

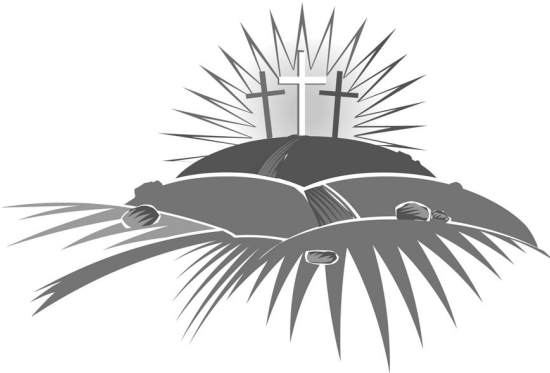
# THE CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

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## Lent Begins Ash Wednesday February 22

The word "Lent" is derived from a Latin word meaning lengthening. In the Northern hemisphere this liturgical season falls in the Spring of the year and refers to the fact that the days are beginning to get longer. It is a time of Spring-like renewal. Let us celebrate the beginning of this season by joining together as a family to share a simple meal of soup and bread.

**7:30am Eucharist Service  
& Imposition of Ashes**

**5:30 pm Soup Supper**  
Look for the food sign-up sheet in the Narthex

**6:30 pm Eucharist Service  
& Imposition of Ashes**

Ashes and a short printed service for imposing them will be available in the Chapel between the two services.

# Thank You

Thanks to all for your pledges to Grace, and thanks to those who were able to increase their pledge for 2012.

Grace's generous mission continues only with your support.

Rob

## January Vestry Notes

By: Carol Most

The Vestry met on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Highlights include:

\*The Energy Audit has been completed by Jo-Carroll and the Vestry has been furnished with the report. The Diocese was provided with a copy and, feeling our report is an excellent "example", has asked for permission to publish / provide to other churches in the Diocese. The Vestry approved.

\*The Vestry approved a new listing to be published in the upcoming Galenian magazine.

\*The Vestry discussed the annual meeting, reports, etc.

\*The Vestry agreed that Grace will participate in the upcoming United Churches of Galena Progressive dinner on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Grace is scheduled to host the Hors d'oeuvres portion of the meal. Details to follow.

\*The Ministry Fair will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## February Birthdays

2 Len Banas

11 Bonnielynn Kreiser

18 Elizabeth Ludescher

24 Alden Kuntz

25 Rik Fjelde

## Look Out For...

February 5: The Grace Arts Council is continuing its theme of Heritage this month by arranging a Polish breakfast following the church service. Charlotte Kennedy and Jan Ketza will be preparing for us a breakfast of Polish delicacies to honor the Polish heroes who helped make our American Revolution a success. Join them for a taste of Polish food, culture and history.

February 19: Ministry Fair during Social Hour. Come and see all the opportunities for sharing your time and talent.

February 24: Canapes & Conversation from 5 pm - 7pm hosted at Steve & Maren Coate's, 304 Elk Street.

During February: Grace parishioners, Phil and Terri Jackman, will be starring in the Bell Tower Theater's February production of "Moving Mountains". Phil plays Charlie Fuller a 67 year old Casanova who has all the ladies in the retirement community lined up on different days of the month. Terri plays Polly, a widow who moves into the community. Charlie sees something special in Polly, but she has no interest in becoming part of his "harem". Laughs abound as Charlie and Polly find that aging does not necessarily mean getting old. Performance dates are February, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8:00 pm, February 16 and 23 at 7:30 pm and February 12 and 19 at 3:00 pm. Call the Bell Tower Theater in Dubuque at 563-588-3377 to reserve your tickets. Reserved seating only.

Submitted by Terri Jackman



## Congratulations To...

Janet Post for her novel Cotton Rock being used as a literature text at Purdue University.

William Bookless for his recent engagement and his upcoming nuptials.



## The Tie That Binds- the Episcopal Church in the World

Welcome to the news from the Diocese of Chicago and the United States where we help you to become more "Connected" to the church in the world! Composer of this series is Kathy Shannon.

### Bishop Christopher Epting named to assist in Diocese of Chicago

By ENS Staff  
December 13, 2011

[Episcopal News Service] The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting in January will become the assisting bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Epting is the retired bishop of the Diocese of Iowa who later served for nine years as the presiding bishop's deputy for ecumenical and interreligious

relations. He retired from that position at the end of 2009.

Epting was elected bishop of the Diocese of Iowa in 1988, following 16 years as a parish priest in the Diocese of Central Florida. During his tenure in Iowa, Epting focused on the ministry of all the baptized, the renewal of the diaconate, spiritual formation and ecumenical relations both locally and nationally. He was a leader in the state council of churches and chaired the Episcopal Church's writing team for "Called to Common Mission" outlining the full

communion relationship between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America begun in 2001.

Epting and Chicago Bishop Jeffrey Lee met when Epting was the rector of St. Mark's Church in Cocoa, Florida and Lee was in seminary. In Chicago, Epting "will be sharing in the visitation schedule and exercising his considerable talents in other ways around the diocese," Lee said in his announcement.

### Search Committee Update

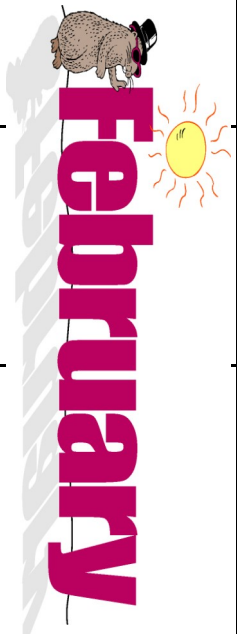
By: Charlotte Stryker

The Search Committee continues to convene and communicate with one another in our quest for a new priest. At present, the committee has received several applications. In order for a candidate to be considered, he/she must provide official church documentation in accordance with the Episcopal Church. The candidate must complete an Office for Transition Ministry ( OTM ) profile partly written in essay form revealing the applicant's views on various topics, such as personal fulfillment, liturgical style, pastoral care, and ministry projects, as well as education and work background information. In return, the candidate is able to view the identical OTM profile from Grace Church which gives him/her an idea of who we are our beliefs and our expectations of a rector to fill the position at Grace.

We look forward to our next committee gathering to discuss and review our several prospects. Please continue to pray for us in this endeavor.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1 7:30a Mid Week Morning Prayer 8:10a Breakfast Group 9:30a Women's Bible Study 12n AA Meeting 5p-7p Arts Council Meeting 7p Choir</p>	<p>2 10a United Churches</p>	<p>3 9a Centering Prayer</p>	<p>4 10a Choir</p>
<p>5 Epiphany V 10:30a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>6 10a AA Meeting</p>	<p>7 7p AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 7:30a Mid Week Morning Prayer 8:10a Breakfast Group 9:30a Executive Committee 9:30a Women's Bible Study 12n AA Meeting 7p Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9a Centering Prayer</p>	<p>11 10a Choir</p>
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<p>19 Epiphany VII 10:30a Holy Eucharist Ministry Fair</p>	<p>20 10a AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 7p AA Meeting</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30a AW Eucharist Service 8:10a Breakfast Group 9:30a Women's Bible Study 12n AA Meeting 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30p AW Eucharist Service 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9a Centering Prayer 5p-7p Canapes &amp; Conversation @ Steve &amp; Maren Coates 304 Elk Street</p>	<p>25 10a Choir</p>
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Color Key Church Activity Church Ministry Outside Group Special Event Executive Meeting Arts Council Event



## From the Editor

Dear Grace friends,

Surrounded as I am by some of the warmest, friendliest people I have ever known, I am reminded that to some newcomers and would be newcomers, we can seem to be so tight knit, that we shut others out. I know I felt that way when I first came to Grace. Everyone seemed so glad to see each other, and eager to share “insider” stuff, that I felt invisible (and for someone my size, that’s pretty hard to do!) I know now that that was not the message anyone meant to send. I know we want people to love Grace as we do. And there is an easy fix! Welcoming others is as easy as always speaking first – a simple smiling “Hello” to everyone will do the trick! A smile

sent across the pews when we catch someone’s eye, whether we know them or not, is as warming as a hug. Let us all be mindful that we are the human touch of God and let us share that joy not just with each other, but with all who come into our church home.

Your editor,  
Cathie



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