



# GRACE NOTES

Grace Episcopal Church week beginning May 24, 2009

## Parish Calendar

### Highlights

**May 24, today** - Celebration in Guild Hall after 10 am service, Oscar Rozo's graduation

**May 31** - 7:45 & 10:00 Feast of Pentecost

**June 1** - Shelter meal, volunteers needed

**June 7** - Parent Potluck

**June 10** - Meeting at St. Lukes, Community of Hope

**June 15-19** - Vacation Bible School, St. Andrews

June 19 - Cookout and games with area youth

June 26 - Fundraiser for Latino scholarships.

More calendar info at [www.graceec.org](http://www.graceec.org) and [www.diomil.org](http://www.diomil.org)

## A Glimpse of Grace. . . .

*On a recent Saturday, a young couple arrived to get food after finding Grace Pantry through 'a call for help' to 2-1-1, United Way of Dane County. The two hadn't been to ANY pantry before, but they could get to Grace by bus Saturday morning.*

*Both individuals had been laid off from their jobs around the same time - neither had experienced a recession before. Not having food in the house was uncomfortable and unfamiliar territory for the young man and woman.*

*After arriving at the pantry they got help filling out paperwork from volunteers and were grateful to get groceries and a few hygiene items. Perhaps equally important was the encouragement they received from our 'Greatest' and 'Baby Boom' generation volunteers. Recalling WWII, the Great Depression, outsourcing, and unexpected firings - all of the caring volunteers really understood 'hard times'. . . and pulled together to help this young couple make it through another day.*

As budgets for social programs become increasingly pared down, recipients of these vital services often feel as though compassion and humanity are also stripped from their life. When a source of stable income begins to feel like a distant dream, a caring face and a few comforting words go a long way. You could also make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged individuals by volunteering in our food pantry.

Send a note to: [togracechurchpantry@gmail.com](mailto:togracechurchpantry@gmail.com)

**-written by Deb Barber and Sheila Evanoff**

## Christian Formation

Contact Darby Puglielli for all items listed below,  
[togracechurchformation@gmail.com](mailto:togracechurchformation@gmail.com)

● **PARENTS:** To keep informed and to give your input into programming, please join us for a potluck following the 10 am service on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Children's activities will be provided. Also, if you are not on the parent email list, please email Darby to be added.

● **YOUTH:** Join St. Dunstan's youth and others from around Madison on Friday, **June 19**, from 6:30-9 p.m. We'll start with dinner on the grill, followed by evening prayer and then games. Participants should bring \$3 to pay for food and wear dark clothes & tennis shoes. Friends and guests are encouraged! Please contact Darby Puglielli if you are interested in going. Thanks!

● **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 15-19, 9 am- 12 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1833 Regent St. Children 3-11 years old are invited to attend. Fee is \$35 for one child, \$60 for a family. Registration forms are available at the back of the church or by emailing Darby. Scholarships available.

● **SUMMER:** Over the next few weeks, we will begin to plan summer events. If you would like to help with ideas or programming, please contact Darby Puglielli. If you are a parent of a child 18 or under, please join us for the pot-luck brunch on June 7th (see above). There will be a regular "column" over the summer to give ideas to families (and individuals) about ways to continue your spiritual growth throughout the summer.

*\* Still attend church! Worshiping God in community is a large part of being a Christian. If you are not in town, find a church where you are. (If you have children, sit up front so that they can see.)*

*\* Watch for glimpses of God throughout your summer. Do you see God in nature? In your relationship with a friend or family member? In an interaction with a stranger? While serving the shelter dinner or working in the pantry?*

*\* Attend Vacation Bible School or Camp Webb.*

● **SAVE THE DATE!** June 10th at St. Luke's to continue the discussion of developing a regional Community of Hope adult formation program.

● **NURSERY STAFF:** Congratulations to Sara Mazanet for being accepted into a Physical Therapy school in Chicago. She will be with us through July, and will train new nursery staff.

● **THANK YOU:** A giant Thank You to the youth who made Youth Sunday so wonderful: Allie, Camille, Ceci, Eliot, Henry, Joshua, Nabu, Owen, and Rachael.

Please contact Darby Puglielli regarding any questions, comments, or RSVPs relating to Christian Formation: [togracechurchformation@gmail.com](mailto:togracechurchformation@gmail.com)

## Grace News & Notes

● **Oscar Rozo's Graduation** - You are invited to help celebrate Oscar Rozo's graduation from Edgewood College at the coffee hour after the 10 am service on **May 24th**. Oscar is our night watchman until he leaves for Camp Webb this summer and then on to Virginia Theological Seminary in August.

● **We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost at the 10 am service on Sun., May 31**, with a reading of the Acts lesson in many tongues and an interactive homily on the gifts of the Spirit. Children and youth will be needed to help with candle-lighting. Please wear something red in honor of the Holy Spirit.

● **Thanks to the generosity of those that contributed time, talent, and monetary donations, the chapel renovation is completed and paid for.** We hope you will come to the chapel to see what changes have been made, and take the opportunity to light a candle, write a prayer or ask for healing prayer by one of the Healing Prayer Ministers.

This week we'd like to acknowledge:

*\*Deb Barber and Rich Brown for their donation to "honor the healing ministry of former Grace Pantry Chair Elizabeth Steinhoff."*

*\*We also received two anonymous donations. One of the donations was given "in gratitude and thankfulness for years of quiet and determined faithful service by the healing team and in appreciation for the artistry of the chapel's volunteer renovators."*

● **Salsa for Scholarships!** (To raise scholarship funds for Latino students) A party on **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, 6 pm at the home of Rev. Pat & Tim Size, 2215 Commonwealth Ave. Latin music by the Sonidos Suaves, Caribbean food and drinks, RSVP 217-1677. Donations \$30/person, kids free.

● **Singing Rooster Coffee Club Members:** Your Singing Rooster coffee orders for April and June will be here in early June. Anyone who would like to order Haitian coffee may do so now. The price is \$9 per bag, \$3 of that goes to the Haiti Project and \$2 goes to Haitian farmers. See Deacon Carol Smith at coffee hour to order on **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

● **One last 'thank you'.....** Many people have been thanked for their roles in helping renovate the chapel. One person who has been busy doing the thanking deserves abundant thanks herself. It was Pat Werk who discerned the need to give the chapel a face-lift, who came up with creative ideas for carrying this out, and who held our feet to the fire until it was accomplished. Many thanks, Pat!

● **June Shelter Meal Cook-Out** - Hamburger cook-out on **June 1**, weather permitting, but we don't have any help with food prep and clean-up! Need 4 people to work at 5:45 pm making hamburgers, firing up the grill, and cooking for hungry shelter guests. Need another 7 for serving and clean up starting at 7:55 pm. Brownies are always welcome. Please help, it's really loads of fun. Contact Sparky or Sarah Watts, 244-9424.

● **Food Pantry needs plastic shopping bags and items for personal hygiene-** With more of us "going green" there are fewer plastic bags. Volunteers and pantry guests taking bags onto city buses find that the plastic bags hold the groceries very securely. With more donated bags, more of the pantry budget can be used for food items. Pantry guests have also been asking repeatedly for personal items such as; bars of soap, liquid dish detergent (not dishwasher detergent), disposable razors, and shampoo.

● **Saturday Pantry Volunteers - New or Experienced-** You are NEEDED this Summer! It is natural after a hard winter that people want some R&R, especially those who slogged through snow and ice to open Grace Pantry on cold Saturday mornings! (Thanks to everyone who helped.) This pantry shift is fast-growing and attracts more folks in need all the time. New volunteers are being recruited, and we also need experienced volunteers who can show them the ropes. **Contact Deb Barber** [togracechurchpantry@gmail.com](mailto:togracechurchpantry@gmail.com)

● **Updating our Church Directory** - This Sunday and next Sunday, May 24 & 31, pages from our current directory will be left on the tables in the back of the church and/or Guild Hall. Please check to be sure your name and current address, phone, and email appear on the pages. If they do not, please fill in the appropriate information. If you are unable to come to church during this time frame, please send your updated information to: [togracechurch@gmail.com](mailto:togracechurch@gmail.com) or call Sheila at 255-5147. Thank you!

## Community News

● **Second Annual Golf & Dinner Event - June 8**, at Old Hickory Golf Club in Beaver Dam, sponsored by St. Paul's, Watertown. Cost is \$90 per person or \$360 for four people. For more information call 920-887-7577. (Info from Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee online newsletter.)

## Events That May Affect Sunday Traffic/Parking

● **Madison Marathon - Sun., May 24.** Start/Finish at Alliant Energy Center (no Square closure). Course follows the perimeter of isthmus. Temp. closure between 7-8:15 am on Park St. @ Drake St. (W. Washington, Johnson, & John Nolen w/b open)