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Announcing the Barons!

For several months now we have been talking about and planning for the arrival of “The Curate,” a newly ordained clergy person who will be coming on staff here this summer. Well, Grace Church, blessings abound! After months of conversation and discernment and with full vestry and diocesan support, Jodi and Christian Baron, will be coming to Grace together to be “The Curates” – plural. Each will have a distinct job description but they will share this full-time position while also settling themselves and their three daughters into lives of ministry in Western Michigan.

Both Christian and Jodi will experience the full range of parish ministry from preaching and presiding to participating in pastoral care, outreach, and commission work. Each will also have particular focus areas. Jodi will focus on Formation (Children and Young Families) and Hispanic Ministries. Christian will focus on Formation (Youth and Their Families) and Campus Ministry at Hope College. The Barons will live in the Parish House and will begin their ministries at Grace in mid-July. We'll communicate information about their diaconal ordinations and arrival in Holland as the details are put in place. For now, the Barons offer the following paragraphs of introductions:

Christian is excited to be returning to Holland. Much of his family lives in the Holland/Zeeland area. He likes to watch (and occasionally play) a number of sports and especially enjoys following the Detroit Tigers. He likes fishing and hunting, listening to good music, and cooking. He enjoys doing activities with his kids, especially camping and riding bikes, and has made it difficult for them to beat him at chess, Connect Four, and Uno. He did undergraduate work at Central College in Pella, IA (Hope's sister school) and graduated from Kuyper College in Grand Rapids with a degree in Youth Ministry and Bible.

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Christian will graduate with a Masters of Divinity degree with a Hispanic Church Studies emphasis in May, 2014 from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Christian looks forward to getting to know the members of Grace and learning how to live into his life as a priest.

Jodi is a West Michigan native; born in Kalamazoo and raised in Traverse City. She graduated from GVSU with a degree in Sociology and minor in Spanish. She has spent time studying abroad in Mexico and Dominican Republic and participated in ministry partnership trips to Belize and Nicaragua. Jodi enjoys spending time with family and friends, listening to live music, reading, writing, and using her creative gifts to make new things. She also enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, cooking, sewing, and knitting. Jodi, also, will graduate with an M.Div. with a Hispanic Church Studies emphasis in May 2014 from Seminary of the Southwest. Jodi looks forward to being close to family and getting to know Grace Episcopal Church. She looks forward to learning how to live into her vocation as priest while also attending to her other two primary vocations of wife and mother.

Montana “Mo” (age 8) is entering the 3rd grade and enjoys riding her bike, swimming, playing with her sisters and friends, climbing trees, drawing and painting, and laughing. She is most looking forward to the flat streets so she can ride her bike all year long (shhh, we haven’t broken it to her that there’s four hundred feet of snow half of the year!!!) and swimming in Gramma’s lake with her cousins. She hopes to make lots of new friends and that her new school has less homework than her current one.

Gretchen (age 6~almost 7) is entering the 2nd grade and enjoys all the same things as her sister but wants to add that she wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She hopes to find a veterinarian with whom she can volunteer to help all the pets of Ottawa County. She is most excited about having her own room and living close to her other grandparents and cousins. She also hopes to make lots of new friends and that her school has less homework!

Magnolia “Maggie” (age 5) will be entering kindergarten and enjoys being the youngest, almost too much! She also enjoys all the things her big sisters do, but would like to add that she wants to be a window cleaner when she grows up! “It looks fun!” she says.



NEWS FROM CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Submitted by Debbie Coyle, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries



It's hard to believe that the program year will be coming to a close shortly. It has been a great winter/spring with loads of opportunities for fellowship and formation. The Education Hour classes will finish out the program year with lessons from the New Testament focused on the period after the Resurrection and the development of the church. Our TEL (This Episcopal Life) class will be learning about the worship service and will then learn a bit about the Episcopal Church in America today. We'll even do a bit of a scavenger hunt utilizing the national church website.

The first week of May, Grace will once again combine forces with the First United Methodist Church to host a traditional Dutch food court at the Holland Civic Center. Tuesday, May 6th through Saturday, May 10th we will be serving home made traditional Dutch food as our one major fundraiser to support the Youth Mission, Pilgrimage, and special programs here at Grace. We are still very much in need of volunteers. There are "jobs" of all kinds so please check your calendar and consider volunteering to help us support programming for Youth at Grace. Contact the office to sign up: 616-403-4763 or email Debbie at debcoyle@gmail.com.

On May 18th, we will honor all of our Children's and Youth Ministries leaders for this program year. Please come and help us say thank you to our team:

Primary Class: Linda Elder, Jen Klug, Jesse Klug, and Lynn Stubbs

Primary 2 Class: Elizabeth Brubaker, Ashley Fossati, Greta Shires

Intermediate Class: Ivy Keen, Robbie Schorle, Greta Shires, and Ketzi Zylstra

This Episcopal Life: Sharon Barlow, Karen Boer, Sue and Steve Cloutier, Radha Deitenbeck, Ivy Keen, David Cunningham, Phil Harrington, Connor Stubbs, and David Stubbs

Growing into Worship: Suzy Bullinger, John Davis, Ashley Fossati, Alex Foster, and Chuck Murray

Youth Groups: Howard Huyser, Kristie Phillips, Cherie Schmidt, and Matt Schmidt

The Grace Youth will be putting the finishing touches on their video project to answer the question "Who is Grace?". If you would like to help us answer that question, please contact Debbie or one of the youth leaders.

Finally, please help us congratulate our youth who are graduating from High School this year: Daniel Hawley-Lowry, Katie Polik, Zack Smalldon, and Connor Stubbs. Keep them and their families in your prayers as they move through this very important time in their lives. We are very excited for each of them as they move forward into adulthood.

The Children's and Youth Ministries (CYM) planning team is looking for volunteers for the 2014-2015 program year. Leadership is needed in all areas of the program and at all levels of participation. You can volunteer for weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, annual, or even occasional CYM activities. It is not too late to check out Children's and Youth Ministries at Grace. COME AND SEE.....

From the Property Task Force

We need your thoughts, your prayers, and your input!

Grace has taken amazing steps over the past few years in terms of growth in ministries, community, outreach, and improvements to our church and properties. We are in a growing yet stable place as a congregation and have the responsibility to consider the needs and possibilities of the Grace that is yet to be. To this purpose, a property task force has been formed that will look at “Grace-Lands.” And we need your input as we look ahead, always striving to be faithful, good stewards of God’s many gifts to us.

Grace owns a wonderful church building, three houses and a side yard (which is two neighborhood lots.) The properties marked with an asterisk on the diagram on the next page indicate those that are owned by Grace Church.

Building on the work done in 2012 by a houses team, we’ve moved into a short-term plan that includes welcoming a curate family into the Parish House this summer and keeping the other houses in the Community Housing Partnership. Still in consideration is the possibility of using one of the houses for the young adult program of The Episcopal Service Corp. The two empty lots are undeveloped.

Right now our task is to dream a bit, open long and short-term doors, and ask important questions. Should we use the empty lots differently than we do? Are there needs in this community going unmet that our buildings and land could help meet? Do we need more space in our church building? Let us know what you think!

We want to hear it all – your practical ideas as well as your outrageous visions – from specific thoughts that apply to current configurations to those ideas that change or move current structures. Fill out the form on the next page, participate online by linking to the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/KZK8Q7C or through the homepage of the parish website at www.graceepiscopalholland.org, email your responses to gechurch@sbcglobal.net, or talk to one of the members of the task force who are listed below.

With many thanks,

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Grace-Lands

Here are some questions to spark your thoughts. Please, share your ideas with us!

Are there unmet needs in this community that our buildings and land could help meet? If so, what are they?

Should we use the lots differently than we do? If so, what are your ideas?

Should we use the houses differently than we do? If so, what are your ideas?

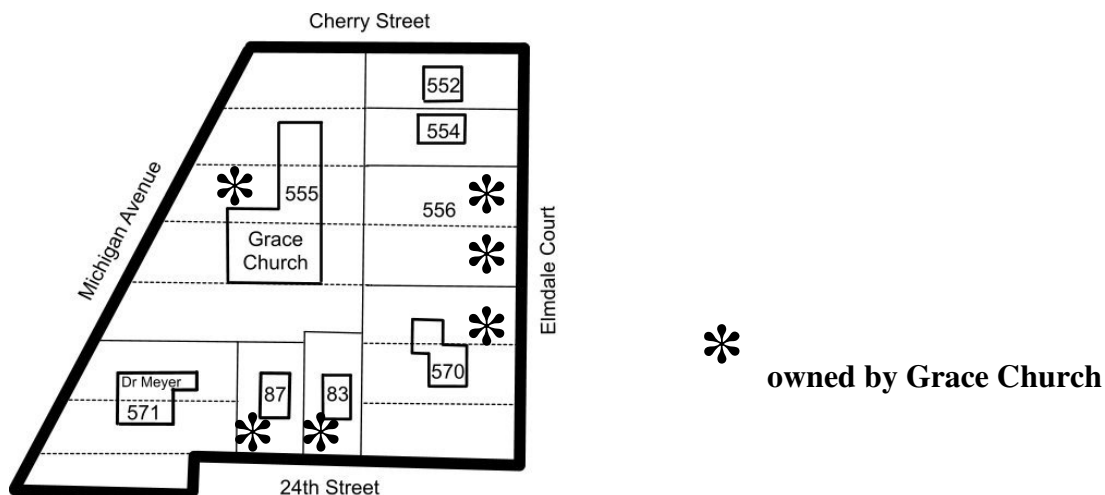
Do we need more space in our church building? If so, how would you see us using that space?

Share your specific ideas for the buildings and properties of Grace.

Give us your outrageous visions too:

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____



Worship / Formation

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF JOINING GRACE'S CHOIR?

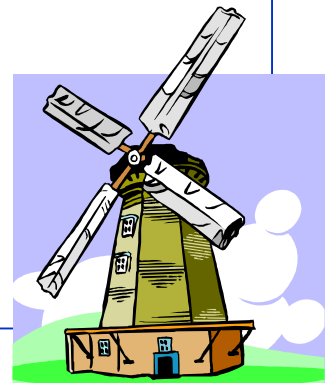
Now would be a great time to give it a try! We are winding down the choir season with only 6 more weeks of singing at services before our break for the summer. We will be singing through Pentecost, which is June 8 this year. Your commitment would include Wednesday evening rehearsals (7 pm to around 8:30 pm) and Sunday mornings when we meet 45 minutes before each service and then sing for the 10:30 am services. Steve rehearses us thoroughly and well in advance. Try it! It's fun! Just ask any choir member! It would be helpful to let Steve know if you are interested so he can prepare a folder of music for you. You can try to catch him after service today, give him a call at 616-990-1252, or email him at jupiterjenkins@gmail.com. See you Wednesday!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Alternate Mondays, 4:00 to 5:15 pm (a men's discussion group) — The men's study group "Beer and Bibles" meets every other Monday, for conversation, reflection, and fellowship. B-Y-O-Both. Upcoming dates are **May 5th, 19th and June 2nd**.

ST. MARY'S GUILD

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Monday, May 12, at 2 PM. Please gather in the parking lot on Windmill Island at 2. We will have a tour of the newly refurbished DeZwaan windmill and view the gardens on the island. Jill Mendenhall is hostess. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate!!! Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun.



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| 1 Cel Meerman | 15 Prescott E. Slee | |
| Rod Reinink | 17 Laura Canaan | 3 Pam & Ron Nienhuis |
| Dylan Tucker | Ron Nienhuis | 7 Sharie & Dave Phillips |
| 2 Matthew Scharlow | 18 Pat Danly | 9 Rosemary & Jeff Erickson |
| 3 Carrie Hodson | Andrew Smalldon | Gerlinde & David Knoll |
| 4 Jackie Gamache | 19 Valarie Methric | 12 Jane & Mark Servinsky |
| 5 Pat Parker | 20 Mae Kuna | 19 Liza & Jim Barry |
| Samuel Zylstra | 21 Danielle Gamache | Kelly & Kelly R. Smith |
| 6 Bryson Kiser | Rob Schafer | 20 Linde & Kyle Klinge |
| Charlie Matrosic | 23 Melissa Gunn | 22 Barb & Ned Goodman |
| Anna Stubbs | Ian Krueger | 23 Marianne & Brian Manderfield |
| Brayden Vander Kamp | 24 Sarah Linn | Drew & Pamela Buitendorp-Drew |
| 7 Sydney Ray | Ella Rocker | 25 Gwen & Mike Miller |
| 8 Rosemary Erickson | Kelli Shinabarger | 26 Connie & Bill Ketchum |
| Brock Smalldon | 25 David Knoll | |
| 9 Michele Paterson Brown | 27 Val Ambrose | |
| Daniel Hawley-Lowry | 28 Dave Masselink | |
| 10 Barb Goodman | 29 Jeffrey Erickson | |
| Ione Trap | George Pierson | |
| 11 Bill Paterson | 30 Monica Hittner-Cunningham | |
| 13 David Wright | Louise Stauffer | |
| 14 Sue Bullinger | 31 David Chamness | |

Birthdays & Anniversaries in May



Prayer List as of April 25, 2014

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PRAYER REQUESTED FOR: Krista Raffenaud & family, Fred McConkey & family, Bob & Linda, Meghan Kelly & family, the Stick family, Charlie Broersma, Catherine Page, Linda Twiggs (cousin of Sharon Barlow), Ken & Gemmy Helder, Erica & family, Shirley Swaney, Todd & Mary Lane, Barb Hettinga, Morley & Sally Byxbe, Kariann & Esperanza, Anne & family, Sophie, Vern, the Butterfield family, Xenia & family, Phil & Kathy, Elaine, Kathy, Emily & family, Amanda, for people in areas of war or unrest, for the unemployed or under-employed, for the women and men of the Armed Forces, especially Pierre Warner, Chuck, Warwick, Carrie, Sam, and other loved ones of our parish family; for all victims of disasters worldwide, natural and manmade; for those in our time who face persecution for their faith and for their persecutors. Jeanette Gogola, Kim & Nouri, Mar' Cia & family, Carol & Woody Merriman, Karin Sisson, Pat Danly, Laura Ferster, Gladys, Arkie Pierson, Ginnie Wilson, the Barkel family, the Drew family, Grace Herta, Judy, Dawn & family, Alex, Todd Billings & family, Bill Ketchum, Peter Homan, Patricia Arnold, Chuck Matrosic, Debbie (sister of Mary Matrosic), Devin, Robert McConkey, Gerald, Jim & Jane, Ralph Suchor, Irene Bartlett, Steve, Jenny, Michael Borst, Jodi, Sandy, Donna, Amy, Diane, Adam, Shannon, Gail Davison, Stafford, Bruce Browning (brother of Jean Adams), Dave Masselink, Aaron Miller, Betty Sova, Gloria Stegenga, Betty & Jerry, John Keegin, Jackie Van Duren, Lisa Leland, Ben Roper, Jim Roper.

FEEDING AMERICA

Over the past few months we've seen regular increases in the number of guests whom we serve. Thank you, Grace, for coming out in large numbers in November! We need you in December too! We are now handing out 7,500 pounds of food rather than the 5,000 we have distributed in the past. Normally growth is a good thing at a church, in this case it only shows that more and more people are hungry due to job loss, underemployment, or recent cuts to government assistance.



I know that we are all busy and that our lives seem to be on the fast track, but, we need to always be aware that there are people who need our help. We need you to help us on the second Thursday of each month to distribute the food, chat with our guests, or help in the kitchen. Can you help us out? If you have any questions about this outreach, please contact Mick Schorle, Coordinator of our Feeding America ministry or Robbie Schorle at 269 543-4400. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Submitted by Robbie Schorle – Chairman of Outreach

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Every weekday and on Sundays too, the **Community Kitchen** serves lunch to about 200 hungry people out of the commons area at Western Seminary.

Volunteers are needed at the to help serve and clean up from **11:15am to 1:30pm** every Monday through Friday. Grace Church is committed to providing **three or four helpers each Wednesday**. Join our “regulars” who help on Wednesdays. See the sign-up sheet in the Commons. For more information contact Jim at 566-6785.

FELLOWSHIP AND CHURCH FAMILY

Come and join us for the annual Cake and Sherry Mother's Day Coffee Hour. Cake, dessert, and sherry will be served after both services on Sunday, May 11.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parishioners and Fellowship members that hosted and helped with the Lenten Suppers this year!



THANK YOU TO APRIL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS!

Prescott Slee
Lora Lee Murray
Brian & Debbie Coyle



From Laurie VanArk

The sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour hosts is on the clipboard in the Commons. Please sign up if you can take a Sunday. Ask Laurie if you have any questions.

Community Events



Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (EDT)

Hope College

Holland, MI 49423

Cost: \$45

The racial demographics of the U.S are dramatically changing. This brings unique challenges and opportunities. To sustain a **vibrant region** it is critical that all people have the **opportunity to achieve their full potential** and **unleash maximum creativity and productivity**.

Since 2001 the Summit on Race and Inclusion has created **unparalleled momentum** toward a better understanding of issues related to racial and ethnic equity and promoting an inclusive region.

Register online at <http://www.ethnicdiversity.org/> (no walk-up registrations will be taken)

The deadline for submissions to the June 2014 issue of Grace to You is May 23.

Please contact the church office at gechurch@sbcglobal.net for more details.

For current information, access the church
calendar on our website:

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Our Mission Statement:

Grace is a dynamic community of faith grounded in Episcopal tradition, welcoming all, and serving Christ through worship, spiritual growth, and compassionate care for one another, the community and God's world.

