



Grace Episcopal Church Honesdale, Pa.  
Founded 1832

# Grace Notes

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

827 Church Street  
Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431  
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LATE SUMMER 2010

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## PARSON'S CORNER

Ask and you *shall receive!*

Of course we know that is true. Don't we? God's gracious goodness abounds all around us. Yet there are several aspects that we forget:

We must trust in God, and in our own faith.

We must build upon that faith, incrementally, step-by-step over the progress of our Christian life.

And we must ask. Maybe not for huge lightning strikes, but start with the small miracles.

Some time ago I put out a plea for pastoral volunteers - to make a frozen dinner to keep on hand when someone comes home from the hospital, or a family is tending to someone in the hospital; to visit particularly an elderly spouse when the care-giver is hospitalized; to run errands, clean, or just to send cards. We now have a store-house of meals. We have a list of volunteers at the ready should someone need a few hours assistance. Ask when you or a loved one needs, and you shall receive.

A work-day was planned last week, and we expected the half-dozen or so who had organized the work. We ended up with 18, yes 18! parishioners who spent most of the day sealing the small tower, cleaning the nursery and children's chapel, scraping and filling in aged wood on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor window sills, repairing lights, cleaning up sludge in the basement from a broken water heater. 18 people! Three times as many as we expected!

John Sullivan wrote to you all, and addressed the congregations a few Sundays ago about the low attendance and the subsequent low financial offerings of the summer months, while major tax bills, diocesan payments and such sat on the Treasurer's desk unpaid. \$10,000 was withdrawn from our Diocesan Trust account to pay those bills. The finances once again seemed bleak with Sunday offerings being half of what they normally are. But in the past few weeks, envelopes have been sent in the mail when parishioners are away on the weekend. And the treasurer is able to sleep better. We asked, and you provided.

And more importantly to me, as priest and rector, is the attendance of you, the faithful, in offering - not money, but the prayers and praise of our family. Was it the heat of the summer? The hour of our "late" service? Bad preaching? Contemporary prayers? Yet just this past Sunday, the attendance though not reaching Mega-Church numbers, was en-hearteningly stronger. Imagine what visitors or potential new parishioners think when there are a hand-ful of people at services? Evangelism takes some simple measures - like a faithful gathering of joyous people in Church each week! And you have responded to the concerns of the rector and the Vestry.

A whole program of parish activities are listed in this newsletter for the Fall and beyond. I ask, and I expect in good faith, that you will similarly respond and join in some of the activities we offer. And if there's something else you'd like to see happen around the spiritual life of the parish - ask, and you may just receive!

*Father Erb*

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2010

At its July meeting, Vestry:

- + received the resignation of Paige Corso as Clerk of the Vestry; Appreciation for Paige's years of service was expressed, and her resignation accepted with regrets.
- + Father Erb opened a discussion with a concern on the low church attendance this summer; several possible causes being discussed; consensus was that the heat of this summer (and no air-conditioning) was a factor; the question arose in moving the 11:00 service earlier during the summer months;
- + It was also noted that lagging attendance has affected the weekly offering. Sr. Warden John Sullivan offered to write a letter to the parish and to address the three services on an upcoming weekend; Fr. Erb will follow-up with his upcoming newsletter article.
- + It was suggested that an informal "Town Meeting" be held at the annual Parish Picnic.
- + A request from Fr. Erb for volunteers to minister to the pastoral needs of the parish - particularly those hospitalized and their families - met a good response. Frozen meals are being prepared by some, others have volunteered to clean, run errands, visit, and send cards.
- + The Treasurer, Rose Rosler, reported on various large outstanding bills (taxes, clergy pension, Diocesan Acceptance/Assessment). A withdrawal from the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) has been requested but has been slow in being received. The new Money Market account for Rectory rental and expenses has been established.
- + Preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing is well underway.
- + Other fund-raisers are planned: A Bazaar/Craft Fair on August 21<sup>st</sup>; The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>; The Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for the first weekend in November. Father Erb is planning a monthly movie night, opening to the community and seeking donations at the door, as well as refreshments. One of our Youth is interested in securing a video projector for the Parish Hall.
- + Property Committee reports that Boy Scout Steve Parker has finished his Eagle project in re-siding the Rectory garage; another Scout has volunteered to replace it's roof. Vince reported that the small tower needs to be sealed as there are major gaps in the mortar. The weathered condition of the wood on the Parish House window sills will be addressed as well as several other items at the work day in August. The Property Committee are going to meet with Doni Hoffman, the Workforce Wayne volunteer to see how we can be more ecologically friendly.
- + The combined position of Organist-Choirmaster, job description, annual review, compensation is being reviewed by an ad-hoc committee comprised of Susan Treanor, Todd Stephens and Chris Escolano.
- + The Vestry plans its annual retreat to be held once again at Forest Lake Club, thanks to the hospitality of Suzanne and B.J.Clark, the weekend of October 15-17.

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## *Needed:* CLERK of the VESTRY

Due to the resignation of Paige Corso after several years as our clerk, we are in need of someone to fill her shoes. The job description is rather simple, but extremely important:

Attend all monthly and special Vestry meetings, taking official minutes of record;

Make any correspondence required of Vestry;

Report on the Annual Parish Meeting (and any special Parish meetings which may be called.)

Correspond with the Diocese on such matters as those elected delegates and alternatives to Convention.

If you would be interested in serving as Clerk of the Vestry, see either Sr. Warden John Sullivan or Fr. Erb.



## PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

at Ponderosa Pines Campground  
north of Prompton Dam  
(maps will be available)



meats & beverage  
provided

Holy Communion at 11:00  
picnic, fun and games throughout the day

home-made  
ice-cream, too!

\$5 per person, "a special deal" made for families.  
SIGN-UP by Sunday Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, basketball, baseball, fishing (bring your gear). Paddleboat for our use for the day. Mini-golf available for \$2.00 per person. Walking trails and Frisbee golf!

*There WILL be an 8:00 service at the Church that day. But the 11:00 service will be held at the Picnic.*

## The 2010 Annual CROP-Walk

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

"Kick-Off" at 2:00 PM

at The Wayne County Fair Grounds

Walk or Run 10 miles, 6 miles, or 3 miles

"We walk because they walk"

In Africa, many have to walk up to 10 miles a day for a meal - just one sparse meal!  
Raise money through sponsors to help the hungry in our neighborhood.

Get a packet of information, gather your sponsors, and join us Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
See Fr. Erb or Rose Rosler for your sign-up.

YOUTH - This is your first "service project" for Confirmation Class this year!  
GET LOTS OF SPONSORS AND HELP THOSE IN NEED!



GET READY for the ANNUAL

## HARVEST HOME HAM DINNER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>



Take Outs at 3:30 PM  
Sit-Down from 4:30 PM

Help will be needed in the kitchen, to set-up and clean-up, to serve and - - - well, to EAT!



## GODLY PLAY SPOKEN HERE !

A Montessori-Style "Hands-On"  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPERIENCE for ages 3 and up  
Beginning Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
See Sue Erb for details and a registration form.

COME OUT ONE AND ALL !  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
ADULT FORUM  
CONFIRMATION CLASS  
YOUTH GROUP  
CHOIR MEMBERS

**KICK - OFF BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, Sept. 12**  
**at 9:00 AM**  
***New and Old - Come and Join Us!***



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A "Christmas" Wish List in September:

Items needed for Godly Play:

Construction paper,  
Crayola Model Magic modeling clay (or other fast-drying modeling clay),  
craft foam--especially red, blue, yellow, green, white, black, and brown,  
religious craft-foam shapes,  
silver and gold glitter glue,  
Gold Fish crackers, animal crackers, and pretzels in plastic containers.

Recyclables to save for projects:

paper tubes (from paper towel, toilet paper, gift wrap)  
plastic pudding cups,  
plastic baby food containers with lids,  
plastic jar lids, such as those from peanutbutter jars and detergent bottles,  
oatmeal canisters.

Thanks in advance for your help! Sue Erb ([suerb@aol.com](mailto:suerb@aol.com)) is collecting the items.

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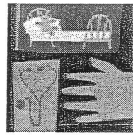
**The BLESSING of PETS -**  
**in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals**  
**Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm**

Our annual service of Animal Blessing - cats, dogs, gerbils, goldfish, pythons...

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 in Central Park.

We bless the animals as they bless us, and commit ourselves to their care.

# YARD SALE BENEFIT

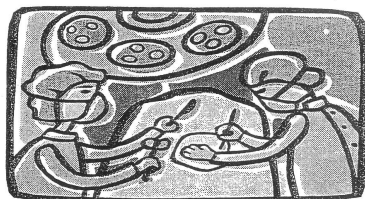


FOR OUR FATHER, RELATIVE, FRIEND AND  
COWORKER WHO IS AWAITING A LIVER  
TRANSPLANT

**HAROLD DERRICK**

WHERE: ALLERT HOOK AND LADDER FIRE CO.  
222 WILLOW AVE  
HONESDALE

WHEN: FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPT 3<sup>RD</sup> -4<sup>TH</sup>  
TIME: 8:00AM -4:00PM



SET the DATE

Consecration  
Sunday

Sunday,  
October 24<sup>th</sup>

with a single parish family  
gathering of Holy Communion  
at 9:00 AM

followed by a celebration of our  
gifts and the goodness of God  
in our lives and in our parish.

What has God done for you?  
What can you do for God?

To you, O God, we give you the  
best of our lives. Bless us and  
increase your goodness on us.  
Amen.



A MINISTRY of  
FAITH  
EDUCATION  
DRAMA & COMEDY

. . .coming to Grace Church October 9 & 10  
performing at all worship services.

Since 1963, Covenant Players has pioneered the use of drama as a communications resource in the church. Units of Covenant Players travel throughout the world communicating the reality of the Gospel in churches of all denominations.

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Bro. Carl Hooker, who is a monk of the Anglican Order of Preachers (Dominicans). Br. Carl returns to his family home on Cliff Street after years of living in Missouri. Employed in the medical/financial field, it may seem odd to see him from time to time in Church with a collar on, or with his monastery robes. Brother Carl will offer a description of the monastic life, and especially the Dominicans, for our next issue.

“Yes, Virginia. There are Episcopalian monks and nuns!”

We welcome the O'Connor family: Robert, Peggy, and their children twins Christopher and Robert and Hannah. Some of our parishioners may remember them from a few years ago, and it is a pleasure to have them back at Grace Church.

AND

WELCOME BACK TO GRACE CHURCH

The Rev'd Estelle Webb

who will be our guest preacher and presider for Holy Communion on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Mother Estelle came to Grace Church as an adult years ago, and following a career in nursing, felt the call of God to ordained ministry. With Grace Church as her sponsor, she entered “The Process” and was ordained a priest. She is now retired and living in Scranton. It will be a pleasure to have her back home.

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A BIG **THANK - YOU** TO

Jane Bunnell

Conar & Elana Carroll

Sue Erb

Lee Erdman

Fred, Suzanne, & Blake Fisherman

Jules Nyiri

Deborah Pursch

Jeanne Roskoski

Carol Schwartz

Vince Senft

John Sullivan

Susan Treanor

Sue Wilder

Maria Zengion

for all the hours of work, fun and fellowship at our August Work Day. With such a gathering, we may have to do this more often. A lot of hard work, laughter, singing, and food was shared that day.



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## CONGRATULATIONS !

To Susan Treanor who has been licensed by Bishop Marshall as a Lay Preacher.

*Title III, Canon 4, Sec. 5. A Preacher is a lay person authorized to preach. Persons so authorized shall only preach in congregations under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.*

*Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church*

Susan holds the Master of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary (as does Fr. Ed) in New York. We are pleased to have her many ministries at Grace Church expanded with this new 'assignment.' In addition to occasionally leading us in Morning Prayer, Susan will be on the schedule to preach on a regular basis - a great blessing to us all, and especially to Fr. Ed!

To Todd Stephens who was elected to the Board of Directors of the Dime Bank.

*It's not just about golf...  
there's so much more!*

*Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Golf Outing*

*benefits historic Grace Episcopal Church, Honesdale*

*Continental Breakfast & Registration 8:30 am*

*Golfing: "Shot-Gun" Tee-Off 9:30 am*

*Cash Bar & Luncheon 1:00 pm*

*with basket raffles & other sur-prizes*

*Woodloch Members: \$40*

*Guests: \$65*

*Lunch only: \$25*

*Tuesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>  
at Woodloch Springs*

*For more information, call Bill or Jean Hoerter at (570) 685-2023*

*or the Church office at 253-2760 e-mail: [gracech@ptd.net](mailto:gracech@ptd.net)*

*Registration forms available at the Church*

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September & October 2010

|                    | 9/5                      | 9/12                      | 9/19                      | 9/26                       | 10/3                      | 10/10                  | 10/17                     | 10/24                     | 10/31                     |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Crucifer:</i>   | C. Carroll               | E. Carroll                | A. Fink                   | D.Fink                     | Jordan Peer               | C.Carroll              | E. Carroll                | A. Fink                   | D. Fink                   |
| <i>Acolyte:</i>    | D. Fink<br>Jared Peer    | G. Geinitz<br>H. Stephens | Jordan Peer<br>Jared Peer | O. Johannes<br>H. Stephens | K. Peer<br>Jared Peer     | D. Fink<br>A. Fink     | G. Geinitz<br>H. Stephens | Jordan Peer<br>Jared Peer | O. Johannes<br>G. Geinitz |
| <i>Lector:</i>     | J. Bunnell               | R. Stephens               | T. Stephens               | A. Escalona                | M. Corso                  | K. Skinner             | D. Pursch                 | H. Stephens               | S. Treanor                |
| <i>Intecessor:</i> | S. Treanor               | J. Slate                  | J. Bunnell                | J. Roskoski                | S. Treanor                | J. Slate               | J. Bunnell                | J. Roskoski               | S. Treanor                |
| <i>Chaliciat:</i>  | V. Cheripko              | S. Treanor                | J. Roskoski               | J. Slate                   | J. Roskoski               | J. Bunnell             | S. Treanor                | J. Slate                  | V. Cheripko               |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | J. Bunnell<br>S. Soden   | E. Young<br>J. Dohner     | E. Young<br>J. Dohner     | J. Bunnell<br>S. Wilding   | J. Bunnell<br>-----       | J. Slate<br>-----      | J. Slate<br>-----         | S. Soden<br>J. Dohner     | S.Soden<br>J. Dohner      |
| <i>Usher:</i>      | C. Stevens<br>J. Stevens | BJ Clark<br>J. Merritt    | P. Mikulak<br>R. Stephens | E. Carroll<br>C. Carroll   | C. Stevens<br>J. Stevens  | BJ Clark<br>J. Merritt | P. Mikulak<br>R. Stephens | E. Carroll<br>C. Carroll  | C. Stevens<br>J. Stevens  |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i> | C. Geinitz<br>S. Soden   | NKuzminski<br>J. Slate    | V. Cheripko<br>D. Romano  | P. Mikulak<br>J. Roskoski  | R. Sampson<br>D. Pursch   | J. Bunnell<br>S. Erb   | C. Geinitz<br>S. Soden    | NKuzminski<br>J. Slate    | P. Mikulak<br>J. Roskoski |
| <i>Counters:</i>   | D. Romano<br>L. Erdman   | P. Mikulak<br>J. Roskoski | N. Johannes<br>S. Wilding | C. English<br>J. Bunnell   | V. Cheripko<br>K. Skinner | D. Romano<br>L. Erdman | N. Johannes<br>S. Wilding | P. Mijulak<br>J. Roskoski | V. Cheripko<br>K. Skinner |

If you cannot serve on a date you are scheduled, please contact someone else on the list to switch - call the parish office(253-2760) so that we may make the change, too. **THANK YOU** for all your help!

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 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 s/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.*

9/4 - Olivia Johannes  
9/6 - Ethan Becker  
9/12 - Joyce Skinner  
9/12 - Zachary Stevens  
9/16 - James Pasquale  
9/18 - Elena Carroll  
9/27 - Russ Vinton

9/27 - Jacqueline Dohner  
9/30 - Patrick Sampson  
10/1 - Kaleb Becker  
10/2 - Philip Erb  
10/2 - CJ Shupe  
10/3 - Jennifer Stevens  
10/5 - Christopher Carroll

10/10 - Fran Clift  
10/18 - Angelica Becker  
10/20 - Eleanor Young  
10/20 - Jim Sampson  
10/25 - Phylis Korb  
10/29 - James Smith  
10/29 - Carla Huss

10/30 - Imogen Pursch  
10/31 - Todd Stephens

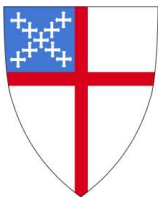
# *Choir practices start soon!*

*Lift your voice, rejoicing -  
singing and making a joyful noise to the Lord.*

**Adult Choir (from teen on)  
Trebles (children's voices)    Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

Stay "tuned.."

## *Grace Notes*



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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