

OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WORSHIP AND STUDY

Saturday
Holy Communion 5.30 pm

Sunday
Choral Communion 9.30 am
Youth Program
Coffee hour

Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer 8.30 am
Evening Study 6.30 pm

Wednesday
Compline 5.00 pm

Thursday
Women's Fellowship 9.30 am
Bible Study 10.30 am
Communion & Healing Noon

Friday Men's Group 7.00 am

On major Saints Days, Holy
Communion replaces Morning Prayer.

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I am fascinated by the current healthcare debate (though in some circles that is probably too generous a description).

It seems to me a 'no brainer' that any system providing healthcare will need constantly to be revised and reformed. That goes on all the time, as both regulation and competition create change.

Unless we want to stand still and keep things exactly as they are - sometimes a feature of *Church* communities - then regular review and testing of what we do, or provide, seems a creative way to work.

In the more sober estimates of the present system of US healthcare, there are clearly some issues which need to be addressed seriously by careful assessment and review. My hope is that that will happen. The present dominance in the news of the reaction of those acting from fear seeking to create more fear is not the whole story.

I was also struck with the comparison and contrast with the record of Jesus as a healer. I believe he was a healer, though I don't understand that to have had anything to do with 'miracle'. What strikes me about him is that his actions were focused on those at the very bottom of the pile - those who were outcast, with no access to the medical care of his time - lepers, mentally unbalanced, the 'halt and the lame', all of whom were considered unclean and outside 'normal' society.

I wonder what he would have made of our current debate?

David



The Desert Bell

The Newsletter of
Grace Episcopal
Church

Lake Havasu City
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"Living & sharing
the abundant life
of Jesus"

September 2009

From the Senior Warden



Hi Folks

Thank you to all for your prayers and response to the financial situation of our church. The treasurer's report will give you up to date figures. Please continue to keep our church in your prayers.

I would like to share a little story from my life this past month. This could go in several categories like, it is a small world, or entrepreneurs and the economy. Kathy and I owned a boat for 17 years. Moving to Lake Havasu, we brought the boat first and then went back for the furniture. We enjoyed many days on the lake over the years, but we had not used it much recently. Last month Kathy put the boat up for sale in the advertising paper. To be honest, I didn't expect any response. The boat has a small cabin which is not real popular in the Havasu heat. It also needs some cosmetic work, carpet and upholstery.

Well, we get a call one afternoon. This guy "Bob" calls and wants to see the boat. He comes over with his two children, I think aged 8 and 12. Turns out Bob is from Bangkok, Thailand. He went to university in California and had a good job in Bangkok with an American electronics company. Bob was laid off earlier this year.

Apparently used boats are rare in that part of the world, so Bob has this idea of buying some boats in the USA and shipping them back to Bangkok for re-sale. I ask Bob about Bangkok, he says there is a Bangkok which is comparatively modern and progressive and then there is the rest of Thailand. This is his second buying trip to the USA this year and he plans to return to Havasu for the jet ski races in October.

The children were great, speaking excellent English. Bob said he has them in private school in Bangkok. He also shared that his wife had died five years ago, so he is a single parent. Selling our boat turned into a sharing experience I could have never imagined. That is my little story of selling the old boat. I have to say I do miss "her" but it was time to let go. I wish all the best to Bob and his kids. Yes, it sure is a small world!

Take Good Care, Roger Brown

From the Treasurer



Income for the month of July was \$6255. We moved \$3446 from funds dedicated for operating to pay July expenses of \$10,560.

To date we have received gifts, or promises of gifts, stemming from the letter the Senior Warden sent to the congregation of \$5,800. Included in this amount are funds for particular utilities and office expenses. In addition some members have paid the balance of their 2009 pledge for the year.

The latter is a double edge sword, because this money will not be coming in later. Historically, Grace receives more than is spent in the last two months. We have used some of these funds and have been able to save some for future months.

As of today (August 24), all bills received have been paid. I believe with the balance we have in the operating fund and what will be given the last week in the month, we will have enough to pay the balance of August expenses.

In the continuing saga of our virus infected computer; it is working and virus free. There is a portion of the finance section that is not working properly and to get that corrected we will need to call the software company. It is expensive, (\$3.50 a minute), so we have tried to do as much as we can ourselves. We hired a computer person to remove the virus and clean up the computer, put on new security and get our data back on. He spent countless hours, being conservative maybe 20 or so, and charged us only \$125.00. So, Emily and I have been busy re-inputting all the 2009 records. We "think" we will have this process completed and be able to have your statements for you the first week-end in September. We will, as always, have them at both services so as many as possible can be hand delivered and thus save postage.

Thanks to you all for your patience.

As always call us if you have questions.
Susie



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Sunday Morning Hospitality

Sunday morning refreshments after Eucharist are an important part of the hospitality of Grace Church. Many, many thanks to all who have volunteered to supply "goodies" each week and have shared the kitchen work.

The Hospitality Committee is trying a new procedure which it is hoped will make it easier for volunteers who want to participate in this ministry. If you would like to volunteer, you are asked to sign up for one Sunday for a three-month period, (for example, the first Sunday of May, June and July).

Making coffee and setting the table is easy as there is usually someone in the kitchen (and it is usually Steve Paterson and the Castros) to lead the way. As for "goodies," – simple is good. Cookies and donuts are great!

Volunteers are needed for September and October. Call Nancy at the office (855-2525) or at home (855-6935).

Cartridge World

Wants to thank the congregation of Grace Church for their continued support of their cartridge re-cycling program.

Grace Church also thanks you for the \$3 each re-cycled cartridge brings!



- 1st - Peter Charno
- 5th - Betty Thornton
Elizabeth Hughes
- 6th - Taylor Brown
- 8th - Denise Miner
- 9th - Don Fortney
- 13th - Leah Wennig
- 14th - Mickie Rodgers
- 15th - Wanda Smith
- 16th - Stan Deasty
- 20th - Erin Anderson
Mike Kurn
- 22nd - Suzanne Wallace
- 24th - Eileen Rice
- 25th - Mark Schneikart
- 28th - Marion Welch
- 29th - Sam Carpenter
- 30th - Maurice Wilson



Happy Anniversary!

- 2nd - Mel & Karen Soderberg
- 3rd - David & Mary Richardson
- 14th - Gary & Pauline Guild
- 25th - Marion & Bill Welch
- 26th - Terry & Dee Bumpas
- 27th - Howard & Debi Roseen

In Memoriam

- 9th Arthur Anderson
- 11th Arlie Oman
- 13th William Irwin
- 16th Mary Cogan
- 17th Bob Burdine
- 18th Donald Swank
- 20th Gerald Patrick
- 22nd Lillian Dinglestedt
- 23rd Lloyd Goddard
- 26th Muriel Spencer
- 28th David Gabler



Dinner & A Movie

On

Tuesday, September

15th

5.30 pm

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parish hall



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