



# The Grace Vine

January 2010

## Rector's Writ

The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new year in our Church calendar. A week following our Christmas celebrations, 2010 will arrive whether we're ready or not. As we approach that time of looking back and looking ahead, I want to say it's good to be back after the sabbatical. It was a real gift to be with my parents and family in Missouri; to have some time with Maynard; and have opportunities for study and rest. It was also a gift to return and find that worship, pastoral care, vestry meetings, Christian Ed, choir, stewardship, fund raisers, special events, day to day parish administration, and fellowship all went on with no major problems. These ministries don't ever just happen. They're carried out because faithful and dedicated people—who love God, Grace Church, and each other—share their time and talents to make them happen.

This is to say thanks and express my appreciation to all of you: to our Deacon, Bill Snyder, and Lay Readers, Bette Brooks, Carolyn Englert, Maynard Evans, and Judy Canan for assisting Father Jim Cooney with services; Cathy Mansor and John McDonald, Senior and Junior Wardens, and all our vestry members for providing parish leadership; Bette Brooks, Roberta O'Keefe, and Cathy Mansor for managing the Stewardship campaign; Nancy Lundgren and the Altar Guild; Lectors, Greeters, Acolytes, Coffee Hosts; Nancy and Jim Ervin and the Hospitality Committee & for all who shared in the farewell potluck, the welcome back potluck, and a reception for Fr. Jim; Kathy Summy for leading services at Loyalton twice a month and for leading the monthly healing service here; Fred Lundgren for keeping the books and bills up to date; Marsha Snyder for staffing the office and keeping everything running smoothly as only she can; Addrienne Conway and all the Christian Ed staff who kept classes going; Mary Ann Switz and all the Choir members for their constancy and gifts; Tim & Marcia Splinter, Marsha Snyder, and Cathy Mansor for getting the Grace Vine out each month; Lloyd & Roberta O'Keefe for providing funds to have a priest each Sunday I was away; the "Poker Boys" for their sabbatical gift; all the families who treated Maynard to a home cooked meal and those who brought food over so he didn't have to cook or do fast food on a daily basis; to all our Grace Church family who keep on keeping the faith; and for any people or services I've forgotten to remember, please forgive me. My thanks to all of you for your ongoing prayers, your support, concern, and love.

*God's blessings, protection, guidance, and peace be with you and those you love in this Christmas season, the new year, and always.*



# Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish of-



## Sunday, January 3 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bette Brooks		
<b>Greeters</b>	Fred & Nancy Lundgren		Cathy Mansor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jenna Summy		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko		<b>Psalm</b> 84
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA		
	10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Lundgren & Reba Cook		
<b>Loyalton</b>	Kathy Summy		

## Wednesday, January 6 6:00 PM Healing Service with Holy Eucha-

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans
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## Sunday, January 10 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 1 Epiphany

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isaiah 43:1-7 Fred Lundgren
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder		
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carolyn Englert		
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Mary Jean McDonald		<b>Psalm</b> 29
<b>Acolytes</b>	Schyler Conway & Paige Paxton		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Acts 8:14-17 Nancy Lundgren
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA		
	10:00 Toni & Tony Worthen		
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Ludngren & Marcia Splinter	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## Sunday, January 17 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Epiphany

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Stephanie York
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Maynard Evans		
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Jim Ervin		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kevin Splinter		<b>Psalm</b> 36:5-10
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	I Corinthians 12:1-11 Brandon Higgins
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA		
	10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren		
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter	<b>Gospel</b>	John 2:1-11
<b>Loyalton</b>	Bill Snyder		

## Sunday, January 24 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3 Epiphany

<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Steve Barna
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans		
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William D. Snyder		
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Roberta O'Keefe		<b>Psalm</b> 19
<b>Greeters</b>	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	I Corinthians 12:12-31a Tim Splinter
<b>Acolyte</b>	Taylor Paxton		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Hospitality Committee		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 4:14-21
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter		



**Sunday, January 31**

**8:00 and 10:00 Holy Eucharist**

**4 Epiphany**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol S. Evans  
**Deacon** The Rev. William D. Snyder  
**Lay Reader** Bette Brooks  
**Greeters** Judy Canan & Kay Canan  
**Acolytes** Eric Splinter & McKenna Conway  
**Coffee Hosts** 8:00 TBA  
10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin  
**Altar Guild** Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko  
**Counters** Fred Lundgren & Marcia Splinter

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Martha Croll  
**Psalm** 71:1-6  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** I Corinthians 13:1-13  
Carolyn Englert  
**Gospel** Luke 4:21-30

**Sunday, February 7**

**8:00 and 10:00 Holy Eucharist**

**5 Epiphany**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol S. Evans  
**Deacon** The Rev. William D. Snyder  
**Lay Reader** Bette Brooks  
**Greeters** Irene & John Machisko  
**Acolytes** Jenna Summy  
**Altar Guild** Nancy Ervin & Irene Machisko  
**Coffee Hosts** 8:00 TBA  
10:00 Judy Canan & Kay Canan  
**Counters** TBA  
**Loyalton** Kathy Summy

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 6:1-13  
Jeff Croll  
**Psalm** 138  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** I Corinthians 15:1-11  
Cathy Mansor  
**Gospel** Luke 5:1-11

## ***ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 24th, 2009***

The Annual Parish Meeting of Grace Church will be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. **WE WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:00 A.M.** The business meeting will begin in the Parish Hall immediately following the worship service. We will be electing three new Vestry members, and one person to serve on the Beatty Committee. We are currently facing a deficit for 2010, so approving the proposed budget and reviewing what steps might be taken to improve our financial situation will be especially important. Once the business is completed, we'll enjoy a covered dish luncheon (please bring a dish to share and your place setting). Our thanks to Nancy Ervin and the Hospitality Committee for hosing and arranging the luncheon and to all who will join us in fellowship.

**Please have all reports to Marsha by January 14th.**

**The Rev. Carol Evans** – Rector's Report  
**Cathy Mansor** – Senior Warden's Report, Habitat for Humanities  
**John McDonald** - Junior Warden's Report  
**Frank Seman** – Beatty Report  
**Fred Lundgren** – Treasurer's Report  
**Marcia Splinter** – Fun'd Raising Committee Report  
**Judy Canan** – Memorial Fund/Assistant Treasure's Report  
**Mary Ann Switz** – Choir  
**Marsha Snyder** – E.C.W. Report, Altar Guild Financial Report, Discretionary Fund Financial Report

**Mary Jean McDonald** – E.C.W. Financial Report, Gracie's Back Door Financial Report  
**Tim Splinter** – Acolytes  
**Nancy Lundgren** – Altar Guild  
**Carolyn Englert** – Jubilee Financial Report, Prayer Chain  
**Bill Snyder & Kathy Summy** – Loyalton  
**Bette Brooks** – Stewardship Report  
**Chris Stickel** – Loaves & Fishes  
**Addrienne Conway** – Christian Education



# Did You Know?...



**June Marks** is recovering from a fractured hip, so please keep her in your prayers...

**Bonnie & Blake Quay** have spent most of the fall and part of December in Florida with a very ill father and brother. The Quay family needs our prayers and Bonnie says she and Blake both send their love...

**Cathy Mansor** is recovering from a broken leg and after surgery and rehab is now doing much better...

The E.C.W. had their cookie sale and it went very well. Thank you to all who baked, took orders, and bought cookies. Some of the bakers were: **Mary Jean McDonald, Shirley Johnson, Marsha Snyder, Kathy Summy, Marcia Splinter, Irene Machisko, Nancy Lundgren, Addrienne Conway, Carolyn Englert, Kathy Summy, Susan Merrill, Denise Crouse, Bev Lewis-Mercury, Nancy Ervin, Chris Stickle, Pat Williams, Judy Canan, Beth Fleming, and Betty Sanek.** (Wow, that's a lot of bakers) And we want to especially thank all those husbands who helped...

**Nancy Lundgren** spent time with her son **Bill** in Texas while he underwent a medical procedure...

The choir has been working very hard on the music for Christmas eve. Hope you all attended and enjoyed the beautiful music...

**Ken & Alice Boydell** are new grandparents, daughter **Ellen** has a bouncing baby boy 9 lbs 3 ozs; and 22 ¼ inch long, his name is **Henry Owen**, born December 7th. And **Perry and Pat Williams'** daughter **Elizabeth** delivered a little girl, **Emilee Faith**, born on November 20th...

**Judy Canan** had the Sit & Stitch group out to her home for a Christmas luncheon and she also invited the group from Game Night to her home. Judy wanted more than her cat to enjoy the lovely Christmas decorations she displays...

Our prayers are with **Shirley & Mike Johnson.** Shirley's mother passed away on December 15th, just six weeks after her father's death...

Gracie's Back Door, our thrift shop located in back of the church, has received some very nice things, check it out!!...

**Phyllis Shorts** writes that they are all well and that Bill will have to have another eye surgery. We also heard from **Laurie, Steve, & Gordon Thompson** and we wish them all well...

**Tim Splinter and son Eric** have been in the play "A Christmas Carol" and Tim is playing Scrooge. He's probably the most un-like Scrooge you'll ever meet, but with his new facial hair he sure looks the part. With all those rehearsals and five performances he and Eric have certainly been busy in this busy time of year...

**Kathy Summy** has been doing a wonderful job as a Lay Eucharist Visitor at Loylton and they really appreciate her there...

**Reba Cook** hosted the December Vestry meeting at her home with a lovely dinner. It was almost too bad they had to have a business meeting, it was such a lovely evening. Thanks Reba...

The Hospitality Committee had a chili and hot dog lunch on December 20th for all those participating in The Hanging of the Greens and rehearsing for the children's Christmas pageant. Thanks to all those who supplied chili and hot dogs and decorated the church.

**We wish everyone a Blessed New Year!**



# On the Horizon

## Saturday, January 9th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

We'll be at Splinter's house this month for fun and games.

## Sunday, January 10th Fundraising Committee 11:15 am

Please come and help this busy group. Fresh ideas and fresh hands are all welcome.

## Saturday, February 13th Fellowship & Game Night 6:30 pm

Anyone interested hosting for February? Let us know.

## 28 Secrets to Happiness

Submitted by Blake Quay  
(*I think...*)

1. Live beneath your means and within your seams
2. Return everything you borrow
3. Donate Blood
4. Stop blaming other people
5. Admit it when you make a mistake
6. Give all the clothes you haven't worn in the last three years to charity
7. Every day, do something nice and try not to get caught
8. Listen More – Talk Less
9. Every day (weather permitting), take a 30 minute walk in your neighborhood
10. Skip two meals a week and give the money to feed the hungry
11. Strive for excellence, not perfection
12. Be on time
13. Don't make excuses
14. Don't argue
15. Get organized
16. Be kind to kind people
17. Be even kinder to unkind people
18. Let someone cut ahead of you in line
19. Take time to be alone
20. Reread a favorite book
21. Cultivate good manners
22. Be humble
23. Understand and accept that life isn't always fair
24. Know when to say something
25. Know when to keep your mouth shut
26. Don't criticize anyone for 24 hours
27. Learn from the past, plan for the future and live in the present
28. Don't sweat the small stuff.



## Birthdays

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4th	Emily Summy
5th	Corbin Baker
7th	Richard Sanek
10th	Patricia Williams
11th	Cora Pierce
15th	Bruce Ahrens
17th	Alice Boydell
18th	Amanda Ulbright
22nd	Pauline Wamsley
26th	Courtney Rich
28th	Paige Paxton
30th	Jake Stover

## Congratulations!

*and many happy returns...*

## Anniversaries

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11th	Fred & Nancy Lundgren Bud & Caroline Minnich
28th	Mike & Shirley Johnson



## Baptisms

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2nd	Reba Cook
7th	Caroline Minnich
9th	Bill Summy
18th	Marguerite Rich Emile Scibelli

# *Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends*

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

**Phillips Brooks**

**January 23**

Phillips Brooks was born December 13, 1835, in Boston, Massachusetts, descended from 2 prominent New England families—on his father's side from the Rev. John Cotton and on his mother's side from the founder of Phillips Academy, a well-known preparatory school. He was educated at Boston Latin School, an exceptional public school, and graduated from Harvard University at the age of 20. After a brief stint as a teacher at Boston Latin, he began to study for the Episcopal priesthood at Virginia Theological Seminary.

He began his career as a deacon in 1859 and became rector of a church in Philadelphia. Upon his ordination to the priesthood, he became rector of another Philadelphia church where he developed a reputation as a preacher and a man of strong moral stature. During the Civil War, he was a strong Union supporter and opposed slavery. His sermon on the death of Abraham Lincoln is still looked upon as a study in eloquence. However, it was not until his move in 1869 to Trinity Church, Boston, that his name became synonymous with the American Liturgical Movement and his reputation was assured.

The Liturgical Movement had many facets, among them an attempt to rediscover the worship of the Middle Ages and an examination of the history of worship and its impact on human activity. However the primary focus was an attempt to renew worship so that it could be more expressive and an instrument of teaching and mission. For Phillips Brooks, the movement found expression in his emphasis on the sacraments and on the organization of space within the newly built Trinity Church. He insisted on a free standing altar in the center of the chancel, the first free standing liturgical altar in the United States. There was no pulpit because he preferred to preach from a modest lectern near the rector's stall on the south side of the chancel or from the chancel steps. The 2 bishop's chairs (Massachusetts had 2 bishops at that time) were inside the chancel, flanking the altar. The stained glass windows, the magnificent architecture, and the murals all contributed to making Trinity Church an architectural masterpiece. It was here that Brooks preached to huge crowds until his consecration as the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Massachusetts in 1891. He died a mere 15 months later.

Although scholars, architects, and seminarians know Brooks for his sermons, theology, moral persuasiveness, and use of a particular architectural style to support worship, most Americans recognize something much different. He was the author of the beloved Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The Episcopal Church recognizes him on the date of his death in 1893.

***Prayer:** O everlasting God, who revealed truth to Your servant Phillips Brooks, and so formed and molded his mind and heart that he was able to mediate that truth with grace and power: Grant, we pray, that all those whom You call to preach the Gospel may steep themselves in Your word, and conform their lives to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen*

# The Bulletin Board

## Acolytes Schedule

Check these dates now so we  
can make any changes before  
we publish next month:

2/14— Schyler

2/21— Eric & Paige

2/28—Kevin

3/7—Taylor

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## ACME REGISTER TAPES

For those of you who shop at  
Acme, please save your cash  
register tapes dated September  
27 to February 20, 2010. The  
County Clothing Center can  
turn them in for cash.

## Easter Chocolates

Order forms will be  
available for this year at  
the end of January.

Bill Artz of **Marshall's** and **Majestic  
Dry Cleaning** sent the parish a letter  
which included the following...

"I have been praying for a way to make  
my business prosper as well as further  
the Kingdom of God. An idea came to  
me. If your congregation would bring  
their dry cleaning to us...once a month,  
bring all the receipts to Marshall's...we  
would **Tithe [your] church 10% of  
the total.**"

To that end, please give any receipts  
from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to  
**Marsha Snyder** for handling.

Several years ago, when I was on Vestry and we were discussing growth and welcoming new people, an idea was put up. Write a "Top Ten List" of things someone new can expect from our Church. Things like, 3 scripture readings per service, communion at most services, structured services...or fellowship, teaching and thoughtfulness not dictated rules...

Of course, "lightheartedness" should probably go near the top of that list for our parish, and in typical form, I was inspired to collect some of humorous bits that people tossed out and cobble up a tongue-in-cheek version of that list. Since I have the space, I give it to you now...have a Happy and Funny New Year everyone!

Tim Splinter

## **Top Ten Things you can expect at Grace Episcopal Church**


1. You can expect to spend much of your time juggling between the hymnal and prayer book, which will never be open to the page you need now...
2. You can expect to find that the Episcopalian Aerobics workout has been greatly reduced in pace and intensity in recent decades (...and kneel, and stand, and sit, and stand, and genuflect).
3. You can expect to never quite know when to stand, sit, or kneel and get no clear consensus from looking at what everybody else is doing much of the time.
4. You can expect to shake hands with nearly the entire parish during the passing of the peace. (This is considered a serious break from main line Episcopalian Tradition, but what can we say, we're radicals.)
5. You can expect to be surrounded by good company when you sit near the back.
6. You can expect to become familiar with at least 4 variations of the basic service plus interchangeable subsections, plus special Holy Days and occasions such as Baptisms. BUT, you CAN rest easy that improvisation by the service leaders is NOT something you will have to try to keep up with.
7. You can expect exposure to service prayers that were written or translated before your parents were born to be limited to the appropriately somber Lenten season. 1928 BCP is still spoken here, but we are no longer considered fluent.
8. You can expect to hear large sections of the Bible, especially from the Old Testament, that you may have never heard before as we work our way through our new 3 year schedule of readings for Sundays.
9. You can expect to be educated, inspired, made to think, and even spiritually prodded from time to time, but NEVER given clear easy black and white answers about "exactly what God means here..."
10. You can expect to take the sacraments of Bread and Wine during almost every service and take the 2nd sacrament of Coffee and Doughnuts in the Parish Hall AFTER almost every service.



# January

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# 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31 4 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee					1 New Year's Day	2
3 Christmas 2 •8am HE •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	4	5		6 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service with Eucharist	7 •7pm Choir Practice	8
10 1 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	11	12 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	13 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	14 •7pm Choir Practice	15 •10-2 County Clothing Center	16
17 2 Epiphany •8am HE •9am Coffee •10am HE •11:15 Coffee	18 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	19 •7pm Vestry Meeting	20 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	21 •8am Retired Men's Breakfast •7pm Choir Practice	22	23
24 3 Epiphany •9am HE •10 Annual Meeting followed by Luncheon	25	26 •2-4pm Sit & Stitch	27 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door	28 •7pm Choir Practice	29	30

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Cathy Mansor (2009) Senior Warden

John McDonald (2009) Junior Warden

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Roberta O'Keefe (2010) Clerk

Fred Lundgren (2010)

Tony Worthen (2011)

Reba Cook (2011)

Alice Boydell (2011)