



# Grace Notes

of GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**JUNE 2008**

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## PARSON'S CORNER

*A Family Affair*

You know you are a part of the family when someone can tell you to get lost, and the rest of the gathering laughs with you. Not that I was causing havoc at the Rummage Sale or anything, but when a woman sporting bumble bee antennae tells you to get lost, you know you're in the right place!

What a fun weekend. I cannot count the number of hands who spent hours upon hours of time at the Parish House from Wednesday through Saturday - and even better - they returned for worship on Sunday. (What was especially comical was that some who had been at the Church to clean up on Saturday said on Sunday, "Oh that's right, you had the first Saturday service yesterday. I could have just stayed and gone to Church then!") But come back they did, after a long week of hard work.

Was it work? You bet. Even more so, it was a family event. It was often like a reunion when some recently returned folk appeared, to the surprise and joy of others.

But more importantly, it was a family. Our family. Honesdale's family.

Grace Church (as a microcosm of Honesdale itself) is a family. I come to recognize this more and more as I pore (sweat pores, that is) through the Parish Register and prepare the new book of who's a member of Grace Church and how this one is related to that one. I joked with someone that I was going to start a family tree of parishioners with her and see how many people in Honesdale were related to her and had connections to Grace Church. I have ceased to be amazed at how many people have a fond connection to our Church.

Honesdale knows Grace Church. They remember this or that happening here. They joyously reminisce. My prayer is that memories begin now. Not in the past, but right here in what we do in the community.

We are the face, we are the life-blood, of so much of the history of Honesdale. Can we be the life-blood, the family of Honesdale of the present. (We'll work on the future later. Right now we need to work on the present.) I believe we have a good start. The community knows us. Heck, the community is us. We are related to - we are connected to - we are involved in - the family of Honesdale. At one point, the Parish House of Grace Church was the Community Center. We are becoming that once again. We don't reach out to the city, the city comes to us, and we welcome them. It is a Family Affair. We are family. We are.

We are God's family!

*Father Ed*

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

May 20<sup>th</sup> 2008

The triple net lease for the rectory is close to being completed which is great news for Grace Church. Ty Wells, chancellor at the Diocese, has reviewed the lease and agrees that it is very favorable to Grace Church to proceed with the lease. The lease would be favorable for us because the tenants would be responsible for all maintenance to the building as well as the taxes, while we continue to maintain ownership and receive rental income.

Rachel Hedgelon has received \$430 in donations towards mulch for the gardens and garden necessities. Members have been working on the Church grounds planting flowers and sprucing things up for the Bishop's visit in June.

The revised Vestry By-Laws are near completion. Ty Wells also reviewed these and offered suggestions. The new By-Laws are to be hung on the bulletin board for all parishioners to review. They were approved by vestry pending review from parishioners.

Fr. Ed drafted guidelines for the use of Grace Church Parish facilities and funeral policies and procedures. We are starting a Policy and Procedure manual for the church. Matt Corso and Deborah Pursch will be the head of this committee.

Jane Bunnell was nominated to attend the annual convention October 11th and 12th in Bethlehem. Other parishioners will be asked if interested in attending as we need two to attend.

We are preparing for the Archdeacon who will be here on June 3rd to meet with vestry. The Bishop will then be here on June 8th for his annual visit. The vestry decided not to hold a regular vestry meeting in the month of June since they will have meetings with both officials while they are here. The next vestry meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 7PM.

Submitted by Paige Corso, Vestry Clerk

## NOTE:

Copies of the provisional By-Laws for Grace Church are available for perusal in the Parish House. If you would like a copy of your own for review, please see Paige Stephens, clerk, or Fr. Erb

**A Policies & Procedures Manual** is being developed for Grace Church. Being included are information sheets for Weddings and Funerals, use of the Parish House and Kitchen, meeting rooms, Job Descriptions for employees, and more. If you are interested in helping to develop the manual (we promise it's not hard work!) see Jane Bunnell or Fr. Erb.

## VESTRY MEMBERS for 2008

Mrs. Jane Bunnell, senior warden  
Mrs. Paige Corso, clerk

Mrs. Jeanne Roskoski, junior warden  
Mrs. Nicole O'Connell, treasurer

Mrs. Joyce Skinner, assistant treasurer

Mrs. Valray Cheripko  
Dr. Matthew Corso  
Mr. William Hoerter

Mr. B. J. Clark  
Mrs. Rachel Hedgelon  
Mrs. Deborah Pursch

## DIOCESAN DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

Jane Bunnell, delegate  
Maggie Niles, delegate

Jeanne Roskoski, alternate

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## for JUNE 2008

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-6/1	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-6/8	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-6/15	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost- 6/22	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - 6/29
<i>Crucifer</i>	I. Pursch	B. Pursch	C. Sampson	C. Lathrop	I. Pursch
<i>Thurifer</i>		C. Sampson			
<i>Torches</i>		K. & C.J. Shupe			
Altar Guild	J. Slate F. Mikulak	S. Wilding J. Bunnell	S. Wilding J. Bunnell	E. Young S. Soden	E. Young K. Skinner
<i>Chalice</i> s	J. Roskoski V. Cheripko	J. Bunnell J. Slate	J. Bunnell J. Slate	C. Lathrop	C. Lathrop
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	J. Merritt G. Feldman	J. Skinner J. Hoerter	E. Young D. Romano	D. Lewis S. Soden	V. Cheripko C. Smith
<i>Counters</i>	J. Merritt N. Kuzminski	J. Roskoski G. Mikulak	S. Lathrop J. Merritt	J. Bunnell V. Cheripko	P. Mikulak S. Wilding
<i>Intercessor</i>	G. Feldman	C. Lathrop	S. Lathrop	D. Lewis	J. Roskoski
<i>Lector</i>	G. Feldman	K. Skinner	D. Pursch	J; Bunnell	K. Skinner
<i>Ushers</i>	C. Stevens J. Stevens	P. Mikulak G. Mikulak	J. Russo J. Merritt	R. Sampson M. Sampson	BJ Clark P. Mikulak

If you cannot serve on a date you are scheduled, please contact someone else on the list to switch - then call the parish office (253-2760) so we can make the change, too.

*THANK YOU for all your help!*

**THE ALTAR GUILD  
WILL MEET at 9:00 AM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd**  
*New Members Welcome !*

REMEMBER  
DAD on  
JUNE 15TH



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*Remember our Parish Family in your Prayers*

*June 3 - Samuel Pursch  
June 3 - Robert Lowden  
June 4 - Brittany K. Becker  
June 10 - Curtis Sampson  
June 11 - Navaeh Becker  
June 12 - Paul Mikulak  
June 14 - John Morris  
June 15 - Jeanie Muller-Ellwood  
June 23 - Matthew Fritsch*

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, upon your servant N. as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please let us know if we've missed someone!*

## New Hope Campaign Update

June 2008

Dear Rectors and Parish Lay Coordinators,

We are delighted to announce that the New Hope Campaign has met and exceeded our initial goal of \$3,600,000! Currently, the campaign has received \$3,704,000 in cash and pledges from 1,000 households/donors. We want to thank everyone for their participation, prayers, and hard work. We rejoice about this good news and ask for your continued support, as the campaign has more to lives to reach and touch.



The New Hope Campaign reached this milestone in just a short eight months. However, as we celebrate the good news and success of the campaign, we also must share the news about construction costs of building materials and a new building design for the primary school in the Sudan. Increased demand for building materials and a new school construction design implemented by the new government of Sudan, has increased school construction costs of our five primary schools. The new school design plan from the Sudanese government requires all new schools to have eight classrooms and not four as we had originally planned. The new larger primary school plans along with increased construction costs will add \$400,000 to our cost. This cost increase, along with our desire to distribute 25% of all monies raised to the Needy in Pennsylvania, means that we are raising the New Hope Campaign goal to \$4,100,000. We will call this our Stretch of Faith Goal! This new goal, if achieved, now designates \$1,000,000 to the Needy in Pennsylvania.

With \$3,704,000 already pledged, and with four years and four months to go in our 5-year campaign, we have only \$396,000 dollars to raise in order to reach \$4,100,000. With your continued enthusiasm, prayers, communication, and support, we can honor our original goal to our brothers and sisters in Sudan by constructing the Canon Benaiah Poggo College, a new Bishops residence, five primary schools, and by providing micro finance seed money. Additionally our support to those in need in the Diocese of Bethlehem will now be \$1,000,000.

In closing, we ask you to share the good news and success of our New Hope campaign with your parishioners, thank them for their prayers and financial support, and ask them for their continued support. Additionally, your campaign Steering Committee will keep you abreast of our progress and ask you to mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday September 20-21 as we celebrate, reflect, and renew our New Hope Campaign support on our first-year anniversary.

Yours in Christ,

Charlie Barebo  
New Hope Capital Campaign Chairperson

## THANKS to our CUB SCOUT PACK

Grace Church got some free advertising  
at the Yankees game in late May.

A great looking bunch of guys,  
don't you think!



## DAUGHTERS of THE KING at GRACE CHURCH



Our chapter of the Daughters of the King is reportedly the oldest chapter in the Diocese. Members of our chapter of the Daughters meet the first Thursday of every month at 11:00 AM prior to the Healing Mass at 12:10. Although this is the time we have been meeting, if other women are interested in becoming a Daughter of the King, and this time is not good for your schedule, please contact Jeanne Roskoski (729-8810) as to what days and times are good for you.

### *Vision Statement*

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

### *Who We Are*

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Today our membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded in 1885 by Margaret J. Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City. Members of the Order undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

## STEWARDSHIP is not a DIRTY WORD!

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What does it mean to be a year-round steward? A guardian of God's gifts? How do you care for what God has given? How is God calling to you?

These are all questions with which we are challenged. Our faith affects decisions we make, how we live our lives, even how we look at the world around us.

DAN CHARNEY the Diocesan guru for Stewardship will be with us on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> as a guest preacher and a discussion leader. Dan is an engaging, down-to-earth (literally!) guy who brings the Gospel message to a personal level.

A special Adult Forum - for all ages - is going to be held on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Come for breakfast and leave with a mission. All beginning at 9:00 AM.



### FIELD TRIP TO **LONGWOOD GARDENS**

Kennet Square, PA  
(between Philadelphia & Wilmington)

Experience Beauty in God's Creation  
and Human Artistry

*(tentatively)* MONDAY, JUNE 30  
leaving Grace Church at 8:00 AM  
returning, well, when we get tired.

Longwood Gardens is the estate of Pierce du Pont with over 1000 acres of gardens manicured lawns, woodlands and a conservatory with the largest residence pipe organ in the ballroom, plus a carillon tower whose chimes play regularly throughout the day. Famous for its fountain displays and frequent concerts including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Longwood Gardens is an unusual delight.

Maria Zengion is working out a date with Longwood's organist for a private tour. Details will come shortly, but if you have an interest in going some Monday, let Maria or Fr. Ed know.

## **ROOTS & RHYTHMS**

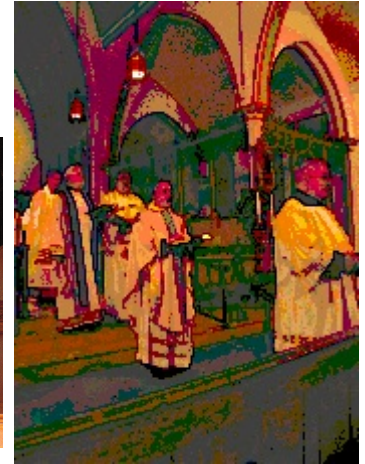
In Honesdale, June 20-22

We hope to have a table set up at the Church Street entrance to the Parish House, selling water, snacks and such. But we need your help. Can you volunteer to "man" the table for a few hours on Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday afternoon? See Fr. Ed if available.

ALSO, R&R will create parking difficulties on Saturday and Sunday, parking being restricted around Central Park. We suggest the Dime Bank and Highlights parking lots on Sunday morning.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2008</h1>			<p><i>WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:</i>  Saturdays 5:00 Informal Service of Holy Communion  Sundays, 8:00 Holy Communion  11:00 Holy Communion with Music  Morning Prayer, Mon-Fri at 8:30</p>			
1 Pent. 3 (Proper 4A)	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 EXODUS - the Game fun for all ages				12:10 Healing Service		
8 Pentecost 4 (Pr. 5A)	9	10	11	12	13	14
11:00 <b>BISHOP MARSHALL'S VISIT</b> with CONFIRMATION		11:15 Weight Watchers				
15 Pentecost 5 (Pr. 6A) <i>Fathers' Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 Dan Charney, Dioc. Stewardship Chair at Adult Forum breakfast		11:15 Weight Watchers (NO VESTRY meeting - next meeting July 8 <sup>th</sup> )			ROOTS & RHYTHMS CELEBRATION	ROOTS & RHYTHMS CELEBRATION
22 Pentecost 6 (Pr. 7A)	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 Altar Guild meeting & breakfast		11:15 Weight Watchers				
ROOTS & RHYTHMS						7:30 Uphill String Band SQUARE DANCE
29 Pentecost 7 (Pr. 8A)	30					
	tentative TRIP to LONGWOOD GARDENS					

## RECENT EVENTS at GRACE CHURCH



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