



The Outpost

April 2010

Grace Episcopal Church
Alvin, Texas

It's Time for Broomball!

All Youth of Grace, ages 11 & up are invited to join us at Space City Ice Rink on I-45 behind the Lexus dealership on Friday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30pm for a fun game of Broomball. Broomball is ice hockey without the skates.

We need some parents to help us carpool from the church. Please meet at the church at 5:45 pm. We'll be back around 8pm. If your parents prefer to take you directly to the ice rink, meet us at 6:30 pm & have them pick you up promptly at 7:30 pm. Either way, when you sign up with Janessa, let her know which way you'll be getting there and if your parents can help drive. Parents are welcome to stay, take photos, and even join the kids on the ice.

Please wear a jacket long sleeve shirts, long pants & athletic/tennis-type shoes. You will get wet as you slip and slide your way to making goals for your team and it is cold!

Cost to Grace Church EYC is \$10 each. You may invite friends and the cost to them is \$15 each. Janessa will need a signed permission slip from everyone. Sign up with her via email or on Sunday morning.

You're Invited...

Plans are underway to have a lavish Easter Breakfast to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and our life together as a parish. A potluck covered dish breakfast is set for between services on April 4th. Whether your specialty is jalapeño grits, a French toast soufflé or orange juice, please bring and share.

An Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for the youngest members of the parish.

Call S. Wayne 832 630 0651 for more details.

Flowering of the Cross for Easter Sunday



Easter morning combines our vision of Christ's resurrection with our impending hope of Spring. Share in this vision by participating in the flowering of the cross. The wooden and wire frame cross will be brought up to the altar on Easter morning and will be filled with fresh cut flowers. Check your gardens, flower shops or even a friend's flower bed and bring your favorite flowers to help us bring this annual tradition to life. This is an especially lovely tradition for the children and youth.

ECW Meeting April 10 Welcomes Dr. Sarah Flick

Saturday, April 10, the ECW will gather for Morning Prayer at 9:00 am and meet afterward in the Parish Hall for their monthly meeting, including breakfast and a speaker. Our guest speaker in April will be Sarah Flick. She will be sharing with us her unique perspective on living a life of simplicity.

Dr. Sarah Flick is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas Medical Branch. She is board-certified in adult and child psychiatry. Dr. Flick has spent much of her career in public sector psychiatry and assisted with the Houston area response following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She has received specialized training from the Center for Mind-Body Medicine in Washington, DC. In addition, Dr. Flick completed the Episcopal Diocese of Texas' spiritual direction training program and has experience offering spiritual direction for clergy and laity. She has facilitated retreats in both parish and secular settings. She is a life-long clergy family member. All women are welcome and encouraged to come and meet Sarah. For more information, contact Terrie Beasley.

Grab your hat and lucky fishing shirt
and join us for...

DON'S FISH FRY
at Grace Episcopal
Church
May 8, 2010
5:00-7:30 PM



A fish fry committee has been named and includes the following team leaders:
S. Wayne Mathis - General Manager
Karen Hayes - Staffing Specialist
Nancy Schapper - House Chef
Phyllis Wall - Ticket Manager and Keeper of the Records

Tickets are \$8. Booklets of 10 will be ready for distribution on April 11th. Line crews and shift leaders will be needed for each 75 minute shift. Call or sign up today to cook, clean, set up, serve food or bake cookies.

REMEMBER:
There are many openings for you to help out. Climb aboard and let's work together to make this fish fry fundraiser a whale of a success.

S. Wayne Mathis
832 630 0651

Stewardship Corner

....by Lynne Bruner

Spring is often looked upon as a time of renewal. We have endured a very long, cold winter (for our part of the country) and we have missed many members of our parish due to sickness and bad weather. Now that Spring is here and better weather is on the horizon I am looking forward to seeing everyone back and healthy! The Easter season is a great time to reflect on our stewardship habits and attitudes. As Christ sacrificed for us we will sacrifice for him. Our bounty is Christ's bounty and all of our actions and thoughts can be reflected in our stewardship attitude and actions.

Take some time this Easter season to renew your stewardship commitment to Grace. We have plenty of opportunities coming up: Fish Fry, parish picnic, youth mission trip, youth fund raisers, outings, and, of course, the opportunities we are presented with every week, such as sharing, Sunday School, hospitality, altar guild, etc. Go forth in peace and reflection this Easter season. God's peace!

Quick! How do you spell hospitality without volunteers.

Answer: an empty sign up sheet.

The ball is in your court; step up to the (dinner) plate; or just insert your favorite cliché here. It is not a contest to see who can be the last cook standing. Unless we pitch in together we could lose this enjoyable ministry. Everyone should be able to donate either food or time.

Let's talk.

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The Parish Prayer List

The Clergy:

The Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop
 The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas
 The Rt. Rev. Rayford B. High, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
 The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
 The Rev. David W. Price, Rector
 The Rev. CarolAnn Mills, Deacon
 The Rev. Joseph M. Mills, Deacon

Special Ministries

Vestry of Grace Church
 Directors and all workers involved in Grace Church Ministries

Parish Family & Friends: Isaiah, Andrew, Anne, Betty, Bobbi, Chuck, Danny, Gabriel, Gerry, Joe, Kirk, Maria, Melissa, Mike, Robert, Ruth, Nicole, Tom, Dorilyn Appelt, Bob & Oney Armstrong, Vince Baker, Metta Barrell, Susan Beck, Patricia Bell, Norma Bishop, Hortense Brinkley, Altheia Bruner, Lynne Bruner, Evelyn Burke, Nathan Buzbee, Anja Cadenhead, Dorothy Callan, Michael Carroll, Jackie Childers, Wilmer Comeaux, Terry Constantine, Dan Crawford, Joyce Davis, Tom Denson, Jennifer Elliott, Rachel Esquivel, Teddy Esquivel, Clayton Ford, Diana Fuertes, Arnold Garbs, Elizabeth Gass, Willson Green, Walter Griffin, Lyn Hamm, Jo Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Conn Larson, Mary Lee, Carroll Males, Pat Martin, Christine Mats, Merika McGee, Toby McLeod, Heidi Mills, Tom Mills, Hugh Moore, Brett Morton, Angela Ochoa, Becky Peebles, Bob Peebles, Wanda Prouty, Denise Richardson, Chad Rogers, Joan Rossano, Claudia & Annie Rost, Harry Rowe, Alex Sager, Buster Schapper, Linda Shutler, Emma Lou Smith, John Sorells, Kay Stearns, Mildred Teets, Patricia Tippie, Art Tyde.

For Expectant Mothers: Tommye Barrett, Brandi Bradford, Jennifer Harpole, Kimberly Hoover, Denise Richardson.

For those in the Armed Forces: Mickey Alcantara, Scott Barrier, Scott Bean, Christian Blevins, Jason Bryan, Chase and Christina Capehart, Cody Capehart, Matthew Joshua & Michael Chebret, Ryan Cross, Clayton Crouch, Zac & Max Curtner, David Dezso, Glen Dockal, Raymond Dugan, Brandon Fletcher, Mitchell Goodnight, Matt & David Hefner, Lance Henderson, Cynthia Horan, Adam Miller, Ben Meyer, Emily Naslund, Roy Nickel, Tara Parker, Daniel Popham, Jonathan Prater, Manuel Rodriguez, Josh Sager, William Thompson, Ray Turner, Steve Wilson, Clint Zgarba.

For the Departed: Don Wall, Gaylon Tatum, Howard McBee

April Birthdays: Thomas Denson (1), Catherine Andrade (3) Will Mathis (4), Ronnie Copps (5), Laurel Joseph (8), Andrew Price (9), Creed Hall (11), Camile Stowell (13), Janay Andrade (14), Glennie Hefner (14), Brandon Weaver (14), Brittin Oliver (19), Bob Evans (20), Perry Hector (20), Theresa Wiggins (20), Caleb Stowell (21), Joan Rossano (28), Janice Bell (30), Kara Mathis (30)

April Anniversaries: Ruby & Bob Adams (2), Sandra & Bruce Hammond (11), Chris & Mark Patterson (12), CarolAnn & Joe Mills (17), Brandi & James Bradford (18), Jolene & Chilly Hascek (28), Mary & Randy Smith (29).

Grace Outreach Opportunity

Grace Church had great success with the Super Bowl of Caring Drive for the Alvin Food Pantry. We collected 157 cans of soup which were packed up immediately after each service and placed in Deacon Joe Mills' truck to be delivered to the food pantry.

In May when school is out, those children receiving free breakfast and lunch through the school food program will be eating at home for the summer and thus there will be a greater need for food in June and July. So, we are having a large food drive on May 16, 2010 for the Alvin Food Pantry. Marjorie Lawrence and the Grace Notes are presenting a Musical concert in May entitled *100 % Chance of Rain*. **Admission will be food for the Food Pantry.**

To prepare you for shopping, the following items are needed:

Bottled water, Spam, peanut butter, jelly, Vienna sausage, tuna fish, small boxes of cereal, pork and beans, canned chili, canned fruit or fruit cups, powdered milk (small box), granola bars, cheese crackers, and other non-perishable items.

Please start watching your coupons, or using your coupon savings to buy food for the Food Pantry. Remember non perishable food items are available in the basket in the Narthex each week for people in need who stop by the church..

The only way I remember to bring food each week is to gather it together on Saturday and put it in my car on Saturday or by the garage door. You can bring more than one item on the list. It really impacts your spirituality if you plan to shop and buy something for the poor every week as part of your weekly shopping. The result for me is that I become *so much more grateful* for what I am buying for our family. It really makes a difference in ME!

The next Outreach Committee meeting is April 25, 2010 in the Parish Hall after Hospitality, approximately 11:45. Please join us. Peace and Joy, Deacon CarolAnn Mills

Altar Flowers Need You

Perhaps you noticed a lily or two, maybe you even saw a palm branch gracing the altar. As the Altar Guild Director, I would like to express my sincerest thanks for all of the many individuals who made it all possible. Most of the contributors were listed in the service leaflet and some are only known to God. Again you have created a beauty that will remain in our hearts and memories for a very long time.

Looking ahead for the rest of 2010, the flower book has only one entry between April and December. Please help us continue with this lovely tradition of having fresh cut flowers adorning the altar. Please sign the book and reserve your flowers as soon as possible. Dedications are \$35.

S. Wayne Mathis, Altar Guild Director
 832.630.0651

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 GOOD FRIDAY 7 am Morning Prayer Noon Good Friday Service 6 pm Evening Prayer	3 9 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Easter Vigil
4 EASTER 7 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:30-2 pm EYC 6 pm Evening Prayer	5 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	6 7 am Morning Prayer 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Evening Prayer 7:30 pm ALANON 7:30 pm BSA Troop 400	7 7 am Morning Prayer 3:30-6 pm EDGE 6 pm Cubs (various dens) 6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing	8 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	9 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	10 9 am Morning Prayer 9 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9 am ECW Meeting 6 pm Evening Prayer
11 7 am Morning Prayer 8 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Ed 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:30-2 pm EYC 6 pm Evening Prayer	12 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	13 7 am Morning Prayer 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Evening Prayer 7:30 pm ALANON 7:30 pm BSA Troop 400	14 7 am Morning Prayer 3:30-6 pm EDGE 6 pm Cubs (various dens) 6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing	15 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	16 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	17 9 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer
18 7 am Morning Prayer 8 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Ed 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:30-2 pm EYC 6 pm Evening Prayer	19 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	20 7 am Morning Prayer 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Evening Prayer 7:30 pm ALANON 7 PM VESTRY 7:30 pm BSA Troop 400	21 7 am Morning Prayer 3:30-6 pm EDGE 6 pm Cubs (various dens) 6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing	22 7 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer	23 7 am Morning Prayer OUTPOST DEADLINE 6 pm Evening Prayer	24 9 am Morning Prayer 6 pm Evening Prayer
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April 2010 Grace Church Sunday Lay Ministry Calendar

	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Vestry	K. Hayes, T. Peebles	W. Bell	V. Ennis	T. Peebles
Ushers	Hoffmans	F. Van Winkle/R. Warren	K./A. Hayes	F. Van Winkle/R. Warren
1st Lesson	V. Ennis	SW Mathis	T. Peebles	SW Mathis
Psalm	V. Ennis	SW Mathis	T. Peebles	SW Mathis
2nd Lesson	V. Ennis	SW Mathis	T. Peebles	SW Mathis
Intercessor	V. Ennis	SW Mathis	T. Peebles	SW Mathis
Chalice	V. Ennis	SW Mathis	T. Peebles	SW Mathis
Crucifer	Alex	SW Mathis	SW Mathis	Zach
Gospel				
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Vestry	G. Hefner, D. Schlegel	T. Beasley	D. Tate	L. Bruner
Ushers	S. Hoff, A. Hoff, Beasleys	Callans	Beasleys	Callans
1 st Lesson	D. Davis	R. Smith	JR Denson	L. Bruner
Psalm	D. Davis	R. Smith	JR Denson	L. Bruner
2 nd Lesson	L. Rankin	S. Jones	T. Beasley	J. Callan
Intercessor	K. Stokes	D. Richardson	L. Windsor	D. Richardson
Chalice	K. Stokes, J. Tomberlin	D. Richardson, R. Beasley	L. Windsor, J. Tomberlin	R. Beasley, D. Richardson
Crucifer	Cameron	Andrew	Grace	John
Torch	Virginia	Claire	James	Allen
Torch	Daniel	Tony	Kyle	Elizabeth
Gospel	Josh	Colby	David	Josh
Children's Church	Children stay in Church	T. Beasley, James	L. Jones, Elizabeth	M. Smith, Cameron
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Note to all serving - Thank you for:

- **Arriving 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service**
- **Checking in with the Vestry Person of the Day**
- **Checking that your reading(s) is/are prepared & available at lectern (Readers)**
- **Checking that the rest of your team is present**
- **Checking for any prayers/names to be added (Intercessor)**

If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please secure a substitute and notify the church office and the Vestry Person of the Day. Thank you for your faithful service!

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Monday –Friday

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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