and St. Paul's, Hickman, moved to Chicago. We rejoice with Trinity as they welcome their new priest!

Bishop White will then join us in Paducah for supper (6 PM in the Parish Hall) with those who will be confirmed on Sunday, along with their sponsors and families. Stefan Jagoe and Donna Groves have taught the Youth Confirmation Class this fall. It is the largest in several years! Participants in the Adult Inquirers' Class are also invited to this Saturday supper. Thanks go to Ron Slatick for organizing and preparing the meal.

On Sunday morning, Bishop White will officiate and preach at the 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist. Beginning at 8:30 AM, the Vergers' Guild will serve their amazing breakfast in the Parish Hall. At the 9:45 AM Holy Eucharist, Bishop White will baptize Nolan Oscar Black and confirm or receive at least a dozen teens and adults who are prepared to make a mature affirmation of their baptismal vows. As we participate in this service, we also reaffirm our own baptismal vows and promise to support those who are presented to the bishop on this day. It is an awesome responsibility and privilege to nurture others as they enter more fully into the fellowship of the church. Your presence is a sign of God's love extended within our own congregation and throughout our community. After the 9:45 AM Holy Eucharist, all are invited to greet each other at a reception in Fletcher Hall.

Come on Sunday to worship, enjoy fellowship, celebrate new life, and extend a warm welcome to all!

Libby+

**Sunday Classes will not meet on Sunday, October 30. All will resume on Sunday, November 6.**

## DAY BY DAY: SERVING CHRIST IN OUR DAILY LIVES

A Note from Juliette Grumley,  
Stewardship Chair

We have had two Sundays of delightful small-group parish parties. Please join me in thanking the generous hosts: Elayne & Jim Zellmer, Weezie & Gene Katterjohn, Carol Ann & Eddie Narozniak, Sid & Justin Hancock, Sally & Charlie Proctor, Marian & Bill Bates, Genie & Basil Drossos, Laura & Michael Taylor, & Heather and Jason Coltharp. There will be four more events this Sunday, October 30th. If you have not been able to attend or, if for some reason, you have not received an invitation, please contact the church office for details. These have been wonderful times to reconnect with fellow parishioners and meet new ones, as well as discuss parish affairs. Pledge packets are being distributed at the parties and by mail to those who do not attend the parties.



### Stewardship: A Personal Reflection

By Debbie Shelton

After almost 20 years, I moved back to Western KY this past Spring. Many of you know of my abiding fondness for Paducah, and that the foundation for that affection was and is Grace Church. Most of my life I've lived in Nashville, a fine city to be sure, but now a bit overwhelming for me. By contrast, I have always found the user-friendly scale and welcoming atmosphere of Paducah, and especially of Grace Church, to be at once empowering and gratifying.

This is a community where one can truly get involved and make substantive contributions for good. The spirit of philanthropy is remarkable, both in the civic arena and in this congregation. And just like Grace's symbol, the Tree of Life, the parish's roots have grown ever-deeper and branches spread ever-wider in the years since I first came here. I commend each of you, as "leaves on the tree," for your innumerable contributions to the continuing expansion of Grace and its mission.

There's no substitute for outright monetary contributions. They are what "keep the lights on." But for me, the other "T's," time and talent, are just as important as treasure... maybe more so for those of us whose means are modest. The pleasure of doing things hands-on in support of this parish is immense! It's true: I feel like I get a whole lot more out of this than I give.

The gifts God gave me (and truly our talents and abilities are gifts divinely given) are what I am blessed to be able to "pay forward" to Grace. I'm grateful to be able to use these gifts to enhance the monetary pledge I make. These activities stimulate my creativity, call me to leadership, and even get my heart rate up now and then!

The lyrics of that brilliant (if somewhat quirky) musician, Bobby McFerrin, say it so nicely: "Don't worry; be happy!" So, feel good about what you can give! Grace abounds with opportunities for giving in all sorts of ways. Make a pledge, however small. Then explore what more you can do! Receive blessings you never imagined!

### DAY BY DAY:

*Serving Christ in  
Our Daily Lives*

As of October 26 we have:

-Received 30 Pledges

-Funded 101 Days

-For a total of

**\$126,628.00!**

*We are off to a great start.  
Let's keep up the momentum!*



*All shall give as they are able,  
according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.  
Deuteronomy 16:17*

***New Christian Formation Offering for High School and Adult:  
"God, the Devil, & Bob"***

*Sundays, November 6, 13, and 20 after the 9:45 Holy Eucharist in the Langstaff Room.*

In our youth group lessons, we strive to listen for the voice of God in some unusual places, like episodes of the Simpsons, for example. I believe that God speaks to us in a variety of ways and in a variety of methods, including some that others may see purely as entertainment. In that spirit, we'll watch and discuss three episodes of "God, the Devil, and Bob," an animated sitcom that aired briefly on NBC in March of 2000. It was canceled primarily due to pressure from religious activist groups who objected to the non-traditional presentation of God, who looks a bit like Jerry Garcia. Set in modern day Detroit, the show begins with God declaring his frustration with humankind, much like in the story of Noah, and his decision to destroy the world. Much to the dismay of Satan, he decides to postpone his wrath if he can find one human being capable of giving him hope for the future of the world. Because he is in his words "a sporting Deity," he even lets Satan choose this person. Naturally, Satan chooses someone who is a bit lacking in the spirituality department, in the hopes that he will fail God, who will then resume his plan of destruction. God is patient with the Devil's choice, however, and before long, this man (Bob) begins to make some progress. The rest of the series is about Bob's ups and downs as he strives to carry out God's directives. God's conversations with Satan, reminiscent of the first chapter of the book of Job, as well as his conversations with Bob, make for some interesting discussion about our own interaction with God and the concepts of good and evil. We'll watch the pilot and episodes two and three over the course of three Sundays beginning November 6th in the Langstaff room. This offering is also extended to our high-schoolers, but is probably not appropriate for those any younger.

-Stefan Jagoe



***New Christian Formation Offering for Middle School:  
"Harry Potter Preaches the Gospel"***

*Sundays, November 6, 13, & 20 after the 9:45 Holy Eucharist in the Youth Media Room.*



We'll read (or re-read, in a lot of cases) *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and talk about the story alongside the Gospel. Although the author never intended the Harry Potter books to be religious in nature, we can use our imaginations to meet Christ in these fantastic books. Please let Mo. Meg know via email ([megc.holland@gmail.com](mailto:megc.holland@gmail.com)) if you need a copy of the book.

-Meg Holland+

**Children's Sunday School  
Classes  
After the 9:45 Service  
in November**

**Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Graders** continue to explore Bible stories using the curriculum "Weaving God's Promises" with teachers Charlene Baker, Stacy Grimes, and Emily Williams.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders** enthusiastically continue their leadership of the PCM Soup Project.. They recently explored images of God as rock, light, fire, and water; read the story of the Good Samaritan and made cards to send to sick people and parish newcomers;

and focused on Jesus' statement that when we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are ministering to Jesus (Matthew 25:42-45). The Rev. Libby Wade and Peggy Henney lead this class.

**Faith in Fiction for Adults**

This popular class explores issues of faith through the lens of short stories under the leadership of authors Gerry Gutfreund and Matt Jaeger. The class meets in the Adult Library on Sundays after the 9:45 Service.



**Coming for Adults**

"A Thrill of Hope"

The Christmas Story in Word & Art  
8:35 AM –Adult Library  
Sundays, December 4, 11, & 18

As the familiar song reminds us, Christ's birth is a "thrill of hope," a gift over which "the weary world rejoices." With the beauty and power of the art of John August Swanson, sacred texts from Matthew and Luke, and video commentary by biblical scholars, we hope this three week class will act as a new catalyst for you on your journey of faith. The Rev. Libby Wade will lead this series.

## All Saints Sunday -- November 6

On Sunday, November 6 we will celebrate the feast of All Saints, one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the days recommended as especially appropriate for the sacrament of baptism. **If you wish to be baptized on All Saints Sunday or desire baptism for your child, please contact the Rev. Libby Wade no later than Monday, October 31.** St. Paul referred to the early Christians as 'saints' who through baptism are called to the ministry of God's people in the world. In that sense, all baptized people may consider themselves in the company of those honored on All Saints' Day. Our job as saints is to love the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, so that others may come to know Jesus Christ. One of our All Saints' Day prayers expresses the themes of this day well: "Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting." (BCP, p. 245)

On November 6, we will also participate in the annual diocesan collection for All Saints Camp and Conference Center. All Saints Center has been providing a nurturing spiritual environment for over 50 years, inviting all ages to make memories and friends. All who enjoy the use of All Saints Center as a place of refreshment join the All Saints Board in thanking you for your generosity. Checks may be written to Grace Church, with "All Saints Offering" in the memo line. Donated money will be used for everything from roof repairs to cleaning supplies.

## Sunday 5 PM Holy Eucharist Service Returns November 6 & 13, December 4, 11, & 18

In the early evening twilight, candlelight glows as people gather in the choir pews in a mood of quiet expectation and hope. Stillness and peace permeate the air as simple music draws us deeper into ourselves and helps open us to God's presence as light in our dark places. In the silence, one can focus on the candlelight, an icon of Madonna and Christ child, or the bread and wine laid out on the altar. As we share the Peace and move to stand around the altar, our individual contemplative silence shifts to the communal act of a sacred meal shared. Many have come to cherish the final blessing: "May God bless you in your sleep with rest, in your dreams with vision, in your waking with a calm mind, in your soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit, and may God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever." Come and worship. We'll be waiting. You are always welcome!



## Bible Presentation Sunday Sunday, November 12



Among many charming Grace Church traditions is the presentation of Bibles to our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and older children who are new to the congregation. The Bibles will be blessed and presented on Sunday, November 12 at the 9:45 AM Holy Eucharist. The Collect for that day sets the theme, as it encourages all of us to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the holy Scriptures.

## Newcomers' Dessert Party Thursday, November 17, 7 PM

Those who are newcomers, frequent visitors, or returning to Grace after a time away are cordially invited to share dessert and conversation at our rector's house (175 Ridgewood Ave.) on Thursday, November 17, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Jim and Libby Wade, along with several members of the parish staff and vestry, look forward to getting to know you better. Please let us know you are coming by calling Sherry Threlkeld (443-1363) or Libby (519-6934, 443-1363, or [libby\\_wade@yahoo.com](mailto:libby_wade@yahoo.com)).

## Sacred Meals Communion Class Saturday, November 19, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

### Preschool-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & a Parent, Grandparent, or Godparent

Experiential Hands-On Activities++Bible Stories++Art ++Sacristy Visit++Bread Baking++Sharing a Meal  
This Saturday Special Event led by the Rev. Libby Wade offers children and one or more of their significant adults an opportunity to reflect on our sacred meal (known as Holy Communion or Eucharist). Participants will also learn a bit about the items used in that celebration and the etiquette of taking communion. If your child already takes communion, this event will increase their understanding. If your child is not yet taking communion, this workshop will be good preparation for beginning to do so.

**Investing Time and Talent in Parish Leadership  
Vestry Nominations for 2012**

We are conducting an open call for those interested in serving on Grace Church's Vestry. The Vestry is the decision-making body of a parish. Our Vestry members are elected to three-year terms and meet once a month (usually on the fourth Monday evening). Any confirmed member of the congregation (in good standing), who is not closely related to a staff member or ongoing vestry member, is eligible for nomination. The Vestry Nominating Committee will present a slate of five nominees for election at our Parish Annual Meeting on February 12, 2012. If you have further questions or would like to be considered for nomination, please contact the Rev. Libby Wade or one of the our outgoing Vestry members, who form the Nominating Committee: Michael Cochran, Johnette Mends-Cole, Phil Counts, Genie Drossos, and Todd Jones.

A Vestry Job Description can be found on our website:

[www.gracepaducah.net/resources-2/vestry/](http://www.gracepaducah.net/resources-2/vestry/)

The deadline for submitting names to the committee is December 1, 2011.

**Annual Parish Meeting Date!!**



**Sunday  
February 12, 2012  
9:00 AM.**



**Daughters Of The King:  
Join Us In Prayer!**

Our Grace by the River Chapter of Daughters of the King will be adopting a prayer theme for each month. We encourage parish members to join us as we pray for our nation and our leaders during the month of November. Several suitable prayers can be found on pages 820 - 823 in the Book of Common Prayer, one of which begins with the following words: "Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will."

Also, there is a Prayer Request Box on the window ledge near the Baptismal Font. Prayer requests can be marked for DOK Prayer List only or for the General Parish Prayer List.

-Doris Ross



**Thank you from Merryman House**



*"Thank you, Grace Episcopal Church, for allowing us to use your kitchen facility during BBQ on the River and for our staff meeting. Your kindness is greatly appreciated."*

*Thanks so very much,  
Janet Jones-Merryman House Cook  
Vonnie Hays-Adams, Executive Director*

The delicious cookies served after the 9:45 Holy Eucharist on October 23 were a "thank you" gift from Merryman House.



**Letters of Transfer**



When a member of an Episcopal church moves to another town, it is expected that he or she will transfer membership from the former church to the new church. Here at Grace we have a number of people who are active and vital participants in the life of this parish, but have never formally transferred their letters. If you fall into this category, we hope you will prayerfully consider taking this next step. Sherry Threlkeld will be glad to help you with the simple paperwork. Our rector Libby Wade is always available to answer questions about membership.

**Pastoral Care**

If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the Rev. Libby Wade at 443-1363 (office) or 519-6934 (cell), the Rev. Meghan Holland at 443-1363 (office) or 705-6252 (cell), or the Rev. Richard Paxton 210-3311 (cell), or leave a message with one of the office staff. While Lourdes Hospital notifies the church office when requested to do so by a patient, that notification is often a day or two after admission. Western Baptist Hospital never notifies the church under any circumstances. Your clergy want to be responsive to your pastoral care needs, but we are not blessed with the gift of clairvoyance. We depend on patients, family members, and friends to let us know if a visit (hospital or home) is needed. Our faithful group of lay Eucharistic Visitors also takes communion on Sundays to hospitals and homes. If you or someone in your family would like a communion visit due to illness or infirmity, please notify the Rev. Richard Paxton or Parish Administrator Kimberly Stevens.



## Reading Camp Party Invitation



In October, many of our summer 2011 Reading Campers gathered in Fletcher Hall for a morning of renewing friendships and sharpening reading skills. Keeping with our Amazing Animals theme, we decorated the space and the children rotated through three Learning Centers: Creative Writing, Pleasure Reading, and Craft Time. Over lunch, campers answered silly animal riddles and eagerly looked up weird animal facts in books on their tables. Each camper took a book and a pencil home. Thanks go to the volunteers who staffed the centers and helped in other ways.

On Saturday, December 3, the 2011 Reading Campers and their families are invited to a Christmas Party in Fletcher Hall beginning at 3:30 PM. We'll share punch and cookies, City Commissioner Richard Abraham will read a book to the group, and each camper will receive a book as a Christmas gift. Our Reading Camp partners from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian will supply most of the cookies for the event, but **if you would like to help wrap the gift books or bake a dozen cookies, please call Dabney Haugh.** If you were a volunteer at Reading Camp last summer, you are invited to attend. The children love seeing their counselors, and it is a great opportunity to have conversation with parents and grandparents. Project Hope Animal Shelter will hold a fundraising bazaar in the Parish Hall that day and offer pet photos with Santa in the East Courtyard. We hope that their Santa will also make an appearance at the Reading Camp party.

The Reading Camp party will end by 4:45, in time for the families to claim a spot on the sidewalk to view the Paducah Holiday Parade, if they choose. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, our own Parish Family is then invited to gather for the parade and bring a dish to share for a Pot Luck Supper in the Parish Hall after the parade. It is a full Saturday, but one which offers many opportunities for outreach, fellowship, and fun!

## The Great PCM SOUP CHALLENGE

**Goal: 515 Cans by January 1      As of October 23, We Have: 220!!**

The 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Class members can hardly wait each week to count the cans of soup in the bright green tubs near each entrance to the worship space and in the Food Pantry. After counting the soup, they bag it to go to PCM and record the new total on the colorful display board in Fletcher Hall. They also created large letters to identify the Food Pantry cabinet. They are excited by the response so far and now predict Grace Church will exceed the goal they set. Many people in McCracken County who need a helping hand will benefit from this project.

**Remember: "Every Family, Every Sunday!"**



one date. one time.  
seven continents.  
one world.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2011 • 9:00 am**  
**Bob Noble Park • Paducah, KY**

Early Bird Registration \$20 before November 5th  
Registration is \$25 before November 16th  
Late registration \$30 (before 8:30 on race day)  
Kid's run: \$15 (includes tshirt) • Start time: 10:00 am

Please Print Clearly in Ink (one entry per person). You may also enter online at [www.projectaidсорphan.org](http://www.projectaidсорphan.org)

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (if not in Paducah): \_\_\_\_\_

Age on Race Day (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

Team Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Cash  Check (payable to Project AIDS Orphan)

Adult T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  XXL

Child T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L

WAIVER: I, for my heirs, executors and myself, do hereby release all race sponsors and contributors from any and all liability resulting in injury or death from my participation in this event. I understand the implication of competing in the event and certify that I am physically prepared to cover this distance.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian if under 18

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### PCM Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20, 6:30 PM

First Church of the Nazarene  
2626 Adams Street  
*(Just off Jackson Street behind the new McDonald's)*



**Join the PCM Family for this annual inter-faith celebration.**

*Message will be delivered by Rev. Ron Ruggles, Senior Pastor at United Church of Paducah.*

## Christmas

### Notes:

#### -Help With Chrismons:

Tuesday, November 8 at 1:00 PM  
The "Elf" has finished making the 2011 Chrismons and Fran & Marian need help wrapping them, so there will be a Chrismon workshop on Tuesday, November 8 at 1:00 PM in the Adult Library. Please contact Fran Kraus or Marian Bates to let them know that you are willing to help!

#### -Christmas Pageant Sign-Up:

Sunday, November 13, 2011  
The costumes are made, the set is designed, and the scripts are written. All that is needed is YOU! On November 13, sign-up in Fletcher Hall for the annual Children's Christmas pageant (sign ASAP for a preliminary head-count). Rehearsals will be during Sunday School on December 4, 11, & 18. The Pageant is Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM! Directors are Julie Hideg and the Rev. Meghan Holland.

#### --Order Your Poinsettias:

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner! If you would like to order a poinsettia as a thanksgiving or a memorial, please complete the order form on the board next to the Vesting Room or contact the office. The cost is \$18 per plant and we'll need the orders no later than December 14 .



### EYC & Grace Kids Extend an Invitation!



The Youth of Grace will ring bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, November 25 from 10 AM to 8 PM at K-Mart in Lone Oak. All Members of Grace are invited to stop by and help for an hour or two (or three)! Contact Stefan Jagoe at 270-519-6019 for more info!



### Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at Grace November 24, 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day is a time to consciously stop and acknowledge all the blessings in our common (and not so common!) lives. It is a time to reflect on what God has done for us in the past year, and what better place than Grace Church to do that! Tuck the turkey in the oven, set the timer, and join us for Thanksgiving Day Eucharist.

The Rev. Meghan Holland will be the Celebrant with the Rev. Richard Paxton preaching!



**Service Cancellations Thanksgiving Week:**  
**-No Centering Prayer on Tuesday, November 22**  
**-No Noon Eucharist on Wednesday, November 23**  
**-No Morning Prayer on Thursday, November 24**  
**-No 5 PM Holy Eucharist on Sundays, November 20 & 27**



## *Advent/Christmas Schedule*

### Decorating the Chrismon Tree

Sunday, November 27

A Grace Family Tradition! The tree will be up and the lights will be on, but we need everyone, from both services, to help with putting on the Chrismons, so that the tree is decorated before the Advent Walk.

### 34th Annual Advent Walk

Sunday, November 27 from 4-6 PM

The season of Advent invites us to journey toward the manger as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. We will gather with our downtown ecumenical partners this year at 4 PM at Broadway United Methodist for opening worship, then walk to Washington Street Baptist to hear scripture and travel from there to Grace Episcopal for the sermon. Our last stop will be First Presbyterian, where we will pray together, take an offering for Paducah Cooperative Ministry, and enjoy a cookies and punch reception. At each stop, we will sing hymns and be treated to music by that church's choir. While the whole experience of this progressive worship service is well worth the effort, if you can only be present for our portion of the service, plan to arrive at Grace around 4:30 to welcome the walkers to our beautiful candlelit worship space.

### Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3, at 5:00 PM

The Annual Paducah Christmas Parade will head up Broadway around 5:00 PM and Grace is the perfect place to park and watch the Parade! We'll have coffee and hot chocolate, and afterward a pot luck supper. Bring a pot of chili or soup, sandwiches, or a dessert for the informal gathering.

### St Nicholas Sunday/Giving Tree/Vergers' Breakfast

Sunday, December 4 during the 9:45 Service

Bishop Nicholas always makes time to stop by and visit us in December and this year he plans to make a stop on December 4 to spread some holiday cheer and remind us that Christ is the model for his life, which is why he dedicates himself to giving to others. All the children are

reminded to leave their shoes in the Langstaff Room, and perhaps St. Nicholas will leave a surprise!

As St. Nicholas reminds us that giving is more important than receiving, we will be "un-decorating" our Giving Tree this Sunday, as well. The ornaments contain the wishes of those staying at the PCM shelter. Help out by taking an ornament (or two!) and buying some gifts to brighten someone else's holiday!

### Godly Play Advent Retreat:

Sunday, December 10, 10 AM-Noon

Please join us for a Godly Play Advent Retreat as we explore the mystery of the Advent Season! Children ages 3-7ish. Mark your calendars and come join us! Lunch will be served afterwards.

### Chrismon Sunday

Sunday, December 11 during the 9:45 Service

On this Sunday we celebrate a long standing tradition at Grace, by presenting children in the congregation with a miniature Chrismon during Advent.

More information will be in the December Newsletter about the following, but be sure to Mark Your Calendars!:

Lessons & Carols & Hanging of the Greens  
Sunday, December 18

Christmas Pageant  
Saturday, December 24 at 4 PM

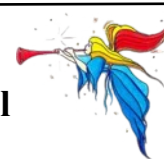
Christmas Eve Carol Concert & Festival Eucharist  
Saturday, December 24 at 10:45 PM

Christmas Day Eucharist  
Sunday, December 25

New Year's Day Eucharist  
Sunday, January 1, 2012



## New Opportunity--Become a Choir Angel



Throughout the year, we offer people an opportunity to give flowers to adorn the altar for our Sunday worship services. The flowers may be given in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a person or event, or in memory of a loved one who has died. At Christmas and Easter, many people give money for poinsettias or Easter lilies. The donor and the person being honored are listed in the service leaflet on the appropriate day. This Advent and Christmas season we are extending that opportunity to another aspect of our worship life – the anthems sung by our choir at the offertory, during communion, and on special occasions such as the Festival of Lessons and Carols and the concert before the Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist.

When our organist Judy Bray was at the Sewanee Music Conference this summer, she ordered quite a few new anthems. Music costs have risen because our choir has grown this year and because publishing costs have increased. Our choir is musically outstanding and quite dedicated. They appreciate the opportunity to give their time and talent to the glory of God through the gift of choral music and the support of congregational hymn singing. We invite you to be a Choir Angel by making a donation to cover the cost of a new anthem.

Just as with donations for flowers, you may make a music donation in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a person or event, or in memory of a loved one who has died. Forms will be available in Fletcher Hall, the Parish Office, and on the website beginning November 6. **Full sponsorship of an anthem is \$50, but partial sponsorships are also welcomed.**

Here are a few of the anthems the choir will be singing with Judy's comments in parentheses:

- "Psalite, Sing to Christ the Lord" by Micahel Praetorius
- "How Far Is It to Bethlehem" arranged by Robert Shaw & Alice Parker (lovely gentle English Carol)
- "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Gustav Holst (great poetic words and tune)
- "Can You Count the Stars?" by Jonathan Willcocks (light airy tune about God's creations)
- "All My Heart Rejoices" by Bruce Vantine (traditional German carol sung in English)
- "I Wonder As I Wander," Appalachian Carol collected by John Jacob Niles (always a crowd pleaser)
- "Like All, but Like No Other" by Richard Shephard (very beautiful words and music)
- "The Angel Gabriel" by Bob Chilcott (a new tune – expressive and lilting in nature – for an ancient text)
- "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Healey Willan (great Christmas anthem by a great Anglican Canadian composer)
- "A Hymn to the Virgin" by Benjamin Britten (famous English 20<sup>th</sup> century composer)
- "All This Time" by William Walton (16<sup>th</sup> century words in the English choral tradition)

Be an Angel and give the gift of music this year.

### **Asset-Based Community Development Presented by the Diocese of KY School of Ministry At All Saints Center, November 18-19**

Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) is an approach to engaging effectively with the communities around us. It emphasizes building on the strengths and assets in our midst rather than being stymied by the tremendous needs. This training will provide an overview of ABCD and allow participants to practice using skills and tools to apply these concepts to their own ministries and contexts. The presenter is the Rev. Deacon Elaine Clements. Cost is \$85 for overnight participants and \$20 (lunch included) for those who choose to attend just on Saturday. To register or for more information contact the Rev. Rose Bogal-Allbritten ([rosebogal@gmail.com](mailto:rosebogal@gmail.com) or 270-293-9490). For assistance with the fee, contact the Rev. Libby Wade or the Rev. Meghan Holland.

### **Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling Training Offered by Heartland CARES November 18-20 in Paducah**

According to Sue Fenske, Executive Director of Heartland CARES, registration is still open for this training which they hope will increase the corps of local volunteers who are able to help with community-based testing events. Recruiting a group of volunteers who will make a commitment to help with a minimum of two testing events in the year following this training is critical to the agency's efforts to eliminate barriers to testing and care. There is no charge for the training. Registration information may be accessed at [www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org). Sue is a member of Grace and would be glad to speak with anyone about the work of Heartland CARES.

## Parish Family

### In Memoriam:

Rear Admiral John Staige Kern  
*(USN, Ret.)*

*"May he gaze upon you, Lord,  
face to face, and taste the  
blessedness of perfect rest."*



## Pentecost Balloon!



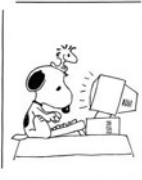
I am a deer hunter. Today I decided to take a new trail to hunt. I noticed something in a briar thicket. It was a tattered balloon with a note attached. You had released the balloon on June 12. It has "may the peace of God be with you always". This was a blessing to me. I am going through a hard time right now. The note reminds me God is with me so who can be against me. I am going to keep this in my hunting pack to remind me he will not let me get more than I can handle. I will thank him for nature's beauty and that I am fortunate to be able to to enjoy the things I take for granted. The balloon was in Paducah still. On Rosewood Drive. Maybe it found me for a reason. Thank you.

-James Holler

**Don't forget**  
**Centering Prayer on Tuesdays at 8 AM**  
**Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 7:30 AM**

### Office Stewardship: Newsletters via email & online!

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