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## Summering at Grace Church

With Easter and Pentecost so late this year and the warm weather coming and going in ways that still feel like spring, I find it hard to believe that we're already well into the summer! And like most summers at Grace, we're experiencing the mix of a slightly relaxed schedule (fewer meetings and classes) with the energy of special projects and opportunities. Here are some pieces to be aware of over the next couple of months.

**Undercroft Renewal:** Thanks to significant work by the Space Needs Task Force and contributions from the Moor Fund, work is under way on Phase Three of building renewal. Pending final vestry approval, this project will include downstairs kitchen upgrades, new carpet, paint, furniture, bathroom work, and other improvements to the lower level which is used for everything from Children's Sunday School classes to large parish gatherings, to funeral and wedding receptions.

**Education and Formation Opportunities:** Several Grace youth will be attending Diocesan Camp, one youth member will participate in the National Episcopal Youth Event in Minnesota, and about twelve middle school and high school students are 'Reading with the Rector'. The book, *My Faith My Life: A Teenager's Guide to the Episcopal Church* will be on nightstands and backpacks all over town. Younger children will be coming together for a mini-Vacation Bible School in July and adults are invited to "First Wednesdays" movie nights in July and August.

**Ongoing Outreach Efforts:** Grace will continue our presence at the Community Kitchen at Western Seminary every Wednesday (sign up in the Commons to volunteer!) and on the second Thursdays of July and August we'll Feed America, distributing five thousand pounds of food to our over one hundred guest families. Keep the detergent and toilet paper coming!

**Fellowship Trips:** See the invitations later in this newsletter to hit the Whitecaps game in July and to tour the Fenn Valley Winery in August sponsored by Fellowship Commission.

While summer has a slightly different pace to it and we're well into its promised lazy(?) days, don't miss these chances to jump into wonderful projects and ministries that are happening at Grace.

Peace,

Jen

## Grace Summer Heats Up for Children and Youth



Various programs are currently in the planning stages for Elementary aged kids. Check your mail and watch for more details.

Once again, we are encouraging all youth to consider going to the Episcopal Youth Camps at Camp Newaygo. This year's Senior Camp (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will run August 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and the Junior Camp (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will run August 14-20). The registration deadline for EYC is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships are available through Grace. Contact the church office for more information!

By now David Hawley and Daniel Hawley-Lowry will have returned from Minnesota and the Episcopal Youth Event held from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. They plan to spend time in Mission work in Michigan from June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Great work David and Daniel!

As we look forward to fall programming, we are in need of volunteers for the following areas: Growing into Worship (occasional subbing), Elementary Sunday School class, Middle School Class, High School Youth Group. Please contact the church office for more information about how you can help in these ministries.

Enjoy your summer and look for information regarding Education Hour, Youth Group and other CYM events and activities in the September (Kick-Off) issue of Grace To You.

Debbie Coyle, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

### Grace's "Parents of Young Kids" group camps at Ludington

In mid-June the group at Grace now known as "Parents of Young Kids (PYK)" took a trip up to Ludington State Park for a two-night campout. Nine families participated (a total of umpteen, happy, bike-riding, hiking-through-the-dunes kids) for a fun (yet cool and partially wet) weekend! The kids all hiked to the Big Sable Lighthouse where many of them made the climb to the top! A special Pentecost lesson ("Happy Birthday to the Church") was prepared and shared with the kids, similar in style to Growing into Worship. Parents were able to have time together at night after kids' bedtime: with the campfire, friends, and the Cheez-it thief (raccoons at Ludington are unfortunately a bit too tame for our liking!). Everyone had a great time!



The group, formerly known as "Parents of Preschoolers" (some of those preschoolers are now early elementary, thus the name change), is a group at Grace that occasionally takes outings or has parent dinners together. The kids all know each other from Growing into Worship or Sunday school class, so getting together informally has been a great way to continue the kids' friendships. If you are interested in taking part in some of these events, please contact Debbie Coyle (Director of Children and Youth). Thanks to all of the families that make this group happen, and particularly to those that organized this trip!



**Thank you** to all of you who volunteered for Marketplaats this year. We totaled over 60 volunteers working 500 hours during the week. Our total proceeds (after costs) were: \$5,216! As you know, this is the one major fundraiser to benefit youth pilgrimages, mission trips and other programs. Thank you to all of you for a job well done. Be sure to save the dates for next year.

Tulip Time will be May 5th -12th in 2012!

### **Men's Bible Study continues:**

- Alternate Mondays, 5:30 to 6:45 pm (a men's discussion group) — The men's study group "Beer and Bibles" is looking at the book of Mark. The group meets every other Monday, 5:30 to 6:45, for conversation, reflection, and fellowship. If you have been considering looking in on this event, now might be a good time to start. B-Y-O-Both.

### **First Wednesday Movie Nights**

This summer I thought some pure escapism would be welcomed , but escapism with a punch. Both of the movies I have selected explore the borders of time.

**Wednesday, July 6: THE TIME MACHINE**, 1960, starring Rod Taylor and Yvette Mimeux. This classic film follows the H.G. Wells' novel and is a critique of both capitalism and Marxism. Here is a blurb:

"Here today, gone tomorrow. When George (Rod Taylor) sits at the controls of hie new creation, he has all the time in the world. He's invented a Time Machine that whisks him from 1899 to war-ravaged moments of the 20th Century and into 802701. In that far-off era, passive Eloi face a grim future as prey to the glow-eyed subterranean Morlocks-- unless the time-traveling stranger from the past intervenes."

**Wednesday, August 3: THE ILLUSIONIST**, starring Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti, and Jessica Biel. Nothing is what it seems! Here is a blurb:

"The acclaimed illusionist Eisenheim (Norton) has not only captured the imagination of all of Vienna, but also the interest of the ambitious Crown Prince Leopold. But when Leopold's new fiancee (Biel) rekindles a childhood fascination with Eisenheim, the Prince's interest evolves into obsession." This film, which came out in 2006, had great reviews, is beautifully photographed, and has a soundtrack by Philip Glass, one of my favorite modern composers. You will love both of these films!

Refreshments start at 5:30 (bring something to pass), pizza and movie at 6. Please bring a \$5 donation for the pizza. See you there! We meet in the Forum room in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan, Holland.

Henry Idema

## **The Diocese of Western Michigan - update on Mission Trips for 2011.**

The Diocese of Western Michigan still has openings available for following mission opportunities for 2011. For these two missions, our diocese will pay for all gas directly to and from each destination and the cost of meals while at a mission.

The second week of the **Kentucky Mission** has openings. The dates are **September 24<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>**. A waiting list has been created for the first week, September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. This mission is run by the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. It is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest, part of the Diocese of Lexington, one of the poorest dioceses in our nation. Cost per volunteer is \$200, which covers volunteer housing and building supplies for the work week.

The **New Orleans mission** is scheduled for **November 11<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>**. There is still much work to be done in the aftermath of Katrina. The Diocese of Louisiana now concentrates on returning displaced families to their homes and replanting trees, shrubs, and gardens lost during the hurricanes. The cost per volunteer is \$200, which covers housing, work supplies, and meals.

To volunteer or for more information regarding Diocesan missions contact Terry Dorcy, Diocesan Coordinator, at [tjdorcy@aol.com](mailto:tjdorcy@aol.com) or call Terry at 269-349-3625.

### *Prayer List as of June 26, 2011*

**PRAYER REQUESTED FOR:** Ketzi Zylstra & family, Michele Paterson Brown, Jim & Jane, Michael Byxbe, Jerry Van Oosterhout, Sarah, George Shea, the Stewart Polik family, the Morris family, Anna Wiersma, Debbie (sister of Mary Matrosic), Bill Ford, Laura Frey, Chris, Carly, David Klooster & family, Caroline Bates, Celaine, Tom, for the people of Northern Africa, the Middle East and other places of war and unrest; Lauren Kenniston, Ralph Suchor, Tom, Lori Smith, Steve, Caroline, Amanda, Emily, Campbell, Mike, Jenny, Gail Malkiewicz, John, Andrew, 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 all victims of disasters worldwide, natural and manmade; for those in our time who face persecution for their faith and for their persecutors, the Young-Tait family, Dale Labbe Sr., Bob Hampson, Barb Hettinga, Mark & Christen Broersma and family, Ray Viele, Allie Verburg & family, Ben Broersma, Michael Borst, Arpod Jazko, the Drew family, Dolores & Earl Barkel, 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.



A Reminder from our Diocese. . .



**Senior Camp** (going into grades 9-12): August 7-13

**Junior Camp** (going into grades 3-8): August 14-20

**For more information, go here:** <http://edwm.org/EYC/EYC2011.htm>  
or contact Gennie Callard (269-381-2710 or gcallard@edwm.org)

Yes, financial assistance is available. Please ask your parish and your deanery first. *It is our desire that no camper is left out because of finances. It is our policy to ask that each participant pay SOMETHING towards the fee. This may be as little as it costs to feed your child for a week at home. Please remember that our funds are limited and we don't want to leave anyone out! Once you register, a financial assistance request form will be mailed to you, along with a camper & parent handbook.*

## **From the Treasurer**

On Sunday, June 19, the church Treasurer (that would be me) rose during the announcements at the ten o'clock service to indicate that stewardship at Grace is working well in that we will be entering the summer months in good financial shape. Typically, the summer months mean lower than average giving, which forces us to delay payments to our suppliers and/or to borrow in anticipation of the increase in contributions that traditionally occurs in the fall. To announce that if giving continues as it has for the first two quarters, we will be able to make payroll and pay our bills in a timely manner without delaying or borrowing is very satisfying and a great relief for the Treasurer (that again, would be me).

One of the reasons we are in this sound financial shape is the increasing number of parishioners who contribute through electronic funds transfers from their bank accounts directly to the church's account each month. This has been growing for the three years it's been available and, so far, it has both been implemented without a hitch and has significantly leveled out the giving so the summer months are not a fiscal challenge for the Treasurer (again, that would be me) and the Church.

If you are not contributing through electronic funds transfers and would like to know more about how it works, you can see me some Sunday, or call the church Financial Secretary (Mary Battaglia) or the church Treasurer (still me).

*Jay M. Bylsma, Treasurer*

# *Birthdays & Anniversaries in July*

- 5 Nichole & Bill Bier  
Elizabeth Brubaker & Tom Kelley
- 9 Eve & Stephen Shetterly
- 11 Clara & David Brower
- 12 Pat & John Paris
- 13 Duanne & Dave Masselink
- 16 LeeAnne & Scott Jachim
- 17 Yvonne & Joe Logan
- 18 Gemmy & Ken Helder
- 20 Connie & George Moeke
- 22 Cherie & Matt Schmidt
- 26 Sally & Morley Byxbe
- 27 Nance & Jeff Clark

- 2 Pam Brown  
Katie Polik
- 3 Jessica Cloutier
- 5 Fred McConkey
- 6 Gerald Rinks
- 8 John Adams  
Kelsey Carmichael  
Chuck Huttar
- 10 Jan De Fouw
- 11 Suzanne Cloutier  
Carrie Hirdes  
Karin Smith  
Mel Van Oosterhout
- 12 Eileen Jenkins
- 13 Renee Krueger

- 15 Mike Canaan  
Barbara Hettinga  
Joy Huttar
- 16 Ruth Brown  
Mike Miller
- 17 David Cloutier  
Duanne Masselink
- 18 Ken Helder
- 20 Eleanor Ervine  
Brad Gamby  
Eric Heiberg  
Peg Keegin  
Michele Slee
- 22 Gwen Miller  
Jim Thomas  
Paul Trap
- 23 Susan Bentley
- 24 Damien Piersma  
Patricia Shinabarger
- 25 Ben Bier  
Dustin Hopkins
- 26 Laura Sligh
- 28 Bob Frey  
Philip Muzzy
- 29 Terry Bardelmeier  
Sean Goodman  
Jack Sligh



- 1 Tammy Kelly  
John Molendyk
- 3 Rob Hodson
- 5 Arkie Pierson
- 6 Robbie Schorle
- 7 John Shea
- 8 Brian Wennersten
- 9 Genevieve Manderfield
- 12 Mel Porter  
Grace Church of Holland
- 15 Connie Moeke
- 17 Nanette Covington
- 18 Dolores Barkel
- 19 Logan Schmidt
- 20 Geri Guyer
- 22 Roger Gamache
- 24 Lora Lee Murray  
Bill Rhodes

- 25 Nichole Bier  
Michelle Fries  
Michaela Van Dis
- 27 Sophie Adams
- 28 Sharie Phillips



# *Birthdays & Anniversaries in August*

- 4 Chris & Jim Wennersten
- 6 Megan & Ryle Kiser
- 8 Anne & Roger Gamache  
Ketzi & Doug Zylstra
- 9 Heather & Doug Danby  
Krista & Guy Packard
- 13 Erma & Don Bruggink
- 14 Ruth & David Hawley-Lowry
- 15 Carrie & Rob Hodson
- 17 Renee & Brent Krueger  
Terry & Richard Swaney
- 23 Joy & Chuck Huttar
- 24 Laura & Mike Canaan
- 26 Kim & John Shea  
Chris St. John & Bill Rhodes

## Feeding America

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Feeding America dates: July 14th and August 11th. We need folks to arrive between 4:30 and 5:00 to help with set-up and to welcome our guests. Also, remember the ongoing need for *laundry detergent and toilet paper!* You can bring these items at any time and deposit them in the labeled drawers in the Commons. With a little corporate help we have managed to regularly distribute these items to each family. Good job Grace!

## Church Family Commission Is Looking for Some Volunteers

Church Family Commission is looking for some volunteers. We have several opportunities for people to help us and become a bit more involved in keeping Grace a welcoming place for all. If you are interested in serving in any of these ways, please sign up in the Commons or talk with Diane Wiersma ( [dianemw51@gmail.com](mailto:dianemw51@gmail.com). )

- We are looking for individuals, couples, and families who would be interested in serving in a **Mentor** role for newcomers. This would involve being paired up with someone new to Grace and serving as a resource and point person. You might be involved in answering questions, helping them connect to others and/or to opportunities that may be of interest to them, and just being a friendly and known face at services.
- We are also beginning to look at taking on the project of an update to the church directory. We are looking for people who are interested in helping this become a reality. If you would like to lend a hand with this, we would be glad to have your help.

As always, new members are welcome at our commission meetings. We typically meet the first Monday evening of the month at 7pm.

## 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”.

## Bits & Pieces of Grace

From Christie Broersma

Two of our congregation, Ann Mayers and Carol Rickey took a course through Feeding America and were certified in Food Safety and Civil Rights.

Talking to Diane Glupker recently she recommended a book you might want to discover for yourself. Southern fiction author Lynne Bryant has her first book out called *Catfish Alley*. This self-described college professor by day and writer by night enjoys sharing her love of her home in the American South. This novel of people and places in the Black South is both vivid and alive with the author's Mississippi memories. Like the book *The Help*, this book explores the differences and culture of the past and present Southern Black experience.

Remember to pray for those going on the mission trip with our Diocese (including Gerry Cawthra of our congregation) to Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Paul Richmond, 14, tested for and passed to receive his black belt in tae kwon do.

Molly Coyle a theatre major at Hope College and a member of Grace acted in the Red Barn Theatre's first play of the season as Catherine Donohue in the play *These Shining Lives* in late May and early June.

Brock Smalldon was selected to participate in Rotary's "Leaders of the 21st Century Conference" at Hope College from June 15-17. He was one of fifty 7th graders from nine West Michigan Middle Schools in attendance.

Chuck Murray recently returned from 16 months on Active Duty with the Navy. With the conclusion of his Navy duty Chuck has returned to practicing law and recently joined a firm in Belmont, Michigan, near Rockford. Chuck and Lora Lee send grateful thanks for all the support Grace offered to their family while he was away from home. The support and help allowed for a relatively stable home for his boys and also allowed Lora Lee to continue her nursing education. The support just underscores why Grace is such a wonderful part of their family!

If you know and want to share a family or individual celebration with our church family, call Chris Broersma at 616-399-5701.

## Summer Get Together

The St. Martha's Guild Summer get together will take place on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 PM. Current callers and newly interested callers will share a salad supper, brief meeting, dessert and social at Peg Keegin's home, 1317 Heather Drive.

Grace Church has a growing group of callers and friends upon whom we call. New visitors are always welcome. Please join fellow parish callers interested in keeping in touch with a growing number of parishioners who often cannot get out to church. You will be a welcome addition to this pastoral care ministry.

Please join us.

Peg Keegin, 335-9342  
For St. Martha's Guild

## Thank You to June Coffee Hour Hosts!



Jane Beggs-Joles  
Jen Wolfe, Brad Richmond,  
Paul and Graeme  
Jay & Karen Bylsma  
Lynn & Blaine Kamp

- from Laurie VanArk  
Coffee Hour Coordinator



## Faces of Grace

Grace church is full of gifted people who share themselves in many ways with our church. Many families, both children, young people and parents participate in all aspects of our worship services and often they serve in other areas as well. One such family is that of Brad Richmond and Jennifer Wolfe. Both are music professors at Hope College. They first came to the U.S. to attend the University of Illinois where they met.



Brad grew up in Toronto and Jennifer was born on Manitoulin Island in Northern Lake Huron the very first baby of the island's centennial year, and also spent some of her formative years in Toronto. They came to Holland thirteen years ago to work at Hope College after many years as leaders of music at various churches around the country. Brad had been born into the Anglican Church in Canada and they chose Grace the first Sunday they lived here and have been an involved part of our congregation ever since. Jennifer was Choir Director here, and is now Director of the Youth Choir. Brad has served on Vestry and later was also a part of the recent visioning process for our parish. Both of their boys, Graeme and Paul, have been involved musically at church, have been acolytes since third grade, and are involved members of Youth Group.

As a family they're actively involved in many different things. Outside of being Director of Choral Activities at Hope, Brad's involved in music as a composer of choral pieces (some of which are being sung around the country) and as a dedicated tennis player while Jen enjoys gardening and biking. She's really looking forward to kayaking this summer as well.

Graeme is sixteen and is on the tennis team at Holland High, loves the cello (is involved in the All-State Orchestra and Holland Area Youth Orchestra.) and enjoys playing his electric guitar with his new amp. He loves most sports, enjoys spending time with friends, and playing games on his iPod Touch. Paul is fourteen and recently tested for a black belt in tae kwon do, loves to read and plays the violin. He also enjoys anime, an animation that originated in Japan, and being with friends. Passion and diversity seems the watch word in both work and play for the Richmond-Wolfe family.

This family is committed to their church home. From music, to Vestry, to Feeding America and helping with the younger members of our church they have extended their *service reach* beyond music to the lives of many who worship here at Grace. Like many of the families here who find service to be a major part of who they are as family Brad, Jen, Graeme and Paul are a key part of the fabric that weaves us all together as Grace.

## **Taking Grace Green**

### **The Day the Herons Swam**

It is common to see Great Blue Herons on the rivers and lakes in Northern Michigan. We see them along the water's edge by our cottage, at the outlet that joins our lake and the "Big Lake," and on the beach at Lake Michigan. Sometimes they stand on a dock or roost on the canopy of a boat hoist.

In the morning we often surprise them when we walk down the grass to the dock and find them standing in the water or searching for food there. When we take the dogs across the lake in the morning and slide into the outlet, we see them on the dam or roosting in the trees above the water.

The Great Blue Heron is an ancient, shy, strangely beautiful bird that has adapted to the work it does . . . stalking the shallow water in streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes, fishing for small aquatic animals and fish. They are large . . . 46 inches tall with a wingspan of 72 inches. When they fly they look like old warships.

If there aren't too many people around they come to our side of the lake in the evening and stay until morning. We usually see them by themselves . . . occasionally we see two or more together.

One Summer they came into our yard and hung around the grass by the water, sometimes moving up near the White Pines in the middle of the yard. After a few days watching them lose their shyness, I managed to move slowly to a place behind the trunk of a big White Pine, peek around and take some photos of a big adult in the yard. It seemed surreal to get within 25 to 30 feet of the bird, shoot some images, and have it hold its position.

Over the years we have seen the same birds and Jill began to give some of them nicknames. It was fun and we enjoyed being close to them.

Several Summers later we watched a group of them in mid-morning, lined up along the water's edge on Lake Michigan. We were hiking North and there were four birds standing like sentinels . . . about 60 feet apart. As we approached the closest bird, it lifted up, flew to the beach beyond the farthest bird, and resumed its stance. And then the next closest bird again did the same. And then the next bird did the same. Finally, each bird lifted off individually and flew around behind us, lined up, and resumed its position about 60 feet from the next.

But the most interesting thing we ever saw happened only once. One Summer we were watching a group of three Herons on our lawn near the water's edge and then one at a time they each lifted off, flew out over the middle of the lake and landed in the water. We couldn't believe our eyes . . . they actually floated and swam on the surface. We watched them for a while and they finally lifted off and flew away. We didn't know if we really saw the event, but four of us did . . . just that one time. (*continued on next page*)

### **the Herons . . . continued**

We have to keep ourselves open to our surroundings and open up to surprises. If we do, we will be treated to things beyond our perception and imagination. And we will realize that there is more going on around us than we have been letting ourselves see before.

*From Bill Mendenhall, Taking Grace Green committee*

Note from the TGG Committee: Please make sure to pick up a July info sheet (green, third of a page) from the Forum room or the pamphlet holder outside the Sanctuary. These monthly/bi-monthly guides have a lot of practical information. Feel free to fill out a challenge slip to let us know how you did with the previous month's challenge. The repurposed tissue box holders are located around the building.

### **From Fellowship:**

**Whitecaps Baseball Game** - Our summer night at the ball park will be on **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 pm. After the game, stay and watch the fireworks. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Commons. Tickets are \$9 each. We currently have 30 tickets, if there is greater demand we will try to get more.

**Fenn Valley Winery wine tasting wagon tour & picnic** - Plan to join us on **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Since everyone had such a good time last year, we reserved 2 wagons again. There are 44 spaces available in the wagons and you must be at least **21 years old** to attend this event. Tickets are \$10 per person. We will have a "potluck" lunch at 11 am and the wine tasting wagon tour starts promptly at 1 pm and lasts about 2 hours. Fellowship will provide plates, forks, cups etc. and the beverages. Please bring a dish to share. The signup sheet is posted in the Commons. We will be selling the tickets on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup> for this event.

**Kick-Off Sunday Picnic** - Mark your calendars for the Kick-Off Sunday picnic following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. It's a great way to get the program year rolling. Food will be provided by Fellowship Commission with a donation asked of all who are able. \$5 per person or \$20 per family

Our next meeting is August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm (no meeting in July) please join us!

*From Sue Cloutier, Fellowship Commission*

### **St. Mary's Guild**

St. Mary's **Christmas in July** get-together will take place on Monday, July 11, at 6:30 P.M. at Carol Rickey's home. It will be a salad and dessert meal. Please bring either to share.

Donations of personal hygiene items for Center for Women in Transition will replace our usual gift exchange. Please bring wrapped items, and we will open them together.

Mark your calendars and join in the fun!!!



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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.

