

THE Spirit OF Grace

NEWSLETTER OF
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Thanksgiving Items for our Food Pantry

Let's help make our clients' holidays a little brighter!

The pantry is in great need of the following:

- Turkeys
- Roasting chickens
- Stuffing mix
- Canned sweet potatoes

Please: No cranberry sauce. The pantry already has a surplus.

Monetary donations are welcomed!

Bring to church on Sunday or contact Sarah Reks for drop-off information: 446-5692



Images of South Africa: Whites only bench; Nelson Mandela's prison cell

Listening Report from South Africa

A few words are hardly enough to convey the deep work, ceaseless prayer, growth in fellowship, and respect for cultures and diversity that were hallmarks of this Consultation on Sexuality. These words are adapted from the final draft of the listening report.--JBB

From Monday 10th to Thursday 13th October 2011 fifty-one theologians, bishops, clergy, church leaders, grassroots advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and other people willing to engage in intensive conversations across cultural boundaries met in Durban, South Africa. They came from India, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, the United States and Zimbabwe for an opportunity to strengthen mission and advocacy connections among Anglicans who are interested in the theology of human sexuality and justice. Although most were Anglicans/ Episcopalians, members of the Dutch Reformed Church, the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and a Muslim Imam also participated in the conversation.

To get a taste of what the consultation was like, in the final sessions, one North American and three Africans spoke about changing attitudes towards sexuality. The story was told of a North American congregation that had been through almost two decades of change in its attempt to include same-sex couples, the poor, people of diverse racial backgrounds and people who are differently abled. Three Africans were "interviewed" to explore what it meant to stand up to the patriarchal institution and what it meant trying to hold together as church in the face of many very different points of view. The common thread in all these stories of change was the personal cost to each of those involved in this journey. Once again, the inter-relationship of issues of gender, homosexuality and culture was noted.



Mother Jennifer with New Zealand theologian Jenny Te Paa in Durban, South Africa

Mother Jennifer To Join Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

1 November 2011

Dear Ones,

A few days ago, warden Eddie Tyson and I made the bittersweet announcement that I will be leaving both Grace Church and the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Syracuse University to accept a new call in the Diocese of Chicago. It has been my honor and privilege to serve among you these past seven and a half years and know it could only be the true work of the Holy Spirit that would call me and my family to leave you.

My last Sunday with you will be January 1, 2012 and I begin my new position as Director of Networking for the Diocese of Chicago later in that month. As the Director of Networking I will be tasked with helping to tell the story of the diocese of Chicago to the world—it is part communications, networking of people and ministries, ecumenical and interfaith relations and outreach to communities of color. In short, many of the things I've most loved about being your rector and serving as chaplain at Syracuse University.

I have spoken with Bishop Skip and he has assured me of his support, and that of his staff, as we enter this period of transition. While I don't believe there is ever any perfect time to end a pastoral relationship between priest and congregation and realize that there are many critical programs and projects in the planning stages at Grace, I've also never been more confident of your leadership to continue the work to completion. Because of your faithfulness to the mission of this parish—Grace is a strong and vital church to which any priest would be lucky to be called. So while the days ahead may be fraught with anxiety about what is to come, I bid you to continue to trust God and one another as you move forward into God's full future.

As we stand together on this threshold of change and opportunity, I also pray that we would continue to do those things that have served us well—pray, serve, love, and support one another the best way we know how trusting that indeed, God is doing more for us than we can either ask or imagine.

With all my heartfelt love and gratitude I remain...

Faithfully yours,

Jennifer+



Jennifer, the Grace Church family will sorely miss you, but we are grateful for the seven+ years we have been blessed to call you our pastor. We are a much stronger, more vibrant church than we were when you arrived in 2004. You have inspired and supported each and every one of us, and championed the rejuvenation of our sacred space. We will move forward energized and guided by the path you have forged for us. Thank you and God bless you, Harrison and Timothy.

Grace Church Office Hours

Monday	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to Noon

Rector's Hours: The rector will keep office hours at Grace Church on Wednesdays and Fridays, though sometimes she will be out of the office on pastoral calls, for meetings, or other parish business. On Tuesdays and Thursdays she can be found in her office at Hendricks Chapel.

Staff

Rector	The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows e-mail: jlbasker@syr.edu
Priest Associate	The Rev. Katherine B.L. Day
Parish Wardens	Sabrina Coleman Eddie Tyson
Parish Administrator	Tracey White e-mail: trwhite@syr.edu
Organ Scholar	Jonathan Embry
Children's Formation Teachers	Ernestine Patterson Barbara Slater
Nursery Attendant	Grace Chang

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Got stories, photos, ideas?

Please help us make the *Spirit of Grace* a great newsletter! Give stories, photos, etc. to Sue Keeter (via email at keeters@upstate.edu, phone 423-0203, or in the newsletter mailbox).

Most importantly, if we missed something, or someone...please let Sue know. We want to recognize and celebrate everyone!

Church volunteers needed for Delight Before Christmas

Event organizers Nancy Radke and Kerry Aitken have created a fun “to do” list for the Delight Before Christmas. There are lots of ways to help!

Here’s what’s needed:

By Nov. 27 — 30 dozen small Christmas cookies and 12 fruit and nut christmas breads.

On Nov. 27 after church — people to help make artisan chocolate truffles and box them.

At the Dec. 4 event, we need volunteers to:

- check people in and sell tickets at the door.
- handle coats.
- serve chocolate truffles and direct people to the table where they can buy truffles.
- sell raffle tickets for the Kindle drawing.
- sell Amazing Grace Artisan Chocolate Truffles
- bus the rooms, picking up cups and plates along with Amanda Aitken.
- set out cookies and keep an eye on the food and beverages.



Delight
**BEFORE CHRISTMAS
TREES, TREATS & TREASURED ORNAMENTS**

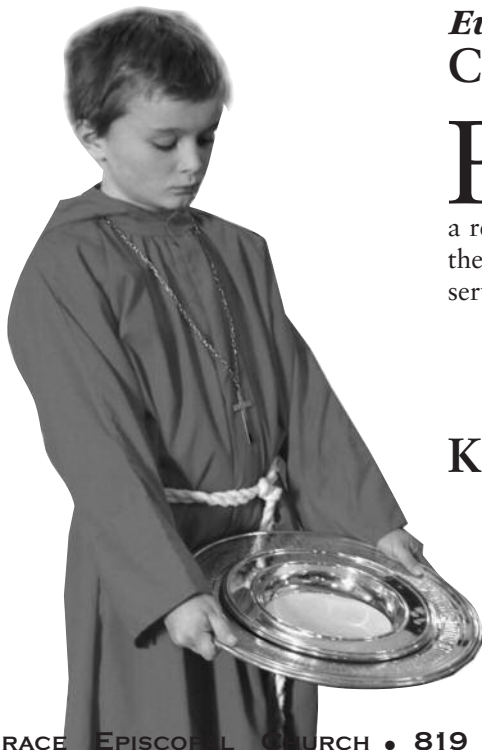
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
3:00 TO 6:00 PM
460 ALLEN STREET
SYRACUSE, NY 13210**

Holiday fundraiser, raffle and artisan chocolate truffle sale benefiting Grace Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Fund for Human Need*

A thousand vintage Christmas ornaments, lovingly collected by Jeffrey Tamburo and Christopher Davis, will adorn half a dozen trees in their beautifully decorated historic home. Come, be inspired, and enjoy fabulous traditional sweets with lots of holiday cheer.

ADMISSION: \$15
ADVANCE & ON-SITE TICKETS:
CONTACT KERRI AITKEN —
KAITKEN@TWCNY.RR.COM

*The Episcopal Fund for Human Need provides an emergency safety net for those in Central New York, who “fall through the cracks” of human needs agencies. Gifts through EFHN provide a lifeline to those who are hungry, homeless or poorly housed, without transportation, or ill and in need of assistance.



**Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
Choir Rehearsals**

Rehearsals are held every Sunday for 45 minutes prior to worship. Anyone who attends a rehearsal is welcome to sing with the choir in that Sunday’s worship service.

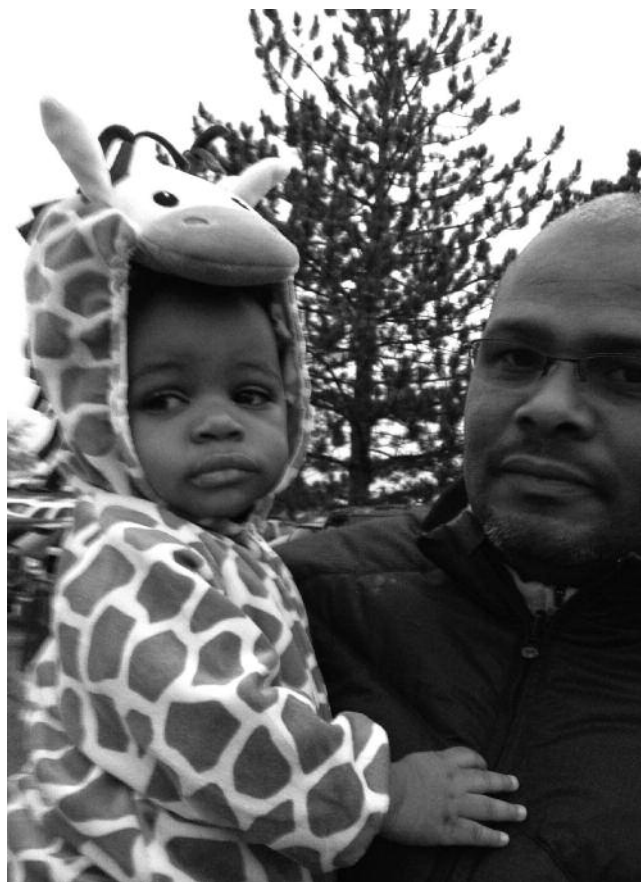
**November 6 and 13
Christian Spirituality**

Please join Tim Casey for a two-part session on Christian spirituality. Tim is a Jesuit novice working at the Spiritual Renewal Center. He will talk about Ignatian spirituality and contemplative prayer practices with plenty of time for questions. All are welcome following our morning worship.

Keeping Up with Your Church Pledge

Are you up to date on your pledge to Grace? Recently, Ernestine Patterson has been delivering letters with the year-to-date record of each person’s donations to Grace Church for 2011.

Thank you, Ernestine, for volunteering for this very important job and for helping us to remember that our beloved church functions on a very lean budget and we are encouraged to do what we can.



Celebrating Halloween

Wearing and making costumes, marching in school parades, carving pumpkins, trick-or-treating....Halloween is a great holiday! Pictured are Grace Church youth celebrating Halloween — clockwise from upper left — Tyler, Timothy, Josh and Amanda.





Supporting SU Ministry

David Ferguson grew up in Syracuse and studied in Boston and Jerusalem, before graduating with his B.A. in theology from Wheaton College in Illinois. He completed a M.A. in higher education administration at Ball State University in Indiana and has worked in college student affairs at Louisburg College, Morrisville State College, and most recently Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

He is now completing his M. Div. at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester and assists with Episcopal Campus Ministry at Syracuse University. He enjoys travelling, counseling his fraternity, cooking, kayaking, and spoiling his new nephew.



Gisbert and JoAnn Auwaerter—with grandsons Robin & Eric, and daughter-in-law Kate — hiking at Labrador Hollow, during the Halloween weekend.

All faith traditions should support LGBT community

By TJ Geiger, published in the Daily Orange

“My mom still loves her queer kid” was just one of the many messages of love, hope and dignity written in chalk on the sidewalks of Hendricks Chapel to celebrate Coming Out Month at Syracuse University. The fact that these words of expression by and in alliance with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students were written in close proximity to the center of spiritual and ethical support at SU should not be lost on the university community.

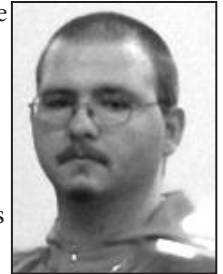
Students of faith and secular students should celebrate, encourage and grow this welcoming spirit that declares this campus a place where students’ sexual identities and spiritual yearnings will both be affirmed. Unfortunately, too many places not only lack such affirmation, they rebel against it. And spiritual violence can sometimes give way to physical violence.

In late September, Jerry Pittman Jr. went to Grace Fellowship Church in Fruitland, Tenn., with his boyfriend. Pittman’s father is the pastor. What should have been an occasion for celebrating love in faith actually turned violent. The pastor blocked their entrance and deacons physically

attacked them in the parking lot while verbally hurling anti-gay slurs.

Such actions should be antithetical to people of faith. This example may seem extreme, but care-less actions and cheap shots that go unexamined in houses of worship and in everyday life lay the groundwork for the demonization that makes this story possible. To students who claim any degree of religious identity, don’t write off religion when you see stories like this one. Transform it. Get involved. Emboldened by faith, start conversations with the places and people in your tradition that demean LGBT folks, intentionally or not, wherever you find them. Act with integrity for the dignity of all people.

I am given heart by the creativity and conviction of the amazing students on this campus. Some of my WRT 105 students, writing about religious-based LGBT discrimination earlier this semester, championed this line from Lady Gaga’s album “Born This Way” — “It doesn’t matter if you love him or capital H-I-M.” Amen.



TJ Geiger



Grace Youth in SU Art Show

Photographic portraits of Brianna Suslovic (pictured), Sara Tucker and Emma Tucker were included in the exhibition, “[hyphen] Americans,” held at the Light Work/Menshel Media Center at Syracuse University. Visiting artist Keliy Anderson-Staley invited people to pose for large-scale, tin types photographs which she created using a replica of a 19th century camera. The exhibition was comprised of some of the photos from that experience.

Celebrating Shakespeare

Shakespeare's Sonnet 15

Nancy McCarty read this at
"Celebrities Doing Soliloquies"



When I consider every thing that grows
Holds in perfection but a little moment,
That this huge stage presenteth nought but shows
Whereon the stars in secret influence comment;
When I perceive that men as plants increase,
Cheered and cheque'd even by the self-same sky,
Vaunt in their youthful sap, at height decrease,
And wear their brave state out of memory;
Then the conceit of this inconstant stay
Sets you most rich in youth before my sight,
Where wasteful Time debateth with Decay,
To change your day of youth to sullied night;
And all in war with Time for love of you,
As he takes from you, I engraft you new.



Grace's Nancy McCarty was among the local celebrities who performed at "Celebrities Doing Soliloquies," an evening event benefiting the Syracuse Shakespeare Festival. "Nancy is a great supporter of local theater," said Ronnie Bell, executive director of the Syracuse Shakespeare Festival. "She is a longtime member of the school board, and a great contributor to our community."

Other celebrity-readers included the Hon. Langston McKinney, media personalities George Kilpatrick and Maureen Green, poet Jackie Warren-Moore, actor Gerard Moses, and others. The event was covered by YNN News.



SGIG Grady Edge, 33o
Deputy for New York and Bahamas, Masons



Grady Edge Honored

Close to 350 people from New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Virginia and Maryland gathered at the Double Tree Hotel in East Syracuse to honor Grady Edge on September 10.

Grady is the Deputy for all the Masons in New York state. and the Bahamas.

Grady's wife, Shirley Edge, described the luncheon as wonderful and said, "They recognized me, too, with dozens of roses and edible bouquets."

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE 2011	11-6	11-13	11-20	11-27 1 Advent	12-4 2Advent	12-11 3Advent	12-18 4Advent	12-24 Christmas Eve	12-25 Christmas Day
OT-PSALM	Rosa Clark	Samantha Aitken	Marla Byrnes	Tim Hayes	Sara Tucker	Ernestine Patterson	Lou Clark	Ernestine Patterson	Sabrina Coleman
NT	Nancy McCarty	Ernestine Patterson	Lou Clark	Helen Pina	Rosa Clark	Bud Adams	Emily Hollywood	John Auwaerter	Nancy McCarty
INTER-CESSOR	Sabrina Coleman	Jeffrey Tamburo	Don Fudge	TJ Geiger	John Auwaerter	Thane Joyal	Willson Cummer	Samantha Aitken	Helen Pina
CHALICE	Helen Pina Sarah Reks	Don Fudge Josie Atkins	E. Patterson Bud Adams	Greta Jones Eddie Tyson	Mike Atkins Josie Atkins	C. Vanderpool Rosa Clark	Sarah Reks Helen Pina	Eddie Tyson E. Patterson	C. Vanderpool Helen Pina
SERVERS	Josie Atkins, R. Auwaerter, Emma Tucker	TJ Geiger Josh Aitken Tyler Aitken	Greta Jones, Jesse Davis R. Auwaerter	Shirley Edge Greta Jones Emma Tucker	TJ Geiger Josh Aitken Tyler Aitken	Greta Jones E. Auwaerter R. Auwaerter	Josie Atkins Jesse Davis Emma Tucker	Shirley Edge R. Auwaerter Josh Aitken Tyler Aitken	Greta Jones

- Notes
1. If you are unable to make your scheduled ministry, please arrange a substitute, preferably a week ahead or more. Call the church office with notice of the change to allow for correction of the bulletin.
 2. Contact John Auwaerter (426-9565, kandjauw@verizon.net) before the 15th of the month with Sundays you will not be available in the following month.
 3. Each minister will receive a reminder notice in the mail the week prior to scheduled service.

TRANSITIONS

Phil Graverson

Sue Keeter shares the sad news of the recent passing of Philip Graverson, a wonderful man and long-time family friend.

Philip Graverson, 68, of Bernhards Bay, passed away on Sept. 29 after a brief illness. A lifelong resident of Central New York, Phil was a self-employed businessman, owning and operating Multi-Motors, Inc., and the Red House Restaurant. Phil was a member of the Ceramic Guild. He was an avid potter and enjoyed the Art and Music Festivals of CNY. Phil is survived by his partner of 48 years, Hugh D. Massey of Bernhards Bay; brother Karl Graverson of Bridgeport; sister Sabra (Daniel) Loveless of Syracuse; great-nephew Johnathen of East Syracuse; and cousin Toni Marschner of Syracuse.



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Get Ready for “Delight Before Christmas” Fundraiser

Nancy Radke, holding a tower of handmade chocolate truffles, invited the congregation to taste and critique the goodies in preparation for a yummy dessert preparation festival on Sunday, Nov. 27. After church, Nancy will lead a volunteers in making and packaging truffles for our Dec. 4 fundraiser.

Grace Church members Jeffrey Tamburo and Christopher Davis have graciously offered to open their home at 460 Allen St. for the “Delight Before Christmas.” There, we will see a thousand vintage Christmas ornaments adorning half a dozen trees in their beautifully decorated historic home.

See page 3 for details.

Sunday, November 27: Make chocolate truffles

Saturday, December 4: Delight Before Christmas!