

Grace Notes

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Dear Ones at Grace,

With this Summer issue of Grace Notes we approach that momentous day we celebrate in America called Independence Day. It's a day of fun and food and fireworks as we celebrate the day when we declared our independence from the British. On that day the Continental Congress ratified the document drafted by Thomas Jefferson we know as the Declaration of Independence and copies were made and sent to all the colonies. The signing of it occurred a month later on August 2, 1776 with most of the members of the Continental Congress affixing their names to it, 56 signatures in all. For that act of independence and faith many of the signers paid dearly with the cost of their fortunes, their health and sometimes their lives. Here is a brief bit of info about some of them and what it cost them taken from an article by Thomas Ellsworth in the Atlantic Highlands Herald, Atlantic Highlands, NJ.

“Five signers were captured as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had two

sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton, born of a wealthy family in Newington Plantation Virginia, was a wealthy planter and trader who saw his ships swept from the seas by the opposing Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags...

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the opposing forces had taken

over the Nelson home for their headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. His wife was jailed and died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife and children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more and were willing to pay a high price for something that would greatly benefit others and not just themselves. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: ‘For the support of

this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we This little history lesson reminds me of the price many paid for our freedom from a tyrannical government. In our Adult Education class this year we have been studying the Book of Romans. I have been reminded of how much Paul's treatise to the Romans covers sin and the wages of sin which is death and how Jesus made the supreme sacrifice to set others free from the bondage of sin and death. He did not do what he did for Himself at all, but only for the sake of others.

As wonderful as the gift of freedom bestowed upon us by a generation of men and women seeking independent governance is, it is only for a span of years in this world. What a gift Jesus gives us because His is an independence from death which lasts for all eternity. This does not mean that everything becomes easy in this life. Just as the war went on for nine years after the July 4th declaration of 1776, there is still struggle in learning to live into the gift of grace which has been given as chapter 7 of Romans will attest. The difference is that we know that we already have the victory while they had to fight all along

MAY, 2010

Income for the month of May was \$10,372.52, which included \$337.00 from the pancake breakfast (budget \$11,325.00). Expenses totaled \$11,962.46 (budget \$11,325.00), resulting in a deficit for the

mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.' ” until it was won. So as we come to that great day of independence let us celebrate and remember who we are as Americans and on a higher plane, whose we are as new creations of the kingdom of heaven. God has richly blessed us in this nation– let us bless and praise Him fro both of our freedoms bestowed at a costly price. *Jim*

Vestry Highlights June 14 2010

The Jr. Warden reported that he is working with ARMI getting Redlands ready for new rental prospects.

The Sr. Warden presented a proposal from St. Andrew's Catholic Church regarding interest in renting Grace Church for their service on Sundays.

Fr. Jim will be away July 3-10 in SC on a mission trip. The Rev. Lee Moore will be the priest for the July 4th Sunday service.

Barbara Jacobs presented the updated directories. There was a discussion about further plans for the community yard sale on June 26th.

Doris Pearson is doing well after her recent knee replacement and is now in rehab at Overlook.

The Vestry approved having St. Andrew's Catholic Church rent Grace Church for their 11 AM service on Sundays at \$650 per month. The Sr. Warden will contact them for coordination.

A grant request will be submitted to the Region 13 Mission Grant Committee to help pay for pension fund payments.

Greg McLeod will be organizing another "Open Mic" night for July 23.

The next Vestry meeting will be Aug. 9th.

Barbara A. Gouldthorpe

Open Mic Night"

Our first "Open Mic" Night was very well attended for the short notice we gave. The next night of "Open Mic" will be Friday July 23 from 7 – 9 PM at the Parish Hall. We are hoping to attract even more folks who would like to perform on our stage so tell your friends who play an instrument and/or sing and have them join us. And tell your other friends so they can come listen. Coffee and other beverages plus light snack food will be provided at no charge.

TREASURER'S REPORT

month of \$1,589.94. Our income for the first 5 months of the year was \$65,356.34 (budget \$56,625.00) and disbursements were \$65,650.65 (budget \$56,625.00); deficit for the year \$294.31

At the end of May the following bills were due and unpaid:

Fr. Jim's Pension Plan Premiums \$1551.56
(1 months in arrears)

Please continue to pray for Grace Church that it will grow spiritually, financially and numerically. If anyone has any questions regarding this report or any financial matter, please feel free to contact me. Judy Ball, Treasurer

July 2010

* = *Birthday* #*Anniversary*

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNES- DAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
				1 *Jonathan Cirillo	2	3 *Ricky Perreault
4 Worship 9:00 INDEPEN- DENCE DAY	5	6 Fr. Jim Away	7 11:00 AM Senior Center #Jim & Dale Cirillo	8 Ruritan Din- ner 7:30	9	10
11 Worship 9:00	12 *Pat Warren	13	14 11:00 AM Senior Center	15	16	17
18 Worship 9:00	19	20	21 11:00 AM Senior Center	22	23 *Tommy Perreault	24
25 Worship 9:00	26	27 *Judy Shipe *Greg Huddleston	29 11:00 AM Senior Center *Mary McIntire *Dora Borland	29 *Barbara Jacobs	30	31 *Jack Perry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

7/1 Jonathan Cirillo
7/3 Ricky Perreault
7/12 Pat Warren
7/23 Tommy Perreault
7/26 Judy Shipe &
Greg Huddleston

7/28

7/29

7/31

Mary McIntire &
Dora Borland
Barbara Jacobs
Jack Perry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

7/7 Jim & Dale Cirillo

August 2010

*Birthday

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Anniversary

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1	2	3 #Ancel & Melba HendriX	4 Senior Center 11:00 a.m. *Ken Martin	5	6	7 *Joshua Warren #Art & Sue Payne
8 Worship 9:00	9	10	11 11:00AM Se- nior Center *Jeanette Cerv	12	13 *Emily Jacobs	14 *Martha Gra- ham
15 Worship 9:00 <i>Grace Notes deadline</i> *Mildred Rid- dell	16 7:00 Vestry Meeting *Mary Neal	17 *Jeffery Shipe	18 11:00 AM Senior Center	19	20 *Doris Pearson	21
22 Worship 9:00	23	24	25 Senior Center 11:00 a.m.	26	27	28 *Dale Cirillo *Conway Shipe #Conway & Judy Shipe
29 Worship 9:00	30	31 *Nathan Butler *Ancel Hendrix			28	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aug 4 Ken Martin
Aug 7 Joshua Warren
Aug 11 Jeanette Cerv
Aug 13 Emily Jacobs
Aug 14 Martha Graham

Aug 15
Aug 16
Aug 17
Aug 20
Aug 28

Aug 31

Mildred Riddell
Mary Neal
Jeffery Shipe
Doris Pearson
Dale Cirillo &
Conway Shipe
Nathan Butler &
Ancel Hendrix

APPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

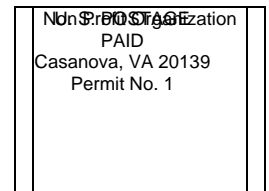
Aug 3 Ancel & Melba Hendrix
Aug 7 Art & Sue Payne
Aug 28 Conway & Judy Shipe

Save the date of September 12 for the 3rd Annual Casanova Community Picnic at Childs Field at 4 PM.

Grace Church Serving Schedule -- July/August 2010

Date	Svc	Day	Lessons	Lector	Acolyte	Altar	Coffee Hosts
Jul 4	HE 9:00	Pent 6	Psalm: 30 2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Judy Ball	Madell Day	Charlotte Perry Barbara & Greg McLeod
Jul 11	HE 9:00	Pent 7	Psalm: 82 Amos 7:7-17	Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Ron Fahy	Carol Goshorn	Sue Ballentine
Jul 18	HE 9:00	Pent 8	Psalm: 52 Amos 8:1-12	Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Pam Ruffner	Madell Day	Barbara Jacobs Mary Neal & Diane Fahy
Jul 25	HE 9:00	Pent 9	Psalm: 85 Hosea 1:2-10	Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 1:1-13	-Dee Garrett	Carol Goshorn	Pam Ruffner Mignonne Spellmeyer & Dee Garrett
Aug 1	HE 9:00	Pent 10	Psalm: 107:1-9, 43 Hosea 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Betsy Anderson	Jack Perry	Mignonne Spellmeyer Judy Ball & Barbara Whitbred
Aug 8	HE 9:00	Pent 11	Psalm: 50:1-8, 23-24 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	B. Gould-thorpe	Madell Day	Betsy Anderson Judy Shipe & Sharon Woodward
Aug 15	HE 9:00	Pent 12	Psalm: 80:1-2, 8-18 Isaiah 5:1-7	Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Linda Swann	Carol Goshorn	Carol Goshorn Karen & Jimmy Walton
Aug 22	HE 9:00	Pent 13	Psalm: 71:1-6 Jeremiah 1:4-10	Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Judy Ball	Jack Perry	Charlotte Perry Barbara & Greg McLeod
Aug 29	HE 9:00	Pent 14	Psalm: 81:1, 10-16 Jeremiah 2:4-13	Hebrews 1:1-8, 15-16 Luke 1:14:1, 7-14	Ron Fahy	Madell Day	Barbara Jacobs Charlotte & Jack Perry
Sep 5	HE 9:00	Pent 15	Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17 Jeremiah 18:1-11	Philemon 1-11 Luke 14:25-32	Judy Ball	Carol Goshorn	Mignonne Spellmeyer Mary Neal & Diane Fahy

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Services every Sunday at Grace Church on Route 602 in Casanova at 9:00 AM, followed by a coffee fellowship and Sunday School for all ages in the Family Center near the church.