

# Grace to You

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## Lenten Wednesdays

Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing for six weeks, Grace people of all ages will gather in the Undercroft for a shared supper and Holy Eucharist. Children are welcomed and encouraged to come. The setting will be informal, inviting and accessible. Except for Ash Wednesday, the service itself will be simple and held in the Undercroft.

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Supper at 6:15, Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes at 7:00**

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup> -March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Supper at 5:45, Holy Eucharist at 6:30**

**Program at 7:00**

**Issues of Food, Faith, and the Future: A Lenten Movie Series  
7:00 in the Forum Room**

**Feb 24, WALL-E**

In a distant, but not so unrealistic future, where mankind has abandoned earth because it has become covered with trash from products sold by Buy N Large corporation. WALL-E, a robot has been left to clean up the mess. Mesmerized with trinkets of Earth's history and show tunes, WALL-E is alone on Earth except for a pet cockroach. One day, Eve, a sleek reconnaissance robot, is sent to Earth to find proof that life is once again sustainable. WALL-E rescues Eve from a dust storm and shows her a living plant he found amongst the rubble. Consistent with her "directive" Eve takes the plant. One day a ship comes to reclaim Eve, but WALL-E hitches a ride. The ship arrives back at a large space cruiser, which is carrying all of the humans who evacuated Earth 700 years earlier. The people of Earth ride around this space resort on hovering chairs which give them a constant feed of super-sized meals, TV, and video chatting. When the auto-pilot computer, acting on hastily given instructions sent many centuries before, tries to prevent the people of Earth from returning, by stealing the plant, WALL-E, Eve, the portly captain, and a band of broken robots stage a mutiny.

**March 3, Eating Alaska**

What happens to a vegetarian who moves to Alaska and marries a commercial fisherman and deer hunter? Join her on a wry search for a sustainable, healthy and ethical meal. Women try to teach her to hunt, teens gather traditional foods, vegans give cooking lessons, she fishes for wild salmon, scrutinizes food labels with kids and finds toxic chemicals getting into wild foods. With humor and compassion, the documentary **Eating Alaska** shows natives and non-natives trying to balance buying industrial processed foods with growing their own and living off the land in the 21st century. Made by a former urban vegetarian now living on an island in Alaska, it is a journey into regional food traditions, our connection to where we live and what we put into our mouths.

**March 10, ASPARAGUS! Stalking the American Life**

For 30 years, Oceana County Michigan has been the Asparagus Capital of the

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World. Now its spear-struck residents and family farms take on the U.S. War on Drugs, Free Trade and a Fast Food Nation, all to save their beloved roots. Winner of several awards.

**March 17, Chocolat**

Vianne Rocher and her young daughter are drifters who are met with skepticism and resistance when they move to a conservative town in rural France and open a chocolate shop during Lent. As Vianne begins to work her magic and help those around her, the townspeople are soon won-over by her exuberance and her delicious chocolates - except for the mayor, who is determined to shut her down. When a group of river drifters visit the town, Vianne teaches the townspeople something about acceptance, and finds love for herself along the way.

**March 24, Babette’s Feast...**

Artistic, sensual and sacred passions unite in Babette's Feast. Written and directed by Gabriel Axel, from a short story by Out of Africa's Isak Dinesen, this Oscar(r)-winning film offers "an irresistible mixture of dry wit and robust humanity" (Newsweek). On the desolate coast of Denmark live Martina and Philippa, the beautiful daughters of a devout clergyman who preaches salvation through self-denial. Both girls sacrifice youthful passion to faith and duty, even many years after their father's death. But with the arrival of Babette, a mysterious refugee from France's civil war, life for the sisters and their tiny hamlet begins to change. Soon, Babette has convinced them to try something truly outrageous - a gourmet French meal! Her feast, of course, scandalizes the local elders. Just who is this strangely talented Babette, who has terrified this pious town with the prospect of losing their souls for enjoying too much earthly pleasure? Foreign Film with subtitles.

**Vestry notes January 11, 2010**

Present: Jen Adams, Cal Boer, Chris Broersma, Clara Brower, Jay Bylsma, Sue Cloutier, David Hawley-Lowry, Carrie Hodson, Dave Meier. Carol Rickey. John Shea, Treasurer.

**December financial report** was reviewed showing a year end actual surplus of about \$8,000. Vestry acted to use those funds as seed for a new Capital Fund which will be defined by the Stewardship Commission. The fundamental idea of the fund is to build up a reserve account to be available when there are needs for building and property improvements.

Vestry reviewed the **proposed budget for 2010** with gratitude to the parish for pledges of \$302,266, which is 98.14% of the goal. A few minor modifications were made to the income projections as well as to expenses. The revised budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting, January 17, 2010.

**Nominating Committee** presented the four candidates for Vestry: Bruce Fries, Dave Masselink, Mary Remenschneider and Robbie Schorle. A motion will be needed at the Annual meeting since one of the candidates was not announced by the three week deadline as dictated in our by-laws.

**Commissions requesting action:**

Strategic Planning requested an increase in budget from \$7,500 to \$8,000 to cover final costs which was approved.

Building and Grounds requester permission to spend up to \$5,500 from the 2010 budget to replace the telephone network and equipment, also approved.

**Rector’s Report:**

Vestry Retreat will be the evening of January 29 and the morning of January 30.

Vestry was reminded of Diocesan Training days in February.

Vestry expressed special gratitude to Kristie Phillips for three years of “amazing work as the Clerk” as well as to Chris Broersma for her work with Pastoral Care, Carrie Hodson who chaired Worship Commission and to Cal Boer for his work with Building and Grounds.

*Submitted by Carol Rickey, Senior Warden*

## Holland is Ready!

*From Rev. Jen Adams*

On Thursday, January 21st Grace hosted a gathering for all those in the area who were wanting to talk about moving forward with LGBT issues in our community. This was organized in collaboration with the student leaders of "Hope is Ready" in response to the many local individuals and groups who have raised their voices around Dustin Lance Black and other local/national events. We felt it was time to sit down together, share our thoughts, organize a bit and see what we can make happen.

At this initial meeting, there were over 100 people present! Several churches and other organizations were represented and many wonderful ideas were suggested. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 18th at 7:30pm at Grace and we'll be taking steps to organize ourselves around various initiatives. We know that not everyone who is interested will have heard about this group, so please help us spread the word! Join us as we work toward making our community a safe and welcoming place for all.

## "Feeding America Kicks Off with a Successful Turnout"

By Steve Cloutier

Thank you all for your help and donations for Grace Feeding America Food Pantry. The huge response of volunteers and donations was overwhelming. **70 plus volunteers!** We had **59 families served**, representing over 170 family members living in Holland, Zeeland, Hamilton, Kalamazoo, Wyoming, Allendale and Spring Lake. We started out small, but next month, there will be more families and the third and fourth months we anticipate serving over 100 families.

If you volunteered and felt you didn't know what to do, please don't be discouraged, there will be more opportunities in the near future as we organize. There is a job for everyone to do!

Our guests were served home made cookies, hot chocolate and coffee while they waited for the food truck to arrive and be unloaded. You unloaded and passed out to our guests:

1000 pounds of Potatoes  
670 pounds of Apples  
620 pounds of squash and green peppers  
500 pounds of assorted produce  
260 pounds of carrots  
326 pounds of bananas  
1432 pounds of chocolate milk  
127 pounds of caramel dip  
445 pounds of bakery goods  
Total weight of food distributed: 5400 pounds



Grace Feeding America Food Pantry is an astounding success!



## Come to the Feast! - An Invitation for Families of Preschoolers (and Older)

Jen Adams will lead a 2-session Eucharist class for families with kids ages three to eight years old on Wednesday, February 10th and Monday, February 15th from 6:30-7:30pm. The first class will focus on the whole Sunday service and its various "pieces." The second session will focus on the Eucharist itself. Join us for this teaching of the Feast!

**Sunday Forum at Grace**  
**9:15 in the Forum Room of the Lower Level**

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup> No Sunday Forum - Education Hour for Children and Youth is scheduled.**

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Renewed by Cursillo**

In May, Grace Church will host a diocesan Cursillo weekend. So, if you've ever considered attending, now's a good time! The three days of a Cursillo retreat are filled with talks and group discussions. There is fellowship, singing, good food, diverse worship experiences and time for privacy, meditation, and prayer. At this Forum, Cathy and Bruce Fries and other parishioners will tell their stories and share their knowledge to inform and invite the congregation into this renewal experience.

**Lenten Forum Series: Back to Basics. . . Sort Of**

This Lent will be getting back to the basics, but in a not so basic way, using videos from the NOOMA series by Rob Bell to hit on some of the themes of the season. This is how the producers of NOOMA describe it: "Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion."

Our Forums will include a brief NOOMA video (each is about 15 minutes long), discussion and Biblical reflections on the topics listed below. Join us!

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> God's Faith in Us** with the video, *Dust*

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Forgiving Others** with the video, *Luggage*

**March 7<sup>th</sup> Forgiving Ourselves** with the video, *Lump*

**March 14<sup>th</sup> Loving our Neighbors as Ourselves** with the video, *Bullhorn*

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Loving God** with the video, *Rhythm*

**Stephen Ministry Hosts Guest Speaker - "The Grievs We Carry"**

The Rev. Jaco J. Hamman, Ph.D. is Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Western Theological Seminary. Before coming to Western Seminary, Dr. Hamman spent three years in New York City working as a pastoral psychotherapist, group therapist, and marriage and family therapist at the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute. He has a special interest in the confluence of theology and psychology in the lives of individual, families, and groups. He is the recent author of *When Steeples Cry*, a book about congregational grief and has a forthcoming book titled *A Play-full Life*. He will speak to us about the variety of grief we carry from losses to disappointments, from individual to communal and the possibility for growth and healing through it all. Jaco has been a guest of ours before. He is a bright, engaging and compassionate speaker.

All are welcome to join us Monday, February 22 from 7:00 until 8:00 and  
Monday, March 22 from 7:00 until 8:00

Refreshments will be provided.

## **A Simple Way to Support Programming for Children and Youth**

From Debbie Coyle

There are so many obvious ways that the people of Grace make programming for Children and Youth possible. The people of Grace are incredibly generous with pledges, donating food, offering to drive for youth activities, and generally encouraging program volunteers with verbal support.

One of the best most often missed ways families can support programming, however, is through participation. Each week, a team of volunteers works to provide quality, consistent programming for all children and youth from Nursery Care through High School Education Hour. In addition, the Youth Leaders have dedicated extra time for youth activities, retreats, and service opportunities. You can support their efforts by participating in planned activities. Embrace the commitment the Education and Formation Commission has made to Children and Youth at Grace by attending classes regularly, by making regular Sunday Education Hour and Youth Group activities a priority in your schedule.

Another way you can support programming is by providing assistance from time to time for the Education Hour Volunteer Leaders. Many times, it is helpful to have a second adult in the room. You could assist little hands with art projects, and offer general support for the leader. You can do this on a weekly, monthly, or occasional basis. If you are unable to dedicate time, consider helping to prepare materials for classes. Consider setting up project materials in cooperation with the class leader.

If you would like to volunteer your time, however, we can use your assistance and would appreciate your energy. Contact Debbie at the church office for more information on how you can become a Grace Children & Youth volunteer.

Consider your level of support for Children's and Youth programming at Grace. How can you make the difference?

## **Bits & Pieces of Grace**

*By Debbie Coyle*

We have begun a new year here at Grace with great energy despite the weather. It has been great to see so many new and returning faces each Sunday morning. The holidays are over, but there are still celebrations for many of us here at Grace. Sadly, there have been some sad moments as well. Here are a few "bits & pieces" of what has been going on..

Colleen Macy has begun working on a new project writing for an online website called Examiner.com. As the "Holland Family Examiner", she will write articles (2-3 per week) that include information about things to do, places to go, and current events in Holland and the surrounding area. I also write articles that give fun and creative ideas for parenting and spending time together as families. Be sure to check out the site!

Congratulations to Sue and Steve Cloutier who announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Kent Holesinger. They are planning a 2012 wedding.

Please keep Dan Chamness, Ben Bush, and Alyssa Wright in your prayers as they begin planning to attend the Diocesan Youth Leadership Mission and Pilgrimage trip to the Dominican Republic in June.

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Nedra Mitchell (sister of Bryce Cobb). Ms. Mitchell passed away in early January.

Please keep these members of our Grace family in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please continue to send us your Bits & Pieces so that we can help celebrate your happiness, and honor your losses.

## A "Best Day" Fly Fishing on the Frying Pan River - by Bill Mendenhall

Last March, as we do each year, we went out to Snowmass near Aspen Colorado to ski with friends in the Spring snow.

When we reached the town of Bassalt Colorado we turned and drove up the 14 miles of canyon next to the Frying Pan River, finally reaching the Rudi Dam at the reservoir. We checked the snow pack and access to the stream at several points above mile marker 12, stopped for a while, then drove back down the canyon to Bassalt and on to Snowmass Village.

After a couple days of skiing I took a break and went back to Bassalt and went into the Taylor Creek Orvis Shop to buy a fishing license and some artificial flies for the aquatic insect hatch that had going on. I had been checking weather conditions and stream reports on the Taylor Creek web site each day for the past several weeks.

The store clerk asked where I planned to fish. I told him on the Frying Pan just above mile marker 12 (along a stretch named "Old Faithful") and mentioned the flies suggested on the Taylor web report. He smiled and said "exactly" . . . adding that, after the long winter, the guides were tired of taking clients up canyon and had switched to the (nearby) Roaring Fork. He said that I should have the upper river to myself that day. I bought the license and a few flies and was off up the miles of beautiful canyon under clear, sunny skies.

When I reached my spot I parked, scouted the stretch, got my new waders and boots on, readied my rod and vest, and walked down to the clear, bubbling rush of snow melt mountain water. I was all alone on the Frying Pan.

It was a cold, clear day. I waded in to my knees and began casting for about an hour. I got out to warm my cold feet and eat a sandwich next to the water. Then the sun came up over the high rim on that stretch of the canyon. The sun illuminated the water. To my great surprise there was a trout feeding lane right in front of me. Five trout in a line, each about six inches below the surface of the water, were feeding on the hatch of midges, like the artificial flies I had purchased.

I began casting and working the lane. The trout soon went after my double attractor fly / midge fly rig and I was getting strikes. I lost several that got off. Over the next couple of hours I caught five trout, and netted and released three of them. They were wild Brook, Brown, and Rainbows, 14"-16" in length. The last one I hooked was much bigger. It gave a great fight, finally breaking off my tippet and flies, leaving me with a big smile on my face.

I got out again and warmed my feet in the sun. Then I fished for another hour sensing that a few other fishermen were in the river near me. I was the only one catching fish. I finally just stopped, looked around and smiled, realizing that this was the best and most beautiful day I had ever experienced on Colorado's legendary, high country, Frying Pan River.

The Frying Pan River, like a lot of the natural places we can explore, is just a little bit off the beaten path that we seem to travel each trip. By stopping each year and taking time to know it, and eventually have a "best day" fly fishing on it, I was rewarded with a special gift . . . to remember for years to come.

### Financial Stewardship Report - Total Gifts

December Budget	\$30,675.00	Year-To-Date Budget	\$329,500.00
December Received	\$46,912.95	Year-To-Date Received	\$348,620.08
November Surplus (Shortage)	\$16,237.95	Year-To-Date Surplus (Shortage)	\$19,120.08

\*This does not include the G4C shortage of \$10,000

*Thank you!*

## Announcements and Notices

### **Thank you to our wonderful coffee hour hosts for January!**

Laurie VanArk  
Jeff & Rosemary Erickson  
Sharon & John Barlow  
Brent and Renee Krueger



*-from Laurie VanArk, Coffee Hour Coordinator*

### **Don't Miss Move Night - February 3rd**

We will be showing the highly acclaimed movie, AMEN, which is a story of unwavering conscience and unspeakable horror. AMEN dramatizes the all too true history of how religious leaders in Germany and the Vatican ignored the plight of Europe's Jews during World War II. Academy Award winning director Costa-Gavras, the world's preeminent creator of political suspense dramas, recreates the long suppressed labyrinth of politics and piety that allowed Hitler's "final solution" to become a reality. When newly commissioned SS Lieutenant Kurt Gerstein witnesses the chemical disinfectant he's helped perfect being used to systematically murder interred Jews, he has no choice but to act.

This film will be a good case study to conclude our study of Bonhoeffer's THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP. Refreshments start at 5:30, with the movie and pizza at 6. Please bring a donation of five dollars to help cover cost of the pizza. See you there! Henry

### **Attention Youth! Don't forget to RSVP to Debbie for the following activities.**

February 20-21 Ski Retreat to Crystal Mountain  
8am Sat. 2/27 - 3 pm Sun. 2/28. Cost varies depending on equipment rental. Contact Debbie for more information and to RSVP by February 14.

March 18-21 Nightwatch in New York City  
5pm Thurs 3/18-3pm Sun. 3/21. Travel to NYC to participate in Nightwatch at St. John the Divine. Cost is \$115 and includes all meals, travel accommodations, and activities. Trip includes service opportunity as well as spiritual retreat. Contact Debbie ASAP to confirm your spot for this opportunity.

\*Do not let cost keep you from participating in any of the Grace Youth activities. Contact Debbie for information on scholarships!

### **A Lenten "Quiet Day for Women"**

"The Power of Forgiveness" is the theme for a women's Lenten quiet day Sat., Feb. 20, at St. Paul's Church, 914 Lane Dr., St. Joseph. Naomi Wenger, a spiritual director and co-director of The Hermitage, a contemplative retreat house near Three Rivers, will lead the day. It will focus on the movie "The Power of Forgiveness", and include quiet reflection, group discussion and prayer. Registrations may be sent or called in to the church (269-983-4761). The \$15 fee includes lunch.

The church will be open at 8 am; the program will begin at 8:30, and will end with Eucharist, following lunch.

### **ATTENTION: ST MARY'S GUILD**

From Katie Verspoor

St. Mary's will be meeting on Monday evening, February 8, at 7:15 P.M in the Commons. The speaker will be David Wilkins, a Project Engineer and Principal of GMB Architecture + Engineering here in Holland. Some of their work includes City Flats Hotel, Plaza East, 8th Street Market and Lakeshore Medical Campus. He will be speaking about architecture in Holland. Hostesses are Cherie DeCook and Barb Hettinga. This meeting is open to everyone. Mark your calendars!!

***The deadline for submissions to the March 2010 issue of Grace to You is February 17, 2010.***

## Prayer List as of January 24, 2010



**PRAYER REQUESTED FOR:** the people of Haiti, relief workers, Donna, Melinda, Chuck Breen, John Funches, Nanette, the Schakel family, Florence Coyle (mother of Brian), Amy, Dana Whitelaw, Wayne Fries, Diane, Janet Huysler, Chris, Deborah Grieves, Erin Walker, Katherine McNamar, Judy Ching, Andrew, Tom Boyd, Nancy Lathem; for the unemployed or under-employed, for the people of the Middle East and other areas of war and unrest, for the women and men of the Armed Forces, especially David, Matt Olney and loved ones of our parish family, Jon Fries, Bobbie Deitenbeck, Judy Zylstra, Ralph, Sharon King, Karla Meeks, Aaron Schillaci, Mike, Brooks, Alex, Dolores & Earl, Yvonne Logan, Karen Trap, Tim and Jordyn and family, Bruce Browning (brother of Jean Adams), George Julius, Marian Schultz, Gilmore Lawrence, Dave Masselink, Barb & Gordon, Richard Bailey, Kellye Martin, Isaac Montgomery, Samuel Moody, Eric Heiberg, Susan & Tacho Sanchez family, Bradley Erickson, Aaron Miller, Betty Sova, Arty Ropa, Gloria Stegenga, Ann McKnight, Jerry Mount, Ruth Hill, Betty & Jerry, Bob & Donna, Marge Homan (mother of Carol Homan), Mary Rieckmann, Curt Keegin, Vivian Kingsley, John Keegin, Jackie Van Duren, Lisa Leland, Patrice Mourrot, Ben Roper, Jim Roper.

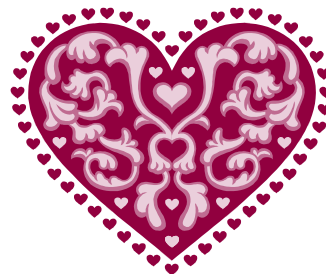
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| 2  | Marian Schultz  | 17 | Lisa Shears<br>Andrew Barry  |
| 3  | Bill Bier   | 20 | Linda Elder<br>Betty Sova  |
| 4  | Carol Rickey  | 21 | Mary Benedict<br>Reid VanderBie  |
| 6  | Jim Piersma   | 22 | Erma Bruggink<br>Tom Kelly   |
| 7  | Bryce Cobb  | 24 | Scott Gamby<br>Chuck Murray  |
| 9  | Edith Hill<br>Jane Servinsky  | 25 | Todd Guyer   |
| 10 | Ed Hansen   | 26 | Sally Byxbe  |
| 11 | Paul Richmond<br>Sam Richardson   | 27 | Ryan Gamby<br>Pat Gamby<br>Mary Mims<br>Brent VanderBie  |
| 12 | Jane Beggs-Joles<br>Maureen Dunn<br>Kathy Keegin<br>Brent Krueger<br>Jack Shinabarger | 28 | David Murray<br>Marianne Manderfield   |
| 13 | John Easdon   |    |  |

### A Prayer for Haiti:

*God of compassion, now let us answer your call and respond to our sister Haiti through steadfast commitment, diligence in prayer, charity in action, and constancy in hope. Her needs are deep and ours is a land of plenty.. With open hand and open heart may our prayers be known in the eager generosity of our giving. In your holy name we pray. Amen.*

How to give financially through Episcopal Relief and Development:

Episcopal Relief & Development has disbursed emergency funding for its program partner, the Diocese of Haiti, to help meet immediate needs such as food, water and shelter. The agency is standing ready to support the Diocese with post-earthquake recovery and rebuilding efforts. Episcopal Relief & Development is also partnering with the neighboring Diocese of the Dominican Republic to help care for the influx of Haitian refugees and coordinate relief efforts that can be administered from the border areas. In addition, the agency has partnered with IMA World Health, a non-profit organization providing medical assistance and supplies in and around Port-au-Prince. As communications and access improve, Episcopal Relief & Development will continue to provide updates. To assist those suffering in the wake of this disaster, donate online to Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti Fund (visit the website at er-d.org) or call 1.800.334.7626, ext. 5129. Checks can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.



### February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 6  | Claudia & Troy Scharlow                       |
| 7  | Valarie & Dave Methric<br>Holly & Jeff Nyland |
| 9  | Robbie & Mick Schorle                         |
| 27 | Vickie & Bruce Witteveen                      |