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To My Friends at Grace Church;

In the past year, as I began to formulate a vision for my stay at Nashotah House, I remembered an intimate community built around worship and study. The years Stephen and I were here provided a solid foundation for ministry - both pastorally and liturgically - I can now report that nothing has changed, except that I am here as a student and not as a spouse. Three weeks into the term I am already behind in the massive amount of reading I am required to do, but I manage to plug away bits and pieces at a time. The work is exciting, but challenging; exhilarating, but also rigorous. I come to the end of a day, my mind full of ideas, theories, suggestions, philosophies, theologies, pastoral techniques. And it is in these late hours when I try to pull together. The question foremost in my mind is - how might his make a difference at Grace Church? What can I bring from this experience to all of you that will help flesh out a vision for ministry in Madison? Believe me, I'm making lots of notes.

The worship in this place establishes a framework - a solid base - for ministry - at Holy Communion and Evening Prayer each day, we pray for guidance and discernment - for the Lord Jesus Christ to teach us, to love us, to heal us, and out of those times of prayer and thanksgiving, we conduct our lives. I have discovered that Church is not some place to go to, but some place to be in. And as we celebrate here, I am bonded to you!

Unlike Jim's experience in Virginia, Nashotah House is in rural Wisconsin, close enough to Milwaukee to enjoy the benefits of the city, but far enough away to eliminate the disadvantages - we are surrounded by the Kettle Moraine Forest, acres of trees and underbrush that will turn gold and red in just a few weeks. It is possible to feel a sense of isolation, but for the time being that is okay. I miss Stephen and my children, and all of you, but the days go by very quickly.

One other matter. This past weekend, I have been part of a conference on Mission Commemorating Jackson Kemper, the first missionary Bishop of the Episcopal Church in this country, and the bishop who established Nashotah House in 1842 while building parishes and dioceses in this part of the country. We have had 17 bishops and the Presiding Bishop in residence - two of the speakers, Nelson Burr, the retired Librarian of Congress, and David Holmes, Professor of Religion at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, made reference to the missionary efforts in South Dakota. Paul Barber who served a long and illustrious ministry on the Rosebud, and Bishop Hare were cited as

extraordinay examples of the missionary zeal that has been a hallmark of the mission of our Church. The ministry at Grace Church can truly be seen as continuing in that spirit of mission in our Diocese. We, you and I, are on the new frontier of spreading the gospel. It is truly an exciting time to be in the Church. I am gratefull to be a part of it.

Keep me in your prayers.

*In Christ's name
Karen*

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Sunday School

Grace Episcopal Sunday School, under the direction of Janice Johnson and Kitty Brewer, is utilizing a new curriculum called SEEDLINGS this year. It is a broadly-graded curriculum produced especially for small congregations. It has been used in churches with as few as two children. Students of all ages may meet together, or they may be grouped by age. Materials are designed for children from preschool through grade six and are easily adaptable for use with junior high.

With six regular Sunday School students, ranging in age from four years old to fifth grade, this program has proved ideal. The students all meet together as a group, and the older children are generally very receptive to helping the younger ones in both understanding the lesson and carrying out the activities.

Developed in a small church and published with the aid of grants from the Episcopal Church Foundation and the United Thank Offering, SEEDLINGS has been used since 1978 in over 400 churches in a wide variety of settings all over the world.

SEEDLINGS is Episcopal in orientation, but it is being used in other Christian denominations with minor modifications.

Biblically-based, yet sensitive to the needs and development of contemporary children, SEEDLINGS presents the high points of the biblical narrative as well as units on the basic tradition and beliefs of the Church.

Four of the six units in each year are based on the Old and New Testaments. Use of the entire four year cycle will give students an introduction to the major stories and events in the Bible.

Many of the activities encourage the children to experience for themselves the feelings and attitudes of the Biblical understanding of life in Biblical times.

Non-biblical units present material on heroes, traditions and customs of the Church, worship and prayer. These lessons also include appropriate biblical references.

This year's SEEDLINGS curriculum includes the following six units:

- *Genesis: A Book of Promises
- *Moses: God's Faithful Servant
- *Jesus' Followers and Friends
- *Paul: Apostle to the Gentiles
- *The Church Year: Making Time Holy
- *Ways that God Show His Love to the Christian Family (Sacraments)

Any contribution that anyone would care to make to the Sunday School will be greatly appreciated. A list of supplies that we could use is available in the Parish Hall. A few supplementary materials have been purchased from Crossroads, a Christian bookstore in Sioux Falls. These have not been exorbitant expenditures, but they do tend to drain a meager budget.

Many thanks also to Lois Moose. She has graciously consented to fill in as a Sunday School teacher when needed.

St. Katherines Guild

The October 16 meeting of the Grace ECW was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Guild Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Janice Johnson and the ECW prayer was recited by all. Beverly read the report of the last meeting which was approved as read. Violet gave the Treasurer's report: \$560.04 in Savings, \$112.69 in Checking and \$14.00 in Petty Cash. \$5.00 had been sent for a subscription to the Weaver. Approved as read.

Janice reported on the Sunday School Bibles. So far she and Kitty have not found the Good News combined old and new testaments but they intend to keep looking. Not many supplies have been donated to the SS from the parishiners yet and we are to urge them to remember to look at home for supplies the SS could use.

Discussion was held on having a bake sale if we can find a location. We decided on a goal of \$10.00 baked goods per person or whatever people can afford. Rethorns are willing to donate a new 5" portable TV for us to auction off. We would like to have tickets made up in booklets of ten which we will sell at the bake sale and also give a book of tickets to each parishioner family to sell. Tickets will sell for 50¢ each and/or possibly 3/\$1.00. Beverly was to check with Merrill about the tickets.

Elizabeth Campbell volunteered to take charge of ordering more of the knives we have sold in the past, and also selling them at the bake sale. Violet was to talk to the Montgomery Ward manager to see if we could have our sale there.

Elizabeth asked if the Guild would care to serve coffee or a lunch on Sunday, December 29th for Tom and her wedding anniversary. They are expecting a large number of relatives and friends. Since most people will be unavailable on that date, she will ask the Bishop's Committee about the use of the church parlors for this affair.

It was moved by Beverly, seconded by Myrtle that we give Elizabeth \$25.00 for the purchase of the cutlery to sell at the bake sale. Passed.

Motion by Beverly, second by Myrtle that we adjourn. Passed.

Beverly Hunter, Secretary

CONVENTION ATTENDED

Many thanks to Fred and Ruby Stewart for attending the Annual Convention of the South Dakota Diocese on October 11th and 12th. Fred gave a short report on what took place at the Convention.

The first item brought to our attention was that all Canons passed except the one concerning delegation. This deals with how many delegates each Church can have. This has been tabled until next year.

The next concern was over members of the Episcopal Church not partaking in Holy Communion once a year. It is felt that a member should be responsible enough to attend one Communion service per year.

Fred mentioned that the new Hymnal was presented. He felt the hymns had more melody and that they were easier to sing.

Election of committees were held at the Convention. Results of this and other actions can be read in the CHURCH NEWS.

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IMPROVEMENTS MADE:

On Sunday, October 20th, Merrill Hunter reported on the new looks happening with the Church. The first change to take place was with the old brick chimney on the back side of the Church. That has been taken down and sealed off. The part of the chimney left in the basement has been refaced to match the rest of the walls.

The basement has been cleaned out and the unusable has been disposed of. Plus the insulation has been delivered, so the process of insulating the Church can be completed.

The towers have taken on a new look. They have been scraped and painted, and look really nice.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

3rd Prayer Service Kitty Brewer
10th Holy Communion Bishop Gesner
17th Worship Service
24th Worship Service



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

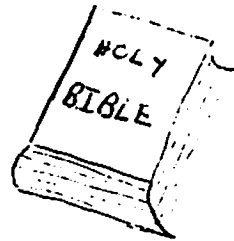
3rd Annie Brewer
10th Ben Johnson
17th Annie Brewer
24th Ben Johnson



National Bible Week

November 24-30

A week dedicated to
encouraging all
Americans to read
and study the Bible.
(Taken from Guidepost)



GIVE
THANKS
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LORD
FOR
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Thanksgiving Day

This day marks the Pilgrim's
celebration thanking God for
their survival during their
first winter in the New World.
(Taken from Guidepost)

BAKE SALE



Time: 9:30 a.m.
When: Saturday, November 16
Where: DC Photography
(Formerly the Village Cafe)

All women of the Church are to bring goodies.

If you need to contact someone you can get a hold of Janice Johnson or Beverly Hunter.

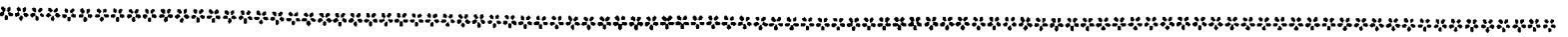
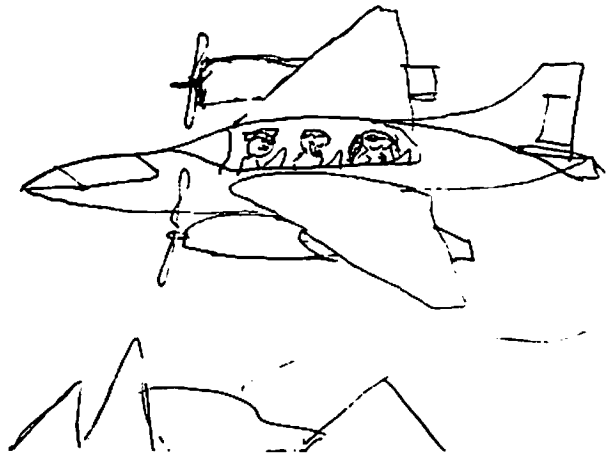


The Sunday School Teacher told her children to draw a picture illustrating a Biblical text. One little girl returned with a drawing of an airplane containing a man, woman, baby and pilot.

"What's this?" asked the teacher.

"The flight into Egypt," replied the tot. "That's Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus, and Pontius the Pilot."

(Taken from Kingbrook Water News
Arlington, South Dakota)



We still need birthday's and anniversaries. Remember that the deadline date for news is the 20th of each month.

We would also like to thank everyone for being so helpful with the newsletter.

November

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1 All Saints Day	2
3 All Saints Sunday 10:00 SS 11:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Coffee	4 7:00 Communion Adult Ed. Class	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 SS 11:00 Communion 12:00 Coffee	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16 Bake Sale
17 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee	18	19	20 7:00 Guild	21	22	23
24 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee	25 NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30