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Whelcome, Whayne!

That was the headline on the clever t-shirts that Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey made as part the welcoming of our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. *Whayne* Houglan to Whestern Michigan. The shirts reflect the overall mood well. As a diocese we are truly excited and ready to celebrate this new beginning.

And we at Grace, Holland are honored to be the parish Bishop Houglan will visit on Sunday, October 6th! He will be speak at Forum at 9:15, preside and preach at the 10:30 service, join us for a "Pizza Sunday" coffee hour, and meet with youth and vestry following.

Given the special role that Grace played in the search and election process, this visitation is especially meaningful. There is always unity proclaimed in the Bishop's presence that extends us beyond ourselves and into the larger Body of Christ. It is an opportunity for us to see something of the church out beyond Grace – into the diocese, The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Given the timing of this visit, it's also an opportunity to extend grace to a new bishop who shared part of last year's journey with us and will now walk with us. Together we will be The Episcopal Church in this little corner of the world.

So don't miss the celebration on October 6th! Come whelcome Whayne to this whonderful and grace-filled parish of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Peace,

Jen

BISHOP'S VISIT

Our new Bishop has chosen Grace, Holland as his first parish visitation following his consecration! We will welcome him here on Sunday, October 6th. Rev. Houglan will speak at Forum at 9:15am and serve as the Preacher and Presider at the 10:30 service. He will share in the Pizza Sunday experience (moved up one week due to our special guest) and then meet with vestry from 12:30-1:15. We'll celebrate with the (then) Rt Rev Houglan as he begins his role as the Ninth Bishop of Western Michigan.

Sunday Forum

9:15-10:15am in the Forum Room

Sept 29th The Sacred and Profane Through a Musical Tour of Great Britain

As the final in a three-week series on "What I Did Over Summer Vacation," Hope College Music Professors, Brad Richmond and Brian Coyle, taught a June course that explored two of the vibrant musical traditions of Great Britain, Sacred and Folk. They took a group of Hope students to English Cathedrals and Chapels in London, Canterbury, Cambridge and York to learn about the Anglican choral tradition, the history and tradition of the Church of England and to pray in services of choral Evensong. In each of the cities they also took part in lecture presentations and demonstrations on the history of English folk culture. Come hear about their travels into our Anglican tradition.

Oct 6th The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan

Grace Holland will be Rev. Hougland's first parish visitation following his consecration as Bishop of our Diocese. (The consecration is taking place on September 28th). On the 6th he will be our Forum guest at 9:15 and Preacher and Presider at the 10:30 service. Come celebrate Bishop Hougland's new ministry as we welcome him to Grace.

Oct 13th The Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church (TREC)

In 2012 Rev. Jen was appointed to this task force whose mandate is to make recommendations to General Convention 2015 for reforming the Episcopal Church's "structure, governance, and administration." Part of the work this group is doing is engaging the larger church, listening to the memories, hopes and ideas that you all might have that will contribute to shaping the Church's future. This presentation will be a walk through the "Engagement Kit", your opportunity to participate in and give input to this Episcopal Church project.

Oct 20th The Rev. Beth Drew, Deacon for the Dominican Republic Companion Diocese Program

Rev Drew was ordained in 2008 and sits on the board of the Dominican Republic Development Group and coordinates the Diocesan mission project in San Marcos. She is charged with "traveling the Diocese to call forth, empower, and inspire the baptized in Western Michigan to look for their role in fulfilling their own call to servant ministry." Beth has been a Registered Nurse since 1980 and currently is employed with Borgess Research Institute as a Certified Clinical Research Coordinator.



Grace Flicks

Second Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Forum Room

(a.k.a. "The Return of Movie Night" or "Movie Night: The Sequel")

Join us on second Wednesday nights for drinks and snacks at 5:30, movie and pizza at 6:00 and conversation to follow. Bring a snack and a drink to share. Participants will help in the choosing of movies and on October 9th we'll be watching *Northfork* starring James Woods, Nick Nolte, Daryl Hannah, Anthony Edwards and Peter Coyote. The film is set in 1955 Montana. A new dam is being built which will flood the valley of Northfork, and the town is in the midst of an evacuation. The narratives focus on several individuals who, for one reason or another, have yet to evacuate. Walter O'Brian (Woods) and his son (Mark Polish) are on the evacuation team, helping to evacuate the last few inhabitants of Northfork. Father Harlan (Nick Nolte) is one such individual, who has stayed behind to care for Irwin (Duel Farnes), a dying orphan too weak to leave town. While the O'Brians and their co-workers encounter an array of unusual characters, Irwin discovers that he is the "unknown angel" and finds himself a family in his dreams. Join us on the 9th!

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

We are starting a new year of Middle School Youth Group, and we want all 6th-8th graders to know what it is all about! We started the year with a "planning meeting" — a treasure hunt around the church and geocaching outside (in the rain), and we look forward to many more great events this year. On October 6th we'll meet with the new Bishop for a short time, and then we'll get to *really* know each other. On October 20th we'll get to do "**All the things you aren't supposed to do....**". Intrigued? Come check it out! We start with lunch (FOOD!) and then move into our activities. We meet in the Undercroft after the second service on the first and third Sundays of the month. It's a lot of fun (aka "fellowship"), and the more friends the better! See you there!

Submitted by Kristie Phillips



Falling Upward, by Richard Rohr

Dessert and Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 30th from 7:00-9:00pm

Jen Adams will lead a conversation on Rohr's book which explores "the second half of the spiritual life", the half that comes following a life crisis, a breaking, or an experience that appears as failure. Rohr believes that it is only after such "falling" that we are truly able to enter a spiritually mature space of refreshment, wisdom and compassion. Rohr writes, ""We grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right." Order a book or pick one up in the Commons.

Education & Formation



NEW FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We are up and running for our 2013-14 program year. Thank you to everyone who has joined the team as Children's and Youth Ministries program leaders. We are very blessed at Grace to have an amazingly talented and committed group of leaders.

Coming up in the next few weeks, the Primary and Intermediate classes will be following a series of lessons from the Old Testament. These lessons are designed to help with understanding of and practice with Scripture through a variety of lesson activities and appealing to a multiple learning styles. Our High School Sunday School group (Growing in Faith: This Episcopal Life) has just completed Spiritual Autobiographies. This practice of reflecting on our faith journeys thus far will help provide a basis of understanding for the subsequent lessons. During the months of October and November, the course will focus on Baptism and Confirmation in the Episcopal church. This class is open to all High School youth and interested adults.

On October 27th all Sunday School classes will gather together for an "All Souls" intergenerational where we will learn more about the spiritual practice of remembrance and honoring the departed. This will be followed the first week in November with the "All Saints" intergenerational lesson. Sunday School for All ages meets at 9:15 in the Undercroft at Grace.

Youth Groups at Grace will begin the "Who is Grace?" project, where they will develop a video production of the story of Grace. Be on the lookout for youth with video equipment! If you'd like to be involved in this project, contact Matt or Cherie Schmidt. Also this fall, the Tri-Youth will have several service projects which will give them an opportunity to support others in our community in need. On October 13th from 6 till 8 pm, the High School Tri-Youth will prepare meals to go over to the Community Kitchen. On November 2nd from 9 am till noon, the Middle School Tri-Youth will gather to rake leaves during what is becoming our annual "rake n' run" event. If you would like to provide the name and address of a community member in need of this service, please contact the church office.

Once again, we are grateful for the time and talent of our CYM Leaders and our Nursery Care Staff:

Nursery Care: Kalli Crandell, Rachel Hoffman, Kathryn Lee, and Megan Lohman

Growing into Worship: Ashley Fosatti, Suzy Bullinger, and Alex Foster

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

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

This Episcopal Life: Karen Boer, Ivy Keen, and our presenters for October (Debbie Coyle and David Stubbs).

Middle School Youth: Kristie Phillips and Howard Huyser

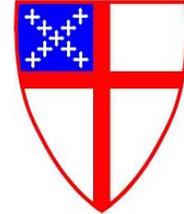
High School Youth: Matt Schmidt and Cherie Schmidt (and our project assistants: Beth Trembley and Cheri Smith)

It's not too late to late to be part of CYM programs. Come and see.....

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

Growing in Faith: This Episcopal Life

**Sunday Education for High School Students and Adults
9:15-10:15 in the Undercroft Youth Room**



Growing in Faith is a Christian Education program for Grace High School students and interested adults involving a four-year cycle of classes: two years are spent reading through the entirety of the Bible using the Crossways Curriculum called, “God’s Big Story” and two years are spent exploring Episcopal identity using a variety of resources primarily, “My Faith, My Life: A Guide to the Episcopal Church,” by Jennifer Gamber.

The group meets on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 in the Youth Room in the back of the Undercroft. The class is open to students grades 9-12 as well as any adult in the parish who would like to participate. Regular attendance is expected. Program years 2011-12 and 2012-13 were centered in the Crossways program. Fall of 2013 will begin the two year cycle focusing on Episcopal Identity. While Confirmation is not a requirement upon completion of the course, this curriculum is designed to serve as a preparation for those wishing to receive the sacrament.

This class is organized as a series of three to six week units, each with a variety of readings, videos, conversations, and reflections. This year’s units will be the list below. If you’d like more information on the content, look on the bulletin board in the Commons or talk to Jen Adams or Debbie Coyle. Sign up in the Commons to join the class!

This Episcopal Life: Year One

Spiritual Autobiography

Baptism and Confirmation

Holy Scripture and the Spiritual Practice of Devotionals

**Church History: Early Church, Middle Ages, Reformation,
American and World Church**

Faithful Living

Worship

Episcopal Life in Practice

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PILGRIMAGE FOR ADULTS?

Would you like to see the great cathedrals of England? A group from Grace are exploring the interest in such an adventure including guided tours of Windsor Castle, Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abby and the Roman baths, Canterbury, St. Mary's Great Church at King's College, St. Paul's, Westminster, and other places of interest. Eight days in early June of 2014 at a cost of approximately \$3,600 each (double occupancy). A group of 30 is needed to make the trip feasible. If you have an interest or would like more details, contact Jay or Karen Bylsma.

BAPTISMS AT GRACE

All Saints' Sunday

Are you considering being baptized or having a child of yours baptized here at Grace? Know that we look forward to what our Book of Common Prayer calls "welcoming you into the household of God!" Baptism at Grace is a joyful sacramental immersion into a life with Christ. Our next celebration of Baptism will be on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd. If you are interested and would like to know more, learn more contact Rev Jen.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

If you like to sing (and it sounds like a lot of you do on Sunday mornings!) and are at least in the 7th grade, committing to singing in the choir is a great next step. We learn and perform a lot of beautiful music in the Christian Choral repertoire. Not to mention, this kind of ministry has a tendency to deepen one's faith and experience of the Grace community. We rehearse Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM. Sundays there is a 45 minute pre-service rehearsal before Eucharist. Please consider joining us this year. Feel free to ask me or choir members if you have any questions.

Steve Jenkins, Music Director

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. We are currently reading through the book of Hebrews. B-Y-O-Both. Upcoming dates are **October 7th, October 21st, November 4th and November 18th.**

Outreach / Fellowship

FEEDING AMERICA

In 3 1/2 years Grace Church has served over 2,774 families with our Feeding America Outreach initiative. Once a month, Grace distributes 5,000 pounds of food together with toilet paper and laundry soap.



Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Feeding America dates and note that July is **Wednesday instead of Thursday: October 10th and November 14th**. We need folks to help with set-up and to welcome our guests.

If you are working in the kitchen, come at 3:30.

If you are working registration, come at 4:00.

If you are working food distribution, come at 5:00.

Remember the ongoing need for *laundry detergent (70oz or less)* and *toilet paper!* Bring these items at any time and deposit them in the labeled drawers in the Commons.

The families we serve through Feeding America are very appreciative as Grace continues to serve our community in remarkable ways.

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.

HOLY CHOW A GREAT WAY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED!

Join the fun and fellowship by signing up in the Commons

Holy Chow is a great opportunity to meet people at Grace! Groups of four couples and/or individuals take turns hosting a meal for the group at their home — potluck style. Share a meal, share conversation, and join in the fun! Groups are together for two to three months meeting once a month and then we re-mix groups so over the course of the year you get to know a bunch of Grace folks!

Sign up soon in the Commons— new groups will be formed by October.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NEWCOMERS' BRUNCH

What: Newcomers Brunch

When: Sunday, November 3rd,

Immediately following the 10:30 Service

Where: Grace Undercroft

Who: Grace Parishioners new and old! (That means YOU!)



Each year on All Saints' Sunday, Grace welcomes all of the new faces that have joined us at Grace throughout the past year. Members of Grace — the recent and those that have been part of the Grace family for years — are invited to attend this Sunday brunch. Join in for family and fellowship, and meet your new Grace family! Catch-up with old friends, and make the new friends at Grace feel welcomed. No sign-up required, so mark your calendar and join in the food, fun, and fellowship.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Holland Civic Theater: The opening show this season, directed by Laurie VanArk, is “**Welcome to Mitford**” based on the series of books by Episcopal author, Jan Karon. The play is all about Father Tim, the Mitford congregation, and a whole lot of Episcopal characters to fill out the show. The show runs from October 3rd thru the 19th. Grace parishioners are gathering on **Sunday, October 13th** at 12:30 @ Grace for wine and cheese and then attending the 2pm show. Sign-up is in the Commons, or contact Alex Foster.



THANK YOU TO SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS!

Paul & Christina DeConinck
Joanne Stewart
John Davis & Janet Bowermaster



*From Laurie VanArk
Coffee Hour Coordinator*

The Fall Sign-Up List is in the Commons – PLEASE sign up if you can take a Sunday!!

Stewardship / Birthdays

For the seasoned citizens among us, did you know that you can reduce your Michigan State income taxes for 2013 by making a charitable gift from your IRA to Grace Church? As part of the tax legislation enacted earlier this year, individuals who are 70 1/2 or older can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from their IRA to qualifying charities free from income tax. As you may know, contributions to charities are not typically deductible for State of Michigan income tax. A contribution made from an IRA distribution is an exception, at least for 2013, and may reduce your Michigan tax liability while supporting Grace. Additionally, a charitable IRA gift qualifies for your 2013 required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes this year while supporting your favorite charitable organizations.

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| 1 Kim Shea | 10 Scott Anderson | 20 Dick Danly |
| 2 Abraham DeCook | George Gallaway | Lise Wilson |
| Jeff Nyland | Duncan Kelley | 21 Mary Jane Van Oosterhout |
| Matt Schmidt | 11 Colleen Macy | 22 Tommy Bullinger |
| 4 Alyssa Wright | Chelsea Phillips | 23 Zachary Essenburg |
| Naomi Phillips | Will Remenschneider | 25 Anne Packard |
| 5 Brooke Barry | Chris Wennersten | James Foster |
| Miles Bennett | 12 Brian Manderfield | 26 Elizabeth Brubaker |
| 6 Sharon Barlow | 13 Jay Bylsma | Tabor Rinks |
| Karen Bylsma | Alex De Cook | 29 Ketzi Zylstra |
| Jack Methric | Jamison Ray | 30 Markko Foster |
| Madison Remenschneider | 15 Andrea Kamp | Eli Shinabarger |
| 7 C. V. Berry | Kendl Klinge | 31 Doris Honor |
| Blane Kamp | 16 David Bier | |
| Kevin Matrosic | Monny Cobb | |
| Sally Reinink | Anna De Kraker | |
| 8 Austin Riggs | 17 Robert Polik | |
| 9 Gemmy Helder | 19 Kathy McNamar | |
| Kristine Stauffer | | |

Birthdays & Anniversaries in October



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| 6 Amy & James Piersma | 23 Sue & Eddie Bullinger |
| 8 Patricia & Vernon De Pree | Millie & George Gallaway |
| 15 Joan & David Austin | 26 Donna & Robert Borgman |
| 17 Kristine & Jeremy Stauffer | 29 Mary & Scott Gamby |
| 20 Ashley & Dustin Hopkins | Aaron & Julie De Cook |

NOVEMBER NEWLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, October 24, 2013
Times New Roman, 12pt requested. Send to gechurch@sbcglobal.net

Oktoberfest



*The Stewardship Commission invites you to
An Oktoberfest Celebration on
Sunday, October 27th beginning at 5:00pm*

*We'll have something for everyone and all ages:
live music, good food, beer, root beer, and a
movie and food for kids. We'll be celebrating
the ministries of Grace and launching the
2014 Pledge Drive. So save the date, keep
your eyes open for more information and
plan on joining us on the 27th.*



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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.

