



## **GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN**

***February 13, 2007***

***God's grace sustains us as we strive to know, love, and serve others in our daily lives. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.***

Dear Members of the Parish,

I wish all of you could have been on retreat with the Vestry this past weekend. The Rev. Tom Cook, rector of Grace Church in Medford, led us through a day that was grace-filled. Everything we did was in the context of the liturgy, and our time together was marked by prayer, scripture, laughter and tears.

We began by talking about our ministries -- what we do in the world every day, as Byron Rushing has taught us. It was more than just an exercise of "what I do for a living," but rather, where our passion lies and what we care deeply about.

What emerged was an enormous inventory of gifts, talents and passions -- an inventory of grace that will propel and guide this new Vestry into ministry with all of you for the coming year.

We also looked at the various ministries of the parish and left no stone unturned. There is such a deep commitment of everyone's part to ensure that the well-being of the parish continues in every area of our common life.

I came away from the day with the Vestry feeling energized for the ministry God has given us here at Grace and enormous gratitude to everyone who has offered to serve.

Tom left us with many gifts and the last thing he offered was an opportunity to pray for one another over the next month. We each picked a name of someone on the Vestry out of a hat and we will pray for them each day for a month. Once a week we will check in with them -- whether by phone, a card or email -- to see how they're doing and just to say, "I'm thinking about you."

What a wonderful gift! I hope that this gift of prayer for one another will spread throughout our parish -- that we'll intentionally pray for one another. It doesn't take a great deal of time, just a bit of intentionality.

I continue to wonder at the many ways God's Spirit is moving in and among us at Grace Church. And I continue to be grateful for the privilege of serving with all of you.

Blessings and Peace,  
Miriam



We ask your prayers for all those who guard the peace, especially Brendan Bowen who serves in Iraq, Sean Hoyt, and Darnell Lyman who serve in the Marines, Jeff Barnum, who serves in the Coast Guard, and Brad Leitch, who serves on the Newton Police Force. We also ask your prayers for those in need of healing: Frances Ellsbree, Judy Borowicz, Paula Gorski, Cindy, Sarah, Marty Remsen, Roger Long, Sally McAlpine, Catherine McMahon, Karen Mikulka, Jane Merrill, Peggy Steinberg, Alice Rothchild, Richard Heywood, Martha & Elizabeth Bell, Bruce MacDonald, Sven, Amy & John Myren, Kathy Owen, Mary Hamilton, Kara Johansen, Diana, Jim Kelly, Ann O'Donnell, Chris Strong, Jim, Dan Sullivan, Clare Kenslea, Ed Jacobi, Arlene Thomas, Carolyn Collins, Billy, Mike and Paul DiCicco, Caroline, Alma Amara, Tim Clancy, Mikinni Ennis, Candace Kraus, Alison Kraus, Donald Stock, Prof. Ya'akov Elman, Rabbi Lynn Landsburg, Nancy, Don McBride, Mavis Sobers, Max Nussenbaum, Andy Alvaro, Caleb Downs, Suzie Wilde.

**Memorial for Former Grace Discussion Group Speaker  
Ambassador Hermann Eilts**

A Memorial Service has been scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 PM in Marsh Chapel. Marsh Chapel is located at 735 Commonwealth Avenue in The Boston University Campus. Further details will be posted on their website in March. For information and directions please check the BU website: <http://www.bu.edu/chapel/facilities/memorials.html>.

Hermann Eilts of Wellesley was a retired diplomat whose rapport with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat helped smooth the way for the 1978 Camp David peace accord. Mr. Eilts was in the Foreign Service from 1947 to 1979. After retiring from the Foreign Service, Mr. Eilts had been a professor of international relations at Boston. Ambassador Eilts died in October leaving a wife, two sons and four grandchildren.

Evening Prayer

On Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Evening Prayer will take place in the Chapel.  
All are welcome to attend and participate.

*Come for the quiet, the candle light, a time to pray and meditate -- and a time to thank God for blessings of the day.*

**And Those in Service, Sunday, February 18, 2007**

Altar Guild: Jenny Rosser  
Greeters: Paul and Carolyn Wong  
Acolytes: Adults  
Lector: Megan Rasbold-Gabbard, Bill Bruins  
Lay Reader Debra Katt-Lloyd  
Chalice Bearers: George Whitehead, Lynda Rollins  
Counters: Diane Droste, Nancy Sharby  
Hospitality: Sharby, Fletcher  
Nursery: Kathy Gould

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00 PM**

Volunteers are still needed for set-up, clean-up and shopping. If you are able to help with the shopping please contact the office. Thank you

**Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007, Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
And Those in Service,**

Altar Guild: Jenny Rosser  
Lector: Curt Hayashi, Libby Gerlach  
Lay Reader Don Kennedy  
Chalice Bearers: Libby Gerlach, Jay Burke

**And Those in Service, Sunday, February 25, 2007**

Altar Guild: Jenny Rosser  
Greeters: Ken and Mary Carpenter  
Acolytes: Mercer Gary, Kayla Spangenberg  
Madeleine Aqualina, Isabel Meigs  
Lector: Carolyn Wong, Bob Sprich  
Lay Reader Harry Rosser  
Chalice Bearers: Scott Aquilina, Carol McNally  
Counters: Ramsey Meigs, Lisa Tieszen  
Hospitality: Gerlach, Kennedy  
Nursery: Kathy Gould

**Pastoral Care Meeting**



The Pastoral Care Committee will meet at Grace on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14th from 1 to 2:30 in the Small Hall. One action item for the committee is to develop a resource guide that can be provided to folks in need. To that end, Carolyn Sprich has arranged for Kathy Laufer, a social worker from the Newton Senior Center, to meet with us to share her expertise and wisdom. All are welcome. Come one, come all...many hands make light work!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**7:30 – 9:00 AM**  
**Small Hall**  
**All Men of the Parish are Welcome!**

**WORSHIP**

The Worship Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 25th following the 11:00 am service (ca. 12:30). We will be planning for the upcoming seasons of the liturgical year. Anyone interested in learning more about why and how our services are designed the way they are is welcome! *Diane Droste*



**Mark Your Calendars!**

The next Grace Church Coffee House is scheduled for April 28th  
Andrea Lyman will perform her Broadway Lady show.

**The 2006 Pledge Statements for tax purposes  
are in the Grace Church Office.  
Please stop by as soon as possible to pick up your copy.**

**MISSING!**

**Two Green Table Clothes. Last seen at Christmas Dinner.  
If you were kind and took them home to launder please return them to the Church.  
Thank you**

**A Small Request**

Our Data Base is not up to date, many Birth Dates are incorrect or not entered at all. I would be very grateful if everyone could email [office@gracenewton.org](mailto:office@gracenewton.org) their correct month and date (the year is on a voluntary basis and will not be divulged to anyone).

Thank you,  
Susan

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**No formal Sunday School Classes  
will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2007:**

*Nursery Care will be available from 9:45 a.m.*

*At 10:00 A.M. Andrea Lyman will be on hand to meet  
with any Rite-13 students who are present.*

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**Class Meeting Times and Places February 25, 2007,  
the Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

Nursery Care by Kathy Gould is available from 9:45 A.M.

<u>10:00 AM</u>	Arts & Crafts Junior Choir Rite-13 J2A	Pre-K and up  Grades 6-8 Grades 9, 10	Chapel Choir Room Conference Room Miriam's Office
<u>10:45 AM</u>	Godly Play Chapel Service	Pre-K, K Grades 1-5	Godly Play Rooms Chapel
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Firelight 1 Firelight 2	Grades 1-3 Grades 4,5	Chapel Small Hall

Rite-13 Students are expected to attend the 11 A.M. Church Service.  
Please sit near the front.

Godly Play, Firelight 1, and Firelight 2 Students enter the Church Service at about 11:45

**For Safety, children leaving church during the service should always  
be accompanied by and adult.**

## **Looking Ahead**

### **LOOKING WAY AHEAD**

May 11, 2007 **Nightwatch**, an overnight experience at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. All Rite-13 and J2A students, and our high school seniors, are invited to sign up for this trip. Adults are welcome, too. We need to have one adult for every four students.

*This very interesting experience includes a time for meeting and mixing, a program highlighting a ministry of the Cathedral and exploration of its space, a candlelight meditation and Eucharist, and a tour that traces both the story of the Cathedral and Christian tradition as it is embodied in this building.*

**RSVP to Ed Pease, [clarkpease2@cs.com](mailto:clarkpease2@cs.com), 508-668-5055**

# GRANT REPORT

## ***Meeting with Dr. Fredrica Thompsett***

Sunday School Leaders and the Grant Steering Committee  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Our goal for this meeting was to shape an educational vision for worshipful celebration and living during Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide for children, youth and adults of Grace Church. What follows is a brief description of our conversation. Our overarching theme was to tell the story of Jesus' ministry, his death and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

### **Lent and Holy Week**

The emphasis is on **reunion** with God and with one another:

Penitence and Forgiveness; "Saying I'm sorry."

Restoration; "Getting together and making things right."

Shared activities: Daily family prayer, journaling. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services.

Education emphasis: the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem – "Temptation in the wilderness;" the Eucharist – "This is my body." Faces of Easter. The Singing School

### **Eastertide and Pentecost**

The emphasis is on celebrating **new life and new joy**.

Shared activities: Hospitality; sharing our faith stories with one another;

Millennium Development goals; Senior Sunday

Educational emphasis: Jesus' resurrection and his days on earth. The baptizing community; Pentecost as a celebration of diversity; **sending forth** into the world.

Several resources will be made available on our Website and in the library in the office to aid in deepening our observance of these great festivals of the Church Year. More information will be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

Ash Wednesday is February 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a service at 7:30 PM. Children and youth are invited.

On Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, we will join together for a Pancake supper at 6:00 PM in the Large Hall.

### **"Future Grant activities for congregation, steering committee and staff"**

03/04/07: Ms. Vidal White meets with youth on Good Friday liturgy; 10 – 11:45 AM

03/11/07: The Rev. Charles Hefling at GDG and 11:00 AM service.

The sacrament of Baptism in the Anglican tradition.

## **Grace Discussion Group**

### *Future Speakers*

February 18th "Hearing The Word" with Jim McAlpine

February 25th Social Action with Yvonne Gomez-Carrion and Lisa Tieszen

## **THE SINGING SCHOOL BEGINS**

March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup>

FOR CHILDREN FROM 3 TO 6 YEARS

**AND FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES**

10:00 AM TO 10:45 AM  
The Large Hall and Chapel

The Singing School will be in session for 4 Sundays this spring. It is designed for the littlest children, but all are welcome. **The children must be accompanied by an adult.** In addition, adults – children of all ages – are also invited to attend and to participate. With children this young, the clue to success is adult participation.

**Please note:** we need "Song ladies and gentlemen" and "Instrument ladies and gentlemen" to volunteer to lead a song.

Contact Linda Clark or Ed Pease [clarkpease2@cs.com](mailto:clarkpease2@cs.com) for information and questions.

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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### **The Women's Connection**

The InterFaith Counseling Service is sponsoring a group for women and by women to investigate women's lives, strengths, trials and help make better relational connections to everyone and to each other!

Bring a cup of tea or coffee and join them on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM for some real-time conversation about real-time issues. The Group is held at The Second Church in Newton, 60 Highland Street, West Newton. Call Sarah Weston at 978-302-8126 to sign up.



## Coping Skills for Caregivers

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 AM, Springwell, 125 Walnut Street, Watertown**  
**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 AM, Wellesley Public Library, Wakelin Room 2**

Attend one of our presentations to **Learn** practical information on how to deal with the physical and emotional responsibilities, **Gain** control over a demanding daily routine, Reduce Stress, **Prevent** burnout or “compassion fatigue”, and **Acknowledge** natural feelings of helplessness, anger, resentment and guilt.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 9:30 AM. All events are FREE and open to the public. RSVP to [events@springwell.com](mailto:events@springwell.com) or call (617) 926-4100

### “Miserere Mei, Deus: A Day of Meditation and Reflection on the 51<sup>st</sup> Psalm”

On Saturday March 3, 2007. The Rev. Mpho A. Tutu (daughter of Desmond Tutu) will be leading a Lenten Quiet Day retreat for the Charles River Deanery. The retreat will be held at **Christ Church, Needham**, 1132 Highland Avenue. Registration begins at 9:00 and will end at 2:00 pm. The cost for the day is \$20 per person.

The Rev. Tutu will preach at Christ Church, Needham on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 8:15 and 10:00 AM services.

The Rev. Mpho A. Tutu, an Episcopal priest, is the founder and Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage.

For five years, Rev. Tutu was Director of the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern Africa Refugee Scholarship Fund of the Phelps Stokes Fund. That program provided full four-year college scholarships to refugees from South Africa and Namibia.

Rev. Tutu is the chairperson of the board of the Global AIDS Alliance and a member of the boards of Rocky Mountain College and Reinvest in South Africa (RISA) and the New Neighbors organizations which teaches English as a second language to immigrants to the US.

She holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA She is married to Joseph Burris; they have two daughters, ten- year old Nyaniso and one-year old Onaleena.

Please contact The Rev. Karen Coleman, at 781-444-1469 for further information.

Episcopal Divinity School invites you  
to a celebration of the life of Absalom Jones,  
the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church at:

St. John's Memorial Chapel  
99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Absalom Jones: An Icon of Inclusivity**  
**Featuring Dr. Harold Lewis, Lecturer**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007, 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**Absalom Jones Community Eucharist**  
**The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, Preacher**  
**The Rev. Jayne Oasin '00, Celebrant**

These events are free and open to the public. A reception will follow each event.  
RSVP at [events@eds.edu](mailto:events@eds.edu) or at (617) 682-1573

**Special Musical Evening at All Newton Music School**

with

Pianists Ya-Fei Chuang and Robert Levin,  
4 Hands and 2 Pianos

**February 16, 2007 at 7:30pm**



Tickets \$100 includes performance and reception of fine wines and desserts  
catered by Baker's Best  
(Tax deductible contribution \$50)  
For tickets call 617-527-4553 x 106