

# THE BELL TOWER

## November - 2010



Dear Grace Church Family,

As the Holy Spirit fills us, we fill our community around us! Despite the continued challenges, we at Grace Church are filled with the loving Spirit of Christ, seeking the betterment of our church life together and in the Galveston community.

We are continually moving ahead by preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and the ADA banquet in early December. Much of our time and talent will be involved in helping our fellow parishioners as well as members of the community around us.

Participation in many projects (something for everyone) is constantly needed in order that we may again reach out in our efforts to help those less fortunate. The God-given gifts allowing us to give our time, talents, and treasure are within us. Let the SPIRIT fill OUR hearts!

The Wednesday Bible Study is now going on; Parables are made even easier to understand. Lenten suppers and Study will be with us in the spring of 2011. The Boy Scouts are active and can always use assistance. The Bell Tower needs contributors (poems, stories, words of grace and thoughtfulness); Gleanings from the Harvest needs volunteers again. The "Over 55's" can always use additional help. In addition, ministries such as Altar Guild, our wonderful Choir, adult and children's education, acolytes and hospitality can always use willing workers.

Christ calls us to the needs of others. The SPIRIT is within us. Bring it to the surface through our individual and group effort and Grace will continue to share our SPIRIT with Christ at our side. As in years past, this letter signifies the kick-off of our 2011 stewardship season. As you prayerfully consider how to share your treasure with Christ in 2011, please also consider how you can further share your time and talent.

The enclosed survey has a place for you to fill in the Grace ministries that most interest you. Thank you for participating in this survey; your input is very helpful to the church leadership for planning the upcoming year.

Some Parishioners will share their SPIRIT with us during the services on October 31, November 7, and November 14, and ending with Fr. Paul on Stewardship Sunday, November 21, 2010. We look forward with you to a SPIRIT-filled stewardship season.

Yours in Christ,  
Bill Watson  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

## **SAILING, SAILING OVER THE BOUNDING MAIN. (by Jeff Kilgore)**

I recently skippered a 42' ketch Gypsy North (HLK and Boy Scout ship 150) with a crew of TAMUG students sailors and four experienced sailors in the Harvest Moon Regatta. We started 26 seconds after the gun in light air of 5-7 mph on Thursday. We were going by Freeport at 21:00 Thursday night. The wind had already increased before we got to the Matagorda out buoy area, and by midnight we had 15-20 knots of wind and 4-5 foot waves that continued to increase to a steady 6' with rollers 8-10'. The boat size created a wall for the 8 footers and they exploded into the cockpit drenching us over and over again. The 10 footers would roll up a surf or slide down the valley.



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We saw dolphins playing in the waves and seagulls riding on the tops of the 10 footers.

The crew worked well together and the younger crew and even the experienced crew learned a lot about the Gulf of Mexico .My congratulations to them all.

We finished the race at 18:57 Friday night. The crew survived a wild ride and we did not break anything on the boat (well maybe my ipod).

It was wonderful. **Jeff Kilgore**

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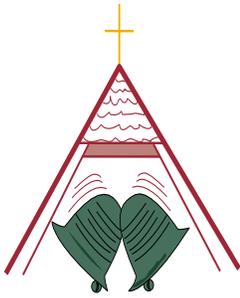
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### The Episcopal Church Still Helping Ike Victims

Texas Episcopal Disaster Relief and Development task force (TEDRD) continues repairing homes every Monday-Saturday. Volunteers are needed throughout the Fall and into the Winter. Contact Luke Blount at 713.252.9693 or [volunteer@epicenter.org](mailto:volunteer@epicenter.org) to schedule a time to work.

TEDRD has been working in Galveston, repairing the homes damaged by Hurricane Ike since September 2008 and is now the only remaining faith-based organization still working in Galveston. To date, TEDRD has gutted and/or repaired more than more than 140 homes through the use of more than 3,000 individual volunteers that have committed 50,000 hours of work. These volunteers have saved Galvestonians more than \$1 million in labor costs!

“We are so grateful for the support of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and all those who have volunteered or donated,” said Maggie Immler. “This anniversary marks a somber time for many Galvestonians who have lost so much, but we are happy to report the incredible progress we have made.”



## PEALINGS

Remember! The Silk Purse always needs help - look for an hour you can dedicate Tuesday or Saturday, 10 to 2. See Shirley Bridges to join the Silk Purse Angels or

fill in and submit the [Silk Purse volunteer form](#).

Join the outreach to St. Vincent's Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable food items to the box in the front of the church or making cash donations through the Hunger Fund envelopes found in the pews.

### Graceful Gatherers at the Clowers' home in November!

*Please mark you calendars: November 5th: Stan and ShuShu Clower's home*

*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 our editor, Jan Dorset-

What a glorious day it was...the baptism of three of my babies---great grandchildren among seven others that I have. What a perfect day - Bella (age 14 mos.), Kaisen (age 6 mos.) and Makya aged 4 years.. All decked out for the occasion. Bella in a little white dress with pearls, Kaisen in a handsome white suit, and Makya in a sweet little dress. It was my pleasure to read the prayers for the candidates - something that startled other parishioners not accustomed, anymore, to hearing my voice. Afterwards we went to Jinkins Hall to enjoy a special cake that my daughter, Caroline,



**UTO FALL INGATHERING WILL BE SUNDAY November 7. BRING YOUR ENVELOPES AND/ OR UTO BOXES TO CHURCH ON THIS DAY. Envelopes are included in this Bell Tower.**

### The Rev. Helen Appelberg to join Grace staff!

I am so pleased to announce that Rev. Helen will be joining Grace Church as Associate Priest, effective November 1, 2010. She will work part-time, with primary duties in pastoral care and spiritual development. Please welcome her to Grace the next time you see her. *Fr. Paul+*

### MISSION TRIP TO GALVESTON November 15-18, 2010

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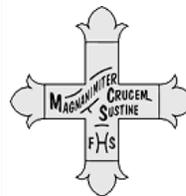
**Work days are from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact David Wilkes or John McCulley for details**



### It's a Boy!

Deklen Daniel Coyne born September 5, 2010. Proud parents are Ambur Rose Betts and Walter Daniel Coyne IV.

Proud Grandparent is Betsy Milina and Great Grandparent Henry Bennison  
Congratulations and God Bless.



On Sunday, October 24 the St. Elizabeth's Chapter of the Daughters of the King received 5 new members at a beautiful service of admission.. The five new members are: Shu Shu Clowers, Doris Niccolai, Judy Ricketts, Janice Rhymes, and Nancy Wilkes.

**A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

WITH THE *COMBINED CHOIRS AND READERS OF GRACE AND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN*

**FRIDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 10, 7:00 PM**

*A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* is a beautiful evening service that serves as a perfect preparation for Christmas. It consists of nine short biblical readings, interspersed with carols sung by the choir, and hymns sung by choir and congregation. The service tells the story of God's saving action in the world: from Adam and Eve at Creation, to the birth of Christ, and finally to the promise of a second coming at the end of the Age.

Please join us in Word and Song as we prepare our hearts and minds  
for the coming of our Lord.



**An ECW Note from Barbara Zimmerman**

On Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th of October, the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) for the Diocese of Texas met for their 107th year. These meetings, now called retreats, are truly a wonderful way to spend time with other ladies from Grace, Trinity and St. Augustines and a way to meet members of the other churches in the Galveston Convocation .Every woman in Grace Church is automatically a member! Those churches are in the North County from such areas as Friendswood and League City, down to La Marque and Texas City. From Grace we had Laura Hyatt, Judy Webb, Shu Shu Clowers, Corlie Jackson and myself. All three bishops were there and we had a chance to tour the McFadden Ward home in Beaumont as one of our activities. That is their version of the Bishop's Palace and was very beautiful and educational. There were also fun breakout sessions such as a Zumba class and one which I took, "Everything you have always wanted to know about the Episcopal Church but were afraid to ask." It was fascinating to learn how customs and traditions have changed through the centuries.

The food was terrific and most of it was served outdoors under an enormous oak tree on buffet tables. The ladies of St. Mark's, our host church, were friendly and hard working. We were kept supplied with never ending trays of homemade cookies between sessions and there were bouquets of fresh lilies everywhere! One interesting tradition each year is the Necrology part of the service in which board members read the names, home church and city of all names submitted for the members who have died since the last meeting. It is a warm way to remember our friends once again and the fellowship of so many wonderful people.

See you all next year.

## SHU SHU GOES EAST...

We recently visited Jodie, Thea, and Posey for a four-day stay. When Thea and Jodie first voiced their intent to move to North Carolina close to Posey, we were concerned that they were moving to the middle of nowhere, to a climate with a snowy winter, and with terrain unlike the Gulf Coast where they had made their home for many years. They were leaving behind a community, of which they were a great part, owning a physical therapy clinic and being very active in the family life of Grace Church.

Having seen photos of their log home, it was no surprise to find it warm and comfortable, blessed with exquisite scenery and so in hand with nature. Our surprise was that contrary to being "nowhere" their home is on the edge of "everywhere". Jodie is Deacon at the Holy Family Episcopal Church in Mill River, located in an idyllic setting with a warm and inviting church family.

Posey has a truly tranquil site for her home at the bottom of the mountain on which the home of Jodie and Thea is located. Within the grounds they have planted a garden from which we picked fresh beans and tomatoes. Also within the grounds Posey has a small chapel and meditation center facing onto the garden and a beautifully landscaped small lake. Although the last winter was pretty hard, and with the prospect of more of the same in the future, we were tempted to consider moving to that area as well. Not, however, until Stan is no longer actively engaged in his business, as it would be a very long commute to Houston.

*ShuShu Clowers*

### LITTLE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

**Do not grow old, no matter how long you live.**

**Never cease to stand like curious children before the Great Mystery into which we are born.**

*Albert Einstein*

#### Every Day, Lord

**Every day, Lord, help me to live in a way that is pleasing to you.**

**From the sparkle of dawn to the tranquility of eventide.**

**May my thoughts be true and loving, my words pure and honorable, and may everything I do be to your glory. Amen**

**Grow old with me! The best is yet to be. *Robert Browning***

## VESTRY/FOUNDATION ELECTION DECEMBER 5, 2010

New Vestry and Foundation Board members are to be elected after our worship service on Sunday, December 5. There are places for 2 Vestry members and 2 Foundation members and 1 Council Representative.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Foundation members John Buck and Camille St. John, to outgoing Vestry members Ella Anderson and David Wilkes, and to outgoing Council Delegate William Jones.

All Grace members in attendance on Sunday, December 5 are eligible to vote; there is no mail-in or absentee balloting.

Nomination forms are available in the church office. Nominations will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 1.

[Submit a nomination form](#)

**BELL TOWERS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE!**

Follow the link on our website: [gracechurchgalveston.org](http://gracechurchgalveston.org) to go paperless.  
Please contact the church office if you prefer to discontinue receiving the Bell Tower by mail.

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**OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST**

*November 21, following the service*

We are blessed to once again present our annual Thanksgiving Feast and we need your help. We need volunteers to work in the following areas:

Turkey cookers, Meat Cutters, Servers, Kitchen clean up crew, Decorations, Dessert servers, Drink servers, Greeters.

This is quite an inspirational undertaking and the recipients are so very appreciative. We will deliver invitations on Sunday, November 14 to the neighbors of Grace Church.

We sincerely hope each of you will participate in some way. We are furnishing turkey, gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and green beans. The men will be frying the turkeys, beginning about 6:00 AM on the 21st. We are preparing for about 200 people. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts or a salad.

Last names beginning with A-L: a salad dish

Last names beginning with M-Z: a dessert

We will have a sign up sheet for the different categories posted at the back of the Church. Hope to see all of your names on the list.

God Bless,

Kathleen Lucas and Pat Brown – co-chairs

**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.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesdays thru November 17– Fall Teaching Series.** A 10-week study of the *Parables of Jesus*. Using a study guide by John Moore, that includes his modern day versions of familiar parables, we will take a fresh look at how Jesus teaches us by telling stories that are never out of date.

**Friday, November 5 @ 7:00—9:00 PM**—Graceful Gatherers at home of Stan & ShuShu Clowers.

**Sunday, November 7-** UTO Fall Ingathering

**November 12-14– Graceful Getaway to Camp Allen.** Our annual weekend in the cabins on Lake Coffield, in the piney woods of Camp Allen.

**November 15-18-** Mission Trip to Galveston. Contact Fr. Paul, John McCulley, or David Wilkes.

**Thursday, November 18 @ 5:30 PM** Grace is cooking for the volunteers at Wlm Temple Center.

**Sunday, November 21 Commitment Sunday & Thanksgiving Feast.** Grace's sixth annual Neighborhood Thanksgiving Feast will again be the centerpiece of our Stewardship Sunday. Turkey dinner served from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, December 5-** Vestry & Foundation Election. Voting will be in the church following the service. No absentee or mail-ins.

**Friday, December 10 @ 7:00 PM -** A Service of Lessons and Carols. Grace and 1st Presby. combine to present this beautiful preparation for Christmas.

**Saturday, December 11 @ 9:00 AM -** Church Cleaning Day—Come help your Altar Guild clean, polish and shine our church for Christmas.

### 2010 VESTRY

**SR. WARDEN:** Ella Anderson

**JR. WARDEN:** David Wilkes

**SECRETARY:** Vickie Robertson

John McCulley

Dan Ricketts

Carol Ramirez

Derek Paget-Clarke

**TREASURER—** Derek Paget-Clarke

**CHANCELLOR—** Jeff Kilgore

**RECTOR-** Fr. Paul Wehner

### 2010 FOUNDATION BOARD

**CHAIRMAN:** Rev. Paul Wehner, Rector

**PRESIDENT:** Camellia St. John

**TREASURER:** John Buck

**SECRETARY:** Peggy Baldwin-Clayton

Kenny Wegner

**EX-OFFICIO:** Ella Anderson, Sr. Warden

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

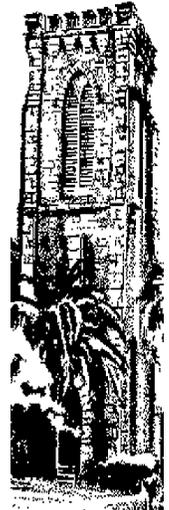
11/8 Andy & Amanda Ramirez

**Happy Birthday!**

11/1	Ron Ryon
11/7	Robert Arthur Shu Shu Clowers Crystal Lee
11/9	Joe Carranza
11/11	Elouise Albonetti
11/15	Gerald Richard
11/16	Aaron Harr Anna Hyatt
11/17	Andrew Mullikin
11/19	Barbara Rapstein
11/20	Travis Prater
11/23	Michael Martinez Andy Ramirez
11/24	Richard Arthur
11/25	Richard Arthur, Sr.
11/26	Grace Roe Bill Watson
11/29	Cathy Smith

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THE REVEREND PAUL B. WEHNER - RECTOR

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LAURA HYATT - CHOIR DIRECTOR

CATHY GOULD – PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

MARTINA AYALA - SEXTON

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DAVID WILKES - JUNIOR WARDEN

DEREK PAGET-CLARKE - TREASURER

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