

Grace Notes

THE NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



MARCH/APRIL 2007

VOLUME VIII, NO. 2

The Rector's Message . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

Just this week I had my first ever cortisone shot in my knee for a problem that has developed. Egads!! How did this happen? As all of you know, moving on through our life journeys brings all sorts of surprises. Some good and some not so good. I'm just grateful that there is such a thing as cortisone! I'm not proud. I'll take it!

Our Lenten journey is somewhat like that. Sometimes, while on this journey, we find that we need a little cortisone—or special care—in order to continue the journey. The good news is that God is always there to give us that special care. God doesn't take away the problem; but God does help us get through it by standing beside us and by sending others to stand beside us. Often when we look back, it looks like God took away the problem. In reality, we took the needed care and love and freed ourselves up enough to work through it. It only happens, though, when we let go enough to allow God and God's angels to be there with us.

What keeps you from accepting this love and care? We get so caught up with a given situation that we forget that we don't have to solve everything ourselves. Or we think that if we admit there is an issue others will think we are weak, aren't good parents or neighbors or good managers, or good workers. Our need to "do it myself" gets in the way every time.

During this Lenten season, slow down, walk the journey, and don't be afraid to look deep inside and see what keeps you from God. We may not like what we see, but God already sees it, so why pretend otherwise?

Have a good journey.

God's peace,
Pastor Anna



Inside This Edition:

Holy Week Svc. Schedule	2
Vestry Briefs	3
Annual Meeting Update	4
Antique Appraisal Day Pix	4
Spring in Talleyville Concerts	5
Game Night/Dessert Auction	5
Annual Flea Market	5
Lenten Programs	6
Grace's Usher Ministry	6
News Around Congregation	7
Chuckle of the Day	7



Palm Sunday, April 1
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Wednesday, April 4
Tenebrae Svc. 7:00 p.m

Maundy Thursday, April 5
Agape Meal 6:00 p.m.
Liturgy Service 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6
12 noon

Easter Sunday, April 8
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



Lenten opportunities:

- copies of daily Lenten meditation booklets in hallway
- donation baskets in the hallways for Episcopal Relief & Dev. (ERD)
- Lenten programs (see pg. 6)



Stripping of the Palms
Saturday, March 31
9:30 a.m.

All are welcome to help!

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR EASTER:
Saturday, April 7
9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Easter Altar Flower Donation Envelopes available in the hallway. May be given as memorials or in thanksgiving. Return completed envelopes to the Office mail slot in choir room or mail into the office.
DUE DATE: March 25



In my Easter Bonnet, with all the frills upon it, I'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade!

Vestry Briefs (from Jan. 18, 2007 Mtg)

- Deficit for the year should fall in the area of \$11,000, roughly half of what was expected.
- 2007 pledges total \$231,500. This is a short fall of between \$4,000 to \$8,000 from the projected “bare bones budget”.
- Vestry approved reducing the Diocesan pledge by \$2,500, with the provision that if our budget allows we would repay the full amount.
- Finance Committee has formed an Audit Committee, comprising of Jeff Beck, John Poplos and Cam Martin. They will be seeking the services of an auditor.

.(from Feb. 22, 2007)

- Wine and Cheese reception held to honor and thank outgoing vestry members
- Commission/Committee leaders gave explanations of their group’s responsibilities/duties to newly elected vestry members. Our newest members will choose which commission to work with at the March vestry meeting.
- Delegates for the 2007 Diocesan Convention were designated: Linda McLaughlin, Richard Powell, and Bill Corbishley



**SATURDAY
MARCH 10**

Check website link to keep current with Church Calendar dates!

©Dan Rosandich - WWW.DANSCARTOONS.COM



"I take it the Baxter baby wasn't very cooperative during the baptism."

Annual Meeting 2007

The annual meeting was held at Grace on Sunday, Feb. 4. We wish to thank the outgoing vestry members, *Sr. Warden Cathy Diamond, Vickie Innes and Brenda Trageser*, for their years of service to the church. Our newly elected vestry members are: *Robert Eppes, Irv Hollingsworth, Cindy Larned, Linda McLaughlin, and Christopher Raab*. *Pat Diamond* was also elected to the Taylor Trust Fund.



Pictured L-R: Chris Raab, Cindy Larned, Irv Hollingsworth, Linda McLaughlin

During the meeting, the vestry members played a game with the congregation to educate them on the duties/responsibilities of the different commissions and committees of the church (pix below).



Antique Appraisal Day, Sat. March 3

Edward Stinson, of Mid-Atlantic Auctions and Appraisals, evaluated 110 items over the course of the day. Attendees were able to listen to all appraisals while they lunched at the café tables in the back. A fun and informative event!



Paula Hartzell
With her
Christening gowns
→

Mr. Stinson with
parishioner
Al Hickman ←



Giving Commission

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Jo Ryan who heads up the Grace Church cooking teams for EDR is looking for more cooking volunteers! Volunteers make up teams who meet once a month to prepare the casserole for EDR. The team's commitment is only for a few times/year, you work with a group of Grace people here in our kitchen, and all the instructions/ingredients for putting together the casseroles are already in place. **Jo especially needs help in covering the months of June & August.** Interested? Please give her a call (302) 478-0114 or sign-up on the sheet in the hallway. Many thanks!



**"Spring in Talleyville"
Brown Bag Concerts**



*Fridays
March 16, 23 and 30
12:15 p.m.*

Tom Marshall needs hosts/greeters for the concerts!!! If you can help out by setting up punch/coffee and handing out bulletins, let Tom know! (302-475-0767)

Caring Commission

Game Night and Dessert Auction

Grace Church will host a **Game Night and Dessert Auction on Saturday, April 14th.** Mark your calendars now! All ages invited! Come relax, play the old favorite games, bid on some scrumptious desserts, and enjoy the tasty treats!



**Grace Church's
Annual
Flea Market**

**Saturday, May 5
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
*Rain Date: May 12***

Time to clean out closets and cupboards! Bring household items and books to the church and place in back corner of the Parish Hall. **No clothing please!** Please try to price and mark your items before dropping them off. The pricing work is very time consuming and requires a lot of volunteers!

Look for sign-up sheets in the near future regarding set-up/take down, bake table, and the various duties associated with this event!

Study Commission

LENTEN STUDY OFFERINGS:

Noonday Prayers and Rag Dolls — Mondays, 2/26—3/26, 12 noon. Meet in the chapel at 12 noon for prayer service and then adjourn to Parish Hall with bag lunches to work on *Rag Dolls to Love* (a charitable donation).

God Is Closer Than You Think Lenten Study — Sundays, 2/25—3/25, noon to 1 p.m. A DVD and book study with discussion following. Best-selling author John Ortberg shares how to find God where you least expect him, to listen to God's voice, and draw closer to God even when he seems absent.

Walking the Labyrinth — Wed., 3/7 at 12 noon & Thurs., 3/8 at 7 p.m.

Program by Sister Barbara Jean of Anamchara Fellowship, an Episcopal Community

More Bulletin Bloopers:

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

USHER MINISTRY

The usher ministry is a vital part of our Church. As the ushers continue to work in partnership with the clergy, they continue to learn why it is important to be a part of the regular and special services held at Grace Church. The usher's manual is continually being revised to meet the required support of the ushers. This group has always had the ability to adapt to the unplanned events that occur during the worship service, that are not outlined in the manual. (Many of which go mostly unnoticed!)

This past year brought stability to this ministry. Attrition was down and performance was much improved. We were able to maintain nine teams which meant the ushers would be assigned once every nine weeks, except during the Christmas and Easter seasons, and only once in the summer.

The Usher Ministry welcomes all who would like to be a part of this special ministry. This includes senior high school students as well as all adults of the parish. Simply speak with an usher and your name will be passed on to Irv Hollingsworth. Irv will contact you, answer any questions, and get you



My PhD defense was scheduled for Fri., Feb. 23 from 2-4pm. Very best wishes and thanks to everyone at Grace, and especially all those wonderful women who were able to participate in my study. You're all thanked as an anonymous group in the "Acknowledgments" along with Anna and the congregation at Grace by name. Cheers!
Pam Poe



Memorial services were held for *Milford Brinton Sr.* on Jan. 22, and for *Albert Bartels Jr.* on Feb. 1. Our condolences to *Allie Warren, Nan Olinick, and Elsie Maloney*, sisters of Albert. The parish also extends condolences to *Samir Kassees* on the recent death of his sister, *Doris Salman*, in Palestine.



Bishop Wright confirmed or received the following members at his Jan. 21st visitation to Grace: *Julie Buskirk, Robert Eppes, Stacy Fennimore, Jennifer Helfrich Eppes, and Andrew Endres*. Congratulations!

Grace Church celebrated the wedding of *Julie Buskirk and Andrews Endres* on Sat., Feb. 24. Our best wishes to the newlyweds! Also, *Anna and Bill Waid* celebrated the wedding of their son *Wesley* to *Candace McWilliams* on Feb. 16 in the Dominican Republic.



Alan and Chris Gill received the special gift of their first great-grandchild, *Jenna Elizabeth Shertenlieb*, on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 6:01 a.m. Jenna weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz.

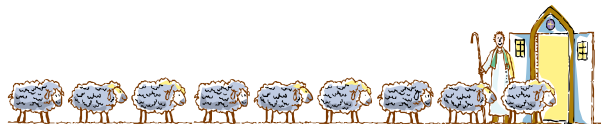
Pat Diamond manned the grill at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the church. Everyone had their fill before the



lean days of Lent! Many thanks to Pat and all who organized this event.

A Little Chuckle for the Day

From a recent bulletin of St. Mark's Cathedral, Minn.: We have previously noted the sad sate of St. Mark's lawn tractor (and snowplow). It has now passed onto tractor heaven, where it is being welcomed into Paradise by St. John Deere. Since no one responded to our earlier appeal for a tractor donation, the Property Comm. is planning to acquire 15 sheep to graze the lawns of the Cathedral Close. The sheep (like the rest of us St. Markans) will require a Shepherd. Shepherding is needed on a 24/7/365 basis so the sheep don't wander out onto Hennepin Avenue. St. Markans are urged to sign up for 8-hour stints of shepherding duty. Call the office to sign up (or consider donating a tractor instead).



Two fundamentalist board members were chagrined to learn that the bishop had designated a woman to be their minister. Nevertheless, they agreed to invite her to go fishing with them as was customary. The wonderful late afternoon catch kept them happy.

She said, "Gentlemen, I must get back for an evening meeting."

"Well then, you'll just have to swim to shore," one of them answered.

"But I can't swim," responded the woman.

"We are not leaving with the fish biting like this."

So she stepped over the side and walked across the water to shore.

One said to the other, "I wish you'd look; they sent us a woman minister and she can't even swim."



Grace Episcopal Church
4900 Concord Pike
Wilmington DE 19803
302-478-9533
The Rev. Anna M. Waid, Rector

Grace Place Office
4906 Concord Pike
Telephone: 302-478-9533 Fax: 302-478-9535
Email: graceplace3@comcast.net
Office Hours: Mon—Fri, 9 am to 1 pm

Service Times:
Sunday Holy Eucharist, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery is available at the 10:30)
Godly Play, 10:15 a.m.
Tweens & Teens, 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday, Eucharist/Healing Service, 12 Noon



www.graceepiswilmde.org



Monday
April 30

Grace Episcopal Church
4900 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803-1412

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 65
CLAYMONT, DE 19703