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The Annual Report of the Rector, 2010

Part I We Have Much to Celebrate (i.e. “Way to go Grace!”)

Part II We Have Challenges to Face (i.e. “Let’s go, Grace!”)

I We Have Much to Celebrate

Grace Church is alive and well, a vital and growing congregation the signs of which surround us here every day. We have Sunday morning visitors almost every week; most of our ministries and programs are growing in terms of participation; our financial condition continues to gain health; our physical plant is being improved; we have a well-established Strategic Plan; we have hard working and committed lay members and staff; and most importantly, the faith of the people of Grace is evident in our worship and in the ways in which we are actively serving the church and the world.

Throughout this report you will see detailed updates from our various ministry areas. Here are some larger view aspects of Grace that we want to be sure to celebrate and consider. In 2010. . .

We paid off debt: In the mid ‘90s with a vision toward possibilities for future expansion, Grace purchased the two homes on 24th Street directly south of the church building. This was a huge leap of faith for the congregation at the time. There was not a fund sitting waiting for this opportunity and finances were extremely tight. But (to make a long, very thoughtful and detailed story short) Grace took the leap and purchased one of the houses. Then one year later (*way* before the congregation thought it would,) the second house came up for sale and Grace, to its own surprise and credit, took the leap again. There was one appeal which helped bring down the balance of the mortgages. Grace then paid off the loans with payments made one month at a time. In December of 2010 we made the last payment. These houses not only represent future possibilities for expansion but now serve as homes for two very grateful and previously homeless families.

We gave beyond ourselves: Through the new ministry of Feeding America in 2010, Grace purchased and distributed 60,000 lbs of food, thousands of rolls of toilet paper and hundreds of gallons of detergent. Grace welcomed and served 1054 families (or about 3162 individuals), and included 157 Grace members in that ministry. In other outreach efforts, Grace continued collaboration with Community Housing Partnership welcoming our fourth and fifth families into the Grace houses. Grace also hosted Holland is Ready, a community group of over 150 people working for the safety, rights and inclusion of GLBT people on the Lakeshore.

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We received gifts: Besides the many pledges and other gifts given, at the beginning of 2010, Grace received the largest financial gift ever given the parish, a \$460,000 bequest from the trust of George and Tish May. In response to this gift and the desire to intentionally structure the funds of Grace, an Endowment Task Force (with the support of the Episcopal Church Foundation) established official Endowment Guidelines. With those Guidelines in place and approved by Vestry, the Endowment Committee will meet in early 2011 to recommend to Vestry how the May Fund and other large contributions should be designated and/or invested in order to best support the current and future ministries of our parish.

We renewed our space: Thanks to work and planning of several Grace members and to funding from the Moor Fund, a bequest of Alice Hertel, and memorials given for “Saints of Grace” such as Kenny Scholten we were able to accomplish Phase Two of renewal, the Commons, hallways and upstairs bathrooms. Very thoughtful planning went into the work, drawing colors from the Jacobian altar cloth and taking into account the many uses of the space. Stained glass windows from “the old” Grace Church became focal points along with the donated and thematically fitting piece of art, “The Feeding of the Five Thousand”. There are a few steps still needed to complete this project, but a celebration is being planned for 2011.

We grew: While Sunday attendance continues to grow annually, there are also many “seen” and “unseen” ministries of Grace and almost all of them welcomed new members in 2010. Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Stephens Ministers, Youth Leaders, Chamber Choir, Acolytes, Youth Choir, St Martha’s Guild, Altar Guild, Feeding America, Community Housing Partnership Mentoring, Coffee Hour, Education for Ministry, Bible Study, Landscape and Building Care, Commission work, GELO, St Mary’s Guild, and Sunday School all added at least one new person. Growing Into Worship actually set a new record with twenty active 3-5 year olds. All are signs of a healthy and growing congregation.

II We Have Challenges to Face

With growth comes challenge. That’s part of why many communities either decide not to grow or unconsciously inhibit it from happening. In the strategic planning process, Grace identified “being caring, open minded, and committed to growth” as one of our values, and named the desire to “invigorate the church family towards the love of God and one another while embracing a growing church” as a vision point. The good news is that growth is visible here in many forms; we are growing in understanding, in action, in faith and in numbers. And so, without making it an end in itself, we need to address the growth we are experiencing it with good care and intention.

We need to establish a budget that reflects our current operations and future goals:

A lot of steps have been taken in recent years to make the financial realities of Grace transparent and to ensure accountability to the congregation. The next steps are in some ways more difficult: we need to begin to support a budget that accurately reflects the kind of parish that Grace says it wants to be. We run on the budget of a smaller, less active congregation which is laudable in some ways but extremely limiting in others. We’ve done an amazing job of maintaining financial health and growth during significantly challenging economic times and we celebrate that. But as we move forward into our vision, we’ll need to increase revenue in order to support growing ministries, meet our diocesan apportionment, and maintain these beautiful, functional buildings and grounds.

We need to better align/utilize the talents of our members and the structure of our commission system with the needs and ministries of our congregation.

Grace is an incredibly bright, talented, creative and dedicated group of people with unlimited

potential as community. The Spirit is here. And in order to best steward these gifts we need to continue to make adjustments to the ways in which we have worked in the past. In 2011 Vestry will be evaluating our current commission system and staff configuration, asking how best to structure ourselves in order to enable the kind of growth we seek. Several ministry areas have already begun to shift their ways of organizing in order to maximize their ability to serve. We'll be asking those kinds of questions on the larger scale this year as we not only embrace the growth in our midst but tap into it for ministry now.

As Grace Church, we have good news to share and a larger community that's hungry for it. We have an abundance of resources and we're learning how best to steward them. We have everything we need and more to continue becoming the faithful people that God has called us to be. So, "Way to go, Grace!" And, "Let's go, Grace!" It is a privilege to serve as your Rector.

Jen

Sunday Forums

9:15AM in the Forum Room

Jan 30 & Feb 6 Anglican Covenant: The Proposed Anglican Covenant: A Good Thing?

The process of the creation of an Anglican Covenant began with the Windsor Report, presented to the Primates of the Anglican Communion at their October 2004 meeting. The report was the product of the Lambeth Commission on Communion, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and charged to address how Anglicans might maintain "the highest degree of communion." The Covenant is the proposed next step in responding to these questions and every Province in the Communion will make a decision about whether to "sign on" or not. Responses vary from "Yes" to "Maybe" to "No way, that's NOT Anglican." Come consider this significant moment in Anglican life as we ask ourselves how or whether to maintain this worldwide communion.

Feb 13 & 20 Worrisome Psalms

The *New Zealand Prayer Book* contains (as does our *BCP*) the Psalms, but unlike ours their Psalter is not quite complete. "Some omissions have been made on the grounds that . . . some verses of the psalms are not suitable for use in the corporate worship of the church." We may have some sympathy with this frank statement—yet we frown on the practice among some Christians of cherry-picking those parts of Scripture that they think fit best with their ideas and sensibilities. What is the answer? This particular issue is part of a larger question: why have the Psalms, all through the centuries, played such a central role in Christian worship and devotion? On Feb. 13 and 20 in a two-part series on the Psalms, the Sunday Forum will work through some aspects of this larger question.

Feb 27 Welcome to Facebook

"Friend me?" "Message me?" "Like us?" If this language and the web are difficult to see as related, then this Forum is for you! We've received several requests for a Facebook tutorial since Grace got a page. We'll offer some basic teaching on how to access and use Facebook and share ideas and conversation about how to best utilize Grace's presence there.

Wednesday Noon Brown-Bag Bible Study studies Mark's gospel

We gather every Wednesday (unless notified) from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Forum Room to study the Gospel of Mark and will continue until we get through the Gospel. I will be giving both a Christian and a Jewish perspective on the text, relying upon scholars from both traditions.

You do not have to attend every class, come when you can. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Hope to see you there.

Henry Idema

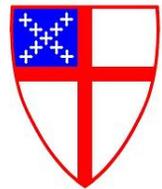
First Wednesday Movie Nights continue

Join us for snacks at 5:30 and movie with pizza at 6:00. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

February 2 —*To Kill a Mockingbird*

March 2 —*The Answer Man*

Via Media Series on "Values" Wednesday Evening Program February 9-23 Forum Room, 7:00pm



Via Media is video enhanced curricula designed to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and to present the Episcopal Church in a contemporary context. This series on Values is based on the questions contained in our Baptismal Covenant. The format of the series is a DVD presentation of conversations by theologians, priests and lay people in the Episcopal Church followed by facilitated group discussion on the themes and questions raised. All are welcome. Join us.

Feb 2: Movie Night (5:30 pm Snacks – 6:00 Movie)

To Kill a Mockingbird

Feb 9: Service: An Ethical Imperative

Feb 16: Respect: An Ethical Right

Feb: 23 Go Forth! Ethics in Action

FAMILY FUN DAY!!!

Come join us for a fun afternoon on Sunday, **February 13** – Pizza Sunday – following the 10:30 A.M. service, down in the undercroft. We will have games for the adults; Euchre,

Bridge, Scrabble, Cribbage, Bingo, and Dominoes. For the kids we will have games and crafts, plus "Dance, Dance Revolution." We will play until 3:30. There will be a signup sheet and a charge of \$3 per person/ \$10 per family for the pizza and pop.

Keep the day open and join us for a fun time!!!



—From Sue Cloutier and the Fellowship Commission

Faces of Grace: Meet the Ericksons!

We as church need all kinds of talents in service, and we're blessed here to have many who share their gifts at Grace with a real commitment. Jeff and Rosemary Erickson are a family who not only have participated in serving, but also are excited to be a part of a church family who are always willing to share their time and talents for God's work here at Grace.



Jeff grew up in Livonia, Michigan and his wife Rosemary is from Brookfield, Ohio. After high school he attended the University of Michigan, and has received both a BS and an MS in mechanical engineering, while Rosemary has her degree from Youngstown, Ohio State University in chemical engineering. Work brought them to this part of Michigan and they both now work at Palisades Nuclear Power.

Jeff's history here in Holland, and at Grace began when his father, Ken came to Holland to attend Hope College. While here Ken found Grace Church and actually became a part of the choir. Jeff's mother Betty (Borr) Erickson grew up in Holland.

Jeff and Rosemary now live on the North side of Holland and have raised their two children here. Their son, Mike is a graduate of West Ottawa High School and is presently attending the University of Michigan and majoring in engineering. Last year he traveled with other West Ottawa students to Cameroon for two weeks of service to set up computer stations for secondary schools there. Their daughter Nicole is a junior at the same high school and is a two-time varsity letter winner in volleyball, and also on a volleyball club team in Grand Rapids.

As a family they have enjoyed traveling over the years and been all over the U.S. When their children were younger the whole family camped and explored various places including the states of Colorado and Wyoming, the Great Smoky Mountains and even one of the earliest capitals of our country, Williamsburg, Virginia.

They began coming to Grace when they moved to Holland in 1989. Jeff had attended the Episcopal Church as a young person and Rosemary had been raised a Catholic so they felt that Grace was a good fit for them as a family. Jeff has served on Vestry and as the fellowship commission chairperson, Rosemary presently is on altar guild and the funeral reception committee, and Mike and Nicole were both acolytes.

Everyone at Grace has a story, and a faith identity – that's just a part of who we are as a faith community. So, why not take the time to discover and get to know the people and families that make up our church home here at Grace? We are all fellow workers and members here in God's family.

—Christie Broersma

Printable calendar here

February Birthdays

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Fran Greene | 15 Warren Parker |
| Adam Mims | 17 Andrew Barry |
| Hannah Richardson | 20 Linda Elder |
| Rick Van Tongeren | Betty Sova |
| 2 Marian Schultz | 21 Mary Benedict |
| 3 Bill Bier | Reid VanderBie |
| 4 Carol Rickey | 22 Erma Bruggink |
| Henry Idema | Tom Kelly |
| 6 Jim Piersma | 24 Scott Gamby |
| 7 Bryce Cobb | Chuck Murray |
| 9 Jane Servinsky | 25 Todd Guyer |
| 10 Ed Hansen | 26 Sally Byxbe |
| 11 Paul Richmond | 27 Ryan Gamby |
| Sam Richardson | Pat Gamby |
| 12 Jane Beggs-Joles | Mary Mims |
| Kathy Keegin | Mary Rieckmann |
| Brent Krueger | Brent VanderBie |
| Jack Shinabarger | 28 David Murray |
| 13 John Easdon | Marianne Manderfield |
| 14 Maegan Phillips | Diane Marshall-Morgan |
| Sarah Phillips | |
| Tim Stauffer | |
| Joel Stauffer | |
| Kate Valentine | |
| Marilyn Vander Molen | |

& Anniversaries

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| 6 Claudia & Troy Scharlow |
| 7 Valarie & Dave Methric |
| Holly & Jeff Nyland |
| 9 Robbie & Mick Schorle |



Prayer List as of January 24, 2011

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR: Logan Schmidt, the Coyle family, the Richmond-Wolfe family, the people of Tucson and of our country, Luke & Zachary (nephews of Aaron & Julie DeCook), Tom, the Eppink-Panelli family, Linda Nelson, Ray Viele, Allie Verburg & family, Lori Smith, Zach and family, the Bakewell-Russell family, Steve, Caroline, Amanda, Emily, Campbell, Mike, Jenny, Gail Malkiewicz, Beth Zirille, John, Andrew, Ben Broersma, for the unemployed or under-employed, for the women and men of the Armed Forces, especially Chuck, Jeremy, and other loved ones of our parish family, for victims of disasters worldwide, natural and manmade, and all those in our time who face persecution for their faith, Arpod Jazko, the Drew family, Richard Bailey, Pam Nienhuis, Dolores & Earl Barkel, Janet Klumpp, Jodi, Sandy, Donna, Amy, Diane, Adam, Bernice Viher (grandmother of Alex Foster), Shannon, Gail Davison, Janet Huyser, Stafford, Katherine McNamar, Judy Ching, Tom Boyd, Nancy Lathem, Aaron Schillaci, Alex, Tim and Jordyn and family, Bruce Browning (brother of Jean Adams), George Julius, Marian Schultz, Gilmore Lawrence, Dave Masselink, Barb & Gordon, Eric Heiberg, Aaron Miller, Betty Sova, Gloria Stegenga, Ruth Hill, Betty & Jerry, Marge Homan (mother of Carol Homan), Mary Rieckmann, Curt Keegin, Vivian Kingsley, John Keegin, Jackie Van Duren, Lisa Leland, Ben Roper, Jim Roper.

How to tell someone about your faith and feel comfortable doing it

From the Evangelism & Communication Commission

We've finished a series of three Forums on the above topic (or, to put it in a single word, "Witness")—one in November and now two in January. About 20 parishioners took part, and each session was quite different. In the first we learned what Christian witness is—having the words ready to tell—*when the person you're talking with wants to know*—what difference Christ has made in your life. (What it's not is going up to someone and laying on a cut-and-dried formula that might or might not fit them. Instead—just reporting your own experience in a responsive way and leaving it to the Holy Spirit to do with it whatever may be done.)

In the second session, three members illustrated the idea by briefly (3-minute limit) telling their stories. Questions and lively discussion followed. In the third, two more "witness" statements plus the ensuing conversation took up most of the 1-hour session. One of them is printed below.

That left us with the question, What next? Two possibilities emerged, and the group liked both of them:

- From time to time provide space in *Grace to You* for parishioners to tell their "witness" stories. The first of these, by Clara Brower, follows. More contributions are invited.
- Continue the conversation in monthly meetings of those who are interested in learning more about it and/or in sharing their stories and sharpening their skill of getting the key elements effectively into a short time frame, one that might leave the listener wanting to know more.

The Commission will try to arrange the first of these meetings. If you are interested, please contact Chuck Huttar (396-2260; huttar@hope.edu) indicating what dates/times are not available in your schedule. If you want more information first, talk it over with him or Clara or with Bruce or Cathy Fries or Jim Barry or Jen Adams. Those who attended the Forum sessions already have one or more of three handouts that include practical guidance on writing your "witness." The whole set can be picked up in the church office.

“Witness”

Hello, my name is Clara.

John and Kay Grant were sent out by Emanuel Baptist church to the Savannah lands of Africa. There I was born and reared in the presence of love, discipline, and the Biblical story. This trinity permeated all of my living. At the back of our home was a walled in Garden, centered by a Baobab tree. I would climb this tree. One day Musunga, our house servant, found a green mamba snake in the tree. Dad announced that night at the supper table that there would be no more climbing of the tree until the snake was found and killed.

The next day I am in the tree. I look down to see Dad taking off his belt. He called up to me, “Clara, you come down at once.” I called back, “Dad, the snake will not bite. Jesus is in the tree with me.”

I never did get a licking, instead, chicken wire was put around the tree.

The Sudan Interior Mission, which my parents served, interpreted the Biblical Story literally. Thus the Synoptic injunction “to leave all including your children and follow me” meant the missionary children were sent to boarding school in Canada for further education.

It was at this school that I became wounded under the name of God. Out of these years of experience, two questions arose within me that called me into a search.

Why would God require parents to abandon their children in order to follow him?

Why do God’s people in the name of God wound others?

The first question was answered in my studies with the Jesuits. I learned it is our interpretations of God that limits God and does not define God. I also learned that God is an unconditional lover under whose umbrella all other aspects of Divinity fall. The second question was answered during my studies in psychology. I discovered wounded people wound others, no matter what theology they hold. Answering these two questions enlarged my world view making it possible for the real transformation of Clara to happen.

It was my studies in Jungian Psychology where I received the guidance to enter my own personal garden. Here I descended through memories, dreams, and reflections into my unconscious and there I met Jesus face to face. Jesus looked at me and said, “Do you trust me, Clara?” I said, “NO.”

Jesus threw back his head and began to laugh. He laughed and laughed. He doubled up with laughter. I then began to laugh. We laughed, and then we began our work together digging deeper and deeper until we rescued Clara.

What has changed?

Everything, ----- Yet nothing.

I now live in a home that has a garden in the midst of which stands a tree. I am too old to climb that tree so I sit at its roots in the presence of the Divine and the serpent. But she will not bite because Jesus sits with me and together we listen to your story as the Divine and you make meaning out of your living.

—Submitted by Clara Brower

Recycle, Reuse . . . Save the Earth's Resources

From the Taking Grace Green Committee of the Stewardship Commission

The change has been happening for more than a decade. Recycling has become a growing part of the way people are living their lives. And, the materials from recycling are becoming recognized as valuable, desirable elements that we should look for in the things around us.

Today Subaru manufactures automobiles with a zero materials going into the landfill program. The Ford Motor Company makes the cloth seats for its Ford Escape vehicles from recycled soda and water bottles. The Patagonia outdoor clothing company, is working toward making 100% of its fleece and other polyester content products with recycled polyester from its "common threads" program. The company encourages customers to bring in their Capaline underwear, Patagonia fleece, and other used garments to their dealers for recycling into new. Patagonia has also been an industry leader in reducing its packaging to minimize waste. The Smartwool sock company has a minimal packaging program. LL Bean has been selling more garments with recycled content. Wolverine Worldwide in Rockford Michigan began a program to become more environmentally clean in its leather tanning and shoe making process. It increased its effort for its Merrell Footwear as a link to outdoor use . . . and as a result gained the attention of Patagonia several years ago. Patagonia then chose Wolverine to manufacture its new line of Patagonia Footwear products. Both footwear lines use minimal packaging made with recycled materials. Architects and construction companies use reclaimed steel, carved woodwork, wood beams, doors, flooring, and masonry.

Today many of us have family and friends that visit recycle stores like Habitat for Humanity, and thrift shops, and find wonderful buys on household articles, building products, and clothing. We seem to be evolving from a culture of total consumption to one of more thoughtful choices. More and more communities are providing recycle pickup or recycle drop off stations where people can take paper, plastic, glass, and metal to be picked up and recycled. Something good for the planet, conserving its resources and saving the environment. But there is still a lot to be done.

Many people and many communities still haven't evolved or don't offer easy recycling. We run into people in the Holland area who haven't embraced recycling because "it is too much work." When pressured, they admit they can but haven't started. The Holland area has recycling pickup but Chicago has only some pickup, and a blue bags system that is sometimes still struggling. Our grandson's first grade class in Chicago talks often about the importance of recycling.

If you are not recycling . . . start working on it. If someone you know isn't . . . tell them it is fairly easy. All you, or they, have to do is determine if there is a pickup service or a nearby drop site. Then determine if all the recycle can go in one bag or has to be separated. If it has to be separated, do as we do up North . . . set out bags or boxes for paper, plastic, metal, and glass, and put things in them. Then take them to the curb or the drop site nearby. If you have lithium or NiCad batteries, or CFL light bulbs, take them to Lowe's, Home Depot, or BPW. Cell phones can go to Women in Transition. An Electronics permit card can be acquired (Holland residents) at the Holland City Hall for free drop off at Chef Container, South of Holland on Graafschap Road. If you have used furniture, the Salvation Army is glad to have it. If you have building materials, Habitat for Humanity will happily take them. Up North, we take used furniture to a consignment store or out to the road near our Cottage. Someone takes it.

Try recycling things. Somebody can happily use them. Try reusing things, they can still be good, at a fraction of the cost. You will help save the Earth's resources . . . and it will make you feel good.

The Taking Grace Green Committee would like to measure how we are doing at our parish. Help us by taking a feedback card from the Commons rail and estimating what percentage of your weekly trash total is being recycled (Jill and I run 70% - 80% recycled). Leave the card in the basket on the rail or at the church office. Sign your name or not . . . but give us your feedback.

Bits & Pieces of Grace

From Christie Broersma

So much has happened over the past two months to share here at *Bits n' Pieces*; here are just a samplings of the events and goings-on:

Bruce Fries got his deer (8 point, 130 pounds) this hunting season!

Some of our Stephen's Ministers went caroling Monday the 13th of December to some of our at home Grace members. They visited Anna DeKraker, Jackie VanDuren, Vivian Kingsley, and Marian Schultz, and some whom they sang to joined in with the carolers which made for a really special time for all!!

Laurie Van Ark was in the Holland Symphony Orchestra and Holland Chorale joint Holiday concerts that were on December 11 at Dimnent Chapel. She and Sally Gunn are also both cast in the Holland Civic Theatre musical *Working*. The show dates are Feb. 3 to 19.

Tom (and Tammy's) Kelly's son and daughter-in-law had a set of twins born on December 2, 2010. Courtney Lee Kelly weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. and Jacob Thomas Kelly weighed 3 lbs. 9 oz. Both were still in NICU as of December 19th, but we are prayerful that they will be able to come home from the hospital by Christmas. They were both on nasal oxygen, but neither still has a feeding tube, and both are gaining weight. If you see them in the Commons after church why not stop and ask them about their newest family members?

One of Grace's younger members, Austin Riggs, along with a friend, Hunter DeBoer (not affiliated with a church), were both given the God and Family cub scout badge during the 10:30am service. They received it on 11/21 and Dan Riggs and Kristie Philips presented the medals. Dan is Austin's dad and Kristie's co-leader in the den.

Away at College?

We'd love to stay connected. If you have a family member who is away at school and would like to receive the "Grace to You" let us know their address and we'll send one their way!



Community Kitchen Helpers Needed:

Every weekday and on Sundays too, the Community Kitchen serves lunch to about 200 hungry people out of the commons area at Western Seminary. Grace Church is committed to providing **three or four helpers each Wednesday**. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up from **11:15am to 1:30pm** every Wednesday. Please sign up in the Commons and let us know if you are available to be "on-call".

Thank you to our wonderful coffee hour hosts for December and January!



Mihai and Deborah Craioveanu
David and Ruth Hawley-Lowry
Joanne Stewart and Will Polik
Doug and Ketzi Zylstra
Laurie Van Ark and Eve Shetterly
Jeff and Rosemary Erickson
Susan and Tom Ervine
Eve Shetterly and Cathy Develder

- from Laurie VanArk, Coffee Hour Coordinator

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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.

