



GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN

October 7, 2008

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,

These are scary and uncertain times we live in and more than ever, we need to turn to God for guidance, hope and courage. The Book of Common Prayer is a treasure trove of prayers for all of the passages of our faith journey and I commend the Daily Office prayers as well as the Psalms and Prayers in the back of the Prayer Book, beginning on p. 810.

If you don't have a Book of Common Prayer in your home, come by the Church and I'll give you one. Here are a couple of prayers that have sustained me over the years. Perhaps you have favorites that you'd like to share with the rest of the parish. If so, let me know and we'll print them in the Bulletin.

Blessings and peace,
Miriam

For those who Influence Public Opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Those In Service, October 12th

Altar Guild:	Leezie Magruder
Hospitality:	Malagodi, Lyman
Greeters:	Andrée Saulnier, Jamie Heywood
Lectors:	Megan Rasbold-Gabbard,
Lay Reader:	Debra Katt-Lloyd
Chalice Bearers:	Lynda Rollins, Tim Hintz
Counters:	Andrée Saulnier, Jamie Heywood
Nursery:	Kathy Gould



We ask your prayers for all those who serve our country and local communities, especially Brendan Bowen, David DiCicco, Michael Gould, Sean Hoyt, Brad Leitch, Darnell Lyman, and Adam Sacchetti. We also ask your prayers for those in need of healing: Isobel Fraser, Ed Jacobi,

Maureen Van Niel, Greg Bolster, Chad Perry, Richard Borowicz, Tom Gerlach, Sr., Trudy Kontoff, Zack McLeod, Grace Murphy, June O'Brien, Judy Borowicz, George Chapman, Martha Grant, Barbara Karlin, Sally McAlpine, Jim McAlpine, Frances Ellsbree, John Mayfield, Kate MacDonald, Paul DiCicco, John, Liz Huntting, Barbara Baerg, Tim Clancy, Mateo Singer-Torres, Paul, Carson Johnson, Harry Snyder, Marty Hackett.

Jane Ayer Scott Memorial Service

Jane Ayer Scott of West Newton died October 1, following a long illness. Born in Morenci, Arizona on February 12, 1932, she spent her early years in Luanshya, Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) where her father, Frank Ashton Ayer managed the Rhone Antelope copper mines. Returning to the United States in 1940, with her mother, Harriet Root Ayer, and her father, she lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland and Pelham, New York. After first attending the Pelham High School she graduated from the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She received her A.B. degree from Radcliffe College in 1954. Following college Jane Scott held several positions at the Fogg Art Museum in Cambridge, culminating in the post of Executive Director and Head of Publications for the Archaeological Exploration of Sardis.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Wellington Friend Scott, their daughters, Katherine Harriet, of Cambridge, Hillary Carter, of Durham, New Hampshire, Tamson Elizabeth and her husband, Drew Matthew Pierce, of Concord, her brother, Frank Root Ayer and his wife, Harriet, of Green Valley, Arizona, her sister-in-law Elizabeth Ayer, widow of her late brother, George Weston Ayer, her grandchildren, Jonah Scott Pierce, Elizabeth Xu DuJiao Scott, and Levi Lang Pierce, her cousin, Elizabeth Irwin Gordon, her nephews, Michael Ayer, Richard Ayer, David Ayer, Kimball Ayer and their children; and her husband's cousins, Elizabeth Friend Scott and Edward Powell Scott, as well as their spouses and children.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Newton Corner on Saturday, October 11, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Archaeological Exploration of Sardis, c/o Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The New Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

“Grace Church: a Baptizing Community”

OCTOBER EVENTS

- **OCTOBER 12th:** Join Ed Pease and Linda Clark at the Grace Discussion Group on October 12th at 10:00 AM for bible study and discussion of the project.
- **OCTOBER 26th:** Welcome the Rev. Dr. Charles Hefling to the Grace Discussion Group. He will provide information about the Anglican understanding of Baptism as the rite that commissions us for our vocations as Christians. He will also preach at the 11:00 AM service.

Twice a month the people at the Calvin Institute post a story on their web site that highlights how Christian leaders, pastors, and congregations are seeking to renew worship. Their current story features Grace Church prominently. It's called “From Confirmation or Profession of Faith to Multiple Milestones of Faith.”

You can read it at their website [www.calvin.edu/worship/stories/profession_faith.php]

You can also access this story by going to our Website www.gracenewton.org, clicking on Worship Grant. Then scroll down to Calvin's Grace Church interview and click.

Notes from Richard Signore:

The baptismal service bids us to “Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share in his eternal priesthood.” All Christians take on the identity of Christ, share sufferings to be faithful, and experience new life and growth. How do we connect the metaphysical dots? What role for the Christ? What share is ours? These are deep questions.

I began meditating on these questions some years ago. I had gone to Toronto, Canada on vacation. While there I noticed a billboard erected by a Roman Catholic religious order encouraging new vocations to their ministry. The billboard was stark: a picture of Jesus, waist-up, crucified, head bowed in death. The caption: “Dare to be a priest like me.” I found myself backing away from this notion. “The Messiah is the crucified one. I can't go up on the cross like him!” And yet, Jesus often said to His followers, “Take up your cross and follow me.” What do I do as a sacrifice? How do I join the Christ, sharing in a priesthood of sacrificial love?

As I thought through this over time, it became clear to me that my spiritual well-being hinges on “dying to self” and allowing the love of Christ to expand beyond my selfish wants. Every parent knows the truth of this. What parent would not empty their lunch pail to see to it the child has food, give from their store of resources when the child encounters a setback, give up their time and pursuits patiently to nurture a child through their confusion. Love does not need to be asked a second time; it is almost automatic. The impoverished missionary in the field, tending the needs of a distressed people is a powerful image of sharing in the one priesthood inaugurated in Christ. The nurse who not only takes the necessary vital signs of the patient, but also offers to pray for the sick, expands their role to emulate, or put on the priesthood of Jesus. To draw alongside of an individual who is sad, lost, or confused, and simply be present as a friend and fellow traveler in the pain or joy life brings adds depth to our spirit. In this we touch the eternal Love from Christ which is the healing of us all.



Welcoming Committee

You are invited to come to a meeting, **Tuesday, October 7th, 7 p.m.** The Welcoming committee will explore ways to expand our culture of hospitality and to invite our newcomers to become involved in our parish life. We will meet here at Grace Church in the chapel. New ideas and newcomers are welcome. Snacks and fellowship will be shared. Please let me know if you have questions, or to tell me of your interest.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Peace,

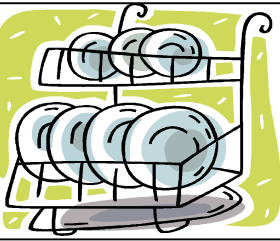
Margaret Umbsen, javadream@rcn.com, 508-405-0256

Property Committee meeting this Thursday, October 9th at 5:30 P.M. before Choir Practice. If you are interested in our building and grounds, bring your ideas, and we'll fill you in on our plans.



GRACE CHURCH'S SINGING SCHOOL FIRST SESSION OCTOBER 19th, 10:15 – 10:45 AM IN THE LARGE HALL

Here is an opportunity for children ages 4 – 6 to learn how to sing. We work on rhythm and matching pitches. We work with a child's natural love of singing. Parents and children of all ages are invited to attend these sessions. At this age, children learn best by watching adults. Besides – what could be more fun than being childlike for about 30 minutes!



Once again the counters of Grace Church are overflowing with the reminders of your generosity. Please remember to pick up your plates, casseroles, etc. from the kitchen. Thank you

GRACE GREEN TIPS

Inspired by the leadership of Religious Witness for the Earth, the Social Action Committee provides weekly recommendations for environmental preservation.



Tip 42: Have a Green Halloween

With all those plastic candy bags and wrappings (not to mention disposable decorations and costumes) most families that celebrate Halloween make a small dent on the environment. Multiplied thousands of times over in a city like Newton, the impact is substantial. Fortunately, there are dozens of websites that offer tips for having a more green Halloween. Here is a summary that culls information from some of these sites:

1) Pumpkins and Gourds:

- § Buy organic pumpkins and gourds from local farmers markets, farm stands and grocery stores that sell local produce. Quite a number of farms where you can pick your own apples also sell pumpkins and gourds so you can consolidate trips and make it a real family outing.
- § Use the pumpkin pulp to make pie or soups. Salvage the seeds for snacking. Compost the remaining parts.
- § Burn soy or beeswax candles in your Jack O'Lanterns and for other holiday lighting. Most wax candles are made from petroleum, which when burned, unleashes a small-scale equivalent of diesel exhaust.

2) Costumes:

- § Make your own costumes from recycled materials around the house, or from vintage clothing and accessories shops. Good ideas for make-your-own costumes can be found on a number of websites. Just Google 'Homemade Halloween Costumes' or 'Green Halloween Costumes' to find them.
- § Avoid masks made of vinyl or other nonrecyclable materials.
- § Avoid children's products that contain lead and other toxic materials. Use makeup that is made from natural materials.

3) Party supplies:

- § Choose re-useable plates, cups, utensils, napkins and tablecloths, or those that can be recycled or composted.
- § Use party decorations that are made of natural, recyclable materials as much as possible. Use biodegradable balloons, or better yet, avoid them entirely.

4) Treats:

- § Avoid treats that are over packaged or packaged in nonrecyclable plastics.
- § Buy fair-trade, organic chocolates that are now sold in many mainstream stores as well as health food stores. Global Exchange sells a Fair Trade Trick or Treat Action Kit that includes individually wrapped chocolates and informational greeting cards with a Halloween theme.
- § Buy candies that are locally made as much as possible.
- § Give out fun nonfood treats such as nontoxic crayons, coloring books, stickers, and small change, of course.

YOUTH AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL
PREVIEW



GROWING INTO THE FULL STATURE OF CHRIST

Class Meeting Times and Places, October 12, 2008,
the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:45 AM Children's Chapel Grades Pre-K-5 in the Chapel
A video Bible story will be shown after the Chapel Service

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

The Regular Schedule of Sunday School Classes resumes on October 19th

Many Thanks to those who worked with our Sunday School Classes since our opening Day on September 7th: Sidewalk Sam, Margaret Crook, Carrie Hawley, Gayle Larson, Richard Signore, Alan O'Hare, Jennifer Reed, Jennifer Mendelsohn, Rebecca Barnett, Andrée Saulnier, Amy Hickey, Betsy Whitehead, Melissa Umbesen, David Barbrow, Lauren Chase, Edie Knight, Wendy Heywood, Andrew Kling, Deb Perugi, Tim Hintz, Sara Clendenning, Maxx Lyman, the Parents of J2A: Scott Aquilina, Loren Gary, Lisa Tieszen, Diane Sakikini-Rao, Ellen Sheehy, Julia Talcott, Lisa Tieszen.

Sunday School Helpers and Teachers are needed!

Please get in touch with Ed Pease.

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