



## GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN

September 16, 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,

We're in the thick of election season and everywhere we go, there are signs on neighbors' lawns, urging us to vote for various candidates running for public office locally and nationally.

It's important for all of you to know that as a member of the clergy, I cannot endorse any candidate, nor can Grace Church endorse anyone running for political office. It's against the law. But what I can do is urge everyone of you to educate yourselves on the issues and candidates and get out there and vote. It's our right and privilege and we should encourage everyone we know to register to vote.

If you worshipped with us at the 11 AM Eucharist this past Sunday, you may have noticed a prayer during the Prayers of the People that has been added and we will pray until the national elections in November. It comes from the Book of Common Prayer, number 24 on p. 822, "For an Election:

"Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Keep praying and keep working for justice -- so much is at stake.

Blessings and Peace,  
Miriam

### My Schedule

I am in the Office Tuesdays through Thursdays and generally work on my homily at home on Fridays. Mondays and Saturdays are my days off. If you have an email that needs immediate attention and I'm away from my desk, please call me on my cell phone so that I can respond in a timely manner: 617-930-0544. ~ Miriam

My Dear Friends,

The nominating committee is looking for a few men and women to join the Vestry in January 2009. I have been on the Vestry since 2005, I have chaired the Grace Discussion Group Committee, started an evening prayer group, and began a coffee house, named in memory of Bob Malagodi's singing group The Grace Notes. One of the best things about being on the Vestry is the support to try something new, or to change things that better suit our congregation. I feel fortunate to have been co-warden warden last year with Jay Burke, and this year with John Ficarelli. If you have served on the Vestry, you know that you become more appreciative of all the people that contribute to making our community what it is, and feel more connected both as parish members, and as a member of the Episcopal Church. One of the things frequently talked about in the Vestry has been simplifying things, and doing them as efficiently as possible, and part of being on the Vestry is not doing everything yourself, but to ask for help when you need it. Our endowment campaign is asking us to consider the gifts of Grace, and I am asking you to use your gifts on our Vestry so that Grace can continue to be a vital community of faith. If one of us calls you and asks you to serve a three year term will you say yes? But much more importantly, is God calling you to leadership at Grace? Here's hoping that you will receive, and answer that call.

Poetically yours,  
Ann Fletcher

Those In Service, September 21st

Altar Guild:	Joan Devlin
Hospitality:	Rosser, Volcker
Greeters:	Paul and Carolyn Wong
Lectors:	Frank Pesci, Libby Gerlach
Lay Reader:	Don Kennedy
Counters:	Julia Talcott, Diane Droste
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, Calvin Johnson, Brad Leitch, Darnell Lyman, and Adam Sacchetti. We also ask your prayers for those in need of healing: Marie Smith, Grace Murphy, Barbara Baerg, Mavis Chase-Sobers, Trudy Kontoff, Eileen Vickery, Richard Sullivan, George Chapman, Martha Grant, Frances Ellsbree, Marty Hackett, Jane Shapiro, Kathy Sachetti, Merle Orren, Alice MacDonald, Barbara Karlin, Aagot Berg, Neila Gonsalves, Nicole, Harry Snyder, Jane Scott, Sally McAlpine, Jim McAlpine, Cindy Grogan, Cathy Harless, Alison Sprague, Paul, Gwen Julia, Pam Jones, Zack McLeod, John Mayfield, Matt Shea, Kate MacDonald, Kathy Owen, Ed Jacobi, Liz Huntting, Judy Borowicz, Barbara Stock, Tim Clancy, Mateo Singer-Torres, Cali, Hardy, June O'Brien, Richard Borowicz, Naomi Bolser, Carson Johnson.

Grace Discussion Group

**This Sunday, September 21st - Social Action**

Members talk about their experiences of volunteering for social justice this year & open discussion about adult & youth projects for 2008-2009.

Future Discussion Group Topics

**Next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Substance Abuse.**

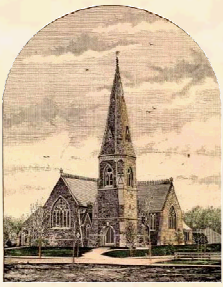
A young adult who lives in Newton and grew up here will tell his personal story about the path of his addiction and his recovery. Hopefully parents and the older children will be able to attend and here about how substance abuse can affect our youth, even those who grow up in "good" families in "nice" communities

Cellphones in Church



Ed and I, along with some lay leaders of our parish have noticed some of our Youth texting on their cell phones while in church or Sunday School on Sundays. This is not acceptable and we request all the parents and guardians to ask your children to leave their cell phones at home. If there is an emergency and someone needs to get in touch with them, please call the Church Office or my cell: 617-930-0544.

Thank you.  
~ Miriam



Women of Grace

### Women of Grace

Our first Women of Grace gathering scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, will be held at Leslie Lockhart's house at 46 Clyde Street, Newtonville, starting at 7 p.m. Please bring something to share with everyone and bring your own beverage. Looking forward to the first get-together of the fall season!!

Mark your calendars for 2008 Women of Grace nights in the Small Hall.

All on Wednesday at 7:00 PM:

October 15, November 12 and December 10 (cookies).

***All are Welcome!***



### Alzheimer's Association Fund Raiser

Every 72 seconds someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer's is now ranked as the 6th leading cause of death in the U.S. We're on the move to end Alzheimer's and need your help!

Doug and I are raising money for the Association through their annual Memory Walk which is Sunday, September 21st. If you would like to sponsor one of us go to the Memory Walk web site [www.memorywalkma.org](http://www.memorywalkma.org) and if you type in his (or my) name you can sponsor us online! Otherwise checks should be made out to the Alzheimer's Association and you can give them directly to one of us.

The Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of research nationally for Alzheimer's disease and locally provides education and support to the estimated 120,000 Massachusetts residents with the disease and their caregivers. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Thank you, Debra Katt-Lloyd  
781-324-5759.

### Japanese Visitor Returns! Meet her 9/21 at Betsy and Bill's house

Grace Church families were host to a group of teen age Japanese students in a visitation arranged by Susan Maguire, and others in the Parish about a dozen years ago. They since have dispersed to careers and families around the world with English language and Newton cultural skills! Our student, Akiko Mitsutsuka has kept in correspondence with us, and we are pleased to have spent several days with her family in Sendai, north of Tokyo. Please renew acquaintances with this accomplished young lady, and practice your Japanese language skills, and enjoy some sushi and refreshments at 4:45 PM on Sunday 9/21 with Betsy and Bill Leitch at their house 69 Dexter Road on Bulloughs Pond (outside weather permitting),

Please RSVP so we can order enough sushi!!  
617 244-0771 or [betsy7bill@comcast.net](mailto:betsy7bill@comcast.net)

## GRACE GREEN TIPS

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



### Tip 38: Compost

The EPA estimates that yard waste and food make up 25% of the 245 million tons of garbage that goes into American landfills every year. Composting helps the environment in two ways; by putting less garbage into landfills, and by reducing or replacing chemical fertilizers in home gardens. Compost improves soil by adding nutrients and by attracting earthworms and other organisms that provide further fertilization. The five basic kinds of

composting include:

- 1) Stationary compost bin: You can purchase one from a garden supply center or construct one. Step-by-step instructions for constructing bins are found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/eplor/agguides/hort/g06957.htm>
- 2) Tumbling compost bin: A turning unit aerates compost matter and therefore cuts down on the manual labor of having to periodically turn it with a shovel.
- 3) Worm composting: This involves keeping worms in a commercially purchased or home constructed bin. Worms do the work of breaking down the organic matter for you. Usually the bin is filled with shredded newspapers, cardboard or sawdust. Worm bins must be kept in a structure with a maintained temperature of at least 50 degrees, such as a basement or semi-heated garage
- 4) A heap pile. Some people simply pile their compost in an outdoor heap. To be effective, this should be at least three feet high and three feet wide.
- 5) Soil incorporation. Some people maintain an area in their yard where they dig compost matter into the soil. Experts advise that compost should be buried at least 8 inches deep in order to avoid attracting animals.

There are numerous books and online guides to composting. An excellent one is Garden.Guides.com (Just navigate to the Guide to Composting webpage.) The ConsumerSearch website provides clear and comprehensive reviews of commercially available compost bins of all kinds. The recommended stationary and tumbling compost bins are available for around \$130. The City of Newton now provides a stationary compost bin (pictured below) for all city residents for \$40. They can be purchased at City Hall but must be picked up at the Rumford Avenue Recycle Center.

Kitchen compost bins have become a popular option since they provide an immediate depository for food waste between visits to your outdoor composter. These are small enough to be kept under your kitchen sink and range in cost from \$20-\$50.

## Social Action Update

Please consider joining the Social Action Committee and lending a hand with other social outreach this coming year. Our first quarterly meeting will be held after church on **September 21st** in Miriam's Office.

Thank you, thank you, all!!

Lisa Tieszen,

for the Social Action Committee

YOUTH AND  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
PREVIEW



GROWING INTO THE FULL STATURE OF CHRIST

Class Meeting Times and Places, September 21, 2008,  
the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Rite-13 and J2A Members attend the 11 A.M. Service.

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

RITE-13 SPECIAL EVENT: Hunger banquet:

Charles River Youth Collaborative (made up of the Episcopal Churches of the Charles River Deanery—meets at Christ Church, Needham, 6-8 PM. Some Rite-13 parents are needed to accompany our students to this event RSVP TO ED PEASE.



Sunday School Helpers and Teachers are needed!

Teacher for Grades 2,3 needed. Please get in touch with Ed Pease. Call the church at 617-244-3221, extension 14, or Ed at home 508-668-5055, or email to [clarkpease2@cs.com](mailto:clarkpease2@cs.com)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Community Health Fair

Sponsored by Daughters of Myrtle and  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Rho Epsilon Omega

At

Myrtle Baptist Church, 21 Curve Street, Newton, MA

Saturday, September 20, 2008

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Learn about living healthy lifestyles, cardiovascular health, prostate health,  
weight loss management, breast cancer, menopause and much more.



## Sudbury Colonial Faire & Muster of Fife and Drums

Saturday, September 27th at Historic Wayside Inn  
Faire starts 10:00 AM Parade at Noon

The Fife and Drum muster immediately following the parade. Bring a lawn chair.

Enjoy crafts, colonial games, food, and wonderful music.

Come see Nick Johnson marching in the Middlesex County 4th fife and drum corps.

Call Cecelia Johnson with questions, 617-699-3758