



LIVING GRACE NOTES

FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

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Gathered to Celebrate, Called to Witness, Sent to Serve!

Service Schedule for February

Sunday, 5 Epiphany, 5 February

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Children's Sunday School at 9:15

Adult Sunday School at 9:30

Junior Choir Warm-Up at 9:45

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Junior Choir Rehearsal at 12 noon

Sunday, 6 Epiphany, 12 February

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Children's Sunday School at 9:15

Adult Sunday School at 9:30

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

No Junior Choir Rehearsal for this Sunday

Sunday, 7 Epiphany, 19 February

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Children's Sunday School at 9:15

Adult Sunday School at 9:30

Junior Choir Warm-Up at 9:45

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Junior Choir Rehearsal at 12 noon

Sunday, Transfiguration of Our Lord, 26 February

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Children's Sunday School at 9:15

Adult Sunday School at 9:30

Junior Choir Warm-Up at 9:45

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 worship service

GENERAL NEWS

February Birthdays

1	Denise Liggett	
9	Walter Sobers	Lisa Conley
11	Avery Balsavage	
12	Mary Jane Outman	
13	Allyson Combee	
18	Jim Brinkley	
19	Martin Gruber	
20	Meridith Oys	
22	Vic Koeves	
24	Evan Fillon	
25	Craig Chandler	
28	Leigh Chandler	Stuart Holden

Baptism

Preston Nicholas Oys, was baptized on Sunday, 22 January 2006. His parents are Chris and Meridith Oys.

Facilities Calendar

As many activities are being planned using Living Grace's facilities, please make sure you check the Facilities Calendar on the wall by the

office before scheduling an event. If you have any questions, please call the church office. Thank you!

Announcements for Bulletins

If you have an announcement to be placed in the Sunday bulletins, please let Leanne Beutler know no later than 12 noon Thursday before the Sunday it is to be printed. You may send the announcement via email to the following address: Lbeutler@aol.com.

Newsletter Articles

To submit a newsletter article, you can either have a hard copy into the church office by the deadline date listed or send an electronic format to Leanne Beutler at Lbeutler@aol.com.

Treasurer's Report

The total offering received for 2005 was \$255,249.06. For the same period in 2004, we received \$258,674.00. Our 2005 total giving fell short of 2004 by 1.3%. Our Budgeted Income for 2005 was \$320,934.96.

A complete outline of income and expenses for January through December 2005 is on the bulletin board for your review.

Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and many cards and phone calls of support following the sudden death of Jo Ann's sister Louise. You helped us get through a difficult time.

Jo Ann and Merrill Durrence

I really appreciate all the calls, cards and prayers for my surgery which went beautifully. Both God and you are good.

Lorraine Koeves

Thank you, my Living Grace family, for your prayers, cards, visits, and calls wishing me well during and after my recent hospitalization. I am very happy to report that my surgery was a success, no cancer was found, and I am feeling better each day. I will never forget your kindness. God bless you!

Cathy Shirah

Congratulations!

Bill and Chris Bierlein are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle Rose to Mr. Bradley Roehl. Michelle attends GPC college full time and works for Regal Entertainment. Bradley is employed with the Gwinnett County Police Department. The couple were engaged on Christmas Eve and plan on an October 2007 wedding.

Greeters

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who so willingly served as greeter this past year. I would like to add the following information though. If you are greeting, please plan to be at the top of the steps no later than 10 minutes after 10:00. Introduce yourself to anyone that you think might be a visitor and if they are not then let them know you are happy to meet them. Please ask any visitors to sign the Guest Registry and give them a copy of the newsletter.

You might also greet them when they are coming out of church and invite them for coffee.

Living Grace Purchases an Ark from Heifer International

Through the gift of an anonymous donor, Living Grace has been able to purchase an "Ark of Animals" from Heifer International. An Ark includes:

- 2 Cows – to bring milk and income to a Russian village.
- 2 Sheep – to help families in New Mexico produce wool.
- 2 Camels – to help families in Kenya earn income by transporting agricultural and industrial materials.
- 2 Oxen – to pull plows and carts in Uganda.
- 2 Water Buffalo – to help Indonesian families increase rice production through animal draft power.
- 2 Pigs – to enable families in Cambodia to attain greater self-reliance.
- 2 Beehives – to help families in Kentucky earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax.
- 2 Goats – to help Guatemalan families provide milk for their children and earn extra income.
- 2 Donkeys – to supply animal draft power for farmers in Tanzania.
- 2 Trios of Ducks – to help families in Ghana generate income through the sale of eggs and birds.
- 2 Trios of Rabbits – to provide food and income for families in North Korea.
- 2 Trios of Guinea Pigs – to help families in Peru add protein to their diets and increase income.

- 2 Flocks of Geese – to help families in China better their nutrition and income through the production of eggs and meat.
- 2 Flocks of Chicks – to help families in South Africa improve nutrition and generate income through the sale of eggs.
- 2 Llamas – to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool and income for Bolivian families.

Families who receive animals from Heifer are given the necessary training in how to care for their animals. Receptients of animals are required to pass on the first offspring to another family, so the circle of giving continues to expand. A “passing on” ceremony is a very festive occasion.

In 2005, Living Grace collected \$1,732 for Heifer International. This amount will remain in our treasury and we will add to it during the year. Heifer Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, but you may make contributions at any time. Just use one of the animal stamped envelopes which are on the ledge in the narthex or mark “Heifer” on the memo line on your check. Thank you for your support during the past year.

Agnes Nelson

Anglican Prayer Beads

Margery Kellar has decided to put her beading talents to good use. She is designing and making Anglican Prayer beads, and the sales benefit the building fund. There is a variety to choose from, and custom designs may be requested. Sample prayers accompany the beads, with special prayers written by Pastor Dirk Lange, as well. For more information, please contact Margery.



Women of the Church

You are cordially invited to attend the quarterly women of the church meeting and luncheon to be held February 11th at 12:00 at the church. Please bring with you a picture from your wedding or your baby picture. We ask that you do not share them with anyone before the meeting.

We encourage ALL church women to attend and look forward to enjoying a pleasant afternoon with you!

The Anna Circle

Boy Scout Troop 77

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

AND

MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY SHIRAH

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

for

Duncan Loyd Shirah

Sunday, 5 March 2006

3:00 P.M.

Sanctuary
Oak Grove United Methodist Church
1722 Oak Grove Road
Decatur, Georgia

Reception to follow in the Church Parlor

Guidelines for Prayer Requests

These guidelines are offered as a reminder of how the prayer list will operate each month for the newsletter.

When the church office learns that someone is ill, the staff does not assume that the ill person wishes to have his/her name listed on the prayer list. In fact, some people are very clear they do not wish to be listed. Therefore, if you wish to be remembered in prayer or have prayers for another, please call the church office at 404/634-7505 or email Leanne at Lbeutler@aol.com.

Upon request to have your name or another's name placed on the list the name will remain on the list for three newsletters. Please call the church office or email Leanne to begin a new three newsletter cycle. If the person's name needs removal before this, please notify the church office or Leanne. The reason for this cycle is that last year names remained on the list and the information was never given to the church office or Leanne that the person overcame their illness or crisis and sometimes the person had been called to their eternal home and we did not know about it.

The prayer list does not contain specific health information. It is the church's policy to respect people's privacy and also in compliance with the Hippa Act.

When submitting a prayer request, remember to include your name so that if follow-up information is necessary, we know who to contact.

Thank You

Praying for Members,

Family, and Friends

Members

Charlie Althafer; Walter "Wally" Bartling; Bill Crawford; Tom Droege; Martin Gruber; Verna Jensen; Hilton Johnson; Julien Lange; Elizabeth Laughlin; Cynthia Outman; Joan "Jo" Richards; Evelyn Woosley

Family and Friends

Leslie Rotureau

Sue Benner's sister

Donald Carigan

The Gere family's friend

Carol Balsan

Jane Simmons's sister

Bill Markham

Frieda Joiner's friend

Marian Seckinger

JoAnn Durrence's sister

John Zurkammer

Jerry Prunty's nephew

Kimberly Le

Peter Phan's friend

Melvin

Evelyn Woosley's brother

Judi Tanner

Dot Beaver's niece

Virgil Waylor

Martin Gruber's friend

Hulda Stock

Grandmother of Allison Bordnick-Stock

Dave Cunefare

Brother of Ken and Uncle of Taylor and Erin Cunefare

Paige Nix

Friend of Leslie Rotureau

Lorraine Dorough

Friend of Living Grace

Amy Carver

Sister of Shirley Arroyo

Brent Anderson

Friend of Connie Holley

The Reverend Harold Reitz

Father of John and Diane Reitz

Courtney

Friend of Leanne Beutler

Marilyn Voorhees

Sister of Jerry Prunty
Lee Voorhees
Brother-in-law of Jerry Prunty
Jim Axel
Father of Jeff Axel

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

PARISH NURSE
Each Tuesday and Friday, 10-2

CARE AND PRAYER GROUP
Tuesday, 21 February, at 7:30 p.m.

S.M.I.L.E. GROUP
Saturday, 4 February, at 12 noon

SEW 'N SEWS
Monday, 13 February, at 10:00 a.m., at the church

BARNABAS BREAKFAST
Wednesdays, 7 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

WELCA
Dorcas Circle
Tuesday, 7 February, at 10:00 a.m.
Miriam Circle
Saturday, 25 February, at 10:00 a.m.

WELCA Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, 11 February, at 12 noon
hosted by the Anna Circle

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS
Every Wednesday, at 7-8:30 p.m

JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS
Every Sunday, at 12 noon – 12:30 p.m.–no rehearsal on 12 February 2006

GOD'S CHILDREN SING
Every Saturday, at 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.–no session on 11 February 2006

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, 26 February, after the 10:30 worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER,
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Health Ministry of Living Grace

In February we recognize Valentines Day and American Heart Month. This month I would like to share some thoughts with you on Heart Attacks.

What Is a Heart Attack?

A heart attack (or myocardial infarction) refers to an interruption in the blood supply to the heart which is so severe that some of the heart muscle dies. Heart attacks are usually caused by a blood clot in an artery of the heart.

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The blood clot attaches to deposits of cholesterol in the artery and blocks the blood flow to the heart muscle.

What are the Symptoms of a Heart Attack?

Heart attacks can cause a variety of symptoms, but the following are the ones most commonly associated with heart attacks.

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the

chest (it may spread to the arms, shoulder, neck or back) and lasts for more than a few minutes.

- Lightheadedness, weakness or fainting
- Sweating, nausea, or shortness of breath

A person having a heart attack may not have all of these symptoms, but if you experience any of them, you should consider the possibility of a heart attack.

What Should I Do if I Think I'm Having a Heart Attack?

If you have any of the symptoms for more than a few minutes, call 911 immediately! Sit down and try to relax until help arrives. If thrombolytic (clot busters) agents can be administered within 30-60 minutes of symptoms, much of the heart damage can be averted.

Take a CPR class so you would know what to do in case a friend or family member stops breathing or their heart stops beating.

I will teach a CPR class for anyone who is interested — just let me know. May you be blessed with Christ's heart – healing peace!

Yours in Christ

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Jan Levensgood
Parish Nurse/Health Minister

Dates to Remember

On Friday, 3 February and Saturday, 4 February, at 8:00 p.m., St. Bede's Episcopal Church is putting on a play/cantata called, "The Grief and The Promise." This is a moving work which depicts the grief of all children whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS.

Wear red on Sunday, 12 February. It's heart month.

Health Ministry Committee meeting on Saturday, 18 February, at 10:00 a.m., at the church.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC AT LIVING GRACE

Living Out Our Baptism

Images of the Season

*Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sunday before Lent
26 February 2006*

This Epiphany festival concludes the season suffused with the image of light. In Advent the church prays for the light of God's justice in the world. At Christmas we celebrate this light in Christ, and throughout the weeks of Epiphany we welcome this gracious light in the diverse cultures of the world. From the mountain of transfiguring light, Christ goes forth to Jerusalem and leads us to the passover from death to life. Here we find the meaning of his birth and baptism: he was born to die, so that in our death, we might be born to eternal life.

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir invites anyone who wishes to sing for worship services to come to rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, you may contact any choir member or Dr. Sass, our interim church musician.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir rehearses every Sunday from 12 noon-12:30 p.m. The choir is now learning sign language and will be signing the Lord's Prayer on the last two Sundays in February. We encourage all children that are ages 6 through 12 to come to choir and not only to sing, but to learn and have fun. For more information, please contact Leanne Beutler, Director. On Sunday, 12 February, we will not have a rehearsal, but will resume rehearsals on the following Sunday.

God's Children Sing

We come together to have fun and learn to sing, dance and play instruments for children ages 1-5. Our sessions are on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. lasting for half an hour. These music sessions are for all not just members of Living Grace, but neighborhood friends and relatives. For more information, please speak to Leanne Beutler.

Handbell Choir

As you may have noticed, there has not been a handbell choir performance at the 10:30 a.m. services for quite a while. Sad to say, that is because we are short of ringers. You don't have to know how to read music to ring a bell. If you can count and flick your wrist, we can teach the rest. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, please see Leanne Beutler, Director. If we get enough interest, then we can decide when to hold rehearsals and begin playing again.

Concert Opportunity

On Sunday, 12 February, at 2:00 p.m., organist Timothy Albrecht is performing a concert lasting 60 minutes to benefit the Lakeside High School Junior Class. It will be at the Briarlake Baptist Church. His daughter

Esther will sing a solo. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation. For more information, there is a poster on the Worship and Music bulletin board in the front hall.

Special Days in February

24 February

St. Matthias, Apostle

(Renewing Worship proposal moves this day to 14
May in agreement with other Western calendars)

26 February

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Ash Wednesday

1 March 2006



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