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# Grace Church Chronicle

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**The Grace Episcopal Church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.**

## **The Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer – The Perfect Time for Re-creation**

Dear Grace Church Family,

The first part of the title of this brief early summer missive is drawn from the lyrics of a song which those of us of a certain age will remember from our adolescence. It expresses the fond joy that all of us had for what, in those days, was a more relaxed time of the year. A time when, with the conclusion of the academic year, things seemed to slow down and families and individuals had the opportunity for a few weeks to adapt a consciously slower pace which allowed for rest, refreshment and recreation. This was a good thing and something that far too many of us seem to find it harder to do year by year as the dynamic and more urgent pace of life seems less inclined to slow down even for the traditional summer season. I want to encourage you to resist the temptation to abandon this time of renewal but, at the same time, I need to share some observations with all of you which are a part of the reality of the Grace Church community and that require our attention even as we seek to pull back during the summer. Before I turn to the specifics, let me invite you to embrace the summer homework assignment offered by Jenny and Carol that you will find elsewhere in this summer issue of *The Chronicle*. I will be anxious to hear about the lessons learned, impressions formed and insights gleaned from visiting other church communities as you travel on vacation.

Summer is all about recreation, or perhaps more accurately, re-creation and we are going to focus on two very different aspects of re-creation here at Grace during these summer months. The work will not be completed by the fall but we need to get started as there is much to do. The first of these is to address some growing concerns about the building and, more precisely, what we must do to stop the growing damage that is being done by the infiltration of water and the resulting damage that is all too evident in the nave and chancel especially. As you know, we secured a technical assistance grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation designed to help us secure the necessary expertise to assess what has been going on. The Vestry formed an ad hoc Roof Committee to work in concert with an architect, a roofing specialist and a structural engineer. The results of their evaluation were presented to the Roof Committee during the last week in June. The Committee is now ready for the team to present the finding to a larger audience. To that end, Jim Vance, the Architect, and Bruce Darling, the Roofing Expert, will attend the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be an opportunity for any member of the parish to come and hear about what they have discovered and their thoughts on what we need to do to exercise continuing faithfulness as stewards of this building that is a resource for the whole community of Windsor as well as for our parish family. Jim and Bruce will have a lot of information to share and I urge everyone to consider attending this special Vestry meeting. In order to help in our planning, it would be helpful if you would call Carol in the Parish Office to let her know if you are planning to attend.

The second part of our summer re-creation will occur in August with a structured opportunity for the Vestry to have a conversation about mission specifically the ongoing and in some ways changing mission of Grace Church and what we need to do together to be faithful to that mission. This conversation will focus on trying to answer the questions “What is God doing in this place?” and “What is God calling us to be doing now and in the next several years?” This conversation will build on work done in the past few years but will help us to assess where we are now. As a design for this conversation is developed, there will be opportunities for all members of the Grace Church family to become a part of the dialogue and I hope that all of you will choose to be a part of this important conversation.

If you have thoughts or concerns about any of this, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me. It seems to me that we will all have a busy summer but one that will, I pray, open some doors for us all in the process of re-creation and the strengthening of an already strong and vibrant community here at Grace Church.

Faithfully,

David+

**FUND-IT IS NOT ON VACATION  
DURING JULY AND AUGUST.**

PLEASE CONTACT  
CAROL FLANAGAN, FOLLOWING THE  
9 AM SERVICE, FOR  
CERTIFICATES/DEBIT CARDS

**Church is not on vacation  
during July and August,  
either.** If you are home, please  
continue to come! If you are  
away, find a church where you  
are visiting!

## **Monthly Calendar Regular Events**

### Mondays

- 4-8:30 Highland Dancers, Great Hall
- 6:30-7:30 Future Generations Bible Study, Music Rm.
- 8:00 PM AA, LPH
- First Monday – FIL Board Meeting 4:30 PM
- Second Monday – Pastoral Care, Music Rm., 10 AM
- Third Monday – Brownies, Tuttle House

### Tuesdays

- 9:00 AM Weight Watchers, LPH
- 7-9:30 Scottish Dancers, Great Hall
- First and Third Tuesdays – Daisy Scouts, LPH, 6:30 PM
- Second Tuesday – Vestry, Music Rm., 7:00 PM
- Last Tuesday – Book Club, Tuttle House, 1:00 PM

### Wednesdays

- Discussion Group, Music Rm., 10 AM
- Fun in Learning (FIL), Tuttle House 3:30-5:30
- 7:00 PM Weight Watchers, LPH

### Thursdays

- Afternoon Prayer Service, Music Room, 12:30 PM
- FIL, Tuttle House, 3:30-5:30
- Senior Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm., 7:30 PM

### Fridays

- Windsor Club, occasional Fridays, LPH, 7:30 PM
- First Friday – Boy Scouts, Tuttle House, 6:15-7:30 PM

***If you are unsure if a group is meeting during the summer, please call the office.***

**A neat idea:**

“The last few summers I’ve put up a bulletin board in the parish hall and encouraged parishioners to post church bulletins from far-flung locales. The purpose is two fold: to encourage folks to go to church when they’re away and to see literally how we spent our respective summer vacations. It’s proved pretty popular as we try to outdo one another with exotic destination. The only requirement is that you *actually attend* the service. Sneaking into an empty church and snagging a bulletin from the previous Sunday decidedly does not count.

Enjoy church this summer at home and wherever your travels may take you. And remember that even though school may be “out for the summer,” church is not.”

**The Rev. Tim Schenck THE LIVING CHURCH**

**June 14, 2009 edition.**

Jenny and I would love to post on our respective bulletin boards the different bulletins from places everyone has been during their summer. Drop one off in the office or pin it up on our bulletin boards yourself!



Food Pantry donations have been dropping off. There are still a lot of people who need help at this difficult time. Please continue to donate food if you can.

**FOOD of the MONTH**

**July:**

Bath Soap / Disposable Diapers

**August:**

Canned Stew or Hash

However, all non-perishable foods are welcomed any time !

**ACOLYTES**

**July & August**

**One Service at 9AM**

**July 4** Peta-Gaye Davis  
**July 11** Victoria Socolosky  
**July 18** Evan Debevec-McKenney  
**July 25** Michelle Hawran

**Aug 1** Scott McOmber  
**Aug 8** Scott McOmber  
**Aug 15** Alex Richards  
**Aug 22** Josh Weirs  
**Aug 29** Cristina Fisher-Clarke  
**Sept 5** Ben Doolittle

**Punch/Lemonade & Cookies  
Under the Tree**

*Join us for refreshments and fellowship every Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service beginning Sunday, July 2 and continuing through Labor Day Weekend.*

**SUMMER HOST SCHEDULE**

**July 4** Jane Cimbak  
**July 11** Carol Flanagan  
**July 18** Sandy Hastings  
**July 25** Joanne Roach  
**Aug. 1** Liz Yetman  
**Aug. 8** Karen LaClair  
**Aug. 15** Joyce Adrian  
**Aug. 22** Andrea Frez  
**Aug. 29** Marie Elsdon  
**Sept. 5** Jean Keating

## Altar Flowers

There is still an opportunity to sponsor altar flowers on a few Sundays.

Available dates are:

August 22  
October 17  
December 12

If you are interested in donating the memorial flowers on any of these Sundays, please call Carol at 688-1232 ext. 201 or speak with Jane Cimbak.

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## Welcome Back Sunday SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM — Rite I  
10:00 AM — Rite II

9:45 AM Church School & Youth Groups meet  
at The Tuttle Ministry Center

Festive Welcome Back Coffee Hour in the Great  
Hall

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## Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Committee is in need of at least one more person to help in the very important ministry of visiting those who are homebound or in need of company from time to time.

We visit in teams of two over a two week period. With three teams, each team rotates every six weeks. Anyone interested may call Lois Spinelli at 860-688-3104 or the church office at 860-688-1232.

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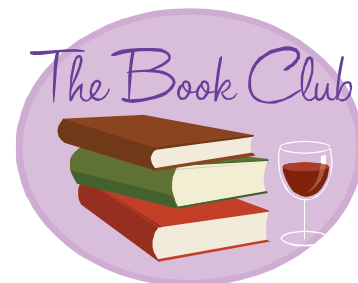
**Parents:** Please be aware that there are coloring books, crayons and scrap paper as you enter the church either way (from the narthex or from the office side). Please have your children use these materials for coloring, etc. rather than the Welcome envelopes in the pews.  
Thank you!

## Need to Find Childcare? *Chat live with 2-1-1 Child Care!*

**There is a new way to connect with 2-1-1 Child Care when you are looking for care for your child.**

2-1-1 Child Care has launched a new live chat service. Chat directly with a Child Care Referral Specialist via instant messaging, by clicking on the live chat button in the upper right corner of [www.211childcare.org](http://www.211childcare.org). A specialist will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on child care options in Connecticut. 2-1-1 Child Care has current listings of all state licensed child care centers and family child care homes, as well as nanny agencies, nursery schools, play groups and summer camp programs in Connecticut. Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211childcare.org](http://www.211childcare.org) to search the child care database or chat live.

2-1-1 Child Care is funded by the CT Dept. of Social Services and administered by the United Way of Connecticut. For more information contact Maria Dynia at [maria.dynia@ctunitedway.org](mailto:maria.dynia@ctunitedway.org).



## Grace Church Book Discussion Group

The next session will be September 28, at 1:00 PM at the Tuttle House.

*All Are Invited!*

Please join us for camaraderie and refreshments

Look for additional details in the *September Chronicle!*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

*If you were born in July or August and  
your name is not on our list, please notify  
the Church Office, 688-1232,  
so that we may include you in our  
Birthday Prayers.*

### July

Peter Tiemann, Jr.  
Paul Woodhouse  
Luke Letourneau  
Helen Lawton  
Ian Rickard  
Carrie Wall  
Roger Castonguay  
Daniel Castonguay  
Rebecca Rotchford  
Taylor Whitehouse  
Larry Young  
Sandy Hastings  
John Wall  
David Hills  
Spencer Thrall  
Tom Woodruff  
Jeff Doolittle  
Kylie Letourneau  
Lynn Maynard  
Lucy Thrall  
Katja Thomalla  
Dianne Thomas  
Brandon Armstrong  
Deniece Morgan  
Lauren Laporto  
Andrew Morgan  
Robert Edward Smith  
Efrain Torres  
Jodi Myers

### August

Chuck Fowler  
Bill Hastings, Jr.  
Sarah Socolosky  
James Rotchford  
Spencer Hallowell,, Jr.  
Bryan Morris  
Jordyn Desrosiers  
Nancy Christoph  
Stephen McOmber  
Margaret Thrall  
John Worrell  
Kris Rusling  
Marissa Greene  
Michael McGuigan  
Brett Armstrong  
Wendy Torres  
Cristina Fisher-Clarke

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### Vestry News

James Vance Architects came to the church to look at the roof. We have received a report from them and it is being reviewed by the Roof Committee.

A presentation will be made by the architect, James Vance and the Roofing Specialist, Bruce Darling to the Vestry on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00.

***Everyone is encouraged to attend!***

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# Summer



## Reading

**"Get ready for Summer" book sale**

There are two large bookcases in the Lower Parish Hall filled to the brim with wonderful books, books, books!!

This is your best opportunity to stock up for the summer – the sale runs through June!

**Two books for the price of one!!**

**\$1 – per 2 hard backs**

**.50 cents - per 2 paper backs**

All funds collected are used for the benefit of the Church School & Youth Group Program at Grace.

### Diocese of CT website

There is a lot of information that you may be interested in on this site. You can sign up for their weekly e-newsletter, check out the press releases, or take a look at their calendar of events.

<http://www.ctdiocese.org>

Episcopalchurch.org will take you to the national website.

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### Find Us on Facebook!

Did you know we have a Fan Page on Facebook? Go to our webpage at [www.gracechurchonthegreen.org](http://www.gracechurchonthegreen.org) and click on the *Become a Fan* icon on the front page. Facebook is a powerful and FREE way to advertise Grace Church to the friends, family and to the community.

To become a “fan,” you DO need to sign up for a free Facebook account. But you CAN see a limited version of the page without signing up for an account by clicking on the link above the *Become a Fan* icon that says *Grace Episcopal Church Windsor Connecticut on Facebook*.

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**ECW's ANNUAL FALL  
RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE**  
Saturday, October 9, 2010

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**18th ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT  
AUCTION**

Saturday, October 23, 2010

We need items for both of these fund-raising events. While you're cleaning out your garage, attic and/or cellar this summer, please consider donating any items you no longer want to Grace Church — please call us and we'll gladly arrange to pick-up those large, bulky items.

**Rummage:** Joanne Roach/688-8091 •  
**Auction: Church:** Carol/688-1232

## “Shout-Outs!!”

What are all our senior high schoolers doing now that they are graduated? Here’s the scoop...

**Eric Myers:** Graduated from Windsor High School. Plans: Attend Southern CT State University (Major undecided)

*Memories of Grace Church:* All the 30-Hour Famines and Rock a Thons.

*Shout out to Mom, Dad and Jodi*

**Nathan Hallowell** Nathan is pursuing a degree in Maritime Engineering from Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA). MMA is located right at the entrance to the Bourne bridge in Cape Cod so be sure to wave at him as you all drive by for vacations this year. Rest assured that he is likely to be there no matter when you drive by since his school year runs from mid August through June. Before you feel too badly for him about the length of his school year you should know that 8 of those weeks are spent aboard ship in the Caribbean and other exotic locations! We are very proud of him since only 300 students are accepted each year.

*Nathan’s Memories of Grace Church:*

*Rock-a-thon was always fun, it brings back memories... especially the one with the window... sorry about that by the way. Also remember baking a lot of brownies, that was fun too.*

*Thanks to the teachers for teaching. Thanks to the Rock-a-thon chaperones for watching tired teenagers and feeding them breakfast.*

**Peter Tiemann** graduated from Windsor High School and will be attending Southern CT State University in New Haven for Public Health. He will be playing football for the SCSU Owls (scholarship). His favorite memories of Grace always include the youth group activities (sorting rotten tomatoes for Foodshare for the first Famine, serving meals at the shelter) and the annual camping trips.

## **BOTTLE/CAN COLLECTION**

Please continue to bring your cans and plastic bottles to the Church. The drive continues throughout the summer months.

### **Teachers needed for Fall 2010 School Year!**

Grade 3-5: 1 Teacher

Grade 9-12 SYG Leaders: 1 Teachers

Team Taught 1 or 2 Sundays a Month or 1 month on/1 month off.

Clear, easy-to-follow curriculum.

Training & On-going support.

Grow in your own faith along with the children.

Confirmation Class Leaders

6 leaders needed (2 per team)

Each Team will lead approximately 2 class sessions a year

Concise and Clear Curriculum

Classes will be 1 Sunday a month

Classes for children in grades 9-12

Please Contact Jenny Hawran @ [Jhawran@aol.com](mailto:Jhawran@aol.com) or 683-2022 or The Church Office @ 688-1232 for the more information

## **Christmas Pageant Director Needed for 2010**

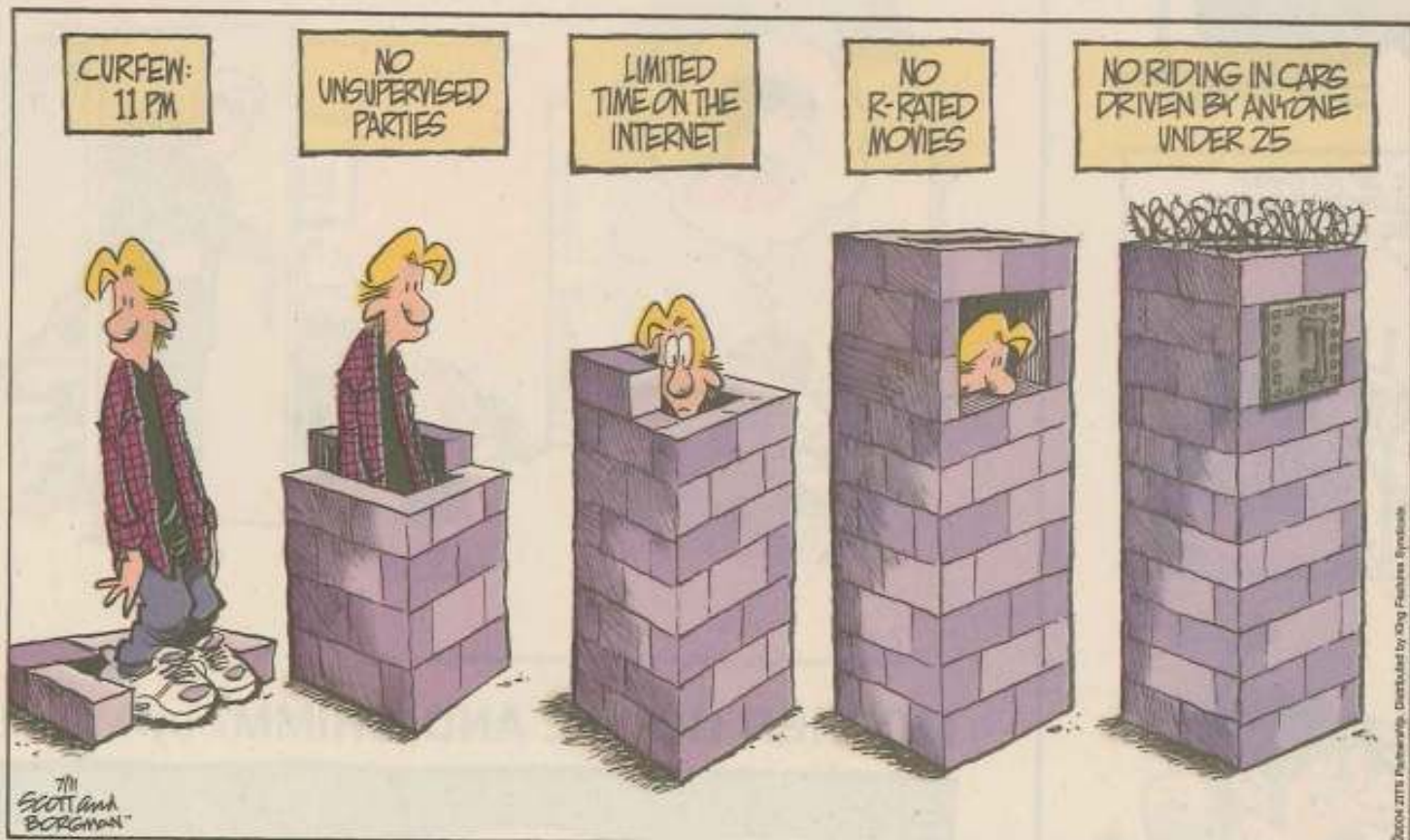
While it seems like we're thinking WAAAY ahead, we need to get the word out that we have no Christmas Pageant Director for December of 2010. Our wonderful Children's Music Director, Carol McOmer, will still be directing the music portion of the pageant, but we need a Pageant Director to work with the children to present the story of the birth of Jesus.

### **What is involved with being the Christmas Pageant Director?**

- Scheduling 4 Pageant rehearsals
- Sending email reminders about rehearsals
- Choosing a Pageant to present from ones we already own, or finding a new one to present.
- Working with Church School Directors, Children's Music Director and Teachers in casting parts for the pageant
- Running rehearsals with the children with the assistance of Teachers and Directors.
- Working with the Children's Music Director to integrate music into the pageant.
- Getting all materials for the Christmas Pageant Bulletin to the Parish Administrator

The Pageant Director works closely with the Christian Education staff. In other words...we all help each other out!

Please consider this very heartwarming ministry. Our high school seniors, whom we survey each year, consistently mention the Christmas Pageant as one of their most endearing and cherished memories here at Grace Church.



# July 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Rite II	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Rite I	12	13 Special Vestry meeting, 7 PM, Music Room <b>Everyone encourage to attend!</b>	14	15	16 Rock Cats vs. Red Sox Affiliate night - \$8 tickets, fireworks	17
18 Rite II Vestry Meeting, following 9 AM service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Rite I	26	27	28	29	30	31

# August 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Rite II	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Rite I	9	10 Vestry mtg., 7 PM, Music Room	11	12	13	14
15 Rite II	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Rite I	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rite II	30	31				





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If there is news you feel should be included in the Chronicle, please let Carol know at 860-688-1232, ext. 201.

Please submit any information for the Chronicle by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Special Vestry Meeting re: roof report. Everyone invited!!
- Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Family Night Out, New Britain Rock Cats
- Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting, following 9 AM service