

# Lo & Behold

October 2011

The Grace Episcopal Church Newsletter

Paducah, KY

## Parish Family Update:

### Joyously Announcing the Birth of:

Nolan Oscar Black  
*(Son of Lindsey & David Black)*

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

### In Memoriam:

Bertha Wenzel  
Carver England, Jr.  
*(Jill Beans' father)*  
James Carter  
*(Ann Revel's brother)*  
Katharine Lannom  
*(Bobbie Rafferty's mom)*  
Lorraine (Sissie) Davis  
*(Former member)*  
Thomas Terrell  
*(Former member)*

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

### Thanksgiving for the Marriage of:

Amber and Peyton Ware

*"I have found the one whom my soul loves."*

## "Day by Day: Serving Christ in our Daily Lives"

Stewardship Campaign for 2012

Juliette Grumley, chairman

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill*

Christian Stewardship is the grateful, joyful and responsible use of God's gifts to do the work He is calling us to do. Our offering options are "The Three Ts" - time, talent and treasure. In the months before Thanksgiving, appropriately, Grace Church asks us to make a specific and formal financial commitment.

Let's adopt a GRATEFUL, JOYFUL and positive approach to pledging, rather than an April 15<sup>th</sup> tax mentality or the end-of-the-year budget "left-overs". I encourage you to put giving to Grace at the top of your financial priorities and make your pledge an intentional one!

What's different this year? In addition to our annual pledge, which supports the mission and ministry of the parish, we will be asked to make an extraordinary gift to fund the new organ, and be reminded about the ultimate gift of remembering Grace in our planned giving.

Let's have some fun! Parish parties will be held on three different Sundays, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> after church ("balance the budget brunch") and early evening ("stewardship supper"). Each member will be invited to attend one event for food, fellowship, and discussions with members of the staff and Vestry. Pledge information packets will be available. Please contact the church office if you have a specific date and time you wish to attend, or if you would like to be a host.

Charting our pledge progress will be done "Day by Day". Using a 2012 faith-based budget of \$450,000, the daily cost of operating Grace Church is \$1250. As pledges are returned, we will check off each day that is funded. Celebration Sunday will be on All Saints, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Our challenge - can we check off all 365 days??!

**Don't Forget Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 7:30 AM!**



### Baptism Dates:

The next opportunity for Baptism is on October 30, 2011 & November 6, 2011.

If you are interested in being baptized, contact our priests, Libby or Meghan, for more information!

### Acolyte

### News:



THANK YOU...

--To Paige Maginel for providing us with the "official" photo of the 2011-2012 Acolyte Team. Our Ribbon Sunday festivities will be saved in the archives!

--To Will Hancock for his dignified service at the funeral of Bertha Wenzel.

### GREETINGS

-- To Frannie Hideg and Nicholas Williams who will serve as Jr. Acolytes for the first time on All Saints Day.

Other 1st-3rd grade children interested in participating occasionally in services, please see Julie Jaeger.

### E-MAIL SCHEDULE SENT

The schedule for all services from Oct 2-January 8 was sent last week. If you did not receive yours, please call the church office. There are also hard copies available in the office and in the vesting room.

2nd-5th Grade Sunday School Class  
Challenges Whole Church

### The Great PCM Soup Challenge!



PCM recently challenged Grace Church to give one container of soup per family per Sunday from October through December! Our 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School Class has eagerly taken the lead with this project. In January, the class hopes to make a field trip to Paducah Cooperative Ministry (PCM) to learn more about how our gift of food will benefit others. Here's what the class decided the parish needs to know about this project:

**Goal: 515 Containers of Soup by January 1, 2012**



**Who will we help?** The poor.

**Why do people need food?** To survive and keep from dying.

**What are our favorite soups?** Chicken Noodle, Chicken & Dumplings, Clam Chowder, Minestrone, Chili, Beef Stew, Beef Vegetable, Potato, Broccoli & Cheese, Tomato (does that give you any ideas of what to bring?).

**How will we reach our goal?** By our whole church working together!

**Where do people put the soup they bring?** During the week, soup may be placed in the Food Pantry near the Men's Restroom in the office hallway. On Sunday, place soup in one of the bright green storage tubs near the front door or the Fletcher Hall door of the church.

**When?** Every family, every Sunday! The Project ends on January 1, 2012.

**How will this class help?** Make a sign to identify the Food Pantry, write newsletter articles, make a poster, count the soup each week, present some of the soup at the offertory in the 9:45 worship service as a symbol of our food offering.



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



--Submitted by: Sarah, Kendall, Kiersten, Sophie, Frannie, Libby, Jake, Ava, and Alexis.

### Faith in Film Presents:

October 10, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

(Supper at Doe's before the film!)



Hosted by Grace Episcopal Church, this film is about a small group of adventurous American soldiers in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War. They are determined to steal a huge cache of gold reputed to be hidden somewhere near their desert base. Finding a map they believe will take them to the gold, they embark on a journey that leads to unexpected discoveries, enabling them to rise to a heroic challenge that drastically changes their lives.

**Rated R for violence, language, and some sexuality.**



### ***New Website Up and Running!***

Grace Episcopal Church's new website is up and running! Check it out at [www.gracepaducah.net](http://www.gracepaducah.net).

The new website features an online parish directory (a small button underneath the photo slideshow). It is password protected for the privacy of our parishioners. If you would like the password, you can call Kimberly or ask a staff member on Sunday.

### **QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK:**

Q: I need to call someone in the church, how do I find their number?

**A: Parish directories are available at the church office or on our website. Call the office for the password.**

Q: Who do I contact if I have a change of address or my directory information is incorrect?

**A: Sherry Threlkeld, Membership Secretary continually updates this information, so send us an email: [grachurch@hotmail.com](mailto:grachurch@hotmail.com) or call the office.**

Q: What are the Church Office hours?

**A: The Church Office is open from 9:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 am -Noon on Saturday.**

Q: How do I contact someone on Friday?

**A: If it is not an emergency, the church has voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible. If it is an emergency you can call Libby (270.519.6934) or Meghan (270.705.6252).**

### **From the Parish Administrator: Newsletter Stewardship**

As the new stewardship campaign gets ready to kick off, I've been thinking a lot about how to better use the time, resources, and funds here in the office. One place that has really jumped out at me has been with our newsletter publication. It is a massive undertaking to print, fold, assemble, tape, sort, and ship off all the newsletters we send out each month. As I began to see familiar names show up on both the email newsletter list and the printed newsletter list, I wondered how many were getting the newsletter in both formats. Here's what I found:

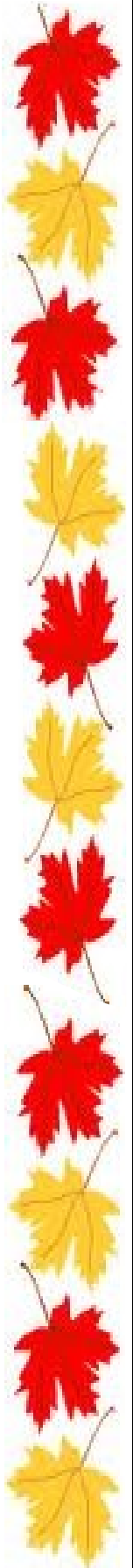
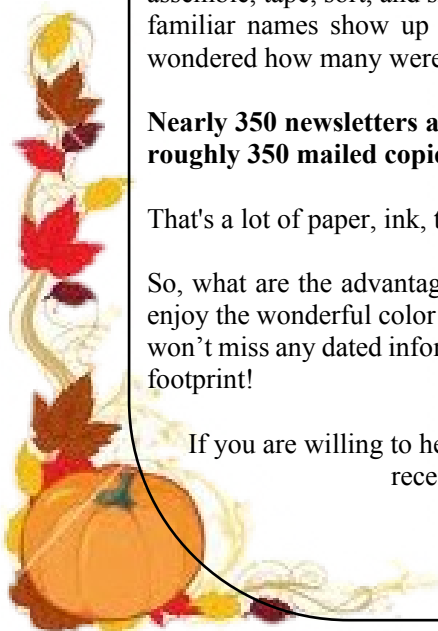
**Nearly 350 newsletters are sent out by mail and only 56 newsletters by email only! Of the roughly 350 mailed copies, nearly 300 of those also get them by email!**

That's a lot of paper, ink, time, and postage to send them out twice to the same addresses!

So, what are the advantages to receiving it by email? Here are three: 1.) you will be able to enjoy the wonderful color images and graphics; 2.) you will receive it much faster by email and won't miss any dated information included; 3.) you'll help us to reduce our expenses and carbon footprint!


If you are willing to help, please send me an email indicating that you will be willing to receive your newsletter by email only! Thank you!

-Kimberly





**Four Rivers Deanery News:**


We celebrate with...  
 Grace Church, Hopkinsville as they welcome  
 The Rev. Alice Nichols  
 Trinity, Fulton as they welcome The Rev. Richard Galloway



We extend Sympathy to...  
 St. John's, Murray upon the death of former rector,  
 The Rev. Carolyn West



**Serving Others through Paducah  
 Cooperative Ministry**



At its September meeting, the PCM Board accepted the resignation of Board Chair, the Rev. Libby Wade, with regret and thanksgiving for her service. Rev. Ben Boone from Lone Oak UMC was elected to fill Libby's term. Sarah Moore and Lyndsey Sparks, PCM's new AmeriCorps workers, were introduced. They will spearhead a food drive this fall, and develop a financial literacy course for homeless shelter and transitional housing clients.

**Program Snapshots:**

- Food Pantry shortages have lessened, but all congregations need to donate their designated item (SOUP for Grace Church). An average of 350 households are served per month.
- Emergency Assistance with utilities and other needs continues to strain PCM's resources with designated weekly funds usually depleted by Monday afternoon. The Board examined the budget in hopes of adding \$1,000 per week to this program.
- The Homeless Shelter has fewer residents right now: 11 women and 4 children. Nine of the women are employed.
- The Fresh Start building's floors have been refinished, United Way awarded a \$3,000 grant to help improve the kitchen, and Kentucky Colonels is providing funds to buy beds. Troop 1 Boy Scout Bradley Baker worked on landscaping and general fix up tasks to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements. The next project is bringing the building up to electrical and plumbing codes. If anyone has contacts who could help, please contact Heidi at 442-6795. Fresh Start leadership is working on a marketing plan to secure operating funds so that this new program designed to help women transition from incarceration to being productive members of society can become a reality.

PCM works daily to "Do God's Work with Human Hands." Please remember the clients and staff in your prayers. The demands and needs are great. Volunteer help is always welcomed, and in-kind donations as well as financial support from congregations and individuals are crucial to making the mission an on-going reality.

--Submitted by Greg Baur




-Debbie Shelton for fixing the elastic on the church kneeler covers...

-Frances & Stephanie Stevens (Kimberly's family) for cutting all the fabric strips for our weaving project...

-Symphony Chorus for having our parish hall piano tuned...

- Good News Time Summer leaders: Molly Dismukes, Ginny Young, Stefan Jagoe, Donna Groves, Charlene Baker, Julie Hideg, Ron Slatick, Stacy Grimes...

-April Cochran for leading Good News Time this fall...

-Stewardship Team: Juliette Grumley (Chair), Genie Drossos, Justin Hancock, The Rev. Meghan Holland, Kim Homra, Bethany Jones, and Mary Louise Katterjohn...

-Audit Team: Carl Harris (Chair), Ginny Ann Coltharp, and Nancy W. Black...

-Diocesan Convention Deputies: Rick Coltharp, Juliette Grumley, Sara Lewis Meyer, David Meyer (Alternate), the Rev. Libby Wade, the Rev. Meghan Holland, and the Rev. Richard Paxton ...

-Nominees from Grace for Diocesan Offices (elections will be at Diocesan Convention): Rick Coltharp (Trustees & Council) and the Rev. Meghan Holland (Disciplinary Board)...

-Tuesday Education for Ministry (EfM) Group for cooking and serving Sunday Dinner at Broadway Community Kitchen on October 2...

-Lora Matheny for making us aware of the Veterans' "Stand Down" at Noble Park in September and all who contributed items to help veterans struggling with basic living needs.

## HERE & THERE: NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH!



### 100 Years of Girl Scouting in the US

In 2012, we will be celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting in the United States. Each Girl Scout volunteer has been given a packet of Alumnae cards. We are asking that anyone who has served as a Girl Scout or Girl Scout volunteer fill out a card. GSUSA is attempting to build a database of former scouts and volunteers. I am personally attempting to build a database so I might be able to invite women to some of our activities and use them as resources for various projects.

If you are interested, there is a box with cards located in Fletcher Hall. You may fill out the card and I will take care of getting the info to GSUSA. I will also leave some envelopes there in case you would like to leave me a note. I can also be reached by email at [peggy\\_henney@yahoo.com](mailto:peggy_henney@yahoo.com) (that is peggy underscore henney) or my home phone is 415-5539.

The Bear Creek Service Center is planning a community Girl Scout Sunday service, March 11, and Grace Church has offered to host. I think it is pretty neat that the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low, was Episcopalian. How appropriate for Grace Church to host the service! I am the council volunteer in charge of the service and will be planning the service with our staff. I am not sure how many Girl Scout participants we will have, but I may need some adult volunteers to help make the girls feel comfortable in church, possibly sitting with them and guiding them through the service or helping them serve as greeters. I will put out a sign up list for those interested in assisting. It would be nice if I could get former Girl Scouts or volunteers to assist, but I won't turn down any offers to help.

My thanks to the staff and congregation of Grace Church for supporting the Girl Scouts and allowing my troop to meet here. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

–Peggy Henney



### Fall Gathering!

A Diocesan Retreat for 7-12 Graders

October 14-16, 2011 at All Saints Center, Leitchfield

Visit <http://youth.episcopalky.org/> for Registration and more Information



### Relax-Connect-Refresh Yoga Retreat

October 21-23, 2011 at All Saints Center, Leitchfield

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

### FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS



Assistant Rector Meghan Holland will be the featured guest on a half-hour TV show, "For the Love of Animals", that is co-hosted by Grace members Darleen Pigford and Greg Baur. Meghan will discuss the importance of the role of animals in both the Episcopal Church and the Bible during this informative program. The show can be seen beginning Oct. 19 and during the weeks of Oct. 24, Oct. 31, and Nov. 7 on Comcast Cable Channel 2 in Paducah on Wednesdays at 5 pm., Thursdays at 9 pm., and Fridays at 9 am. The show can be seen anytime on the web at [www.paducah2.org/videoclips/animals](http://www.paducah2.org/videoclips/animals) beginning during the week of October 10. You won't want to miss it!

–Greg Baur

# Grace Episcopal Church and the Fresh Start Transition House:

As many of you know Grace has “adopted” the common room of the PCM/Fresh Start House. This means we are responsible for furnishing this room. We need the following items:

- Entertainment Center • 2 Desks • Couch • Loveseat • Lamps • Single Chairs (donated!) • Rugs • Coffee Table (donated!) and End Tables • Television (donated!) • Table (donated!) and Dining Room Chairs (yes, still need the chairs!) • Financial donations for the room also accepted.

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



## Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- October 16, 23, & 30: Stewardship Campaign!
- October 30: Bishop Visitation & Verger’s Breakfast
- November 11-12: Diocesan Convention in Louisville, KY
- November 20: PCM Community Thanksgiving Service 6:30 PM at First Church of the Nazarene
- November 24: Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
- November 27: Advent Walk

## Repair Affair!

The next Repair Affair will be October 15, 2011.

If you are interested in helping, contact:

The Rev. Richard Paxton



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