

March's missions 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

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

Circle 7 is sponsoring a linen drive for Urban Ministries Pathways Homeless Shelter.

Pathways is a fairly short term shelter that serves families that have found themselves to be without housing and basic necessities. The families need linens while they are there and also when they leave. Linens needed are full and twin size sheets, towels, wash cloths, and dish towels. They will gladly accept gently used items as well as new items. Now is the prime time to clean out those closets and donate the linens you no longer use! You may give your items to any member of Circle 7 or you may drop them off in the hallway outside the church office. We will continue this opportunity to give for about the next three weeks. Thank you in advance for your donations and your generosity.

MARCH 21, 2010

Our Presence

Our Generosity

9 am - 168, 10:15 am - 45, 11 am - 131	Needed weekly toward budget	10,041
Worship Total: 344	Received last week toward budget	12,632
	Needed YTD	127,147
Sunday School - 157 Small Groups - 101	Received YTD	133,195
Sunday School & Small Group Total: 258	Shortfall YTD	[6,048]

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GRACE CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

10:00 A.M.

24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day
Part 7: Cross Points

Welcome to Grace Church! Today is Palm/Passion Sunday. This morning's service begins with joy as we remember the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the cheers of an adoring crowd. To help us re-enact the joy of this story our children, chancel choir and worship leaders will open our worship with a procession of palms.

As our service of worship progresses, however, the tenor of our worship will change as the joyful cheers Jesus heard from the crowd as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday turn to angry jeers from the crowd as he hung from a Roman cross on Good Friday. To help us remember the power of this story, we'll conclude our Lenten sermon series *24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day*, with a message entitled "Cross Points". Together we'll learn about the torture and humiliation Jesus endured on the cross and we'll consider the meaning the crucifixion of Jesus has for our everyday lives.

At the conclusion of this mornings' service, we invite you to join us in the breezeway as we enjoy coffee, lemonade and a time of fellowship at the beginning of this Holy Week. We also hope you make plans to invite a friend and join us Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday "Service of Darkness" and Easter Sunday for worship at 9, 10:15 or 11:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring fresh flowers Easter morning to place on our resurrection cross located in the church yard!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 28, 2010

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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 *Hosanna!* Agents of Grace

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Pave the Way with Branches* Helsa
Grace Children's Choir

*GREETING

Come from the city streets and join the happy throng!
Come and shout "Hosanna" to Jesus, our savior and our king!

**We've come from our busy lives to join the celebration!
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*UNISON PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for Jesus who entered the holy city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey as people waved palms and offered shouts of acclamation. And yet, he would be betrayed into the hands of his adversaries and suffer death on a cross. As we worship this day, help us ponder the benefits of our Lord's passion in a way that might help us live each day of our lives for him. We pray this in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

RESPONSE *I Need Thee Every Hour*

**I need You every hour, teach me Your will And Your rich promises in me fulfill.
I need You, O I need You; Every hour I need You; O bless me now my Savior
I come to You.**

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 *The Palms* Jean-Baptiste Faure
Dottie Cox, Solo

*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. Jr. Church and Nursery is available for infants to kindergarten.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15:22-39

ANTHEM *Wonderful Cross*
AOG & Chancel Choir

SERMON *24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day*
Part 7: "Cross Points" Pastor Morris

HYMN NO. 292 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

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

RESPONSE *Amen* Rutter
AOG & Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE *Jerusalem* Mansfield

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD.

**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

10:00 a.m. - GREETERS: East Entrance: Darrell & Marion Allred; Narthex: Angie Ferriera & Kasey Stamey; **ACOLYTE:** Harrison Stone; **11:00 a.m. NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Mike Stainback; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Mark McKinney; **USHERS:** Lucas Nelson, Tina Nelson, Charles Bray, Dianne Bray; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Logan Hiers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Charles and Martha McLoud in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary.

New to Grace? Why not attend Discovering Grace?

Why not come and find out more about us? We'd like to invite you to *Discovering Grace*. *Discovering Grace* is a membership inquiry and orientation class for those considering membership at Grace Church. The class gives participants a brief history of Methodism, an overview of our beliefs, reviews the many ministries of Grace, and discusses the requirements and expectations of membership. The class will be held Sunday afternoon April 11th from 4:00-5:30 pm in room 101 in the Education Building. The class will be led by Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike. Please let Mike know if you plan on attending (mmoran@grace-methodist.com), or you may call the church office at 272-2171.



Women's Bible Study! We will begin a new 6 week study exploring prayer on Wednesday, April 17 at 9:30am in Graceful grounds. This study is open to all women of Grace. Please invite a friend. Childcare will be provided. Contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com with questions or to sign-up.

Mom's Group is meeting Thursday, April 8th at 9:30 am. Susan Johnson Smith will be teaching skills on how to reduce stress and nurture ourselves. Childcare is provided. Contact Cindy McKinney with any questions at cindymcky@aol.com.

LOST & FOUND

We have two adult winter coats, a black shawl, an umbrella and lots of children's clothes that have been left at the church, so please, check your closets. These items are in the hallway outside the church office. If not picked up within the next two weeks, they will be donated to charity.

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Smith, Glenn Payne, 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



Happy Easter and Spring Break! - Due to Spring Break, we will take off March 28th and April 4th. Enjoy this time with your families! See you in April!

NEW High School Small Group - Our High School Small Group continues to meet at Bill and Mary Ann Kopp's home on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Invite a friend and make plans to attend. We will not meet on April 1 because of the Maundy Thursday service. 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!



Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt! We will meet at the Greiner's home (612 Scott Avenue) at 10am on Saturday, April 3rd to celebrate Easter and have an egg hunt. Please bring a brunch item to share. Contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com with questions.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 28

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
- 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, March 29

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi with Patrick Fannes - Beginner Class

Tuesday, March 30

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

Wednesday, March 31

- 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. "Ten-Fifteen" Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds
- 8:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds

Thursday, April 1

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.
- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Advanced - Graceful Grounds
- 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Beginner - Graceful Grounds

Saturday, April 3

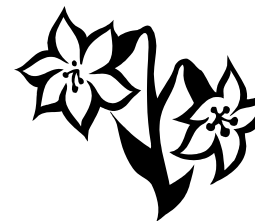
- 9:00 a.m. Yoga - Yoga Room, 2nd floor Education Building
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt - Greiner's home

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 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, 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!*



If you ordered a lily, please be sure to pick it up after services on Easter morning.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, AND EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 5.**



YOUTH MISSIONS Fundraiser



PURCHASE TICKETS \$15

Dinner and Auction

APRIL 17th @ 5:30 pm

Graceful Grounds

- Silent/Live Auction of GREAT items!!!
 - Items for Raffle
- Music and Entertainment provided by Tom Carson and Lindsey Porter
 - FREE Childcare provided!

*19 volunteers attending Appalachia Service Project this summer

*10 middle school youth attending a weekend mission trip

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



See back for Auction items

Check out some of the items for Auction!

- Animal Balloon Making Party
- Aprons
- Babysitting
- Baked Cookies
- Beach House @ Pine Knoll Shores
- Bluegrass Brunch Bash for 10
- Bowling Party
- Carolina/ECU Football Tickets (4)
- Teeth Whitening
- Children's Museum Membership
- Christmas Balls
- Clutch Purses
- Colorado Townhouse
- Craven Photography
- Day Fishing Trip
- Delicious Bakery
- Edward McKay's
- Family Yoga 6 sessions
- Filling Station
- Fleet Plummer
- Golf Lesson @ Starmount CC
- Grandover Facial
- Growin Green Year Lawn Treatment
- Hamilton Lakes Pool Trial Summer Membership
- Jewelry
- Landscape Design by JM Designs
- Lawncare
- Lulubelle Custom Girl and Boy Basket & Monogramming
- Maui Jim 75% off coupon
- Maxie B's
- Mountain CABIN
- Neese's sausage
- Omega Sports
- A Painting
- Uppercase Photography Package
- Pinetop Pool Trial Summer Membership
- Restaurants
- Starbucks
- Tennis Lesson @ Starmount CC
- Toys and Co.