

It's March and time for a new food for Greensboro Urban Ministry. March's food is **CANNED SOUP**. The preferred choices are Tomato, Chicken Noodle, and Vegetable. Warm up someone's meal table with one or all of these choices. Bring your soup this Sunday and place it in one of our bins located in the Graceful Grounds or Sanctuary entrances. Thanks for sharing and feeding the hungry in Greensboro!

Coming Up:

April - Canned Mixed Vegetables May - Canned Fruit

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Jenkins, Midge Hudson, Debbie Frye (cancer), Kayla Powell (14 yr.old friend of the Corcoran's who has cancer), Carolyn Crockett (Joe Matthews' aunt), Audrey Boyd, 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

**Contact info for Mary Jenkins
c/o Mrs. Martha Owen
3813 Meadow Ridge Drive
Charlotte NC 28236**

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Our Presence

Our Generosity

9 am - 160, 10:15 am - 68, 11 am - 84	Needed weekly toward budget	11,453
Youth - 17 Worship Total: 329	Received last week toward budget	7,949
	Needed YTD	103,073
Sunday School - 152 Small Groups - 131	Received YTD	85,889
Sunday School & Small Group Total: 283	Shortfall YTD	[17,184]

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

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

***24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day
Part 4: Fear's Poisonous Work***

Welcome to Grace Church! Famous American author, Mark Twain, once said "The human race is a race of cowards; and I am not only marching in that procession but carrying a banner." Nurse and humanitarian, Florence Nightingale, once said "Very little can be done under a spirit of fear!" And, British historian and novelist, James A. Froude, once said "Fear is the parent of cruelty." Fear! It is a powerful emotion, isn't it? And when it gets a hold on us, it can either paralyze us or cause us to engage in terrible things.

Well, today as we continue our Lenten sermon series 24: *Exploring Jesus' Final Day*, we come to a message entitled "Fear's Poisonous Work". In our time together we're going to explore the role fear played in the events that led to our Lord's crucifixion and death. As we do this, we'll consider what role fear may play in our struggle to live lives that are faithful to God. We're thrilled you're at Grace today! We hope our time of worship gives all of us the courage we need to act out of faith this week, instead of fear!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

P.S. Today is Girl Scout Sunday! We are extremely fortunate to have two girl scout troops at Grace. And so, today we'd like to recognize the members of Junior Troop 40104 and Daisy Troop 40902 who have joined us for worship. The Junior Troop has been hosted by Grace since November 2005 and the Daisy Troop since September 2008. Both troops would like to thank the congregation and staff of Grace Church for hosting them!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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 *Christ Lag In Todesbanden* Bach
(In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay)

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are in the season of Lent. It is a time to remember the suffering of Jesus as he made his way to the cross.

It is also time to remember that following Christ means taking up our own cross as we follow his way.

*HYMN NO. 121 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have called us to follow the way of Jesus that we might find abundant life. And yet, we confess that his way is often counter to our culture and so we are afraid. Forgive us, we pray. And by the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the faith to follow in spite of our fear. For we know that through the way of the cross we find new life. Amen.

(Let us observe a moment of silence.)

*AFFIRMATION OF PARDON

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

Glory 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. 143 *On Eagle's Wings* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

OFFERTORY *Jesus I Will Ponder Now* Bach

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

(A children's offering will be taken at this time.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 14:53-72

SERMON *24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day Part 4: "Fear's Poisonous Work"* Pastor Morris

ANTHEM *Very Bread, Good Shepherd, Tend Us* Talmadge

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal, page 17

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(At the direction of the ushers, all are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. As we receive, let us joyfully sing Hymn Nos. 339, 614 & 629).

HYMN NO. 413 *A Charge to Keep I Have* BOYLSTON

*POSTLUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Innes

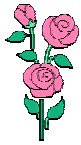
WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD.

**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

9:00 a.m. - GREETER: Judi Mitchell; **9:00 a.m. USHERS:** Jim & Brook Price; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Gauffreau & Fields; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Frank & Liz Stovall; **HALL HELPER:** Rob & Kelly Warfield; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Phyllis Matthews & Mary Nelle Smith; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** The Howard family; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Mary Van Dyke & Mary Jenkins; Narthex: Rick Saunders & Sarah Isbister; **ACOLYTE:** Miranda Oakley; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Frank & Liz Stovall; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Ben Dunlap/Tom Sibley; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Angie Ferriera; **USHERS:** Gerry McCall, Betty Moore, Nancy Purcell, Eva Thomas; **11:00 am JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Clayton; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce & Lisa Litaker; **11:00 COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Nancy Purcell & Gerry McCall; **FUEL YOUTH MEAL:** Lyndal Butler

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Gen Fleischman in memory of Bill Fleischman.



The pink rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Chloe Whitmer Braxton. Chloe was born on Saturday, February 27. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 11 oz. She is 21" long. The proud parents are Jay and Jamie Braxton and big brother is Cooper. Congratulations Braxton family!

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2010 flower calendar is on the wall in the hallway behind the sanctuary across from the parlor. Please consider giving flowers for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a special person or event in your life. The flowers are \$40 and are provided by Botanica Flowers. Botanica will bill you directly after the flowers are delivered. Please put your name on the calendar and fill out the form provided on the calendar and place in Judi Mitchell's mailbox directly outside the church office. **The dates remaining open on the calendar for 2010 are: March 14, 21 & 28, April 11, 18 & 25, May 2, 16, & 30, June 20, 27, July 11 & 18, August 15, September 26, October 3, 17 & 31, December 5 & 26.**

The Message at M'Coul's...The message at M'Coul's was snowed out Tuesday, March 2 but we'll try again next Tuesday, March 9th. Join us as we share in fellowship, enjoy dinner if you want, and reflect on the prior Sunday's sermon. Sessions will be led by Pastor Morris and are always full of lively discussion. Last week, we had 15 people in attendance and great participation. Childcare will be available at the church from 5:45 - 7:15 pm on a donation basis. M'Coul's is located at 110 W. McGee Street in downtown Greensboro. Please join us!

IN THE HOSPITAL

Midge Hudson - Wesley Long 1605
Eva Thomas - Cone 4729



FUEL in March - We will be meeting March 7th, 14th and 21st at our regular times. Due to Spring Break, we will take off March 28th and April 4th. Please bring your fundraiser folders and donation updates to FUEL on March 7th. Invite a friend and GET FUELED UP!!!!

NEW High School Small Group - We have a new High School Small Group meeting at Bill and Mary Ann Kopp's home on Thursday evenings at 7pm. There was a great turnout last week and we look forward to see this new ministry grow! We are using the Rob Bell video series which is very modern, relevant and interesting for today's teenagers. Invite a friend and make plans to attend. Contact Christina McCord with questions and directions at 312-4685 or Christina.mccord3@gmail.com.

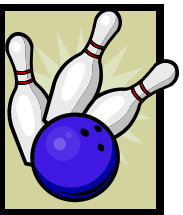


BACKPACK CLUB - Our mission is to sponsor 8 children at Peeler Open Elementary with food for a weekend. Volunteer to assist with the purchasing, packing, delivering, or retrieval of the backpacks. **We are asking for canned vegetables in particular this month.** Pray for the ministry and those children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

Nursery Needs: The Nursery is in need of some items being donated. We need small paper cups, regular sized apple juice and club crackers. We are also in need of CD players. Please drop donations off at the Nursery. Thank you for helping us have a wonderful room for the smallest of the church!

We need candy for Easter Eggs! Please consider donating a bag of candy to be used for our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. A box will be left in Graceful Grounds and the entrance to the sanctuary.

Family Event: Let's go bowling! Sunday, March 14th at 1:30pm. We will meet at Triad Lanes off of Wendover Ave on Oak Branch. \$6 per bowler includes 2 hours of bowling and shoes. Reservations required by contacting Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com.





FUNDRAISING for YOUTH MISSIONS



Save the Date for...

APRIL 17th @ 5:30 pm in Graceful Grounds

- Dinner
- Live Auction of Youth Services, Vacation Homes, other items
 - Great Items for Raffle
- Music and Entertainment provided by Tom Carson and Lindsey Porter
 - FREE Childcare provided!

*We have 19 volunteers attending Appalachia Service Project this summer. We also have middle school youth attending a weekend mission trip to help in building at the Winston-Salem Children's Home. It costs \$500 per person to send a youth on Appalachia Service Project and \$90 a youth for the middle school mission trip.

HOW YOU CAN OFFER SUPPORT!

- *Pray for all those serving on mission teams
- *Purchase tickets to attend the dinner and Auction
- *Donate services, vacation homes, and other items for the event
- *Be a SPONSOR of the event by providing a donation

ALL DONATIONS are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Contact any youth or Christina McCord at 282-0380 or Christina.mccord3@triad.rr.com for more details!



YOUTH MISSIONS Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 22nd

Grace Parking Lot

Start cleaning out your attics and closets to donate items for this yard sale. **ALL PROCEEDS** will go to support Grace's Youth Ministry and Mission Trips!

We will collect items the week prior to the sale.

Drop-off dates and times TBA.

More details to come!





GRACE KiDS

I am trying to see the interest for summer plans here at Grace. Please put a check next to what you are interested in signing up for or just would like more information about:

- **Partnering with Children**

- Help during the summer teaching/assisting Sunday school class
- Hall Helper
- Jr. Church

- **Camp Guilrock**

- Rising 1st – 3rd graders
- July 12-15 Day Camp

- **Passport Kids Camp**

- Current 3rd - 5th graders
- June 19 - 22 at Eagle Eyrie, VA

- **VBS**

- Aug 2-6
- Interested in volunteering

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Grace Church Worship Survey Results

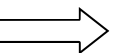
Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Grace Church survey! We had 92 people participating, and the numbers looked like this:

Service	Online Survey	Written Survey	Total
9:00AM	26	8	34
10:15AM	12	6	18
11:00AM	27	13	40
Totals	65	27	92

Please note that while there were 92 surveys received, the number of people that represented was 209. That number does include children as well as adult members. We ran into a little difficulty with the online survey results. It was the first time we attempted a survey through a website and discovered that we need to do a little more research and tweaking of the survey questions before we attempt it again! All of the information was not categorized as efficiently as we expected, so we could not determine who sent what or who needed a call back. But it certainly was easier to implement and drew a higher number of participants than the written survey. So if you expected a call back and did not receive one (we know that 6 people asked for one, we just don't know **who**), and would still like to be contacted, please email susanjohnsonsmith@triad.rr.com and we will have someone get in touch with you promptly.

We did discover some pretty clear indicators regarding preference for each of our services, and we received some really thoughtful and informative feedback from the participants. Here are some highlights:

An overwhelming majority of members who attend the 9:00 and 10:15 service stated that they did so because of time. However, in the comment section, most people expressed that they attended because of the "casual, inviting atmosphere", "comfortable fellowship", "environment easier with a child", and "sense of community".



Grace Church Worship Survey Results (cont.)

So it seems that time as well as location were very important for these members. The music for both of these services played an important role as well - "music is uplifting and shows talents", "love the energy of the music".

The members who attend the 11:00 service were evenly divided across the board between location, music and time. But in their comment section we discovered that most members simply preferred a more classic service that combines all three: "This is the traditional service I grew up with", " we prefer a more formal atmosphere", "feels more like church to us", "the sanctuary in all it's beauty provides an atmosphere for spiritual growth", "I prefer the quiet traditional music", "like the elegant choir music".

The information that we received will be most helpful as the Worship Team works closely with senior staff in supporting our current services as well as assisting in the development of long term growth opportunities within the church.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact Susan Johnson Smith at the email address above.

Respectfully submitted,
The Worship and Music Ministry Team

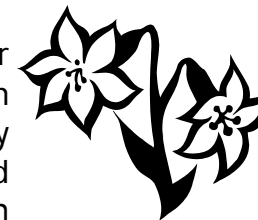
Join us for Holy Week at Grace

Palm/Passion Sunday, Sunday, March 28 @ 10:00 A.M. On this Sunday we will join together in our beautiful sanctuary for **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.** Our service will begin with a joyful "Procession of Palms" as our children enter the sanctuary waving palm branches to remind us of Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. Our service will then turn darker as we remember that the crucifixion of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 1 @ 7:00 P.M. On Thursday evening we will gather in our sanctuary for a service of darkness called "Tenebrae". In this service of worship we'll join Jesus and his disciples for their final meal and then through a series of scripture readings and beautiful anthems by our chancel choir we'll journey with Jesus into the darkness of his death on the cross. This is a service you won't want to miss.

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 4 @ 9:00, 10:15 and 11:00 A.M. Invite a friend and join us as we celebrate the good news of Easter resurrection at all three worship services. In our time together we'll reflect on the powerful meaning the resurrection of Jesus has for our lives. During the morning we also invite you to bring fresh cut flowers to place on our Easter cross located in the churchyard!

EASTER LILIES...Would you like to help decorate our worship spaces with a beautiful Easter lily this year? You can purchase a lily and donate it in memory or honor of a family member or friend this Easter. The cost for a lily is \$11.00 and the deadline for notifying the church office is Wednesday, March 31. Please fill out the tear off and place it in the offering plate or mail/return it to the church office. Make your check out to Grace United Methodist Church and write "Lily" in the memo line.



Name_____Amount\$_____#Lilies_____

In Honor of_____

In Memory of_____