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The Rector's Message . . .

Dear People of Grace,

I will be at General Convention from Monday, July 6 through Sat., July 18. It isn't the first time I've been to General Convention, but it is the first time I've been a deputy. Because it all will be new to me from this vantage point, I hope to keep you posted with my impressions. My plan is to send out a regular email to you—my very first blog. I've been told that our General Convention is the largest gathering of a governing body in the U.S. There will be deputies from all the dioceses, representatives from other parts of the world, vendors, and visitors. There will be remarkable worship, study groups, conversation, debate, tears and laughter. And through it all the Holy Spirit will try his/her darnedest to bring out the best in each of us to make the wisest decisions. I ask your prayers for me, the Delaware representation, and all delegates and leaders, praying that we listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit as we debate, converse, and vote.

Meanwhile, I hope each of you enjoy your summer slow down, and keep the Grace Community and the St. Albans community in prayer as we continue to explore the possibility of a common life together.

God's peace,
Pastor Anna



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What's new with the discussions between Grace and St. Albans?

On June 14, the vestries and rectors of the two churches met. I wrote the details of that meeting in a letter that was sent out by the office via email. For those of you without computer access, printed copies of the letter are available on the table in the church hallway. Please be sure to grab a copy and let us know your questions.



It was a good meeting and it was agreed that we would continue our dialogue and exploration of where the Holy Spirit is leading us. On June 28 the Wardens and Rectors met again, and on Sunday, July 26 there will be another Joint Vestry meeting at Grace.

The vestry is planning a “town hall” type meeting for Grace after Labor Day where you will be able to pose your questions and we can give answers to the best of our knowledge at that time. The vestry is also planning a way to gather up your questions on Sunday mornings. It will also be an opportunity to create a "bucket list" of questions to be explored.

As I said in my letter, these are exciting times for us at Grace. We will do our best to keep you informed and involved. Please have patience with us as the process will take some time.

Tom Marshall
Sr. Warden

Important Calendar Dates To Note!

- Friday, July 24, **Chit, Chat and Charity**, 7:00 p.m. (J. Bailey's home)
- Sunday, July 26, **VBS Volunteers Mtg.**, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., July 29, **VBS Volunteers Mtg.**, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. Aug. 3—Fri. 7 **Vacation Bible School**, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri.)
- Wed., Sept. 16, **Creative Call**, 7 p.m. (Bring dessert to share)
- Sat., Sept. 19, **Church “Clean-up” Day**
- Sun., Sept. 27, **Book Club**, 7 p.m. (Watch bulletins for book info)
- Sat., Oct. 3, **J2A Youth Sponsored Flea Market**
- Sun., Oct. 4, **Blessing of the Animals**, 10:30 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 17, **Game Night**, 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 18, Tentative **Newcomers Dinner**, 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 24, **Vestry Day Retreat**



Vestry Briefs (from June 10 Mtg)

- Meeting started with study and discussion. The topic was outreach, greeting, and Vacation Bible School. What do we want for the future?
- Treasurer's Report was presented by Jeff Beck, Finance Chair. There is a timing issue on some of the expenditures, but finances look reasonably well. Finance Committee is looking for a way to increase Grace's contribution to the Diocese, because we are way below standard.
- Wardens Tom Marshall and Irv Hollingsworth reported on the meeting with the St. Albans' wardens (Bill Bail and John Saxbe). It was a productive meeting with positive responses by both groups to the eventual combining of St. Albans and Grace into one church. It appears the Diocese is looking at a one-year time line; this will coincide with the need to call a new rector after Anna retires. A beginning meeting is scheduled for 6/14 at St. Albans for the two vestries to meet and discuss possibilities.
- Kaplan Inc. is willing to up their rental fee if new carpet is installed in the Ivy Room. It was suggested that the room also be painted and possibly new window treatments. The Property Commission will check on the pricing.
- Final report on the Flea Market proceeds: Rental of spaces: \$1160, Kitchen snack bar: \$580; and Chicken dinners: \$323. Plans for next year's Flea Market need to start early so the date can get on the calendar. Vestry will discuss this at the August meeting.
- Sandy Poplos has reported to the vestry that the J2A Youth are interested in holding a fall Flea Market on Oct. 3 and a Valentine's dinner/dance on Valentine's weekend.
- Reminder: 10% of all funds raised by church activities goes to outreach.
- The Fall Clean-Up date is Sept. 19. This cleaning of the church is to address those things that do not fall in the sexton's duties.
- A Newcomers Dinner is tentatively planned for Oct. 18.
- Irv Hollingsworth has lined up performers for two Fundraiser Concerts on Nov. 14 and Dec. 19.
- Pastor Anna has contracted the Covenant Players to perform a program on Sun., Dec. 13. Their fee is \$230 and a free-will cash offering. Members of the groups will need housing.
- Linda Adams is organizing a Fair Trade Market (10,000 Villages) for November. (*see article on page 6 — ed. note*)



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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6) 03-18-2005
THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED



Saturday,
Sept. 19



*Have you signed up for **Coffee Hour** this fall? Sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Instructions will be mailed to you for this easy duty. . . . Thank you for your service to the church!*



When you sign up for coffee hour, please consider being a **Greeter** on that day or on another at our 10:30 service. Greeting is easy, fun, and takes only ½ hour. Arrive at 10 and you are finished at 10:30. You need no training or experience — just the ability to show friendship and caring to our own parishioners and to visitors. There is always someone to help if you need it. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the coffee hour sign up.
HAVE FUN - GET TO KNOW OTHERS IN THE PARISH - BE A GREETER.



Outreach Commission. . . .

COSTUME CLOSET

Did you ever wonder what you were going to do with those old prom dresses, suits and hats/ties/sweaters/handbags that you don't want anymore? St. Johns Next-to-New Shop is a great idea. (We have a St. Johns donation box in the hallway.) But many of those might make wonderful costumes for the theatre. Tom Marshall is collecting such items for use with the Concord High School and other theatre groups. Contact him at 302-437-4423.



DITTY BOXES

Don't forget as you travel this summer, to pick up those *hotel toiletries and pens/pads* that might be useful to the sailors in our local port. Collecting for the Ditty Boxes is a year round event. Leave the items in the Ditty Box collection box in the hall outside of the Chapel.

And knitters — if you want an early start on the caps/scarves we provide — knitting instructions are available on the wall (above the Seamen Ctr. Bin) in the hallway.



**OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPT. 7**

CLAYMONT FOOD PANTRY

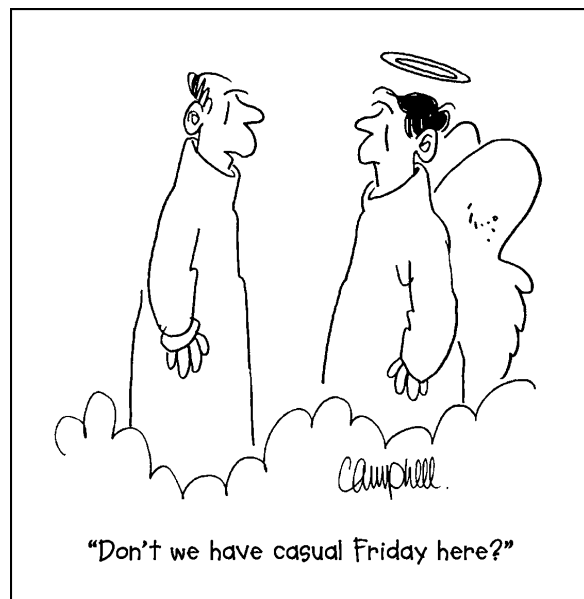


Collections go on every Sunday for canned goods and nonperishable items that can be left in the baskets in the Church.

The food items will be delivered to Claymont Community Center's Food Pantry for distribution. Please help us to keep this important ministry going as the need continues to grow.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

So the song goes, we have our own penny collection. There are "bears" in the back of the Church for your loose change. The pennies go to **Meals on Wheels** for seniors in our area. This is an important ministry to those who are unable to get out and provide for themselves. Please don't hesitate to empty those pockets as you "pass the bear".



Outreach Commission. . . .

Fair Trade Festival — Friday, Nov. 6 & Sat., Nov. 7



Do your Christmas shopping this year with us!! Grace is going to host a Fair Trade Festival. Crafts from all over the world will be displayed and sold at reasonable prices. Coffee, candles, tableware and seasonal decorations are just a few examples of what we will have for sale.

This event is part of Grace's outreach program. Fair Trade Organizations even out the wages paid to people at the beginning of the business chain — the crafter. Fair Trade Organizations investigate the standard of living in each country and pay the crafters accordingly. The Fair Trade Organization takes on the losses, if any, of these transactions. When you see a Fair Trade label, you can be secure that your purchase helps both people and the planet. Fair Trade Organizations make sure that the merchandise meets international standards.

We are hosting this event through Ten Thousand Villages, a shop located in Greenville. I encourage you to check it out. But, please, save your money for purchases at our event. We will not have everything that they have, but we will have a lot to choose from.



So mark the dates and tell your friends and families! And if you want to help me with this new and exciting craft fair, just email me at lincar48@yahoo.com or talk to me at church. Thanks.

Linda Adams,
Vestry Member, Outreach Comm.



Secretary Linda Owens is currently working on an updated parish directory for Grace. This will not be a photo directory, just data. Please forward any updated addresses, phone numbers, and emails to her ASAP. Many thanks!



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Vacation Bible School 2009
***Camp EDGE—Experience and Discover God
 Everywhere***

Aug 3rd – 7th from 5:30 PM – 8:35 PM
Programs for 5 years old to Adults!

REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

www.cokesburyvsbs.com/GraceCampEdge/ce/

Join us for an informal simple dinner in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. About 6:10 p.m. we will all process into the chapel for a short service. Following the service, the participants will separate into their units.

The children will then go on a journey to a biblical destination. Here they will begin the Camp EDGE program — *Experience and Discover God Everywhere*. Camp EDGE brings children closer to God by discovering that God is with them at all times, in all places, and in all circumstances, always ready to help and guide them. Children then travel to four different stations; each will reinforce the daily message. Stations include Science, Arts & Crafts, Music, and Games.

Think VBS is for kids only? Think again! We are offering an adult study program, too! The adults will be lead by Pastor Anna Waid and Seminarian JoAnn Koskol. Background and reflection questions will introduce the relevant bible text for the evening, followed by group discussions and individual reflection.

Adults and children join together at the end of the evening for an ending worship service in church. Although there is no cost to attending the VBS, a collection will be taken up during the worship service, with all donations benefiting *Nets for Life*. Episcopal Relief and Development is supporting this program to fight the spread of malaria by supplying African families with insecticide-treated mosquito nets. Malaria takes the life of 3,000 children each day in Africa. Pre-school aged children and pregnant women are the most susceptible. For just \$12 a treated mosquito net can be supplied to a family.

Plan to join us for this fun-filled week. Give the office a call and Linda will be happy to help you with registration (302-478-9533).



Since summer is the wedding season, I have added in this fun story for newlyweds! If you speak “computer”, you’ll enjoy it even more!

INSTALLING A HUSBAND

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0, and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed, DESPERATE



DEAR DESPERATE,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: ithoughtyoulovedme.html and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.) In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck!

Tech Support



SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

The Heckscher Family

Kitt, Jennie, and Anna



Jennie and Kitt are originally from PA, but both received masters degrees from Univ. of Delaware. Jennie teaches 8th grade science at Waters Middle School in Middletown, and Kitt is an Asst. Professor in Natural Resources at DE State Univ. Before that he worked as a zoologist for the DE Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Kitt is a “cradle” Episcopalian and recently transferred in from Good Shepherd, Rosemont, PA.

Baby Anna Aquilla entered their lives on February 22, and was baptized by Pastor Anna on May 31. You’ll recognize Anna from her glorious head of thick, dark hair!

The family enjoys the outdoors; spending time camping, hiking, backpacking, and gardening. Little Anna enjoys bright colors, watching her mobile, and babbling!

We are so pleased to have this family join our parish — Welcome!

FAITH

Faith is best thought of as a verb, not a “thing.” Faith is a constant, always there, but surging and ebbing.

—Kathleen Norris

Faith, in the end, isn’t an argument. It’s adoration.

—Alan Jones

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong and sound as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn’t you then first discover how much you really trusted it?

—C. S. Lewis

Reason itself is a matter of faith. It is an act of faith to assert that our thoughts have any relation to reality at all.

—G.K. Chesterton

Faith means doubt. Faith is not the suppression of doubt. It is the overcoming of doubt, and you overcome doubt by going through it. The man who has never experienced doubt is not a man of faith.

—Thomas Merton

Faith in God enables me to make sense of things, to see them as a coherent whole, in a way that nothing else can do.

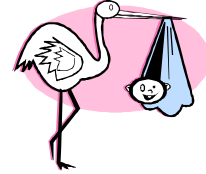
—Kallistos Ware

Worship Commission. . . .

This group met on Wed., June 24, to start planning the Fall worship season at Grace. We will continue with our monthly Family Service using the abbreviated "child-friendly" liturgy and having the children serve as readers, acolytes, and ushers (Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6). On 9/13 we will commission our Sunday School teachers. Talks are underway for a ministry fair on Sunday, Sept. 27, "Commission Sunday". Oct. 4 will see us celebrating the Blessing of the Animals at the 10:30 service.

The group has also planned some "dramatic" readings of the lessons during the fall season.

And for a special treat, the Covenant Players will be back on Dec. 13 for the 10:30 service. Join us in worship!



The Stork has been very busy!

Abigail Marie Golden was born on May 21 (6 lbs. 1 oz., 20 in.) to Diana and Greg Golden. Proud grandparents are Marie and Tom Marshall.

Do you remember Drew and Juli Endres? They were married at Grace in Oct. 2007 and then moved to Florida. Well **McKenna Katherine Endres** arrived on May 29 (7 lbs. 14 oz., 20 1/2 inches). Plans are underway for Drew and Juli to come north for Pastor Anna to perform McKenna's baptism!

And on June 20 at 11:19 p.m., **Makenna Nicole Mills** made her appearance! (8 lbs. 9 oz., 20 inches) Proud parents are Jill and Ryan Mills, grandparents are Tom and Lynne Popovich.

The office recently heard from the **Reder Family**. Robert, Mariana, Emma and Nora were all active members here until the past year when Robert's workplace moved to Chicago. The whole family has now relocated there: 1310 Scott Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093, mcreder@aol.com. Our very best wishes to them in their new home!



Seminarian **JoAnn Koskol** presented a paper on March 27 at the 2009 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion. The paper was entitled: "The Transformation of Psalm 139:16". Congrats!

A Little Chuckle for the Day



We are about to enter the BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.
- (4) The woman remains outside the compulsory three meter exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of the woman.

Here comes the important part:

- (5) **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.**



More routine...

- (6) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- (7) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat.

Important again:

- (8) **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.**

More routine...

- (9) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
- (10) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (11) Everyone **PRAISES** the **MAN** and **THANKS HIM** for his cooking efforts.
- (12) **The man asks the woman how she enjoyed 'her night off', and, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.**



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Service Times:

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery is available at the 10:30)
Godly Play and Tweens & Teens, 10:15 a.m.
Rite-13 and J2A, 9:30—10:25 a.m.
Wednesday, Eucharist/Healing Service, 12 Noon



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Click on the link for the **online parish calendar** and stay up to date on events at Grace Church!



**Monday
Aug. 25**

VESTRY OF GRACE

Tom Marshall, Sr. Warden (2011)
Irv Hollingsworth, Jr. Warden (2010)
Linda Adams (2010)
Jean Burton (2012)
Patrick Diamond (2011)
John Haley (2011)
Paul Miles (2012)
Julie Simone (2012)
Fred Tennille (2011)
Brenda Trageser (2012)

