



Grace Episcopal Church Honesdale, Pa.
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Grace Notes

NEWS of GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FALL 2011

PARSON'S CORNER

The CROSS of IRENE

On Sunday, August 28th in the Gospel reading, Jesus told the 20 gathered souls to "Take up their cross and follow." On Sunday, August 28th, Hurricane Irene began her rampage on the Northeast. Here is the sermon from that morning.

"Take up your cross," takes on a new message as we face a potentially devastating hurricane.

A cross is not a thorn-in-the-side as St. Paul describes the malady - physical, mental, spiritual - which plagued this first Christian. Even that venerable saint was not perfect, though we presume he's perfected in heaven. Something prevented him from fulfilling the mission of Christ as he truly desired. But that thorn is not a cross to bear.

Today, St. Paul writing to the Roman Church, tells all Christians to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and to persevere in prayer..." and "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

Don't take up your cross, because it is really Jesus' cross that we are to lift up, a cross that relieves the suffering of someone else. Simon of Cyrene we remember only on Good Friday, but he is our example today. Simon picked up the cross of someone he had never met, someone he assumed to be a criminal, someone being led off for execution. But he picked up the cross anyway, not knowing its weight or its significance, and he carried someone else's burden.

All of a sudden on Friday it dawned on us - there's a hurricane coming! A hurricane coming, and people will be flooded and without power, maybe even without food. Grace Church already has a shelter set up - cots, bedding, food galore, a safe place, easy to get to. We had it all worked out this winter for Warmth in the Night. What about during a flood?

So we pulled things together - including our picnic food - and called the borough and county agencies to tell them we'd be open for business should there be a need. Taking up someone else's burden.

"Take up your cross," thus came to mean something much more important than complaining about my petty situation- my aching thorn-in-the flesh, whatever it may be. "Take up the Cross came to mean doing as Christ did - to offer whatever he could - including his own life - for the salvation of someone's life.

Let us today, tonight and tomorrow take up someone else's cross, a stranger along the road-side, our neighbors' cross, Christ's cross. And let us like Christ. Lift that cross high for the salvation of all, and the easing of the burden's of the world.

Father Erb

IT'S OFFICIAL - 10:00 o'Clock is the New 11:00 o'Clock.

The trial run during the summer, mixed with input from Christian Ed, and thoughts from parishioners made the decision easy. We will continue with the late service being earlier: 10:00 on Sundays.

Christian Education will now be at 9:00 AM. We may even have coffee hour after the 8:00 Service! Anything to encourage 8:00 O'Clockers to stay for Adult Forum, Godly Play, and Confirmation Class. Hint, hint!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 2011

At it's August Meeting, Vestry:

- + Decided unanimously to keep the later service on Sundays at 10:00 AM. The Christian Education Committee hopes this will also help flexibility with the 8:00 congregation to join at 9:00 o'clock.
- + A variety of Property issues were discussed. More minor projects can easily be accomplished by a few work days with parishioners' help. Several major projects will be attended to which include several water-leakage issues requiring expert plumbing and possible roof repair and replacement of broken panes in leaded windows in the parish hall.
- + A work-day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th in order to accomplish some of the "minor" projects.
- + Major improvements/renovations discussed were replacing a leaking shower in the sexton's apartment (which has caused damage to the ceiling and closet in the Men's Guild Room; and drain issues in the Ladies' Guild room, potentially a major issue which is being explored. The Grace Abounding Fund will be tapped for many of these projects.

(Note: The "Grace Abounding" Fund was established years ago by Jean and Bill Hoerter as a Thanksgiving-for-God's-Grace Fund particularly for use for physical major upkeep and improvements.)

- + An Eagle Scout project to repair and refinish the tower doors was discussed. Also the placement of flagstone for the third parking space.
- + Approved moving the Parish Library into one of the Church School rooms across the hall, giving the library more room. The Church School Resource/Supply room will take the current library room. Monies from the Janet Carter Memorial and additional monies from Grace Abounding will be used to purchase shelf units to be used in the new Library.
- + Vestry meetings will be held on the third Sunday of the month, following the 10:00 service. This will benefit those Vestry members who must travel distances, assist busy schedules and provide the opportunity for parishioners to observe deliberations.

Remembering

9 - 11 - 2001

MY CHILDREN, YOU MUST
HELP ME REMEMBER.

Elie Wiesel, Night



9 / 11

September 11, 2011
2:00 pm
in the Parish Hall

Grace Church invites you to a contemplative prayer service to commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11th.

Meditation, ecumenical prayers, music and sharing will all be a part as we remember all who were affected and those who were lost.

Light candles of remembrance and offer prayers. Share hope and move towards bringing God's peace into our community.

The service will begin at 2:00PM on September 11, 2011 in the Parish Hall.

WORK - DAY



LIKE YOUR HOUSE - GOD'S HOUSE NEEDS WORK.
but as the saying goes,

GOD HAS NO HANDS BUT YOURS !

SO, come, lend a hand.

Projects large and small - something for everyone, old and young.

As always, coffee, goodies, and lunch provided!

9:00 until 2:00 come for an hour, or all day, as you can.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10th & OCT. 8th



*From and For The Diocese
Congregational Development & Renewal*

Renewal Assembly III
Finding Your Voice

November 12, 2011
9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Eight Locations around the Diocese of Bethlehem

Details and registration information coming soon!

You Know You're in a Redneck Church if

1. The finance committee refuses to provide funds for the purchase of a chandelier because none of the members knows how to play one.
2. You ask, when they learn that Jesus fed the 5000, whether the two fish were bass or catfish, and what bait was used to catch 'em.
3. When the pastor says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering" and five guys and two women stand up.
4. Opening day of deer season is recognized as an official church holiday.
5. A member of the church requests to be buried in his 4-wheel-drive truck because "It ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get out of"
6. The choir is known as the "OK Chorale".
7. In a congregation of 500 members, there are only seven last names in the church directory.
8. You think "rapture" is what you get when you lift something too heavy.
9. The baptismal pool is a #2 galvanized " Wheeling " washtub.
10. The choir robes were donated by and embroidered with the logo from Billy Bob's Barbecue.
11. The collection plates are really hubcaps from a '56 Chevy.
12. Instead of a bell you are called to service by a duck call.
13. The minister and his wife drive matching pickup trucks.
14. The communion wine is Boone's Farm "Tickled Pink".
15. "Thou shall not covet" applies to huntin' dogs, too.
16. The final words of the benediction are, "Y'all come back now, hear?"

*from the Internet,
submitted by someone in the northern regions of the parish; you guess*

CONGRATULATIONS !

AS SAID in the last edition...

This is the YEAR of WEDDINGS!

Congratulations are extended to:

Dianne & Don Kenyon, who were married on 17 July
Miklos & Sebastian Kiraly who were united on 23 July
Cate & Paul Weller, who were married on 27 August

Prayers are extended for

Mariann Katz and Kenneth Thompson who will be married on 6 September
and **Natashia Honorowski and Anthony Glatz** who will be married on 24 September

CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH

Elizabeth Quinn will be coordinating the church nursery volunteer schedule for the late service Sundays at Grace Church, beginning Sept. 11. We suddenly have a lot of infants/toddlers/preschoolers. So, this is an important service for the congregation to provide.

She will be calling or e-mailing to see if/when you can help with nursery. She then will issue a schedule for September through December and a list of contact information for other volunteers. If you cannot be there when chosen, we will ask you to call Elizabeth or one of the other volunteers on the list as soon as you know that you need to switch. If you're not available to help at all this fall, just let Elizabeth know. We understand busy schedules. If you are not contacted, but would like to help, please call Elizabeth at (718) 730-2789.

If you are going to volunteer, please let me know if you have NOT yet taken the online diocesan training. It is free, but required.

Thanks to all for your help and interest. -- Sue Erb

ADULT FORUM

Sept. 11 Enquirers - What do you want to know? What attracts you to the Episcopal Church?
Sept. 18 Bible Study on the beginning of Matthew's Gospel: chapter 1:1 - 4:16
Sept. 25 a session of contemplative prayer, using *Lectio Divina*, or Divine Reading.
Oct. 2 Enquirers' Class - The History of the Episcopal Church
Oct. 9 Bible Study continuing with Matthew through chapter 11.

YOUTH - we gotta meet and plan stuff !

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Kill Two Birds with One Stone - but it's not that easy!

It turns out that a majority of our Confirmation Class are involved in Scouting, as well, and can earn Religious Emblems. So, why re-create the wheel?

Well, Fr. Ed, who of course (surprise) is on the National Episcopal Scouters Association and has permission from the company who produces the Religious Emblems series for each faith tradition to develop the four levels of books for the Episcopal (and Lutheran) Church, with a broader emphasis on the Sacraments.

The Confirmation Class will not only be killing birds with a single stone, they will also be the guinea pigs for the developing program. As a matter of fact, they are helping to write the books! We sat at Boy Scout camp one evening and laid out plans and brain-stormed ideas.

Interested in finding out what's going on? Drop into the Youth Room on a Sunday morning and find out.

The 2011 Annual **CROP-Walk**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Registration & "Kick-Off" at **1:00 PM**
at **The Wayne County Fair Grounds**



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

or - push a resident of Ellen Memorial around the Nursing Home!

Get a packet of information from Fr. Erb, gather your sponsors, and join us Oct. 9th!

HARVEST HOME HAM DINNER **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th**

\$9 Adults

\$5 Children

Take Outs at 3:30 PM

Sit-Down from 4:30 PM



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

(see Jane Bunnell for information or to sign-up)

WHAT's the TREBLE ♪ WITH CHOIR ??

Nothing!

Come, Lift Your Voice and Sing.

ADULTS (High School on) - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

TREBLES (children 8 - 14) - Thursdays @ 6:00 pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September/October 2011

	<i>Sept.4</i>	<i>Sept 11</i>	<i>Sept 18</i>	<i>Sept 25</i>	<i>Oct 2</i>	<i>Oct 9</i>	<i>Oct 16</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>Oct 30</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Bro. Carl	Fr. Ed	Fr. Ed	F. Hlavacek	S. Treano	Fr. Ed	Bro. Carl	<i>Consecration</i>	Fr. Ed
<i>Crucifer:</i>	D. Fink	A. Fink	Jordan Peer	H. Stephens	E. Carroll	D. Fink	A. Fink	Jordan Peer	H. Stephens
<i>Acolyte:</i>	G. Geinitz J. Hinds	E. Becker H. Oconnor	K. Peer D. Foshay	C. Stephens Jared Peer	J. Hinds H. Oconnor	G. Geintz Jared Peer	K. Peer E. Becker	J. Hinds D. Foshay	C. Stephens Jared Peer
<i>Lector:</i>	D. Pursch	K. Skinner	A. Escalona	T. Stephens	K. Peer	M. Corso	H. Stephens	S. Treanor	H. OConnor
<i>Intecessor:</i>	S. Treanor	F. Hlavacek	J. Slate	J. Roskoski	-----	F. Hlavacek	F. Hlavacek	F. Hlavacek	F. Hlavacek
<i>Chaliciat:</i>	F. Hlavacek	S. Treanor	J. Roskoski	V. Cheripko	-----	J. Bunnell	C. Hooker	F. Hlavacek	S. Treanor
<i>Altar Guild</i>	J. Dohner S. Soden	E. Young J. Bunnell	E. Young J. Bunnell	S. Wilding S. Soden	S. Wilding S. Soden	J. Dohner J. Slate	J. Dohner J. Slate	E. Young J. Bunnell	E. Young J. Bunnell
<i>Usber:</i>	C. Oconnor D. Hinds	A. Hill T. Hill	R. Stephens D. Pursch	E. Carroll C. Carroll	D. Pursch B.J. Clark	L. Erdman J. Merritt	P. Mikulak D. Kenyon	J. Bunnell C. Smith	C. Oconnor D. Hinds
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	D. Kenyon & Family	J. Skinner K. Skinner	C. Escalona M. Hinds	J. Bunnell S. Slate	S. Clark J. Merritt	S. Soden C. Geinitz	M..OConnor J. Roskoski	<i>Consecration Brunch</i>	N. Niles M. Niles
<i>Counters:</i>	J. Bunnell S. Wilding	C. English V. Cheripko	B. Bazewica P. Mikulak	K. Skinner E. Young	L. Erdman J. Roskoski	S. Wilding V. Cheripko	J. Bunnell B. Bazewicz	P. Mikulak C. English	J. Roskoski K. Skinner

Please post this schedule on your refrigerator. 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 that we may make the change, too. *THANK YOU for all your help!*

Remember our Parish family in your Prayers

O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor on 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.

September & October Birthdays

9/4 - Olivia Johannes
9/6 - Ethan Becker
9/8 - Hunter Dennis
9/12 - Joyce Skinner, Zachary Stevens
9/16 - Anthony Glatz I
9/18 - Elana Carroll
9/27 - Jackie Dohner, Russell Vinton, Kyle Soden
9/30 - Patrick Sampson
10/1 - Kaleb Becker

10/2 - Philip Erb, CJ Shupe
10/3 - Kate Case, Jennifer Stevens
10/5 - Chris Carroll
10/12 - Liam Dennis
10/20 - Eleanor Young, Jim Sampson
10/22 - Miklos Kiraly
10/25 - Phyllis Korb
10/29 - Carla Huss, James Smith
10/30- Imogen Pursch, Todd Stephens

Don't forget

it's not just about Golf!

Tuesday, September 27th

it's about Jean! and more!

Golf, Cooking, Lunch, Prizes

fun and fellowship.

all at Woodloch Springs.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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