

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 17, 2010

Our Presence

Worship

9 am - 147, 10:15 am - 72, 11 am 97 Total: 316

Sunday School - 132 Small Groups - 146 Total: 278

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

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

Change: A New Me for a New Year

Part 4: Making Change Permanent

Welcome to Grace! We've been sharing a sermon series at Grace this month 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. We've talked about some problematic barriers we must all overcome if we want to change, we've talked about some steps we need to take to begin the process of change, and we've talked about some resources that can give us the power to change.

Today we come to the fourth message in our series, which is entitled "Making Change Permanent". Sometimes, when it comes to making positive changes in our lives, we get off to a good start. And then, a few weeks later, we discover that we've fallen back into the same old patterns and routines. This week, we want to explore some wisdom our faith has to offer when it comes to making a change permanent in our lives. We're thrilled you're here because we think we've got some good stuff to share!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

PS We want to thank everyone who made a financial contribution to support the people of Haiti last week. Our children raised over \$3,500 in one day. If you were not able to give last week, you can still do so. Simply make a check out to "Grace UMC—Haiti Relief" and place it the offering plate. All funds collected will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Relief which is already on the ground helping others in Haiti.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 22, 2010

THIRD 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 Prelude on *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Rawsthorne

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

INTROIT *Come, Sing* Ford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice in the Lord, O people of God,
Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

**For as we worship the Lord together;
we are being transformed into the image of Christ!**

*HYMN NO. 64 *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and awesome God, as we stand in Your presence this morning we are filled with regret for the ways we have failed to follow the path that leads to life. Forgive us, we pray. And in this time of worship, fill us with the presence of Your Holy Spirit, that we might make positive changes a permanent part of our lives. 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

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*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 *For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace* Strattner

*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 Selected Verses

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hunter

SERMON *Change: A New Me for a New Year*
Part 4: Making Change Permanent Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 662 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* ST. MICHAEL

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 *Fanfare* Mouret

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: Bruce & Jill Oakley; **9:00 a.m. USHERS:** Steve Brock & Jeff Kerrigan; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Knight & Wilson; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mandy & Lee Patterson; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Jon & Stephanie Kimrey; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** Rob & Kelly Warfield; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Robynn Osborne; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Charles & Lito Lewallen; Narthex: Sandy Crossley & Gen Fleischman; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mandy & Lee Patterson; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Jim Price; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Angie Ferriera; **USHERS:** Nancy Purcell, Gerry McCall, Darrell Allred Mike Marshall; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Logan Hiers; **11:00 am JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Wells; **CLOSER:** Steve Brock; **FUEL DINNER:** Kelly and Spencer Warren

The flowers in our sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are in honor of Doris Owens and in memory of Bobby Richardson and are given by Judi Mitchell.

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 this 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), Elaine Kesler, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East, Haiti

Update on Stewardship from the Finance Team:

Our thanks to the following families for turning in a pledge card: Allred, Alston, Angel, Baxley, Bingham, Boles, Boozer, Boyd, Braxton, Brock, Broughton, Brown, Butler, Carpenter, Carson, 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, Frazier, 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	147
• Percentage received	72%
• Stewardship percent to goal	78%

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

January 24, 2010 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Parish Notices

*Songs of Praise *Sing for Joy (9am only)*
Thy Word is a Lamp

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response *Welcome*

Reception of New Members (9am only)

(At this time, we welcome Jason, Beth, Cooper and John Sanders into the life of Grace Church.)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism (9am only)

(At this time, Rob and Kelly Warfield, present their daughter, Olivia Grace, for the sacrament of baptism.)

Giving to God

A Time with Children (9am only) Kim Priddy

*Scripture Lesson Selected Verses

Message *Change*
Part 4: Finding the Power to Change Pastor Morris

*Closing Song *He is Exalted*

Blessing and Sending Forth

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds
9:25 a.m. Children's Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir - 2nd/3rd grade classroom - Ed. Bldg.
10:00 - 10:45 Small Groups for Adults and Children
10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship "Unplugged"- Graceful Grounds
11:00 a.m. Classic Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Family Event - Ice House
4:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Middle Youth Fellowship
5:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Dinner Middle & High School Youth
6:00 p.m. F.U.E.L. High School Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Break Room
10:30 a.m. Taiji Class with Susan Johnson Smith
5:30 p.m. Taiji Class with Susan Johnson Smith
6:30 p.m. Qigong with Susan Johnson Smith

Tuesday, January 26

6:30 p.m. NA - Room 101-Education Building
7:00 p.m. Trustee Team - Library
8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, January 27

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study -Graceful Grounds
6:00 p.m. Yoga - Yoga Room, 2nd floor, Education Building
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room, sanctuary building
7:00 p.m. "10:15" Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds
8:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds

Thursday, January 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.
4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
5:00 p.m. Jr. Brownies Meeting
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Advanced
7:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Beginner

Saturday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Yoga - Yoga Room, 2nd floor Education Building
9:00 a.m. Chi Omega with Kasey Stamey & Salam Skeen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

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.

Haiti Health Kits Needed

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15'x25' up to 17' x 27', no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

(NOTE: UMCOR Sagar Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more. Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.



F.U.E.L. in January– We will meet at our regular times on the 24th and 31st. Invite a friend and get FUELED UP!!!

URGENT Youth Parent Meeting– This Sunday, 1/24 - All parents of youth are invited to a parent meeting on Sunday, January 24th @ 5:30 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 15-17 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 (located at 6119 Landmark Center Blvd) for fun, fellowship and ice skating. Come see the staff on ice skates! Contact Kim Priddy at 587-5978 with questions.

