

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 Graceful Grounds or Sanctuary entrance next Sunday. Thanks!

Coming Up:

February - Canned Corn

March - Soup (tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle)

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JANUARY 10, 2010

Our Presence

Worship

9 am - 143, 10:15 am - 66, 11 am 106 **Total: 315**

Sunday School - 169 Small Groups - 53 **Total: 222**

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010

9:00, 10:15 AND 11:00 A.M.

Change: A New Me for a New Year

Part 3: Finding the Power to Change

Welcome to Grace! I recently read that Americans spend more than \$50 million a year on subliminal message tapes designed to help them do everything from improve their self-image to stop smoking. But a study by the National Research Council recently concluded that these subliminal message tapes simply don't work. According to the Council, "They just don't deliver the life-transforming power they promise."

This month we're sharing a 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 making positive changes in our lives. Today, in a message entitled "Finding the Power to Change", we're going to learn about several connections that, unlike subliminal message tapes, really do give us the power we need to change. And the good news is, they don't cost a thing!

We're thrilled you're at Grace on this Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. We hope this morning's time of worship, learning and fellowship will help you get your week off to a great start, and facilitate your ability to make the positive changes you want to make in your life as we begin the New Year!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 17, 2010

SECOND 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 *Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise* Pachelbel

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to the Lord with joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, reigns over all the earth!

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord!
And learn the ways of justice, righteousness and peace!

*HYMN NO. 569 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* MESSAGE

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, on this Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, we gather to confess that we have often let fear and division rule our lives, rather than love and compassion. Forgive us, we pray. And in this time of worship, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might find the power we need to make positive changes in our lives - changes that will help to transform Your world for love. We pray these things 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

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 *Little Rondo* Blake

*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 LESSONS Isaiah 40:28-31; Hebrews 10:24-25; Luke 11:24-26

ANTHEM *Panis Angelicus* Franck/arr. Heller
Dottie Cox - solo

SERMON *Change: A New Me for a New Year* Pastor Morris
Part 3: Finding the Power to Change

*HYMN NO. 258 *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* WAREHAM

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

RESPONSE *Amen* Foster

*POSTLUDE *Glorificamus* Redford

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: Judi Mitchell & Karen Kernodle; **9:00 a.m. USHERS:** Andrew & Erin Butler; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Mary & Jeff Kerrigan; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Stephanie & John Kimrey; **HALL HELPER:** Lito Lewallen; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Judi Mitchell & Karen Kernodle; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** Rob & Kelly Warfield; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Melissa Simak; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Buck & Betsy Gresham; Narthex: Jason & Adrian Smith; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Stephanie & John Kimrey; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Ben Dunlap; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Bill Stone; **USHERS:** Marjorie, Harrison and Caroline Stone, Caleb Rio-Anderson; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **11:00 am JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Debra Bingham; **CLOSER:** Frank Stovall

The flowers in our sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Sarah Gorrell in memory of Robert Gorrell for his birthday.



The red rose in our worship area this morning is in honor of the birth of Cameron Gray Litaker. Cameron was born on January 6 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and is 18" long. Bruce and Lisa Litaker are the proud parents and big brother is 5 year old, Carter. Congratulations, Litaker family!

USHERS are needed for the 10:15 am service. Please contact Kristian Hiers at hiersfam5@triad.rr.com if you can help. Families can volunteer to usher together at any of our three services!

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.

Please remember in your prayers: 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), 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, Carpenter, 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, Shuttleworth, Sibley, Sienkiewicz, Sink, M&S Skeen, E&J Smith, J&F Smith, B&S Smith, MN Smith, Spencer, M&L Stainback, K Stamey, Staples, Stewart, Stone, Stovall, Strader, Swaim, Szamier, Teague, H. Thomas, W&E Thomas, Thompson, Tomalas, Tousey, Trexler, Troy, Van Dyke, Micca/VanHine, J 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 01/10/10

• Pledge cards mailed (number of family giving units)	203
• Stewardship goal	\$550,000
• Pledge cards received	144
• Percentage received	71%
• Stewardship percent to goal	76.5%

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

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 of 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.

Grace Notes

Many thanks to Grace for bringing hams and money to buy hams for INASMUCH MINISTRIES. It was a joy to the families living in Claremont Homes public housing community. We delivered the hams in with our other food on December 20, 2009. It was such a blessing to us to be able to share with them.

It was quite a Christmas celebration. We had toys (slightly used), tree decorations, clothes, a few trees, and even Santa with some candy canes to give to the children. This community has more children than any of the five that we visit. Thank you again so much for being a part of this and for your generosity.

~Sandra Anderson

To the many in our Grace Family!

Thank you so much for your contribution in making my 80th birthday such a surprise. The joy in receiving the many nice notes from you could not be appreciated more.

*Thanks,
Betty Moore*

Heartfelt thanks and recognition to the children of Grace, their leaders and parents who made our Christmas holiday extra special. The Secret Santas and Advent Angels were wonderful examples of the "intangible gifts" that warm our souls.

~Lito & Charles Lewallen



F.U.E.L. 1/17- Middle School will meet at the Reisdorfs and High School will meet at the Warfields for an evening of FUN! All you need to do is arrive at 6 pm and bring \$5 for pizza. Invite a friend and make plans to join us! Contact Christina McCord for more details @312-4685 or Christina.mccord3@gmail.com.

URGENT Youth Parent Meeting- All parents of youth are invited to a parent meeting on Sunday, January 24th @ 6:30 pm in the chapel. This meeting is extremely important as we need to discuss missions, fundraising, and other areas of our youth program. It is so important that you attend. If you are unable to make it, please let Christina know so she can schedule another time to meet with you.

Youth Summer Opportunities- Summer calendars are already getting full and I wanted to let you know of several great opportunities for your youth to grow spiritually this summer! Appalachia Service Project will take place June 27-July 3. This is a mission trip for rising 9th graders and older. We would love for a group of middle school youth to plan to go to Camp Tekoa the week of July 11th. Finally, Estoy Loco (Middle School Mission Trip) is being held August 13-15 in Winston-Salem. Mark your calendars and let Christina know if you're interested.....deadlines are TBD.



BACKPACK CLUB - Our mission is to sponsor 8 children at Peeler Open Elementary with food for a weekend. Volunteer to assist with the purchasing, packing, delivering, or retrieval of the backpacks. **We are asking for fruit cups and pudding cups in particular this month.** Pray for the ministry and those children and families that we sponsor. For more information, please contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com or 272-2171 ext. 102.

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.

