



GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010
9:00, 10:15 AND 11:00 A.M.

Change: A New Me for a New Year

Part 2: The Path to Change

Welcome to Grace! This week I ran across a wonderful quote. It said, “Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” That’s so true, isn’t it? None of us can go back to 2009, but as we begin 2010, we can begin making positive changes in our lives that will help us make it a great year. To help us do this, we’re sharing a brand new sermon series at Grace entitled *Change, A New Me for a New Year*.

In this series we’re exploring what our faith has to say about change and how we can make it a reality in our lives. Last week we began with a message entitled “The Problem of Change.” In our time together we talked about some barriers we all face when we want to make changes in our lives. Today in a message entitled “The Path to Change”, we’ll explore a story from Jesus’ life that helps us learn some steps we need to take if positive change is going to begin to take place in our lives. We’re thrilled you’re at Grace!

Blessings,

Pastor Morris

Family Event, Sunday January 24th at 1:30 p.m. Join us at the Ice House for fun, fellowship and ice skating. Contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com for information or to sign up.



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JANUARY 3, 2010

Our Presence

Worship

9 am - 143, 10:15 am - 61, 11 am 115 **Total: 319**

Sunday School - 150 Small Groups - 56 **Total: 206**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 10, 2010

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

GATHERING AND PARISH NOTICES

(You are invited to sign the friendship registers located at the end of each pew.)

PRELUDE *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* arr. Rawsthorne

(We center ourselves for worship as the light of Christ is brought into our midst.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If anyone is in Christ he or she is a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come.

As we worship the Lord our God this day, may our lives experience transformation.

*HYMN NO. 529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in Jesus the Christ, you came to show us the path to change and transformation in our lives. We confess, however, that we often fail to follow him. Instead, because of fear, habit or laziness, we have clung to old ways. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant us the power we need to trust you and follow in the way that leads to new life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Let us observe a moment of silence for personal confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In the name of Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal, page 71

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(You are invited to offer the peace of Christ to those with whom you worship.)

RESPONSE NO. 393 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Elevation* Benoit

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

*SCRIPTURE LESSON John 5:2-6

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps* Thomas

SERMON *Change: A New Me for a New Year*
Part 2: The Path to Change Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

(As we sing our closing hymn this morning, you are invited to come forward, touch the waters of baptism and invite God's Holy Spirit to help you follow the path that leads to change and transformation.)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

(The light of Christ leads us out to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.)

*POSTLUDE *In Dir ist Freude* Bach
(In Thee is Gladness)

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD.

**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

9:00 a.m. - GREETER: Mary Nelle Smith & Karen Kernodle; **9:00 a.m. USHERS:** John Williams & Lynne Lewallen; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Williams; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Susan Frye & Denise Johnson; **HALL HELPERS:** Kelly & Rob Warfield; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Mary Nelle Smith & Karen Kernodle; **10:15 a.m. USHER:** Ashley Carson; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Melissa Simak; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Pat Cross & Joan Szamier; Narthex: Mary Jenkins & Mary Van Dyke; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Susan Frye & Denise Johnson; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Jim Phillips; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Scott Romine; **USHERS:** Kasey Stamey, Mike Stainback, Chip Permar & Jason Smith; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **YOUTH DINNER:** Andy & Amy Rio-Anderson

The flowers in our sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Treb Cranford in honor of Faye Cranford's 81st birthday and Virgil & Karen Cranford's anniversary.

New Small Groups forming for those who attend the 10:15 am worship service!...At Grace Church, we are convinced that small groups are a significant part of our spiritual growth. So we are going to start at least one small group for those people who attend our 10:15 am worship service. This group will probably meet starting at 11 am on Sundays. We will have an exploratory and organizational meeting in the library for those interested on Sunday, January 24th at 11 am.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2010 sanctuary flower calendar has been put on the wall across the hall from the parlor in the sanctuary building. Most dates are open for you to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or special event in your life. **Please put your name on the calendar, fill out the form in the green envelope under the calendar and then place in Judi's box (first box on top, closest to the office door) outside the church office door.** The flower announcement will be put in the bulletin for the Sunday donated. The flowers are ordered from Botanica Flowers and Gifts and they will bill you directly after the flowers have been delivered. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00. Thank you for making our beautiful sanctuary even more lovely with the gift of flowers! Please take the flowers home with you or deliver to a shut in or loved one after the Sunday service.

Please remember in your prayers: Gavin Alexander (infant son of Stuart Frye), Jack Dillon, Faith (friend of Nick Andrews and patient at Bell House), Earl Rideout (Sugar Dunlap's brother-in-law), Jill Osborne (Mae Boles' niece), Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), Elaine Kesler, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

Update on Stewardship from the Finance Team:

Our thanks to the following families for turning in a pledge card: Allred, Alston, Angel, Baxley, Bingham, Boozer, Boyd, Braxton, Brock, Broughton, Brown, Butler, Carpentar, M&H Carter, Cauble, Clark, Clayton, Corcoran, S&K Cox, Crenshaw, B. Cross, P. Cross, Crossley, Darden, J. Dillon, J&J Dillon, Dwiggin, Farris, Faucher, Ferreira, Fleischman, Ford, Franks-North, French, Gauffreau, Gibson, Gorman, Gorrell, Gregory, Greiner, Gresham, Griffin, Guyer, Hadnott, Hiers, Hough, Howard, Hudson, Hylton, Isbister, Jenkins, Johnston, Kernodle, Kerrigan, Knight, Kozakewich, Lauten, C&L Lewallen, P&L Lewallen, Light, Litaker, Long, B Lucas, L Lucas, MacKay, McCall, McCords, McDowell, C McKinney, J McKinney, McLoud, M Marshall, S&M Marshall, J Matthews, P Matthews, Messick, Milroy, Mitchell, Moore, Moran, Norman, Novelli, Nussbaum, Oakley, Owens, Patterson, Patton, Peay, Permar, Phelps, Poer, Porter, Powell, Price, Priddy, Pruitt, Purcell, Redding, Rio-Anderson, Roesch, Rogers, Romine, Sanders, Sawulski, Scales, Sibley, Sienkiewicz, Sink, M&S Skeen, E&J Smith, J&F Smith, B&S Smith, MN Smith, Spencer, M&L Stainback, K Stamey, Stewart, Stone, Stovall, Strader, Swaim, Szamier, Teague, H. Thomas, W&E Thomas, Thompson, Tomalas, Tousey, Trexler, Troy, Micca/VanHine, Warren, Warfield, Wert, J&A Williams, K&T Williams, P Williams, M&E Wilson, Windham.

Please notify the church office if you have made a pledge and your name is not on the list.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE 01/05/10

• Pledge cards mailed (number of family giving units)	203
• Stewardship goal	\$550,000
• Pledge cards received	140
• Percentage received	69%
• Stewardship percent to goal	70%

Thank you to everyone who attended the congregational meetings after the services on January 3. As a reminder for those who attended and as information for those who could not attend, there is a significant gap between the church's proposed budget for 2010 and our expected revenues for 2010, which come primarily from member pledges. In order to have a balanced budget for 2010, we have no choice but to make extensive cuts to the budget unless member pledges significantly increase over the next few weeks. In fact, while we are planning across-the-board reductions for all aspects of the church's ministries and operations, the only way to fully compensate for the current budget deficit is to eliminate a staff position. That is a result that no one wants, and we are hopeful that - through the prayers and generosity of our members—it is a result that will not come to pass.

If you are a church member and have not yet made a pledge for 2010, please make one as soon as possible. If you have made a pledge for 2010, THANK YOU, and please also prayerfully consider increasing the pledge you have already made. As always, any pledge that you make should be one that you can reasonably expect to fulfill throughout 2010. If you are able to make or increase a 2010 pledge, please let Judi Mitchell in the church office (272-2171, ext.100) know at your earliest convenience. Final 2010 budget decisions will have to be made no later than early February.

Thank you again for your consideration and your generosity and for making Grace Church such a wonderful place to reach, teach, and unleash people for Christ!

Stuart Gauffreau
Chair, Church Council

Steve Brock
Chair, Finance Team

In December we collected and delivered 79 pounds of Oatmeal to Greensboro's Urban Ministry. Thank YOU!

The missions food for January is CANNED BEANS. Some good choices are pork and beans, pinto beans, kidney beans or chili beans. Beans are a good source of protein and an easy addition to a meal for a cold winter day. Pick up a few cans and bring them to one of our bins in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary entrance next Sunday. Thanks!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND GRACE CHURCH MISSION TRIP...Grace Church will be joining a group from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro for a "hands-on" mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana, February 7-14, 2010. We'd love to have you join us. During the week we will help the Habitat affiliate in Slidell build homes for people still suffering from the effects of hurricane Katrina. Sure, it will be a lot of work, but time will also be set aside for site seeing and recreation. The cost the trip is approximately \$375, most of which will be subsidized by parking with purpose funds that have been set aside for mission trips. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we become the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Contact Pastor Mike at mmoran@grace-methodist.com if interested.

Get in the Spirit of "GIVING"- During this season of cold weather, there are many people in Greensboro without homes, without basic hygiene items, and without warmth. Grace's youth, under the leadership of Elizabeth Franks-North, has decided to help CHANGE this! We are collecting items for the needy in Greensboro. Some of the items we will be collecting are:

WARMTH- gloves, hats, scarves, socks

HYGIENE- Travel Size deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotions, wet wipes, etc.

You can contact Elizabeth Franks-North at 834-2147 or Christina McCord at 282-0380 or Christina.mccord3@gmail.com. While you're out shopping, why not pick up a few of these items to help others in our community

F.U.E.L. in January!- We are planning on meeting at our regular times on January 10, 24, and 31. We may not meet 1/17 since that's a holiday weekend, so be on the look out for more information. Contact Christina McCord with questions at 282-0380 or christina.mccord3@gmail.com. **INVITE A FRIEND and get "FUELED" up** with Grace's youth!!!!

Ski Trip February 5-7- Fuel youth will be taking their annual ski trip to Beech Mountain once again this year! **A deposit of \$65 is due by January 10 to confirm your spot.** The final cost will be calculated once we have a definite number of those attending but the cost shouldn't exceed \$150. The cost includes cabin rental, ski rental, lift ticket, gas, and meals! The trip is based on a first come basis as there is limited capacity for the cabin so get signed up!!! Contact Christina McCord with questions at 282-0380 or christina.mccord3@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study Kickoff

Wednesday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m.

All women are invited to come see what we have planned.

Preview the study and have a time of fellowship.

Childcare will be provided.

Contact Kim Priddy at 272-2171, ext. 102 or

kpriddy@grace-methodist.com with questions.

