



Grace Episcopal Church Honesdale, Pa.  
Founded 1832

# Grace Notes

of GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
The Rev'd Edward K. Erb, *rector*

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## EPIPHANY 2010

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### PARSON'S CORNER

### INCORPORATION

Our parish is a legally chartered organization according to the statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

What a rich word - "in-corp-oration" - according to the Wiktionary definition: "A group of individuals, created by law or under authority of law, having a continuous existence independent of the existences of its members, and powers and liabilities distinct from those of its members." Boring!

You know how I love to dig into the hidden meaning of words. The root of corporation is the Latin *corpus* - body. It is the same root for the Corpus - "the Body" - of Christ given at Holy Communion. It is also the basis of "corporal" a large square of linen placed upon the Altar on which is set the Communion vessels. "That's why you fold it that way!" one young acolyte once proclaimed. "That's right, Catherine," I proudly replied (someone had a light-bulb go off!) "I fold the corporal into itself to catch any remaining crumbs from the corpus - the bread."

So...?

We, the members of Grace Church are the corpus, the in-corporation, of Christ's Body. We *are* Christ's Body, the bread of salvation offered for the world. When we assume the waters of Baptism, and it's promise of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation, and receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Holy Communion, we *become* the Body of Christ. Not by some charter of the Commonwealth, but by our charter in God's Covenant! You are what you eat, after all, and we take into ourselves, Christ's own person.

We now work together as a parish family. I encourage you to plan to attend the annual parish meeting and become involved in a deeper way in being the hands and voice and heart of Christ in and through our corporate life.

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." *Ephesians 4:11-12 11.*

We each have gifts to build up the body. The best part is, not everyone needs to be an apostle! Well, maybe.

*Father Erb*

NOTE: We are moving from a monthly newsletter to a seasonal one: Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and so forth. We hope this will save both time and expense of printing and mailing.

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 2009

At the special meeting of 20 December, Vestry

- + approved the annual housing resolution for Fr. Erb;
- + reviewed the proposed budget for 2010  
with recommendations from the Finance Committee;
- + discussed figures in certain areas which may be lowered to reduce the deficit;
- + agreed to remove \$19,000 from the Diocesan Trust Fund in order to balance the budget for 2010  
and to give a cushion to be reserved in an Escrow account.



## Announcement of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Grace Church, Honesdale: Sunday, January 17th at 12:30

Friends,

The new year is here which means our Parish Annual Meeting is coming. Few realize that this is required by the Commonwealth according to our charter of Incorporation. (The Preamble given below). In years past, one needed to rent a pew for two consecutive years before being allowed to vote! Aren't you glad we've progressed!

The election of Vestry members, delegates to Diocesan Convention, and any other official business of the corporation are the agenda for each annual meeting of members of the congregation.

Committee chairs, parish organizations and officers need to get a written report to Rose in the parish office by Monday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Annual Report for 2009.

Please plan now to join your parish family in our official gathering. A Pot-Luck Luncheon will be offered.

### CHARTER of INCORPORATION of St. JAMES CHURCH, HONESDALE

Whereas the following named persons of this Commonwealth, vis:

Joseph B. Walton	A. Vinton
Charles Forbes	George Stratton
Thos. T. Hayes	Daniel B. Willcox
Hasting Frisbie	A. H. Farnham

Zena H. Russell

have together with other citizens (*sic*), associated for the purpose of worshiping Almighty God according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America; and have for that purpose formed a congregation at Honesdale in Wayne (*sic*) County are now desirous to be incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act, to confer on certain associations of this Commonwealth, the power and immunities of corporations on bodies politic in Law."

(*note*: The name of the parish remained St. James Church until the new building was constructed in 1853.)

# PARISH NURSING TRAINING AVAILABLE

I know there are a number of nurses out there.

If anyone is interested, this is a program I'd love to see us start at Grace Church. (From Diana Marshall, Bishop Paul's wife.)

Parish Nurse training is set to begin on April 17, 2010 in North Central PA, utilizing the IPNRC endorsed curriculum. Participants will receive 47 contact hours upon completion. Details:

Seven Saturdays: April 17, May 8, June 5, September 11, October 9, November 6, and December 4, 2010  
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Office of Upper Susquehanna Synod, Lewisburg, PA  
Cost: \$350

To receive a brochure/application: Contact Debbie Best at (570)320-0520 or [bestd@diakon.org](mailto:bestd@diakon.org)

Scholarships are available for members of parishes in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Contact Diana Marshall: [d.marsh@rcn.com](mailto:d.marsh@rcn.com)

## Dive in!

### A Day Exploring Christian Baptism

What does it mean to be baptized and to live a baptized life?

How can you nurture your life in Christ?

How can your congregation live more deeply into baptismal ministry?

This day of Christian Formation will offer resources for parents, Christian educators, clergy, and anyone seeking a deeper life in Christ.

Saturday, February 27, 2010

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Church of the Good Shepherd  
1780 North Washington Avenue?, Scranton, PA 18509

Presented by

The Rev. Canon Anne E. Kitch & The Rev. Hillary D. Raining

Cost: \$10 (regardless of how many sessions you attend); lunch included.

Registration: online or contact Rosie Hummel 610-691-5655

For more information, scholarships or group discounts please contact Canon Anne Kitch.  
Sponsored by the Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation of the Diocese of Bethlehem.

# PARISH GIVING Estimated for 2010

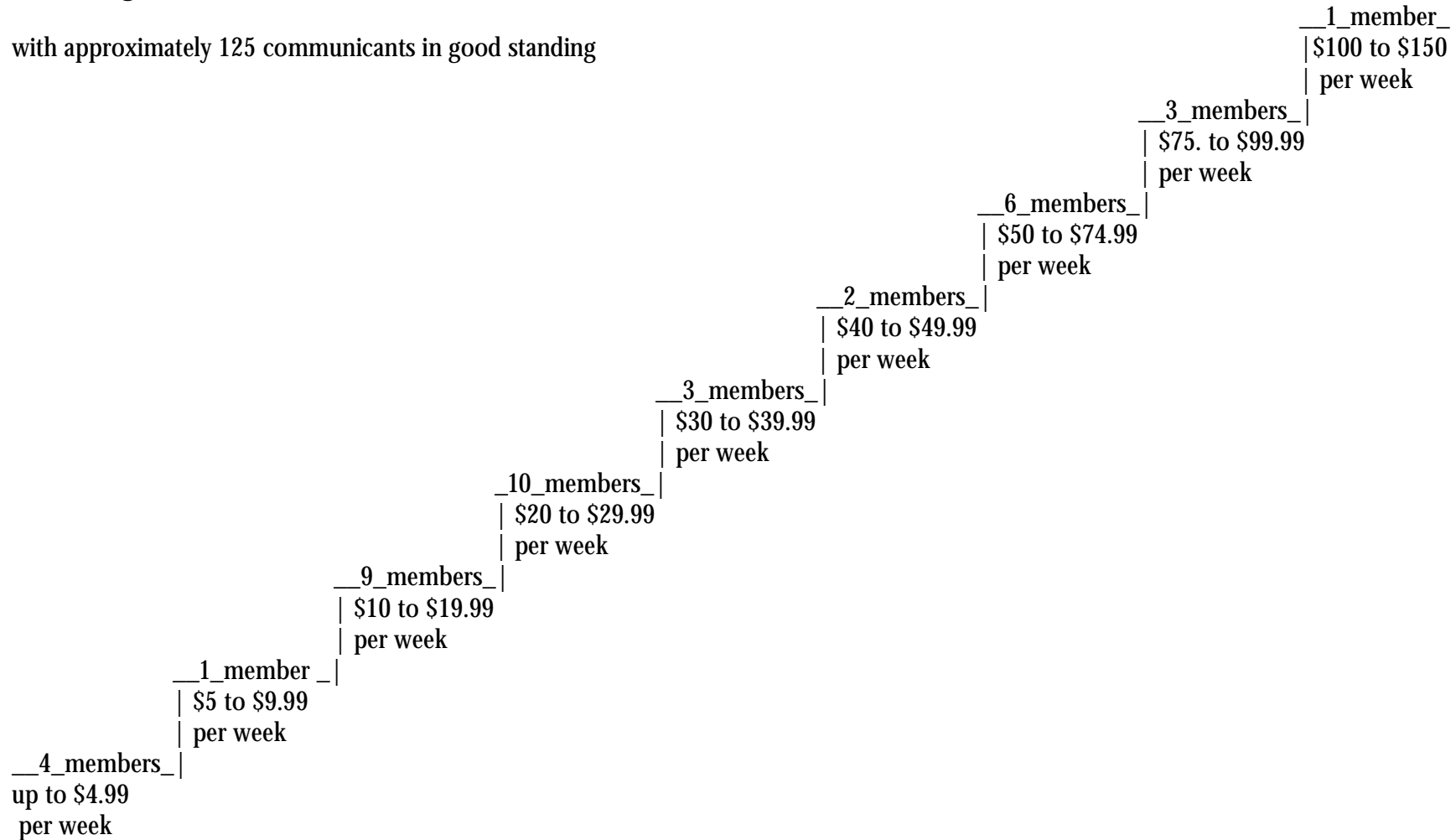
A BREAK DOWN of our Parishioner's Giving Pattern

37 Giving Units

pledging \$67,000

in a Budget of \$159,000.

with approximately 125 communicants in good standing



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE for EPIPHANY 2010

	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 17 <sup>th</sup>	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	January 31 <sup>st</sup>	February 7 <sup>th</sup>	February 14 <sup>th</sup>
<i>CRUCIFER</i>	B. Pursch	R. Becker	C. Carroll	K. Becker	E. Carroll	D. Fink	B. Pursch
<i>ACOLYTES</i>	C. Carroll E. Carroll	O. Johannes H. Stephens	E. Becker J. Peer	C. Carroll E. Carroll	K. Peer E. Becker	C. Carroll E. Carroll	E. Becker H. Stephens
<i>ALTAR GUILD</i>	S. Soden J. Dohner	S. Soden J. Dohner	F. Mikulak E. Young	F. Mikulak E. Young	S. Wilding J. Slate	S. Wilding J. Slate	J. Bunnell J. Dohner
<i>USHERS</i>	G. Mikulak P. Mikulak	C. Stevens J. Stevens	C. Carroll E. Carroll	R. Becker P. Mikulak	B. J. Clark	R. Becker B. J. Clark	G. Mikulak P. Mikulak
<i>LECTOR</i>	J. Bunnell	M. Corso	D. Pursch	K. Skinner	S. Treanor	R. Stephens	J. Bunnell
<i>INTERCESSOR</i>	J. Slate	J. Bunnell	J. Roskoski	J. Slate	J. Bunnell	S. Treanor	J. Roskoski
<i>CHALICIST</i>	G. Feldman	M. Brown	S. Treanor	J. Bunnell	J. Roskoski	V. Cheripko	J. Slate
<i>COUNTERS</i>	K. Skinner E. Young	V. Cheripko N. Johannes	J. Roskoski J. Bunnell	P. Mikulak D. Romano	L. Erdman J. Bunnell	G. Mikulak S. Wilding	K. Skinner E. Young
<i>COFFEE HOUR</i>	J. Bunnell C. Geinitz	D. Romano G. Feldman	V. Cheripko N. Johannes	S. Erb N. Kuzminski	S. Soden J. Slate	P. Mikulak J. Bunnell	R. Sampson D. Pursch

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!*

**We need volunteers** (especially acolytes and lectors) for special up-coming services:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

Altar Guild especially

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm we need lots of readers!

And EVERYONE on EASTER DAY!!

EPIPHANY-TIDE BIRTHDAYS  
(Remember our Parish family in your Prayers)

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

Jan. 11 Nicholas Carroll  
Jan. 12 Conor Carroll  
Feb. 1 Suzanne Clark  
Feb. 5 Jordan Peer, Zachary Romano, Sr.,  
Marty Hedgelon  
Feb. 7 James Johannes, Moe Brown,  
Bill Hoerter  
Feb. 8 Terry Smith  
Feb. 14 Susan Erb, "Reg" Bunnell

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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