

# Grace Notes

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## The Interim Rector's Message . . .

Dear Friends,

Whew! It has been a hot and busy summer at Grace Church, and as I have been learning the ropes I appreciate all the effort you have made to welcome me and feel like we have settled in well together. I can now connect many more faces with names, although that task is not yet complete, so bear with me! I hope that you have a better sense of what to expect from me, both in terms of my style and way of doing things, and feel satisfied that we will be able to accomplish the tasks of the transition time. At the end of September we will have completed "Phase 1," which is simply to get to know one another, and for me, particularly, to become more familiar and comfortable with the routines and customs of the parish.

With October will come the next phase of our work together. As you know, we will be conducting gatherings of two or three small groups of six to eight people at a time to conduct one-on-one, or dyad, interviews, and for each group to review the results of the interviews, filling up newsprint which will be reviewed by the entire parish at the Summit meeting this winter. It will probably take two months to make sure everyone is able to attend one of these meetings, and so this part of our work will be completed by Thanksgiving. Attendance is needed at only one of these meetings, and it is hoped that every effort will be made to be part of this initial and very important part of the overall process.

Also in October, the annual parish Canvass will get underway, with the Fall Ingathering of pledges of monetary support for the year 2011 to take place, appropriately, on All Saints' Sunday, November 7.

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The process by which we will consider the importance and meaning of offering our pledges to God in support of Grace Church will take place over four Sundays of October: Oct. 3, 10, 17, and concluding Oct. 24. The Sundays of Oct. 10 and 17 will be an occasion at both services for members of the congregation to reflect on experiences and understanding of the meaning of stewardship, done by pairing off in two's and spending ten to fifteen minutes during the time usually reserved for the sermon. There will be a "prototype" of how these conversations will be conducted on Oct. 3. Then, on Sunday, Oct. 24, there will be one service at 9 a.m., where I will preach on stewardship, and after the service will be a meeting in the Parish Hall, where there will be opportunity for some reflection and feedback on the Sunday morning conversations, a presentation of the 2011 budget, and pot-luck lunch. Pledge cards will be given out for prayerful consideration at that gathering, with the Ingathering of Pledges to take place on Nov. 7.

I cannot emphasize enough how important these two efforts, the small group meetings to prepare for the Summit, and the reflection and response to the stewardship process, will be in determining the immediate future of Grace Church. Two issues must be resolved before the Search Committee can even begin its work. The first is to be clear about the direction of mission and ministry at Grace Church, the second is to determine what level of ordained leadership will be possible. The entire parish has a stake in both outcomes, thus, the commitment by as many as can reasonably participate in these efforts will provide the answers needed as we move forward.

As we take on these challenges, let us not forget that God is calling us to greater faithfulness and responsiveness to living as God's people in these complicated times. The stakes have changed in so many aspects of our lives these days, not just in church, but here, especially, we have the assurance that God will never fail us, and will provide the means by which we can be even more of a church. So let us take on these new opportunities, confident that we will find more, not less, of the power and work of the Spirit, to accomplish the tasks set before us.

Faithfully yours,  
Emily+



The Rt. Rev. Wayne Wright will make his annual visitation to Grace on Jan. 16, 2011. Would you like to be **confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church** (or reaffirm your baptismal vows) at that time? Speak to Pastor Emily ASAP. Thank you!

### Healing Service to take place once a month

The healing services will resume on a once-a-month basis, usually taking place on the 4th Wed. of the month at 12:15 p.m. The next two scheduled are Sept. 22 and Oct. 27. If there is a major holiday or other circumstance that would necessitate a different Wed. in a particular month, there will be a notice in the Sun. bulletin and by e-mail.

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## *Vestry Briefs . . . . (from August 19, 2010 Mtg)*

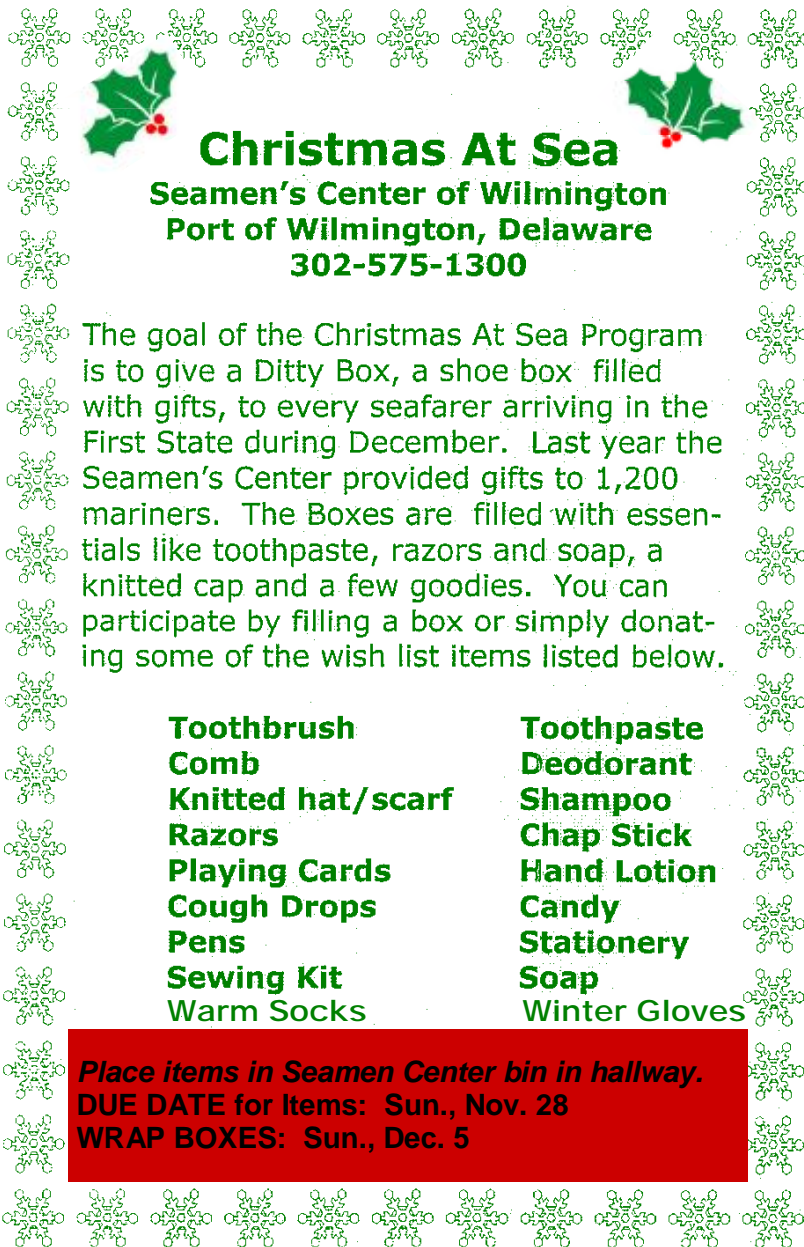
- Treasurer's Report: currently there is a deficit of \$11,766.12. Bruce Phillips has made some changes to the structure of the financial report that was greatly appreciated by the Vestry.
  - Property Committee: Irv Hollingsworth and Marti Foley, representing the Property Committee, presented a proposal to rent the rectory. The property would be managed by the Applebaum Company with a lease for 12 months, with the possibility of renewal. The Vestry accepted the proposal with the amendment that Irv Hollingsworth would serve as the contact person for Grace.
  - It has been decided to not hold a Fall Flea Market this year.
  - A Vestry Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 3 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Place to be announced.
  - Stewardship Campaign: Emily distributed the plan for the fall campaign and there was discussion about the dyads to be held at services in October. Vestry will practice this at the Sept. meeting per Tom.
  - Cemetery Committee: Pat Diamond announced that the office for the Cemetery Committee will be moved to the enclosed porch of Grace Place, making it more accessible to members of the general public who are interested in purchasing plots in Grace's churchyard. The Committee is using interest from the Capital Grounds fund to address repairs to the fire escape, the doors, and seal-coating for the drives.
  - Rector Emily presented an information sheet concerning the Transition Team's duties. Members will be working with the activities to generate input from the congregation for the church profile.
  - The Vestry has agreed through email response to support a fund drive to upgrade the sound system for the Parish Hall. Irv Hollingsworth will be the coordinator of the drive.
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The second set of **2010 pledge contribution statements** was mailed on Sept. 13. If you made a formal pledge for 2010, please check the Pledge Summary line for the %Goal (at the very bottom of the page). At this point in time, everyone should have reached 66% or more on their paid pledge. If your number is lower than that, please make a conscious effort to bring your pledge up to date.



*Outreach Commission. . . .*



**Christmas At Sea**  
**Seamen's Center of Wilmington**  
**Port of Wilmington, Delaware**  
**302-575-1300**

The goal of the Christmas At Sea Program is to give a Ditty Box, a shoe box filled with gifts, to every seafarer arriving in the First State during December. Last year the Seamen's Center provided gifts to 1,200 mariners. The Boxes are filled with essentials like toothpaste, razors and soap, a knitted cap and a few goodies. You can participate by filling a box or simply donating some of the wish list items listed below.

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| <b>Toothbrush</b>        | <b>Toothpaste</b>    |
| <b>Comb</b>              | <b>Deodorant</b>     |
| <b>Knitted hat/scarf</b> | <b>Shampoo</b>       |
| <b>Razors</b>            | <b>Chap Stick</b>    |
| <b>Playing Cards</b>     | <b>Hand Lotion</b>   |
| <b>Cough Drops</b>       | <b>Candy</b>         |
| <b>Pens</b>              | <b>Stationery</b>    |
| <b>Sewing Kit</b>        | <b>Soap</b>          |
| <b>Warm Socks</b>        | <b>Winter Gloves</b> |

**Place items in Seamen Center bin in hallway.**  
**DUE DATE for Items: Sun., Nov. 28**  
**WRAP BOXES: Sun., Dec. 5**



Knitting instructions for the caps and scarves are available on the wall (above the Seamen's Ctr. Bin) in the hallway.

**AND  
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We will celebrate Harvest Sunday the Sunday before Thanksgiving (**Nov. 21**) by sharing our blessings with those less fortunate. When you come to church that Sunday, please bring along a bag of non-perishable food items and place them in the back pews. The food donations will be delivered to the Food Closet at the Claymont Community Center for distribution to families/individuals in need.



**Big  
Thank  
You!**

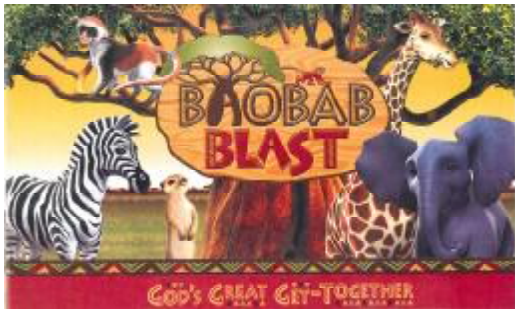


To all who purchased items for the Angel Tree for the **Ronald McDonald House**; you made our first "Christmas in July/August" drive a success and RMH thanks you for the support!

### *Another Form of Outreach . . .*

Altar Guild Co-Chair Fran Allmond met with Pastor Anna Waid after her last day in the pulpit to go through her personal vestments. These were vestments that she would no longer need or require in her retirement. All of these vestments were packed and a 30 pound box was shipped to Patti Posan in Sewanee, TN who works for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Patti ships to places that are in dire need. At Anna's request her vestments will be shipped to Haiti. What a wonderful feeling to know that these clerical treasures will be enhancing another church community and their worship! Thank you Fran.

And . . . A few years ago women of Grace Church met for a Lenten program of **Noonday Prayers and Needlework**. They made *Rag Dolls to Love*, that then accompanied parishioner Chris Raab on a medical mission to Africa. During the Hurricane Katrina project, more Rag Dolls were sent to help cheer the children of ravaged New Orleans. There were about 50 dolls left when the Katrina project closed. These dolls were taken by a Delaware humanitarian team going to Haiti. They in turn will distribute the dolls to children in the Haitian camps. Ladies, think of the hundreds of smiles your rag dolls have encouraged — truly a job well done!



Grace's Vacation Bible School was held July 26-30 with over 30 children attending! We had lively groups of giraffes, elephants, meerkats, zebras and monkeys at our Baobab Blast. Many thanks to all our volunteers and to Brenda Trageser, VBS Coordinator! A special thank you to Paul Miles, for designing and building our very own baobab tree for our chapel services.





The **Creative Call** group is **looking for recipes** from the parish for their next cookbook, *Graceful Gifts*. We hope to sell copies at the Christmas Bazaar!

This edition will feature **“food prepared for gifts”** such as candy, fudge, nuts, small loaf breads, cookies, etc. Is there an item you regularly bake/prepare and give as a gift at the holidays?? If so, please share it with us! Email to the office: [grace-place3@comcast.net](mailto:grace-place3@comcast.net) or copy and mail it in.

**Due date: Oct. 25**

The Creative Call group next meets on **Wed., Oct. 13**. That evening will be spent celebrating the fall holidays by painting pumpkins and making some sweet fall treats. If you would like to join in, let the office know you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough supplies on hand. (302-478-9533)

On Sunday, Oct. 3 at 1:00 p.m. we will have a **Book Club meeting and Potluck Lunch** in the kitchen/parish hall to discuss our current book, *Any Bitter Thing* by Monica Woods. Pick up a copy (available on Amazon.com), read the book, and plan to join us for lunch that day!



*Synopsis of book:* Lizzy Mitchell as a child is raised by her uncle, a Maine priest. At the age of nine, her world crumbles when her uncle is accused of molestation. Lizzy, now an adult, is trying to make sense of what happened to her uncle. The characters show refreshing depth & complexity as they each grapple with the irrefutable power of the past. The domestic drama is full of surprises as it explores the weighty themes of religion, perceived innocence, and the corrosive quality of best intentions.

## Genealogy Workshop - Brandywine Hundred



Ever want to research your family history? Or know more about the family tree of Brandywine Hundred?

Fran Allmond, Past President of the Delaware Genealogical Society and Registrar for the Caesar Rodney chapter of the DAR, will be presenting a workshop on the families of Brandywine Hundred and how to begin a family tree. The presentation will be at Grace Episcopal Church, Concord Pike on **Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.**

All are welcome; free admission. Bring your friends and neighbors and learn how to rattle your family tree and explore your history.

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Service of Remembrance and Apology for the Involvement of the Episcopal Church in the Institution of Slavery

On Saturday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. John, there will be *A Day of Remembrance: A Service of Apology and Repentance for the Role of the Episcopal Church in the Institution of Slavery*. Of the 39 congregations in the Episcopal Diocese, 24 were organized before 1860. Of these, eight predate the Revolution. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG), founded in London in 1701 to evangelize the Empire, established Anglican churches in Delaware. From 1710, the Society was partially funded by profits from the largest slave-worked sugar plantation in the West Indies and continued to utilize slaves until the 1833 abolition of slavery in the British Empire. Some Delaware clergy owned slaves, as did lay members. An 18<sup>th</sup> century vestry of Old Swedes Church in Wilmington provided an enslaved woman for the Rectory. In the decades following the Civil War, the basic human rights afforded to whites in the Constitution were legally denied to African Americans by Delaware law. The Church was too often silent. The service will offer repentance and acknowledgement of the suffering and hardship in which the Church was complicit. All are invited to this service. Please RSVP to [cyndebimbi@dioceseofdelaware.net](mailto:cyndebimbi@dioceseofdelaware.net) or call 302-656-5443, ext. 106 no later than

### Parish Life Day

Sat., Nov. 20, 8:30 am—3:15 pm  
 St. Anne's Church in Middletown, DE  
 Register at [www.dioceseofdelaware.net](http://www.dioceseofdelaware.net)  
 \$15.00/day; children's program also

Brochures are available in church hallway to see the workshop offerings. Our Pastor Emily is leading one workshop — “*I Am What I Love*.” Register early — classes fill up!

**Delaware Hospice** announces six-week support groups for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Find out what normal grief looks like; learn about the tasks of mourning; identify your coping style and develop coping skills that feel right for you. Share as much or as little as you would like in a confidential, non-judgmental environment with others who have experienced similar loss. These activities are provided free to the public by Delaware Hospice; however, registration is required. Contact Karen Moore, 302-478-5707 X1342 or [kmoore@delawarehospice.org](mailto:kmoore@delawarehospice.org) to learn more.

**Applications are now being accepted for over 60 scholarships** available through The Episcopal Church. All materials (list of scholarships, the guidelines, and the application form) are available at: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/ScholarshipTrustFunds121609.pdf>. To apply for a scholarship, please download the application form to your computer, fill it in on the computer, print it out, and then mail the completed application with supporting documentation to: The Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, 815 Second Ave., 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10017, Attn: Terry Foster.

Dear Parishioners,

As summer days are waning, we look forward to gearing up for the fall at Grace. We had a very successful summer with a great Vacation Bible School, adding summer Outreach programs and kicking off the Interim process.



The fall calendar is filling up quickly with Sunday School, preparing for our Stewardship Campaign, Harvest Ingathering, shared events with the Brandywine parishes (concerts, events) and the introduction of the Transition Committee.

The Transition Committee will be getting us started on discussions about Grace Church and our goals/objectives for the future as well as reflections on our past history. We have been in touch with our diocesan consultants; we will work with Pastor Emily and the Vestry in preparing for the Search. Everyone will be asked to participate in these discussion groups and I hope that everyone will make sure to be there to contribute.

The fall will be quickly upon us and with your help we will demonstrate what a vital and exciting community we have at Grace.

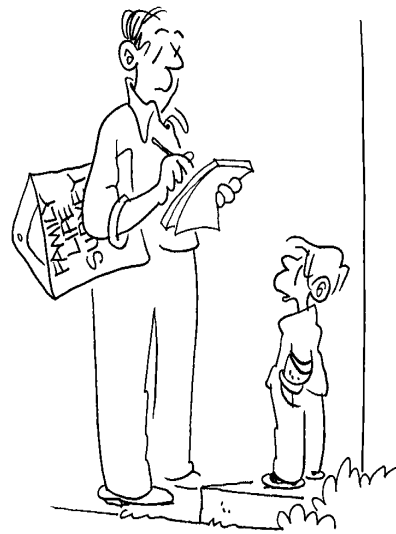
Tom Marshall, Sr. Warden

### Calling all photographers!



**PHOTOS**  
Please

The Grace Church website needs lots of pictures. When you take photographs at Grace Church events, please remember to share them with us. Include the name & date of the event and the names of the people featured in the picture. Remember, if people don't want to be included, we must honor that. We will be developing a permission policy for our web photos very soon. Please send pictures in jpg format to webmaster Paula Hartzell at [pwhartzell@hotmail.com](mailto:pwhartzell@hotmail.com). Have questions? Please email Paula or call her at 302.428.1223.



"A couple of times a day Mom likes us to have silent prayer and meditation ... not to mention peace and quiet."

## Grace Church Christmas Bazaar/ Craft Fair

We know some of you have been working hard over the summer on projects for the Bazaar, so PLEASE call or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. This will help us to know how much we have for sale. NOT CRAFTY? There are many ways to help. We are looking for people to fill theme baskets for a raffle, i.e., wine, romantic, baby, thinking of you, etc. Don't forget us when preserving your summer garden crops such as jellies, jams, pickles, salsa, etc. Many helping hands will be needed the day of the bazaar — NOV 20 — THATS ONLY TWO MONTHS AWAY!!!

Next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 26  
at 11:30 in the Memorial room,  
all are welcome!  
Gail Haley (798-0300) or  
Anne Hollingsworth (656-9339)



At the Aug. vestry meeting, the vestry endorsed the property committee's proposal to install a **professional, voice-quality sound system in the parish hall** to improve the ability to hear at parish functions. We have bingo fundraisers licensed for this winter at which we will need a sound system. To rent a sound system costs about 70% of the cost of a basic purchased sound system. The basic system will be installed by the same company that did the church/chapel sound systems and most of the components will be interchangeable. Basic system is quoted at \$2,100 and can be enhanced in the future.

Here is where you can help. Because of budget constraints, the vestry has endorsed the sound system proposal ***if there are donations to fund this project.*** If you can make a tax deductible donation, donate as a memorial to or in thanksgiving for a loved one(s), please contact the office or Irv Hollingsworth either at (302) 656-9339 or at [ijhr@comcast.net](mailto:ijhr@comcast.net).





*Mark your Calendars —*

## ***The Sin City Band***

*"Delaware's Best Honky-Tonk Folk Rock Band"*

**Sat., Nov. 6, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**Parish Hall, Grace Church**



***Free Will Offering; \$10/person suggested***

*Relax and enjoy the music of this very popular area band in the informal setting of the Parish Hall. Seating will be "cabaret-style" with refreshments for sale throughout the concert. And when the music moves you, enjoy a spin on the dance floor. Proceeds from the evening benefit outreach programs of Grace Church.*



***Ginny Hertenberg Retires . .***

After many years of faithful and compassionate ministry as Pastoral Visitor for Grace Church, Ginny Hertenberg has announced her retirement from this volunteer position. We are grateful to her for being the “face of Grace” to members of the congregation who were homebound or in nursing homes. We will express our thanks to her at the potluck lunch following the stewardship presentation on **Sunday, Oct. 24.**



**Daylight  
Savings  
Ends**

**Sun., Nov 7**

The Marshall Family will hold a **Marie M. Marshall Memorial Fundraiser** on **Wed., Sept. 29** at the Grotto’s Pizza on Concord Pike. Provide the voucher printed below to your server on that day between the hours of 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. and a portion of the proceeds from your meal will go to Sarcoma Research. The family thanks you for remembering Marie’s Smile and contributing to a worthy cause.

Please join Grotto Pizza and The Marie M. Marshall Memorial for a fundraising event



**Community Pizza Night**

**Grotto Pizza** Concord Pike  
the legendary taste

**September 29, 2010**  
**4 to 9 p.m.**



When this voucher is presented at time of order, an amount equal to 20% of your total bill will be donated to the Peter Skelton Sarcoma Research Found.

[www.grotopizza.com](http://www.grotopizza.com)

This offer valid for dine-in and take-out only.

## **September “Start-Up”**

With the arrival of September and the 2010-2011 program year, there will be a lot going on during Sunday worship and Christian Formation. On Sunday, Sept. 12 we had our monthly Family Service (10:30) and also the commissioning of the various ministries that make Sunday mornings so special, including music/choir, Church School teachers/students, nursery attendants, acolytes, Altar Guild, Communion Assistans/LEMs, lectors, ushers/greeters, and counters. The next Family Service will be Sunday, Oct. 31. The children are encouraged to come to church that day in costume!

This Sunday, September 19, Church School will actually begin, and our liturgy at both services that morning will be the annual “Sea Service” in recognition of the work of the Seaman’s Center of Wilmington, with special prayers and music for those who work at sea, and the inauguration of this year’s Ditty Box campaign to provide Christmas boxes for seamen unable to be at home with their families for the holidays.

Sunday, September 26, at the 10:30 a.m. service will be the Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis’ feast day on Oct. 3. Please bring your pet(s) (appropriately leashed or crated) so that they may be blessed, in recognition of the blessing they give to our lives.

### **CALENDAR DATES . . . .**

- Sun, Sept 19    **Sea Sunday, Christian Ed classes begin** (J2A 9:30; all others 10:15 am)
- Sun, Sept 19    **Ushers Meeting, 9:30 am AND Transition Comm. Mtg, 11:30 am**
- Wed, Sept 22    **Healing Service, 12:15 pm in chapel**
- Sun, Sept 26    **Blessing of Animals service, 10:30 a.m.**
- Sun, Sept 26    **Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 11:30 am**
- Tues, Sept 28    **Genealogy Workshop, 7:30 pm in Parish Hall**
- Fri-Sat, Oct 1-2    **Magnetic Church Conference** in Middletown, DE
- Sun, Oct 3        **Stewardship Sundays begin; Book Club/Potluck Lunch at 1:00 pm**
- Sat, Oct. 9        **Safe Church Training** at St. David’s Church, 8:30 a.m.
- Wed, Oct. 13     **Creative Call meets, 7 pm**
- Thurs, Oct 14    **Property Committee meets, 7:30 pm**
- Wed, Oct 20     **Finance Comm. meets, 7:00 pm**
- Thurs, Oct. 21    **Vestry meets, 7:00 pm**
- Sun, Oct 24      **COMBINED SVC at 9:00 AM, Potluck Meal following svc.**
- Wed, Oct 27     **Healing Service, 12:15 pm**
- Sun, Oct 31      **Family Service at 10:30 am, children come dressed in costume (and willing adults too!)**
- Sat., Nov 6      **Sin City Band Concert, cabaret seating in Parish Hall, 7:00 pm**
- Sun., Nov 7      **All Saints Sunday Observed and Pledge Ingathering**

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**SPOTLIGHT ON . . .**


**Lynn Porro and Princess Rainey**

Parishioner Lynn Porro and her trained therapy dog, Princess Rainey, would love to visit any of our parishioners who could benefit from interaction with a well-trained and loving pet.

Rainey received her training through **Paws for People**, and she has experience with the elderly and Alzheimer patients when she works with Lynn at Stonegates (Lynn has 35 years of nursing experience). Lynn and Rainey schedule their home visits during the week.

Rainey is a very sweet, affectionate and gentle three-pound mi-ki. (The Mi-Ki is a designer breed from a combination of Maltese, Japanese Chin, and the Papillon.) She is a non-shedding breed with hair instead of fur, which makes her suitable for people with allergies.

Some of the benefits of pet assisted therapy are:

- ☉ lowers blood pressure and improves cardiovascular health
- ☉ brightens emotional outlook
- ☉ helps lessen feelings of isolation
- ☉ improves mental stimulation
- ☉ lowers anxiety and provides comfort
- ☉ gives people something to look forward to
- ☉ encourages communication
- ☉ diminishes overall physical pain.

Contact Lynn for a visit at 302-658-8119 or email her at [lynnporro@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnporro@hotmail.com). Thanks for the info Lynn!



The newest member of Grace arrived on Saturday, July 17 at 1:55 a.m. **Drew Burris**, son of **Mandy Marshall** and Andrew Burris weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and 21 inches long. Congrats to the new family and Grampa Tom!



L-R: Sandy Tonjes, Cathy Diamond, Jeff Beck, Lois Stewart, Beth Beck

**The choir** gathered together for a day of relaxation at the Beck's summer home in the Poconos in September. Good weather, good food and conversation made for a great day. We look forward to hearing your voices on Sundays choir members!

**JoAnn Koskol**, our seminarian at Grace for the past two years, has completed her studies and returned to her home parish of St. James. She preached on her last Sunday with us, August 22, and was celebrated at coffee hours after both services. Our very best wishes to JoAnn on her future endeavors!

**A Little Chuckle for the Day**

**Pray for Leroy**

A preacher said, "Anyone with 'special needs' who wants to be prayed over, please come forward to the front by the altar."

With that, Leroy got in line, and when it was his turn, the Preacher asked, "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

Leroy replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing."

The preacher put one finger of one hand in Leroy's ear, placed his other hand on top of Leroy's head, and then prayed and prayed and prayed. He prayed a "blue streak" for Leroy, and the whole congregation joined in with great enthusiasm.

After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?"

Leroy answered, "I don't know. It ain't 'til next week."

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies. One day the boss called him into the office for a serious talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang up job, but you being late so often is quite bothersome. It seems you don't respect authority."

"I'm sorry boss, and I am working on it. It is just a bad habit."

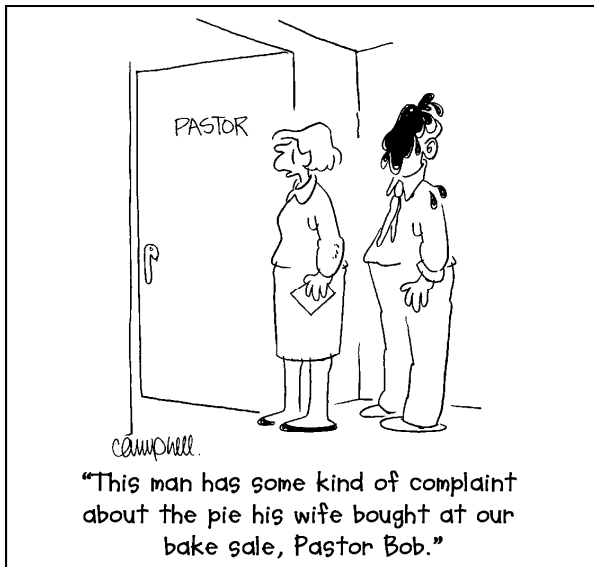
"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the military. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, "Good morning, Admiral, can I get you coffee, Sir?""



An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to go under, he asked to speak to his son. 'Yes, Dad, what is it?' 'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...'

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. 'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?' 'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, 'I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.'



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**Service Times:**  
 Sunday Holy Eucharist, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
 (Nursery is available at the 10:30) *(Sept-May)*  
 Godly Play and Tweens & Teens, 10:15 a.m.  
 Rite-13 and J2A, 9:30—10:25 a.m.  
 4th Wed. of month, Healing Svc, 12:15 p.m.



[www.graceepiswilmde.org](http://www.graceepiswilmde.org)

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



**VESTRY OF GRACE**

- Tom Marshall, Sr. Warden (2011)**
- Paul Miles, Jr. Warden (2012)**
- Jean Burton (2012)**
- Patrick Diamond (2011)**
- John Haley (2011)**
- Margaret Palmatary (2013)**
- Lynn Phillips (2013)**
- Jennifer Quesenberry (2013)**
- Julie Simone (2012)**
- Fred Tennille (2011)**
- Sandy Tonjes (2013)**
- Brenda Trageser (2012)**



**Emily+'s Weekly Schedule**

In the office Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's, available for appointments in the mornings. Pastoral visits, whether to homes or the hospital, generally will be in the afternoons. Emily's office hours will be adjusted according to other parish or diocesan commitments, so please call if you want to be sure to see her.