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**Communicator**



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 N E W S L E T T E R S ?**

**SPECIAL  
 POINTS OF  
 INTEREST:**

- MMR
- What is the Mission Council
- Ham Fest Project

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*by Leslie Tudahl*

Nope, they don't go to the trash or to old newsletter heaven. They are actually sitting in books, listed by year on the cover and side, and are sitting on the top shelf of the library in Faith Hall.

I'm bringing this to your attention because every newsletter that has been published is filled with really positive and interesting stories about our little church. The books start from the first copy in January 2007, and each year includes all twelve issues.

You can find and enjoy so many interesting things about the growth and events in that time period. In the early copies there were interviews from at least two families each month so you could get to know people in the congregation. Many are no longer at Grace, but

some people you will recognize. The very first two interviews were about Cynthia Griffith and Sarah Whatley. Cynthia is a very interesting lady who grew up during WWII watching the war in England. Sarah Whatley doesn't live in Spring Hill any more, but drives from Alabama twice a month to lead the



stitchers at Grace, with the stitching of the altar cushions. Later in that same year you can see all about Doc's young family when he started at Grace, also about his lovely installation.

In the year 2007 we elected the Right Rever-

end Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt as our new Tennessee Bishop. And history will show that he baptized and confirmed two Tennessee Episcopalians at Grace Church, days after his election. This event was before he ever did any other official service in the Diocese. As with many other newcomers to the area, he was forty-five minutes late due to traffic that he was not familiar with in that early time of living in Tennessee.

It is a nice history of Grace over the years. Really, things are positive and fun to read. Many things have existed, died off, re-appear as time goes on, like they say, "History does repeat itself sometimes!" I think it would be interesting reading for the congregation to have an under-

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## DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OLD NEWSLETTERS?

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standing of the history of many committees, baptisms, deaths, marriages, confirmations, money raisers, several different mission councils, the beginning of a new Tennessee Bishop, and two different priests at Grace. We are writing the history of Grace in the monthly newsletter, while watching the children of Grace grow into adults. Take a book down and look at it when you get a chance. Take one or two books home for the week, that is what a library is for, and glance through past happenings. Remember that you too will be part of a newsletter and part of the history of Grace

Church.

**More Available!**

The old copies of the Communicators are not the only way to see Grace History. There are scrap books that are being up-dated, as we speak, that begin in 1878, the year that the church was started. You will find them on the library shelves as they are completed.

This church had a very large congregation in the Spring Hill area because it was part of a Girls School just up the street, on Beechcroft Rd., and the nearby Boys Instruction also attended prayer services. The ministers took turns riding horseback to deliver the services from St. Peter's, in Columbia, and St.

Paul's, in Franklin. Horse and buggies and mules were tied to a hitching post by the church. But most folks just walked from their town home or their nearby farm. Spring Hill was a thriving community. Main Street was part of a busy town with stores, banks, several Doctors, mills, taverns and beautiful homes.

There is also a book about the building of Faith Hall on the top shelf of the church library. Faith Hall was built because God sent a "sign" that we needed a building added to the little church and the sacristy (Yep, that is all there was in days gone by; we had a trailer where Faith Hall stands used as a

kitchen, meeting area, and Sunday school room). One night there was a terrible storm, and a very large tree fell right across the trailer. When folks came to church the next day, they walked around the trailer and cried. During the church service, two ladies stood up and said, "Well, I guess God is telling us something!" And the two ladies paid for the new building. The plaque is on the wall in Faith Hall. There are so many interesting stories about the long History of Grace Church. You are each very special to be a part of that growing story.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INSTALL NEW OFFICERS



The Daughters of the King installed new officers on September 11. Irene Zonger has been elected as President and Janice Green as Treasurer. Pictured from left to

right are Fran Lovell (Dean), Irene Zonger, President, Janice Green, Treasurer, Patti Rodocker, Stana Chapman and Father Martin. Father Martin's vest-

ments are in remembrance of those who perished in the tragedy of September 11, 2001 which was also commemorated this day.

## WHAT IS THE MISSION COUNCIL

*by Diann Schneider*

Senior Warden

One of two elected chief lay officers of the vestry in the Episcopal Church.

The canons of some US dioceses permit or mandate the election of all wardens, in which case they are usually referred to as the "senior warden" (or Bishop's Warden in a Mission) and the "junior warden". They are members of the vestry or mission council, and are elected at the first meeting. Church wardens' duties and responsibilities may vary according to the customs of the vestry or mission council, the canons of the diocese, and the desires of the priest. The only area in which wardens almost always have no authority, often prescribe by canon, is music and liturgy, which is considered to be under the

exclusive authority of the priest or vicar of the parish or mission.

There are several qualifications that a senior warden must have. He/she must have the love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following in the way of Christ. Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance. Be known as someone who is fair, interacts well with people, and is respected by members of the congregation.

There is a lot of time commitment for the senior warden. He/she must attend mission council meetings, the vestry retreat, weekly worship services and attend congregational events such as the coffee hour, meals, and fundraisers.

### CURRENT MISSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Diann Schneider — Senior Warden  
Bill Rieger — Junior Warden  
Linda Stella  
Elizabeth Crouch  
Kristi Coleman  
Craig Dean  
Patrick Craddock

### ECW BREAKFAST

*by Diann Schneider*

The monthly breakfast met at Cracker Barrel on Saturday, Sept. 10. We all had a good time. The next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 8 at Cracker Barrel, at 8:30. Come for fellowship and to meet new friends, especially to meet friends from both services. If you have any questions, please call Diann Schneider at 931-486-0377.

### UNITED THANK OFFERING

*by Diann Schneider*

The United Thank Offering will be held in October. Please look in the weekly bulletin for the date. United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

## VERGER'S VOICE

by Craig DeMoss

I thought this month I would give a little history lesson on our Church that many of you may not know. Our Church was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ, not King Henry VIII. The Church of England is very ancient, and the roots of the Episcopal Church of the United States stretch back to England. There is some evidence, though

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considered to be a legend by some, that St Joseph of Arimathea came to England after the death of Jesus and brought the Holy Grail, the Chalice from the Last Supper with him to Glastonbury. If this is true, then Christianity was spread in England long before it was introduced to

Rome. However, it is thought that Christianity was introduced by the Romans about 300 A.D.

We do know, in 1534, the English church separated from the Roman Church. The English Parliament began formally limiting the pope's power. This then began the English monarchy power to assume the Titular head of the Church of England. The church still abided by the ancient ceremonies and the same priests performed those ceremonies. In



other words, there was no change in worship or theology. In 1549, the first Book of Common Prayer was issued and is the basis that we use today.

The word Episcopal is derived from two Greek words, Epi meaning over and Scopus meaning sight. The first Bishops

were ordained to be successors to the Apostles and were given oversight of the church's growth. When the U.S. became independent of the Church of England at the time of the Revolution, the name Episcopal was chosen in deference to the influence of the Anglican Church of Scotland which had also been separated. Samuel Seabury became the first American to be consecrated as Bishop in 1787. What is ironic, he was ordained in Scotland. This is because to be ordained a Bishop, three (3) Bishops have to be in attendance and he was the first of the succession in America.

**S T . F R A N C I S D A Y / B L E S S I N G O F T H E A N I M A L S**



Sunday October 9th will see our 4th celebration of God's goodness as we recognize the pets He allows to be a part of our lives. From Spaniels, to salamanders, from gerbils to Great Danes, God has brought good into the world and into our lives through the animals He has created. Come to this celebration at 2 pm in the garden area of our congre-

gation. For everyone's comfort, all pets must be in pens, on leashes, or in bowls. We will have a short litany with prayers for each household and their pets. We will finish with treats for the animals and their humans.

For more information, see Fr. Martin.

**G R A C E C H U R C H B O X S C O R E**

	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>YTD Sept</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Variance</b>
Income	\$6511	77154	67554	+ \$9600
Expense	8538	79929	81090	- 1161
Difference (2027)		(2775)		

<b>Average Sunday Attendance For September</b>	
8 am Service	13
10 am Service	38
Evening Prayer	1.5
<b>Total September 2011</b>	<b>52.5</b>
September 2010	58
Year to Date 2011	71
Year to Date 2010	68

**T H E H A M F E S T I V A L P R O J E C T**



This is part of the 20 plus crew that attended the strategy meeting and comprises part of the group involved in the planning and execution of our Ham Fest project. The culmination of this project will be the attendance of the Grace Church congregation at the 2011 Spring Hill Ham Festival. We will present canned and baked goods for sale and most important of all, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## A DAY AT RIPPAVILLA

This year's MMR will be held Saturday October 24 from 8:30 to 1:30 at Rippavilla Plantation here in Spring Hill.

Diocesan Policy says: The Clergy, Wardens, and Mission Council of each mission will hold an annual discussion and mutual review of the total ministry of the mission. This review will be facilitated by the Bishop or his deputy. It' purpose is to:

Provide the Vicar, Wardens, and Mission Council opportunity to assess how well they are fulfilling their responsibilities to each other and to the ministry they share;

Establish goals for the work of the mission for the coming year;

Isolate area of conflict or disappointment which have not received adequate attention and may be adversely affecting mutual ministry;

Clarify expectations of all parties to help put any future conflicts in manageable form.

Our facilitator this year is the Reverend Molly Dale Smith, a priest in the Diocese of Tennessee. She is associated with St. David's in Nashville but does speaking, writing, and facilitating work across the entire Episcopal Church of the USA.

This has been a rich time of reflection and planning in years gone by. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance on this special weekend.



## OPERATION STAND DOWN

Operation Stand-down, Nashville (OSDN) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that provides services to veterans who are homeless. This is the 19th year of the 3 day event on November 3-5. Last year, this event served 400 men and women homeless veterans!



The IHS PTSO, along with the JROTC program, is sponsoring a Men's/Women's gently used clothing drive for Operation Stand Down, Nashville from Monday September 19 until Friday September 30. They need Men's/Women's gently used:

Coats—Hats—Gloves--Work Clothes - jeans or corduroy pants, heavy-duty shirts, sweatshirts, etc.--Boots

**Let's help in this worthy cause by bringing the above listed items to church, either on Sunday or whenever is convenient, during the month of October. This is a perfect chance for us to act on Bishop Bauerschmidt's mandate to, "Take Christ to the community and bring the community to Christ."**

**THOSE WHO ARE DEFENDING  
ALL OUR FREEDOMS**



Kevin Chambers  
Shane Land  
Kevin Hubbard  
Robert Carr  
Shannon Biggs;  
Marlin Mealer  
Andrew Martin

**BIRTHDAYS**

Laurel Walsh	1-Oct
Judy Henslee	2-Oct
Mark Pearson	3-Oct
Kathleen Pittsinger	4-Oct
Jim Stella	7-Oct
Andrew Walsh	10-Oct
Richard Sturges	11-Oct
John Green	12-Oct
Marlene Howlett	12-Oct
Carolyn Outlaw	14-Oct
Tammy Pahle	15-Oct
Sam Isbell	18-Oct
Patrick Landrum	21-Oct
Sarah Whatley	22-Oct
Donna Isbell	23-Oct
Tracy Karner	23-Oct
Jeff Trodglen	24-Oct
Rebecca Paige Hansen	25-Oct
Alicia Fitts	27-Oct
Evalyn Murphy	29-Oct

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Syd & Patti Rodocker	9-Oct
Sean & Dana Hansen	14-Oct
Mike & Margaret Lee	21-Oct
Jeff & Michelle Trodglen	27-Oct
Johyn & Linda Colmore	27-Oct

**PRAYER LIST**

Diann	Elaine	Robert	Bob M
Gayle	John	Bettye	Marjorie
Ouida	Kathleen	Alice Ann	Sandra
Bill	Nancy	Thomas	Clint
Jeff	Michelle	Annalee	John B
Dorothy	Isabella	Bob D	Lucy
Peoples of Libya Peoples of Japan			

**ALTAR GUILD ASSIGNMENTS**

October	Julie Martin
November	Kim Fisher
December	Fran Lovell (Dean)

Service	Week Of	Lay Reader	Chalice Bearer	Chalice Bearer	Children's Church	Lay Reader	Ushers	Vestry Person
8:00 AM	Oct 2 nd	Craig Dean	Kristi Coleman		Liz Landrum Carrie Craddock	Lisa Bromfield	Bill & Lynn Rieger	Bill Rieger
	Oct 9 th	Bill Rieger	Fran Lovell					
	Oct 16 th	Kristi Coleman	Dustin Carper					
	Oct 23 rd	Craig Dean	Michael Lee					
	Oct 30 th	Bill Rieger	Kristi Coleman					
		<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Vestry Person</b>
10:00 AM	Oct 2 nd	Jacque Bartosch	Julie Martin	Patrick Craddock	Liz Landrum Carrie Craddock	Lisa Bromfield	Bill & Lynn Rieger	Bill Rieger
	Oct 9 th	Shannon Craddock	Julie Martin	Cheryl Kline	Elizabeth Crouch Quida Martin	M Gibson- O'Grady	Patrick & Liz Landrum	Kristi Cole- man
					Jacque Bar- tosch		Syd & Patti Rodocker	Patrick Craddock
	Oct 16 th	Olivia Russell	Julie Martin	Craige DeMoss	Mary Rieger	Bill Rieger	Patrick & Car- rie Craddock	Elizabeth Crouch
	Oct 23 rd	Caileigh Craddock	Julie Martin	Cheryl Kline	Linda Stella Mary Rieger	Toni Strong		
	Oct 30 th	Shannon Craddock	Julie Martin	Patrick Craddock	Liz Landrum Carrie Craddock	Gregg Henton	Flo & Cheryl Kline	Diann Schneider

*If you are unable to serve your appointed date, please find your own re-  
placement.  
or office@graceChurchsh.net with the name of your replacement so your replacement can be properly in-  
cluded in the weekly bulletin.*

*Please notify the office at 931 486-3223*

<b>October 2011</b>	October 2011							November 2011						
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
Sep 25 - Oct 1							
Oct 2 - 8	<b>2</b> 8:00am 8:45am Service 10:00am 11:00am Service 10:00am 10:30am Children's Service ( ) 11:30am 12:30pm DOK meeting 6:30pm 7:30pm Evening prayer	<b>3</b> 9:30am 2:00pm Stitches (Grace) 7:00pm 8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>4</b> 7:00pm 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>5</b> 12:15pm 12:45pm Noonday Prayer 6:30pm 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Grace)	<b>6</b> 6:30pm 7:30pm Mission Council Meeting (Faith Hall)	<b>7</b> 7:00pm 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>8</b> 8:30am 10:00am Fun Breakfast, call Diann Schneider (Cracker Barrel) 2:00pm 3:00pm Wedding for Fran and Craig (Grace)
Oct 9 - 15	<b>9</b> 8:00am 8:45am Service 10:00am 11:15am Service 10:00am 10:30am Children's Service (Faith Hall) 2:00pm 3:00pm St Francis Celebration (Garden)	<b>10</b> 9:30am 2:00pm Stitches (Grace) 7:00pm 8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>11</b> 7:00pm 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>12</b> 12:15pm 12:45pm Noonday Prayer 6:30pm 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Grace)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>15</b>
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Oct 23 - 29	<b>23</b> 8:00am 8:45am Service 10:00am 11:00am Service 10:00am 10:30am Children's Service (Faith Hall)	<b>24</b> 9:30am 2:00pm Stitches (Grace) 7:00pm 8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>25</b> 7:00pm 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>26</b> 12:15pm 12:45pm Noonday Prayer 6:30pm 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Grace)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00pm 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>29</b>
Oct 30 - Nov 5	<b>30</b> 8:00am 8:45am Service 9:00am 9:30am 5th Sunday Brunch (Faith Hall) 10:00am 11:00am Service 10:00am 10:30am Children's Service (Faith Hall)	<b>31</b> 9:30am 2:00pm Stitches (Grace) 8:00pm 9:00pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



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