



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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## EARLY SUMMER 2010

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### PARSON'S CORNER

### SUMMER MEMORIALS

Memorial Day is right around the corner as I write. My mother thought last weekend was Memorial Day, as it comes "late" this year, so she has already done the cemetery thing for my father, and her parents. So as I go to visit for the holiday, she mentioned wanting to go to her grandparents' graves, somewhere I hadn't been since I was a teenager. Genealogy story number 2. Number one is that I have just recently been in contact with an Erb in Alsace-Lorraine, France seeking information on her side of the family. We got into a discussion of the Catholic versus Protestant wars history (The Thirty Year War) and as her grandfather was the organist at the (Catholic) Cathedral in Strasbourg, I said she was definitely of the Catholic side of the family, and as my side came to America in the late 1700s as a part of the PA German evangelicals, I was on the other side of the fence.

History story number three. Getting ready for summer guests and curious visitors to Grace Church, I've been re-doing the old pamphlet describing the artistry within the Church which describes a lot of the history of Grace Church. As my family will tell you, I love old stuff! Story number four is that one of our parishioners found and purchased on eBay a copy of a sermon written in 1881 by the rector of Grace Church for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. Interesting in its own right for a number of reasons, but of curious interest to Sue and I as the booklet was printed by the newspaper company with whom Sue began her career as a journalist!

Many of us, especially with younger ones in tow, spend vacations visiting historic sites, museums and battle fields. It is a fascinating and wonderful way to spend down time, getting in touch with our forebears - the saints who have gone before and to consider the battles they fought. Maybe your family fought for freedom. Maybe someone left home for stirring religious convictions. Maybe someone died while helping save another. Maybe they just lived a long and quiet life. (Oh, to have that one!)

We often gather around the picnic table laughing and joking (and yes, sometimes hollering). Telling old stories that never get old. Have someone in the family write down those gems. Ask Grandma what it was like when they lived in \_\_\_\_\_. "What were the names of your grandparents, Grandma? Where did they come from?" (Advance warning - I'll be asking the Confirmation Class to prepare their own Family Trees!)

It is an important part of knowing who you are - knowing where you came from. Too often we take our past and our forebears, even here at Grace Church, for granted. We see the present and forget to ask what brought us here; where did these wonderful things come from, what did it take to have this beauty surround us.

Let us take our Memorials and remember the hard-work of generations past, as we dedicate ourselves for generations to come.

*Father Erb*

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2010

At its combined April and May meeting, Vestry

- + reviewed annual parochial report especially the work done by Rose Rosler and John Sullivan on the financial page. Fr. Erb reported that we have continued cleaning up the parish register, and show an 'increase' from 120 to 160 active communicants in good standing as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- + voted to set up a rental checking account which would cover the income and expenses of the rectory.
- + received and granted a request for use of office space for a summer intern for Workforce Wayne and other associated organizations for sustainable ecology.
- + reviewed recent and in-process repair and improvement projects, including a second potential Eagle Scout project. Refinishing of the Church doors, sealing of the stone in the small tower, and pointing of the stone on the church were discussed.
- + Plans are underway for our annual Golf Outing to be held at Woodloch Springs, Tues. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- + The annual Vestry Retreat is planned again at Forest Lake Club, Oct 15-17<sup>th</sup> thanks to the hospitality of Suzanne and BJ Clark.

THE NEXT MEETING OF VESTRY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> All Parishioners are invited to attend all Vestry meetings and find out what is happening in our parish.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD  
AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE  
**THE RIGHT REVEREND MARK M. BECKWITH**  
BISHOP OF NEWARK  
WITH GREAT JOY WILL ORDAIN

**MICHELLE DENISE WHITE**

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS IN  
CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC  
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF JUNE TWO  
THOUSAND AND TEN AT SIX O'CLOCK  
IN THE EVENING AT

**ALL SAINTS PARISH**

701 WASHINGTON STREET  
HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY

YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED  
CLERGY: RED OR FESTIVE STOLES  
RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW

RSVP BY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
201-792-3563 OR  
OFFICE@ALLSAINTSHOBOKEN.COM

## *A NOTE of THANKS*

Dear Pastor Erb,

We are so moved and delighted by the support that you, the Grace Episcopal Church and Vestry have given to the Delaware Riverkeeper Network through the dance recital by Dancers of the Dawn. The donations from those involved were a wonderful gift and will be used to carry on our work to defend and protect the Delaware River and Watershed....

We especially want to recognize and thank the Church Vestry, and particularly Cindy and Terry Smith for all their hard work...

Thank you for hosting the event at the Church and for your involvement in this fine event. We truly appreciate you and the community that were part of this gift.

Yours sincerely,

Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper  
& Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Coordinator



## *Confirmation 2010*

April 26<sup>th</sup>

*Pictured left to right in front:*

Alec Fink, Alexa Escolano,  
Katie Schupe, Matt Corso;

*Back row:*

Dennis Fink, Father Erb, Bishop  
Marshall, Conar Carroll, Elana  
Carroll.

After two years of classes, service projects to the community and in the parish plus some fun outings, our first class of Confirmands 'graduated' on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, gang!

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

MARTHA WILSON, a resident of Forest Lake Club recently joined our parish family. A friends of the Niles and neighbor to the Clarks, Martha accepted their invitation to come to Church. Simple evangelism! Welcome Martha.

*Who can you invite to Church?*

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## A BIG THANK - YOU TO:

VINCE SENFT for updating the electrical system in the kitchen. No more playing "Green Acres."

DEBORAH and BENITA PURSCH for planting perennials in the courtyard and for mulching around the Church gardens.

MARIA ZENGION for trimming our bushes.

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## CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates !

NEIL PETROSKY, received his Master of Social Work degree at Marywood University. He continues to work through Wayne Memorial Health.

ZACH ROMANO, graduated from the family alma mater, Lafayette College.

JULIE ROMANO, received her Associate's degree and will continue for her bachelor's degree at Fashion Institute in NYC.

ANDREW ERB, received his doctorate in Physical Therapy at Arcadia University, passed his boards, and will begin work as a therapist outside Princeton, NJ.

SAM PURSCH, who graduated from George Washington University, will spend a year working in DC and hopes to continue with grad school, perhaps in Oxford!

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MARK the DATE - PARISH PICNIC at PONDEROSA PINES - Sunday, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>

## Junior High Youth Mission Trip

### Who –

Youth Who have Completed 6- 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Adults who are over the age of 24

### What –

Caring for one another and all of God's Creation

### Where –

Bethlehem  
Staying at Lehigh University,  
Working at Trinity Bethlehem,  
The Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley,  
And New Bethany Ministries)

### When –

August 4 – August 8

### Why-

Because we are all in the Same Boat

### Cost –

\$270.00 per participant  
Divided equally \$90.00 per Individual, Parish and Diocese

### For More Information and Registration visit

[www.diobeth.org/ministries/youth/youth.html](http://www.diobeth.org/ministries/youth/youth.html)

Registration Opens June 3 / Closes July 21

All paperwork must be submitted by July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## The Man in the Mitre

or

Bishop Paul Invites Children to Join Him for  
Bishop's Day for Kids 2010

2010 Bishop's Day  
for Kids  
Diocese of Bethlehem

"Have no fear, little ones,"  
Said the man in the mitre  
"I've good news to tell you  
that will make your hearts lighter.  
The gospels are special, so special you see,  
that they teach us to live better than what's on TV!"

"In the fantastical summer of Dr. Seuss,  
you're invited to wonder just what is the use  
of my Bishop's crook.  
Can it hold the Good Book?  
Is the mitre a hat,  
that you wear when at bat?  
Where can you learn what's up and what's down?  
And what's going on in Jesus' town?"

"Come to Bishop's Day on the Tenth of July!  
We'll plays games and tell stories  
and you can ask why  
we do all the things in the church that we do.  
We'll wonder about what's what and who's who.  
So come along, bring your stories, bring your fun, bring a guest!  
(Ask Canon Kitch and she'll tell you the rest.)



**For Kids who have completed grades 1-5  
July 10, 2010 at Church of the Good Shepherd in Scranton, PA**

Find more information and register on-line at:  
<https://s08.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?PG=1531801182300&P=153180100>

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## for June/July 2010

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
<i>Crucifer:</i>	D. Fink	E. Carroll	C. Carroll	A. Fink	D. Fink	E. Carroll	C. Carroll	Jordan Peer
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Kyle Peer Alec Fink	Jared Peer Jordan Peer	G. Geinitz H. Stephens	Kyle Peer Jordan Peer	Jared Peer Jordan Peer	Gary Geinitz H. Stephens	Kyle Peer H. Stephens	Gary Geinitz Jared Peer
<i>Lector:</i>	J. Bunnell	M. Corso	T. Stephens	A. Escalona	R. Stephens	Jordan Peer	M. Corso	H. Stephens
<i>Intecessor:</i>	J. Slate	S. Treanor	J. Roskoski	J. Bunnell	S. Treanor	J. Slate	J. Bunnell	J. Roskoski
<i>Chalist:</i>	J. Roskoski	J. Slate	J. Bunnell	S. Treanor	V. Cheripko	J. Roskoski	S. Treanor	J. Bunnell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	S. Soden S. Wilding	S. Soden S. Wilding	J. Slate J. Dohner	J. Slate J. Dohner	E. Young J. Bunnell	E. Young J. Bunnell	S. Soden J. Slate	S. Soden J. Slate
<i>Usher:</i>	C. Stevens J. Stevens	C. Carroll E. Carroll	J. Merritt R. Stephens	R.L. Becker R. Becker	C. Stevens J. Stevens	BJ Clark P. Mikulak	C. Carroll E. Carroll	J. Merritt R. Stephens
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	N. Johannes N.Kuzminski	P. Mikulak S. Soden	V. Cheripko D. Romano	S. Erb N.Kuzminski	J. Slate P. Mikulak	R. Sampson D. Pursch	C. Geinitz J. Bunnell	S. Soden S. Erb
<i>Counters:</i>	L. Erdman J. Bunnell	E. Young V. Cheripko	N. Johannes J. Roskoski	K. Skinner D. Romano	L. Erdman S. Wilding	P. Mikulak J. Bunnell	E. Young V. Cheripko	N. Johannes D. Romano

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*THANK YOU for all your help!*

### JUNE & JULY 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.

6/ 1 - Ed Coggins  
 6/3 - Samuel Pursch  
 6/3 - Robert Lowden  
 6/4 - Brittany Becker  
 6/10 - Curtis Sampson  
 6/11 - Navaeh Becker  
 6/12 - Paul Mikulak Jr.

6/21 - Chauncey Stevens  
 6/23 - Mariamne Everett  
 6/23 - Matthew Fritsch  
 6/27 - Jared Peer  
 7/5 - Jaymes Pursch  
 7/6 - William Mikulak  
 7/6 - Zack Romano

7/8 - Katie Shupe  
 7/12 - Jane Bunnell  
 7/12 - Benita Pursch  
 7/15 - Miriam Mc Mechen  
 7/15 - Robert Becker  
 7/15 - Jeanne Roskoski  
 7/17 - Karter Mikulak

7/24-Jaymes Columbo  
 7/24-Constance (Korb)  
 MacLeary

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## for August 2010

DATE:	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
<i>Crucifer:</i>	E. Carroll	D. Fink	Jordan Peer	E. Carroll	<i>PARISH</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Jordan Peer Alec Fink	H. Stephens G. Geinitz	K. Becker E. Becker	G. Geinitz C. Carroll	<i>PICNIC</i>
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<i>Coffee Hour</i>	N. Johannes P. Mikulak	V. Cheripko D. Romano	R. Sampson D. Pursch	S. Erb N. Johannes	<i>PONDEROSA PINES</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	J. Roskoski K. Skinner	P. Mikulak S. Wilding	L. Erdman J. Bunnell	E. Young V. Cheripko	J. Bunnell K. Skinner

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> - Morning Prayer, while Fr. Erb is on vacation.

AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> - Our Annual Parish Picnic with Communion at Ponderosa Pines Camp-Ground.

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8/2 - Andrew Erb  
8/3 - Jan Cheripko  
8/13 - Cynthia Burdick  
8/14 - Bryan Columbo  
8/16 - Michael Grady  
8/17 - Shawn Vinton  
8/17 - Dave Roskoski

8/20 - Bob Dohner  
8/21 - John Russo  
8/22 - John Peer

# Scripture Cake

A Treat for your Summer Picnics  
And a Test of your Bible Study abilities!

Why not bring your "results" to Coffee Hour?

*This classic recipe comes from an 1909 recipe book from the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Enfield New Hampshire. Given the date, of the recipe, you may want to use a King James translation of the Bible.*

4 cups of	1 Kings 4:22	1 large Tbsp	1 Samuel 14:25
1 cup	Judges 5:25 (last clause)	season to taste with	2 Chronicles 9:9
2 cups	Jeremiah 6:20	six of	Jeremiah 17:11
2 cups	1 Samuel 30:12 ("raising")	a pinch of	Leviticus 2:13
2 cups	Nahum 3:12	one-half of	Genesis 24:20
1 Tbsp	Numbers 17:8	2 tsps.	Amos 4:5 (b. powder)

Follow Solomon's advice for making good boys (Proverbs 23:14) and you will have a good cake. (Bake in a greased cake pan at a moderate heat, 325-350°)

It's a great family activity. Get one to read, another to decipher and another to find the ingredients and another to whip up the bake.

Have fun exploring. A great family activity. One to read, another decipher and another to bake.

Have fun exploring the Bible.

*Answers on the Church bulletin board.*

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