

THE BELL TOWER

February - 2011

Annual Report Edition

2010 RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your Vestry and Foundation Board have prayed the above prayer before every meeting since Hurricane Ike. It reminds us of several important truths about why we come together in the service of Grace Church and in the Name of God. The first is simply to remember the importance of prayer – that we are to be people of prayer. We pray together because we instinctively believe that our combined prayers carry weight with our Maker; that God hears and responds to the prayers of God's people. And we pray for those things that are *necessary* for our common life and that *will bring us to be of one heart and mind* for Jesus Christ. When I contemplate what *things* are necessary for our life together at Grace, I am convicted that they are not material *things*. Rather, they are *things* of the heart. What is necessary for our common life here are *things* like 1) a shared faith in Jesus Christ; 2) compassion for our fellow human beings, particularly those who are underserved in our community; 3) a vibrant spirit of hospitality that will give evidence of our sincere desire to welcome those who visit; and 4) a passionate spirit of worship. Those are the *things* that are necessary for us to be of one heart and mind within God's holy Church; therefore, those are the *things* that we must nourish at Grace in order to be a vibrant and fruitful congregation. And I hope to develop ministries and programs that will enhance those *things* in our hearts during the upcoming year.

Looking back on 2010, all we need to do is to look around at our campus to know that we have much for which to be thankful. Due to the continued hard work of your Vestry, Foundation Board, and Building Committee, we completed all of the rebuilding work in 2010 that we plan to do. With the re-opening of the Silk Purse in July, all of our buildings are now in better condition than they were before Hurricane Ike. And the best news is that it was accomplished within our budget and without having to withdraw a significant portion from our Foundation.

In 2010, we were also able to fulfill my stated goal to reinstate our outreach ministries from previous years, and add several new ones. I am sure that you have all observed by now that I particularly enjoy ministries that include food, so one of our 2010 additions was cooking and serving bi-monthly meals to the volunteers that were housed at the William Temple Center. We also began a food ingathering ministry for the Pantry at St. Vincent's House.

Another goal for 2010 was to increase hospitality – the things that we do here at Grace to come together in a setting other than Sunday worship. Because we are all together in one Sunday service, I believe it is very important that we use that opportunity to also gather for fellowship. Thanks to Doris Niccolai's team of cooks and helpers, our Sunday hospitality is fantastic!

My priorities for the upcoming year of 2011 are:

- ✠ To help our webmaster (and new Sr. Warden), Judy Webb, continue to improve our ability to communicate with one another through the internet. We want to be able to send out e-mail reminders to folks of upcoming events and allow ministry leaders to post their important news directly on our website. Judy has the expertise, but she needs for all of us to participate more fully by providing our e-mails and utilizing the website as a primary source of information for Grace activities.
- ✠ To work with Rev. Helen to provide more opportunities for the spiritual care of our parish and the Galveston community. She has plans to start Community of Hope training soon; plus, we are indentifying other resources that can provide short seminars in spiritual nourishment, aging, healthcare, etc. Helen and I are very excited about the many ways that Grace can become a center for spiritual care for Galveston.

God continues to abundantly bless our Grace Church in many ways. And I pray that as we begin a new year together, each of us will share those blessings with someone who has not yet heard the good news of God in Christ. Invite a friend (or a stranger) to join us on Sunday or at one of our other functions; and let the love of God and the warmth of our Grace family work together to bless that person's life.

May God bless us and keep us all.

Faithfully, *Fr. Paul+*

More from the Annual Meeting . . .

2010 Junior Warden's Report

2010 was a walk in the park compared to 2009, which was the first full year after Hurricane Ike.

In 2010 we:

Refurbished the interior of the Silk Purse and repainted the exterior of the building with a \$6,000 grant from Moody Methodist thanks to Dan Ricketts efforts.

Modified the roof line on Molhusen Hall and put on put a new roof,

Refurnished the Parlor with Nancy Mafrige's help.

Replaced the Library chairs.

Replaced our ageing air conditioning and heating system in the Church with a new 40 ton system.

We have spent the money that we had in our Hurricane Recovery Fund but leave the Church properties in better shape that they were in prior to Ike.

Its been a pleasure serving as your Jr. Warden the past two years.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to John McCulley, Stephen Glaser and Kenny Wagner for their help and support during the year.

David Wilkes

Jr. Warden

Annual Meeting Continued

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT for 2010

TO: FATHER PAUL AND THE GRACE CHURCH PARISH FAMILY

Our Grace Church parish has been blessed by God in many respects in 2010. Rebuilding from Hurricane Ike was essentially completed with the renovation and Grand Re-Opening of the Silk Purse. Thanks to the grant-requesting efforts of Dan Ricketts and the generosity of the Moody Methodist Church Foundation, even the outside got a “face lift!” A complete inventory of our Parish property was undertaken as part of the work of an Emergency Preparedness Committee, headed by Judy Webb, in order to update our insurance coverage in hopes that we would **NEVER** need to use it again.....but.....just in case.....!!! Parishioners participated in replacing hymnals and library chairs, each of which could be dedicated in honor, or memory, of a special person. The church got a new HVAC system and Molheusen House got a new roof. Trees damaged by the storm were removed and replaced and our beautiful old Japanese Yew tree which has stood FIRMLY (well...MOST of the time) entrenched in the Garth was honored by the Texas Forest Service when it was confirmed to be the largest of its kind in the state. It is to be added to the next edition of the Texas Big Tree Registry, a listing of the largest specimen of every tree species found in the state.

Grace Church continued and expanded outreach activities including:

- ✠ our annual sharing of Wednesday night Lenten programs with St. Augustine, the Galveston Tour of Sacred Places, the Thanksgiving Feast, the ADA House Christmas dinner, and Discovery Weekend (culminating in confirmation/reception of six new members of our family);
- ✠ regular Eucharistic visiting, providing meals for out-of-town Ike “rebuilder-missioners” staying at William Temple and by initiating a “regular” collection site for St. Vincent’s House food pantry donations; serving as a polling place for the March primary election; and
- ✠ our own “mission trip” to participate in continued rebuilding efforts on the Bolivar Peninsula in November.

Our Parish family was CONSIDERABLY and MOST JOYFULLY blessed with the addition of the Rev. Helen Appelberg who joined the staff as Assisting Priest (Rev. Helen was already a member of our “family!!!”).

A sad note this year was our loss (and Heaven’s gain) of Fr. Bill Russell.....a true treasure of the faith for all of us.....loved and fondly remembered and forever present in spirit to all who knew him! A lovely Meditation Garden was provided by Fr. Bill’s family with his memorial fund and was dedicated in his memory in June.

It has indeed been my privilege and honor and one of the greatest blessings of my life to be a part of this Parish family. Peace, love, and God’s richest blessings for you, for those you serve in His name and for the work of this Parish as you go about bearing the Lord’s fruit in every good work.

Ella Anderson
Senior Warden 2010

Annual Meeting Continued

Grace Episcopal Church Treasurer's Report

Church Operations, as such, ran smoothly in 2010 with a sound response to 2010 Pledges and the Plate resulting in a positive figure for the Year End "Ordinary Income".

During this period Outreach activities were shown under an overall sub-heading, better to highlight and be able to monitor progress in this important activity.

Activities in "Other Income and Expense" continues to reflect Hurricane Re-Building activity which was finally completed in the last quarter of 2010. The majority of the funds spent in this category had been received in 2009, thus 2010 as an accounting year shows a loss in this sector.

The Budget for 2011 shows an increase in Pledged income and has been designed by the Vestry to meet the Rectors' goals for the year within the funds believed to be available, ending with a small surplus.

Derek Paget-Clarke
Treasurer

Profit & Loss Budget Overview for 2011	
<u>Ordinary Income/Expense</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 2011</u>
Income	
Plate and Pledged Offerings	248,957
Net Operating Investment Income	36
Other Operating Income	17,837
Income from Rental Property	<u>12,420</u>
Total Income	279,250
Expense	
Diocesan & General Program	29,364
Church Operations	58,054
Property Expenses	24,717
Salaries & Benefits	<u>158,004</u>
Total Expense	270,139
Net Ordinary Income	9,111
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Restricted & Designated Gifts	2,338
Other Income	19,934
Total Other Income	22,272
Other Expense	
Outreach	25,958
Total Other Expense	25,958
Net Other Income	(3,686)
Net Income	5,425

Annual Meeting Continued

End Of year Altar Guild Report.

One more year has passed and our small but faithfull Altar Guild angels have kept Grace shining and beautiful.

We are seven in number—all busy ladies outside of our commitment to God and Grace Church, We have just completed the Advent season, a full season, over the Christmas we had the Lessons and Carols service as well as 4 services in 3 days over Christmas, all of these services had many extras added to the usual Altar work.

Everyone in our congregation must agree that Grace truly shone for all of these special occasions. As the directress I wish to thank all my angels for their support and hard work, also all who were part of the cleaning day and greening of the church.

God's peace,
Shu Shu Clowers

Wedding Ministry 2010

Dear Fellow Parishoners:

Our Wedding Ministry here at Grace has been one of my greatest joys over many years and I want to thank Fr. Paul, Cathy Gould, our wonderful Altar Guild Angels, Jayne Davis and her Acolytes, Sherry Wehner, Aaron Hervey, and our Sexton Martina Ayala for their support and participation in helping us with our lovely weddings. We have not only a beautiful, sacred place in which our couples celebrate their love for each other by taking their vows to become one with each other, but we provide the essential foundation to send them off together through Fr. Paul's required premarital counseling. I want you to know how meaningful it is to them when they feel the loving embrace that they experience here through so many of you as you have come up to them at our services and made them feel so much a part of our Grace Church family.

Our couples are made aware at the onset that our marriage ceremonies are Episcopal services straight from our Book of Common Prayer, so they and all who are in attendance follow and participate in the ceremony outlined in the program that we provide.

Galveston is an island and resort to many, and some of our couples come to us from other locations or have families with second homes here, which means that we may not see them again; but, the impression we send them off with leads them to pursue other Episcopal and Christ-filled churches elsewhere. That is our ministry...that their marriages be grounded in Christ...and we celebrate that opportunity.

In His Love,
Pat Bevil
Grace Church Wedding Ceremony Coordinator

Annual Meeting Continued

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

We had a most productive year. During our retreat this summer, we prepared and froze several meals. These are for families or individuals unable to prepare their own or who are housebound. ShuShu handmade several prayer blankets which were given as needed. This is a wonderful ministry she has undertaken. Anyone who is so inclined may contact her for information. You do not have to be a Daughter to participate.

We studied the book "Having A Mary Heart In A Martha World".. This book led to much discussion during our retreat in June.

Most importantly, five wonderful ladies completed their studies and are now Daughters: Nancy Wilkes, Judy Ricketts, Doris Niccolai, Janice Rhymes and ShuShu Clowers,

We will begin studies for the new applicants the last Sun in January. We held a Contemplative Prayer session led by Rev Helen at our January meeting. We are hoping to work with Fr. Paul and Rev. Helen as they plan the future outreach for Grace Church in 2011

It has been such a blessing to serve our Lord as Prayer Warriors. We are so thankful that so many of our prayers have been answered.

May God's peace be with you this coming year.

Cathy Smith

Grace Chancel Choir — Annual Report for 2010

The Grace Church Chancel Choir consists of twelve regular members: Ella Anderson, Pat Bevil, John Buck, Roy DeGesero, Charles Elrod, Ellie Henley, Laura Hyatt, Kathleen Menning, Gerald Richard, Vickie Robertson, Camillia St. John, and Bill Watson. As a group they support worship services by rehearsing and preparing choral anthems for each Sunday. Also during the year they prepare special music for Easter and Christmas.

In December 2009 our choir prepared a partial version of Lessons and Carols which was presented as part of the 4th Sunday in Advent worship service. Therefore this year we looked forward to preparing the full Lessons and Carols. Unfortunately for our friends at First Presbyterian who have been our partners in this project for the last four years, their sanctuary is still under construction and they were not able to host the event again this year. So we again hosted the event this year at Grace and had 23 voices participating in the event. Readers from both churches helped create a beautiful evening and worship and music.

Overall the number of members has increased slightly. However they are a busy and mobile group so it isn't often that we have everyone together. Sadly we are about to lose one of our most stalwart members. Ella Anderson is starting a new path in her life that will take her away from Grace and Galveston. We will miss her enthusiasm and dedication to the choir and Grace church. I know we will think of her fondly everytime we sing one of her favorite hymns.....all 157 of them!

One of our greatest assets is our organist Aaron Hervey. We are truly blessed to have his wonderful musicianship and enthusiasm for all of the music we tackle.

One of the areas Aaron took up this year is our Episcopops group. This is a group made up of choir and other church members who like to sing popular music. This year we had rehearsals and put together a 30 minute program of Broadway and Pop music for the Galveston Musical Club and performed at the Meridian. In December we performed seasonal songs at the Menard house. It has been a great year and I look forward to new faces, new music and new opportunities to glorify God through song! We are ready to welcome new members at any time!

Laura L. Hyatt, Director Grace Episcopal Choir

Annual Meeting Continued

Annual Report for Hospitality

I can't believe another year has flown by! And forgive me in advance if I forget any major events or leave anyone out.

Regulars in the kitchen include: Kathleen Lucas, Judy Ricketts, Shirley Bridges and me.

Unfortunately we lost Johnny Young to a job in Houston. We have implemented a meal schedule for 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays with sweets and fruits on the Sundays in between. This is working well for me and hopefully for all those who fellowship with us after services.

We have a budget of \$50 per Sunday and this has been workable for the most part. Special events have bigger expenditures (discovery weekend for example).

We have done many special events this year and have had several guest cooks and assistants. The men of the church, headed up by A.R. Lucas fried up turkeys for our neighborhood Thanksgiving Feast. It was a successful turnout but we ran out of dinners very early on. I hope we can look at some ideas to limit the number of times diners visit the serving line so this problem can be solved. Maybe issuing each diner a ticket as he/she enters the hall would be helpful. We will have to think on this event.

We helped feed our ADA house guests with assistance from Barbara and Patrick McGuffey and the BSA led by Pete Rhymes. Many volunteers from Grace combined forces to make this a success. I am hoping we could consider this event at a less busy time of the year. Possibly a fall dinner and fashion show or a spooky movie night with a ghoulish menu and costume contest. I am hoping these suggestions will be considered. Advent is just so hectic...

Discovery Weekend we enjoyed spaghetti and meatballs prepared by John Michael Provenzano. Shu Shu Clowers was one of my right hands in the kitchen that weekend. I think it was one of my favorite special events and the added bonus of creating new interest in Grace made it even more worthwhile.

Shu Shu was also in charge of the reception for Lessons and Carols. She did a fabulous job as we had many guests enjoy her bountiful table.

Bible study meals were set up by Shirley Bridges who made sure the table was always set and the refreshments were ready. Shirley also makes regular shopping trips for us year round to stock up on kitchen necessities.

Nancy Wilkes organized a grand birthday party for Helen Appelberg. What a joy to now have Helen here with us at Grace!

During the summer months Laura Hyatt and Judy Webb entertained volunteers who camped out in Molhusen House to rebuild our island. Many others helped as well. Thanks to all!

It is such a blessing to find Margaret Cutrer and Gerald Richard to greet me with coffee brewing on Sunday mornings. They are both eager to help in any capacity and I am grateful for their faithful service.

I will continue to be your cook for 2011. If it is in your heart to join us in the kitchen - please do!

Respectfully submitted,
Doris A. Niccolai

Annual Meeting Continued

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT - 2010

This has been a wonderful year. We have added several young students. We studied the Rainforest in Summer Sunday School. We caught all sorts of bugs and learned how to care for God’s creatures. Our fall program was built around Creation, Noah’s Ark and the Rainbow as a sign of God’s commitment. We made Nativity scenes including the prophets. The older students will perform an Epiphany play for the younger students. Our schedule for the remainder of the winter/spring year is the life of Jesus as an adult. We will have an Easter egg hunt in April. We complete our year with the Pentecost picnic and kite flying.

We have been blessed with many gifts this year Thomas the Tank engine table and trains, a Polaroid camera , CD player and countless paper towel rolls as well as bits and pieces of fabric and yarn for which we are most grateful. We find uses for everything! We plan to begin a study group for the students in 6th grade and above in January. There is a great age difference in the classroom at this time. The older students are functioning as assistants. The study group will meet following the church service in the Library. This study group will also include a social activity once a quarter. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to work with these awesome children. We pray that God will guide us as we lead these children to know and love our Savior.

Martie Barillas, Emma Barillas, Kathleen Lucas, Betty Harris, Cathy Smith

From Laura Hyatt

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 835



The UTO Fall collection brought in \$326 which was sent on to ECW for the national contribution. Blue boxes are available for anyone who needs a new box. Remember that we have lots to give thanks for....a beautiful Christmas, a Happy New Year, continued recovery of our city, friends, family, pets.....there's a lot to be thankful for....consider dropping a penny in the box for each thing that you are thankful for.

Next In-Gathering: Ascension Sunday — Sunday, June 5, 2011

LESSONS AND CAROLS — A GOLDEN NIGHT

Of all my memories of Christmas 2010, that night will remain in my memory for a long time. The church was silent as I entered. There is a beauty in stillness and I enjoyed it. Candles were flickering, just to welcome the darkness and light.

Suddenly the music started and the choirs came in throwing off the cloak of darkness. It was magical with the talented readers tying the music together. It was good, very, very good.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

<p>Dentist’s Hymn Weatherman’s Hymn Contractor’s Hymn The Shopper’s Hymn</p>	<p>Crown Him with Many Crowns There Shall Be Showers Blessing The Church’s One Foundation Sweet Buy and Buy</p>
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A DELIGHTFUL DAY WITH OUR PRESIDING BISHOP

It was raining slightly as Bill let me out at the curb by St. Augustine's. I motored on in my electric wheel chair and went up the ramp by the church, arriving in the church just a little damp. The church was just beginning to fill up as I settled myself behind the last pew in the church. A kindly usher told me he would see that I got communion.

I looked around at the church, so different than I had seen it before. Hurricane Ike had done it a favor, causing all kinds of refurbishing and renewal, a brand new parish hall I was told.

Gradually the church filled up and the procession began. I recognized some of the participants, as well as some of the people from Grace. Finally she came, the Presiding Bishop of the entire United States, the Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, in her mitre, preceded by the Bishop of Texas, also in his mitre and a number of clergy.

The service began in its usual way and finally we got to the bishop's sermon. She spoke in a low but clear voice, personalizing it to St. Aug's role in the city. It wasn't long, but rang true, care for all people who may come through the doors.

Communion began, complicated by the crowded conditions of the church. People were pushed together by the narrow aisles and sheer numbers. I sat in my place behind the last pew, wondering if I would, indeed, receive. Suddenly I looked up and the bishop was standing there beside me, holding out the communion wafer... It was grand. I really liked her, regal in many ways, but down to earth in her outreach. A wonderful experience!

~Jan Dorsett

Sunday School We will be starting a study group for the students in 6th and above in Jan. We will meet after church in the Library. Please get your food and meet me there. This will include social activities once a month. I need your input.

The Sunday school made Nativity scenes this year. (thanks for all the shoe boxes!). After Epiphany, we begin New Testament studies. *Cathy Smith*

Graceful Gatherers

So please mark your calendars: 7-9 PM February 4th, Fr. Paul & Sherry Wehner, 2529 Avenue O And Farewell Party for Ella Anderson!

Graceful Gatherers is hosted monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. All adults are welcome to join us for a pot luck dinner and enjoyable company. This is a great way to get to know your fellow church members. Please feel free to join us whenever possible.



From Ella Anderson

Dear Ones.....My Grace Family,

Just a little less than a year ago in the February Bell Tower, I wrote to tell you how honored, privileged, blessed and humbled I was to be entrusted with being your Senior Warden. I told you that I would be praying daily for Fr. Paul and for you and asked that you continue to pray for us and for each other in 2010.

Now 2011 has arrived and with it a new Vestry and a new Senior Warden and a HUGE change in my life. After 21 years in Galveston and almost 20 years as a member of this beautiful, loving family, I will be moving back "home" to Tennessee. I say "home" in quotations to indicate that Tennessee is where I came from and where my family of origin is because, in fact, Galveston and Grace Church has truly become my home and my family over these years.

It has been the hardest decision of my life and all of you are a very large part of what made it so hard. I can barely imagine not being here and not seeing each of you on a regular basis. The fact that my 92 year old Mama, 8 year old granddaughter, daughter, son-in-law, brothers, nieces and nephews are in those Tennessee hills tipped the scales and I am going to spend time with them after so much time away.

In that February 2010 Bell Tower, I spoke of what St. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:9-12, *"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light."*

This will continue to be my prayer for each and every one of you throughout my life, and I ask that it be your prayer for me and for each other as well and that all of you keep in touch.

Peace and love to you all.



Barbara Zimmerman attended the quarterly board meeting for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Texas at Camp Allen the 20th and 21st of January. There were about 20 people in attendance and one of the hot topics was to be the Trees for the Galveston which is a high priority for our group. We will be asking for a donation of \$100.00 from each E.C.W. in the Diocese. We already have a \$500.00 donation from a retired priest in North Texas.

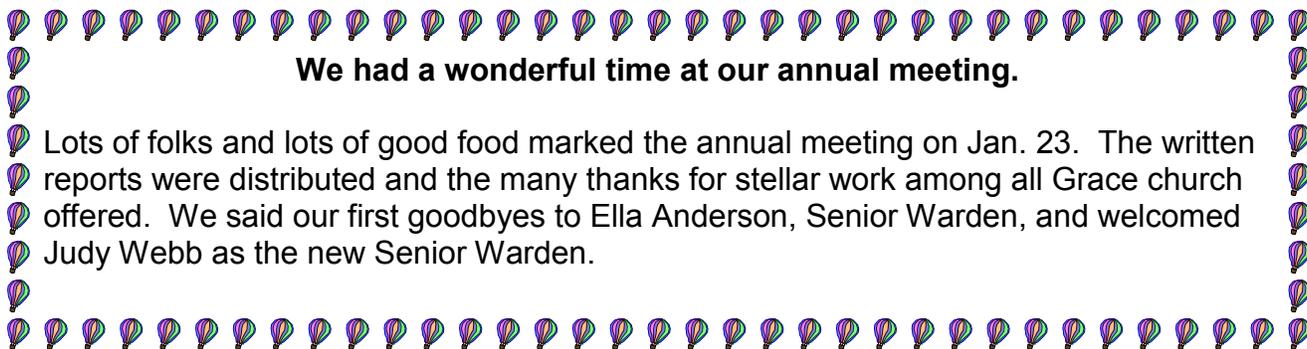
Monthly Community of Hope - Circle of Care to Begin Soon



The first meeting of 2011 will be on Tuesday evening, February 22, from 6:30 –8:30 in Jinkins Hall at Grace Church. We hope to reconnect with all of our COH graduates—a light dinner will be served and the Rev. John Riley, Director of Pastoral Care for UTMB, will be our speaker.

Everyone who is interested in knowing more about Community of Hope and our new class that is starting soon is also invited. It will be a fun way to learn about Community of Hope and see old friends and make new ones.

Rev. Helen Appelberg

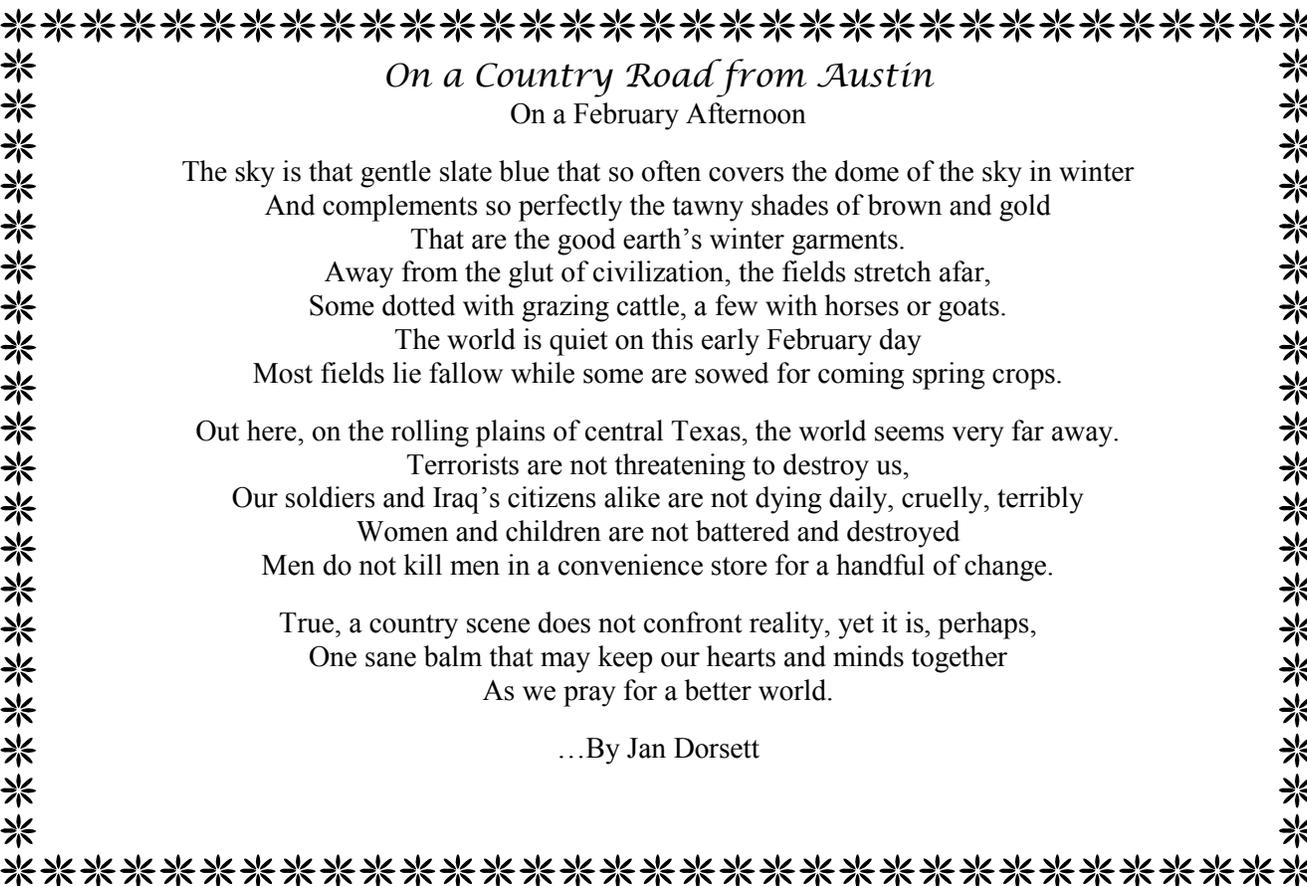


We had a wonderful time at our annual meeting.

Lots of folks and lots of good food marked the annual meeting on Jan. 23. The written reports were distributed and the many thanks for stellar work among all Grace church offered. We said our first goodbyes to Ella Anderson, Senior Warden, and welcomed Judy Webb as the new Senior Warden.

HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE HOLIDAYS

It may be a new year, but the need continues for contributions to the St. Vincent's Food Pantry. Hunger does not take holidays, and it is important that our community's most needy citizens be able rely on this organization for assistance with emergency food needs. Please make it a goal each Sunday to bring a canned or packaged food item to church with you and place it in the St. Vincent's collection box at the back of the church. Especially useful are items that provide high nutrition but do not require additional cooking or other preparation. These include canned meats, beans, vegetables and fruit; peanut butter and other shelf-safe spreads; nutritious crackers and other snack foods; boxed juices, milk and cereal. Alternatively, you can also make monetary donations -- just place your cash or check in one of the envelopes in the pew back, mark it for St. Vincent's House and place it in the offering plate. Thanks for your participation



On a Country Road from Austin

On a February Afternoon

The sky is that gentle slate blue that so often covers the dome of the sky in winter
And complements so perfectly the tawny shades of brown and gold
That are the good earth's winter garments.
Away from the glut of civilization, the fields stretch afar,
Some dotted with grazing cattle, a few with horses or goats.
The world is quiet on this early February day
Most fields lie fallow while some are sowed for coming spring crops.
Out here, on the rolling plains of central Texas, the world seems very far away.
Terrorists are not threatening to destroy us,
Our soldiers and Iraq's citizens alike are not dying daily, cruelly, terribly
Women and children are not battered and destroyed
Men do not kill men in a convenience store for a handful of change.
True, a country scene does not confront reality, yet it is, perhaps,
One sane balm that may keep our hearts and minds together
As we pray for a better world.

...By Jan Dorsett

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Happy Birthday!

1/2	Vickie Arthur A.R. Lucas	2/7	Daniel Uhrbrock
1/5	Ellie Hanley	2/10	Julie Fullbright
1/10	Rose Daniels Charles Roe	2/11	Dorothy Lucas
1/12	Edna Wegner	2/13	Ray Jones Kari Roe
1/17	Alicia Carranza Jayne Davis	2/15	Matthew Milina
1/19	Caeli Richard	2/17	William Jones Jeff Kilgore
1/20	Fr. Paul	2/19	Mary Walker-Chyle
1/21	Anne Prater	2/22	Patsy Mount
1/24	Leda Lee	2/23	Kelsey Kilgore
1/25	Linda Singleton	2/24	Emily Barillas Drew Boullion Michael Jackson
1/26	Peggy Baldwin-Clayton	2/26	Jennie Drain
1/27	Michael Molis		
1/28	Val Ramirez		
2/2	Haley Higgins		
2/3	Laura Eanes		
2/4	Pat Bevil Jeremy Harr		
2/5	Tony Albonetti Bob Eanes Jody Tomberlin Kenny Wegner		

Happy Anniversary!

1/6	Barbara & Patrick McGuffey
1/8	Mary & Jeff Kilgore
1/11	Linda & Rick Singleton
1/12	Anne & Jack Jinkins
1/19	Corlie & Michael Jackson
2/7	Cathy & George Gould
2/19	Margaret & Richard Cutrer
2/26	Barbara Rapstein & Ron Ryan

Contemplative Prayer**Practice your new resolution to put Sabbath time in your week!**

Grace Church hosts a contemplative prayer/Christian meditation group in the chapel on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm led by Bill Noble. We start with a weekly reading from the World Community Meditation, then meditate for twenty minutes, then have a brief period of questions and discussion. All baptized Christians have the capacity for contemplative prayer/meditation through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Please come to the chapel on Tuesdays for a quiet hour of prayer and meditation. If you have questions, call Bill Noble at 409-939-8099 or talk to Rev. Helen.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 4 - 7 PM- Graceful Gatherers & Farewell Party for Ella Anderson at Fr. Paul and Sherry Wehner's home

Friday & Saturday, February 11-12– Diocesan Council at The Woodlands

Wednesday, March 9—Ash Wednesday; Services at 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM.
Evening service followed by Soup & Salad meal.

Wednesday, March 16 @ 6:00 PM– Lenten Teaching Series begins

REMINDERS...

The Silk Purse still needs help...Tuesday or Saturdays. The Purse is open 10 am to 2 pm on those days. A couple of hours of your time would be welcomed.

Christian Meditation/contemplative prayer group meets in the chapel on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM. An hour of your time well spent.

2011 FOUNDATION BOARD

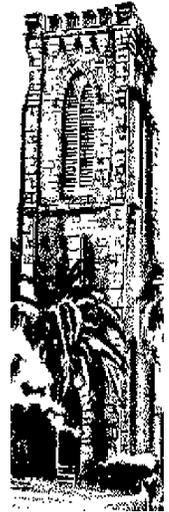
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