

# Amazing Grace

Grace United Church of Christ Newsletter  
March 2009



*Rev, Jennifer Knighton*

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

<i>Church School</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>
<i>Inspirational Music</i>	<i>10:45 AM</i>
<i>Worship Service</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>



Lent provides a season in which the church journeys with Jesus toward Jerusalem. Like Advent, Lent offers a time of preparation. It is a time to examine and ponder, but there is always the temptation to bypass the somber notes of this season and rush straight from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning.



“Alleluias” sing easier than “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” Yet the impact of the empty tomb is most fully experienced when we witness again the Passion of Jesus and when we keep vigil at the cross.

We need to use this time of Lent wisely in exploring our beliefs and working on our commitments of faith. Slow down for time is a powerful thing. It trains us to hope. It teaches us to experience the joy of living. In the form of anticipation, it helps us re-organize, reform, refresh and repent.

The waiting of Lent can give us the time and energy for it all. So when the expected time, Easter, arrives we can truly pause to enjoy, celebrate and prolong moments of peace and fulfillment.

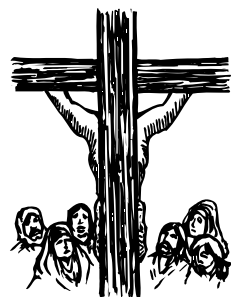
This Lenten season we are gathering on Wednesday nights to share a simple meal and explore our faith together. If have never participated in a group experience or even if you have come and join us on the journey. It is refreshing to share ideas and thoughts and to pray together during the week.

Time is not something to waste it is to be enjoyed and to be fruitful. For it is a gift from God. Food is provided. Everyone is welcome.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Jenn*



## *Easter Cantata Celebration*



*Journey to the Cross  
Remembering Christ's Sacrifice of Love*

*Join us for a service in music*

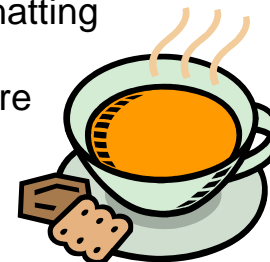
*March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM*

### *Lenten Series:*

#### *Soup d'jour & Cup of the Spirit*

Each Wednesday in Lent, we will gather at Church at 6:15 PM for soup and theological reflection (otherwise known as chatting about religious stuff!)

Please register so we may prepare the food, by calling the Church office or Rev. Jenn.



Wednesday nights during Lent:

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

6:15 to 7:15 PM

*Everyone Welcome!*

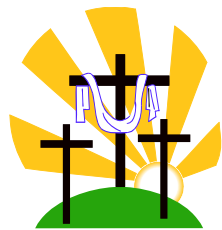
# CHURCH NOTES



## NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009:

Greg Samples	President
Laura Prinn	Vice President
Donna Hood	Secretary
James Burck	Treasurer
De Rowley	Asst. Treasurer
Sandy Rose	Financial Secretary
Beverly Foote	Asst. Financial Secretary

Shirley Gladfelter	Danny Boyd	Gloria Boyd
Garcia Family	Susan Decker	Doris Hauf
Jamal Rice	Frances Bugai	Kitty Beck
Erica Mitchell	Drew Keiser	Scott Ewing
Dawnetta Bartlebaugh		Liz Hall



## LENTEN OFFERING

Enclosed in this issue is our annual Lenten Offering envelope. During the season of Lent, please take time to reflect on Christ's final journey on earth, His ultimate sacrifice for us, and the miracle of Easter morning awakening to the empty tomb. Then, please think about the many blessings that you've received in your life and consider a special Lenten Offering to Grace Church.

Thank you all and may God bless you!  
**James Burck, Treasurer**

**Serving Our Country**  
*Justin Paesch*  
*Tom Myers*  
*John Howard*  
*Kevin Myers*



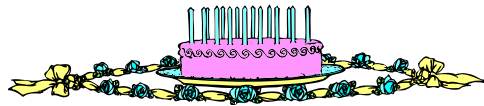
Our web address is:  
[www.myamazinggrace.org](http://www.myamazinggrace.org)

**Check it Out!**





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| Mar 1  | Carol Gangi          | Mar 10 | Melissa Zimmerman |
| Mar 3  | Livia Baumgartner    | Mar 24 | Tom Myers         |
| Mar 6  | Jeff Whipple         | Mar 29 | William Grahe     |
| Mar 7  | Sherri Tullius       | Mar 30 | De Rowley         |
| Mar 15 | Helen Rutter         | Mar 30 | Aaron Rubeling    |
| Mar 15 | Michelle Baumgartner | Mar 31 | Jon Rowley        |



- March 14 – Alice & Bill Guthrie  
 March 23 – James & Barbara Burck

***Celebrating One Great Hour of Sharing***  
***March 22, 2009 – Special Mission Offering***



***“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21***

If you were searching for God’s treasure, you’d find it in people. Every person, in every nation on earth, is treasured by God! Yet for many people, life can be searingly tough.

One Great Hour of Sharing joins our hearts with God’s by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Your gift strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells.

When we care for God’s treasured children, we ourselves are transformed. We see more clearly what matters most in life and are inspired to live courageously. Our hope rises as we realize new life is possible.

1 Timothy 6:18-19a exhorts us “to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up...the treasure of a good foundation for the future.” Our treasure lies in honoring God, doing God’s will, and loving



God’s treasured people. May you find your treasure, and your heart, through sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.



- Mar 4<sup>th</sup>**      **LENTEN SERIES**  
6:15 pm
  
- Mar 10<sup>th</sup>**    **CABINET & EVANGELISM MEETINGS**  
7:00 pm
  
- Mar 11<sup>th</sup>**    **LENTEN SERIES**  
6:15 pm
  
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup>**    **BULL & OYSTER ROAST**  
7:00 pm to Midnight
  
- Mar 18<sup>th</sup>**    **LENTEN SERIES**  
6:15 pm
  
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**    **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
11:00 am Worship service
  
- Mar 25<sup>th</sup>**    **LENTEN SERIES**  
6:15 pm
  
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup>**    **EASTER CANTATA**  
11:00 am Worship Service
  
- Apr 1<sup>st</sup>**      **LENTEN SERIES**  
6:15 pm

### 50/50 Raffle Tickets -> On Sale Now!



Drawing to be held at the Bull & Oyster Roast on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

See Charlene Mowery to pick up your tickets to sell or buy

### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bull & Oyster Roast
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Cantata
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Family Celebration
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sharing Our Gifts Auction
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Day Outdoor Service
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mother-Daughter Dinner
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	May Fair and Vendor Show

## Volunteers Needed ☺ Bull & Oyster Roast



Volunteers are needed to bake cakes and donate for the cake wheel. Please contact George Knoerlein about donations.

Volunteers are also needed to help set-up and work 30-minute shifts during the evening. If you are interested in helping for a ½ hour during the evening, please contact George Knoerlein.

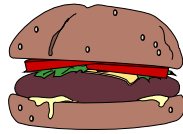


# Bull and Oyster Roast

Saturday, March 14, 2009  
7:00 PM to Midnight

## Menu:

Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit  
Turkey, Oysters on the half  
shell, Oyster Stew, Padded Oysters,  
Salads, Desserts and lots more!  
Soda and Beer Provided



DJ Wayne – The ZMan  
Music and Dancing!



## **Other Entertainment includes:**

Money Wheel, Cake Wheel, 50-50 Raffle.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**\$37.00 per person**

*Stoney Creek Democratic Club*  
8123 Ft. Smallwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21226

For more information call 410-685-7845

## Apples of Gold



A word fitly spoken is like apples  
of gold in pictures of silver.

Proverbs 25:11

Be careful how you live; you may be the only  
Bible some people will ever read..

Be the true man you seek.

Do right and leave the results with God.

What you are in the sight of God, that you truly  
are.

*Keep the work of Grace going into the future.*

*Donations to the Endowment Fund can be made  
by anyone at any time to provide future income  
for Grace.*

*Also consider including a bequest to Grace in  
your estate to provide future income*



*Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lights*

Candles are \$25 for the month and Sanctuary Lights are \$15 for a month.

Please consider donating for lights in Honor or Memory of a loved one.

*Available Candles:*

April	June	August
May	July	November

*Available Sanctuary Lights:*

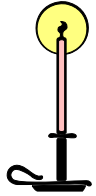
May	July	September
	August	November

*Bulletin Covers Donations*

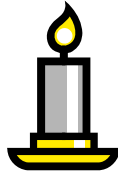
To enhance our worship experience, we will be using picture bulletin covers, Starting this Spring covers may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one.



Available weeks and donation forms will be available soon.



## ALTAR CANDLES OR SANCTUARY LIGHTS DONATION FORM



If you would like to give Candles or Sanctuary Lights in Honor or in Memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and return it in the offering plate or to the church secretary with a check payable to Grace Church.

A box of candles cost \$25.00 and they are good for one (1) month. Sanctuary lights cost \$15.00 for one (1) month. Available months are posted outside the church office.

Please indicate the Month for which you would like the remembrance noted in the bulletin.

CANDLES: \$25.00      SANCTUARY:    \$15.00

MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or In Honor of: *(please circle one)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please make check payable to Grace Church)*

## EASTER FLOWERS



Every Easter, we decorate our sanctuary with beautiful flowers purchased by our members and friends, in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. If you would

like to take part in this longstanding tradition, please fill in the form below and return it, along with your donation, in an envelope to Grace Church. Thank you!

**\*\*Please Print Names Clearly\*\***

Deadline for requests:      March 29<sup>th</sup>

In Honor of	By
In Memory of	By

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

