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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 10 am
Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Healing,
12:10 pm

Fall Schedule (Begins August 22nd)

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9 am
Adult Forum & *Godly Play*, 10 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist, 11am
Monday Morning Prayer, 7:15 am
Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Healing,
12:10 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00
p.m.
Please submit all information for inclusion
in the newsletter to the church office at
anne@gracesiloam.org.



From the Vicar

Everyone Has a Role


To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. -- 1 Corinthians 12:7

When we read this familiar verse, it is easy to unconsciously substitute an indefinite article when we get to "the" manifestation of the Spirit. That's because we think that we each have only "a" manifestation of the Holy Spirit while others have a different one. We don't think our manifestation of the Spirit is very big. Or definite. We assume others have a greater piece of God.

But Paul was quite intentional in saying that the manifestation or revelation of God's Spirit has come to each of us. The Bible consistently proclaims that in giving you the Spirit and the Son, the God has already given all that he has to offer. He held back nothing. To each, including you, is given the manifestation of the Spirit who engrafts you into the Son's beloved relationship with the Father. In other words, in giving you the Spirit through the Son, the Father has given himself. How could you ask for more?

Of course, there is so much more for us to learn about God, but we are always learning more about the God we've already received. It's analogous to newly born children who have to grow up to understand the blessings they have had all along. And the mark of a grown-up is realizing that these blessings were not just for your benefit, but to be used for "the common good." You are not God's only child. When you understand the significance of that, you'll also understand why you have been so blessed.

We have some significant changes coming our way in the coming weeks and everyone of us will be needed in some way to continue to help welcome others into that part of God's Kingdom we call Grace Church.

Peace, 

August Lectionary

August 1 : Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43 *or*
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-11;
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke
12:13-21

August 8: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *or*
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm
33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3,
8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 15: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 *or*
Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm
82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2;
Luke 12:49-56

August 22: Jeremiah 1:4-
10, Psalm 71:1-6 *or*
Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm
103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-
29; Luke 13:10-17

August 29: Jeremiah 2:4-
13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *or*
Sirach 10:12-18 *or*
Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm
112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-
16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



My mind is Protestant and
my spirit is liturgical. Where
other than to the Book of
Common Prayer can my
worship go and still have
both be happy? ~ Phyllis
Tickle, Diocese of West
Tennessee



*From 101 Reasons to be
an Episcopalian, #17*

Godly Play

The beginning of the fall semester brings with it a new cycle of *Godly Play*. As many of you know, *Godly Play* is Grace Church's "Sunday School" focusing primarily on children ages 4 to 10. This program uses "manipulatives" to introduce Bible stories to children, gently guiding them to draw their own conclusions while leaving the door open to Wonder. After being a part of this program for the last two years, I have seen the children draw incredible parallels between the stories and their own lives, as well as develop a deeper spiritual understanding of the stories that we have all heard so many times. A key element to *Godly Play* is allowing the children to wonder about a story. The storyteller must welcome all genuine comments and help the children apply their thoughts to the story, while

maintaining a sense of wonder themselves. This is the tricky, yet rewarding part of *Godly Play*. How many times have we heard the story of Noah? Or Jonah? Or the Last Supper? The children have heard all of these stories too, but occasionally a child will point out a small part of the story that can grow and become something profound. This is the gift that this program can offer to adults.

Working with the children and *Godly Play* is a constant reminder to remain open about the Mystery and Wonder of God. When we think we know all about the Bible stories, and continue to remain in our spiritual ruts, we close the door on wonder and do not nurture our relationship with God. The children have an uncanny ability to uncover new meaning and depth to these same stories, if we open ourselves to view

them from a child's perspective. David James Duncan offers great advice, that should be applied not only to *Godly Play*, but life itself, "Wonder is a period at the end of a statement we've long taken for granted, suddenly looking up and seeing the sinuous curve of a tall black hat on its head, and realizing it was a question mark all along."

This year marks the third year Grace Church has used this program, and I think we are just beginning to realize its potential. Meredith Bergstrom will be the new Assistant Director of the program, and anyone interested is welcome to be involved as a storyteller or doorperson. I can hardly wait to begin a new year of growing with the children of Grace through *Godly Play!* ~ Bay GreenHill

Education for Ministry - EFM

Beginning Sunday, September 9, 2010 at 6 pm, a group of twelve Grace Church parishioners will form to begin a four-year journey of biblical and theological education for ministry. George Benjamin and Gary Guinn are Co-Mentors for this group.

Participants will commit one year at a time to meet weekly in a seminar format to study the Bible, church history, and theology while learning to engage in theological reflection for their own life and ministry. The cost for the program will be \$300

per year with scholarships and payment options available. *If you are interested, please plan to attend the EFM meeting on Sunday, August 1st during coffee time. Registration forms are due August 15th.*

Calling All Grace Youth

So, *Godly Play* is cool, but are you feeling like it is a little bit too young for you? Does the thought of going into the *Adult Forum* kind of bum you out? Do you wish there was a group that you could really connect with? Well, there are many in the church who agree with you and we

are doing something *about* it!

On Sunday, August 22nd we are starting a new gathering that is just for youth. We will study the gospels, eat some food, blog about our experience, hang-out and just connect with each other and with God. We will meet in

between the two new services, so plan on coming to the church at 10:00 each Sunday morning.

We are crazy excited about this group and believe it will bring us closer to each other and to God. ~Patrick Bergquist & Team

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS MONTH

August 22, 2010

Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist
9:00 am

Christian Formation
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
11:00 am

(Childcare available at both services)

Weekday Schedule

Monday Morning Prayer
7:15 am

Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:10 pm

Grace Choir to Sing Evensong

You are invited to hear your choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, August 1st at 5:30 pm, where they will sing Evensong. This is in anticipation of the trip to Durham, England, where they will be singing Choral Evensong at the Durham Cathedral. St. Paul's is located at 224 N. East Street in downtown Fayetteville.

Children's Choir



The Grace Church Children's Choir will start rehearsing in the beginning of September. Sarah Eads and Dr. Wubbena will hold an informational meeting in late August, so look for more details in the bulletin and Monday Miscellany.

Potluck & Parish Meeting

The survey results about the new service this fall are very clear: We like our services to begin on the hour, we do not want the choir members to miss out on *Adult Forum*, and we love our Sunday potlucks. We will talk about this at a meeting during potluck on *Sunday, August 8th*. As we move through this transition to a second service, it is important to remember that nothing is set in stone – and to remember to give thanks to God that Grace Church is growing in love and grace.

Pledge Update

7/31/10 Pledge Report

YTD Pledged: \$128,333

YTD Pledges Received: \$126,242

Ministry Opportunities

With the addition of an early service, there are plenty of new opportunities to serve. We especially need Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers, Lectors, Coffee and Potluck Hosts, and *Godly Play* volunteers. Time & Talent forms, along with descriptions of each ministry are in the fellowship hall. Please fill out a Time & Talent form if you have not already done so. If you currently serve in worship services, or plan to serve in the fall, please let Anne know which service(s) you plan to attend (Early, Late, or Both). She can be reached at anne@gracesilaom.org or by phone at 524-8782.

Ministry Training

There will be a training session on Sunday, August 15th for those interested in serving as Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte or Usher. The session will be held

after the Sunday service. Children over the age of eight are encouraged to become acolytes, as it provides children with a unique chance to more fully participate in the worship service. If you would like more information on these ministries, please see the description form in the fellowship hall or speak to Fr. Stan.

Gluten-Free Wafers

Our Altar Guild has recently purchased gluten-free wafers. Please let Fr. Stan know if you or someone in your family would like to use them at Eucharist.

Nursery News

Childcare will be available for the early service, with staff arriving at 8:50 a.m. We also want to thank Natividad Cordova, Soraida Cordova and Natali Cordova for their care of our children each Sunday.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1	Jimmy Hughes	22	Don Rood
1	Kristie Neff	26	Dave Johnson
2	Mary Benjamin	26	Eli Taylor
4	Hennie Williamson	30	Mary Wubbena
7	Lyndsey Czapansky	31	Shirley Lane
7	Scott Walters		
9	John Lindgren		
9	Jake Funk		
10	Tom Cannady	2	Gabriel & Dorothy Hall
10	Waylon Barnes	6	Simone Schroder & Dave Johnson
10	John Barton		
11	Jackie Woolbright	7	Anne & Preston Jones
14	Connee Broas	12	Don &Carolynn Rood
14	Clifford Brooks	17	Brandon & Brandy Wooden
14	Traci Letellier	19	Lindy & Larry Taylor
15	Chris Eads	21	Johnny & Lois Bond
16	Derek Stickels	24	Bob & Pat Gustavson
19	Emily Runyon	26	Mark & Diane Simmons
21	Andy Bossler		

Anniversaries

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