

In April we collected 76 pounds of canned mixed vegetables and delivered them to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Thank you!!

Our Missions Food for May is CANNED FRUIT. Peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail and applesauce are all good choices. As the days get warmer, chilled fruit makes a good nutritious dessert. Pick up a few cans and drop them in one of our bins located in the east sanctuary entrance or in Graceful Grounds next Sunday. Thanks so much for your support!!

Coming up

June-Peanut Butter

July-Rice (1 lb. bags or larger)



WANTED! EOG Proctors for Peeler Elementary during May 4 - May 14. This could be one hour or as many as you can give. Contact Kim Priddy if you can volunteer at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com

MAY 2, 2010

Our Presence

Our Generosity

9am - 152, 10:15am - 48, 11 am - 98	Needed weekly toward budget	10,711
Worship Total: 298	Received last week toward budget	5,455
	Needed YTD	194,110
Sunday School - 140 Small Groups - 92	Received YTD	174,094
Total: 232	Shortfall YTD	[20,016]

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

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

Simple Truths for...The Game of Life

Part 5: Every Life Has a Ripple Effect

Welcome to Grace! On this Mother's Day Sunday, we have the privilege of celebrating the sacrament of baptism in each of our worship services. At our 9:00 service, we'll baptize Sam Caraher whose parents, Brooke and Joe, will also be joining the Grace Church family. At our 10:15 service we'll celebrate the baptisms of Chloe Braxton, the daughter of Jay and Jamie Braxton, as well as Finn Smith, whose parents, Laurie and Jay Smith, will also be joining Grace. Last but not least, at 11:00 we'll celebrate the baptism of Mallory Pitts, the daughter of Ron and Jennifer Pitts.

Today we will also continue our sermon series *Simple Truths for the Game of Life*. In this series we're exploring some simple biblical truths that will enable us to live our lives in ways that won't make them perfect, but will make them increasingly more healthy and whole. The title of today's message is "Every Life Has a Ripple Effect". In our time together we'll reflect on the truth that all our lives have the power to influence others in positive and negative ways. We're thrilled you're at Grace!

Blessings,

Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 9, 2010

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 *Rhosymedre (Lovely)* Vaughan Williams

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

*GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us lift high the name of the Lord. For this day is God's gift to each of us.

*HYMN NO. 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST DENIO

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, the scriptures remind us that you are like a loving mother who longs to comfort her fallen child. We confess, that we are your fallen children. Through our thoughts, words and deeds we have not loved our lives in ways that bring health, hope and love to your world. Forgive us, we pray. And by the power of your Holy Spirit comfort and cleanse our hearts that we might go from this place ready to live lives that bring honor and glory to you. We pray this in the name Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE 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. 548 *In Christ There Is No East or West* McKEE

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal, page 39

(At this time, Ron and Jennifer Pitts present their daughter, Mallory Anne, for the sacrament of baptism. Let us be in prayer for the family at this holy moment.)

BAPTISM RESPONSE

**Mallory, Mallory God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
Mallory, Mallory God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you too.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Reverie* Rawsthorne

*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

(A children's offering will be taken at this time. Nursery and Jr. Church are available for infants to first graders in rooms 200 and 201.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:13-16

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hopson

SERMON *Simple Truths for...The Game of Life*
Part 5: "Every Life Has a Ripple Effect" Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 455 *Happy the Home When God is There* ST AGNES

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

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

*RESPONSE *God Be with You till We Meet Again* Tomer

*POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* Bach

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: Carolyn McKinney; **9:00 a.m. USHER:** Jim & Brooke Price;
9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR: Lynne Lewallen; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Paid Workers, Happy Mother's Day!; **HALL HELPER:** Lito Lewallen; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Karen Kernodle; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** The Warfield family; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Robynn Osborne; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Pat Cross; Narthex: Charles & Martha McLoud; **ACOLYTE:** Olivia Romine; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Paid Workers, Happy Mother's Day!; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Kristian Hiers; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Mark McKinney; **USHERS:** Lucs Nelson, Tina Nelson, Charles Bray, Dianne Bray; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Sam Lewis; **LAWN CARE TEAM:** Bob Strack, Stu Gauffreau, Todd Mackay

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Jay Martin in honor of Zachary T. Martin who is celebrating his 10th birthday today.

The red rose on the altar this morning is in celebration of the birth of Owen Simmons Patterson. Owen weighed in at 6 lb. 10 oz. and is 19 3/4" and was born on 5/4. The parents are Lee and Mandy and Owen's big brother is Cooper. Congratulations to the Patterson family!

Parking for a Purpose - We need volunteers to help park cars during the Greensboro Grasshopper's home baseball games throughout the summer. All the money raised goes to local charities like Urban Ministries and Mary's House. If you are willing to help, contact Mike Stainback at mstainback@stainbackandassociates.com, Billy Smith at wsmith6994@triad.rr.com or Vic Nussbaum at vic.nussbaum@yahoo.com.

GREETERS are needed for the 9 and **USHERS** for the 10:15am services. If you are interested in helping with either of these positions, we would love to hear from you. Greeting is a great way to meet and help new folks feel comfortable when they come to Grace. Ushering at either service is relaxed and quick. Anyone who attends the service can usher. Why not get on the list? To greet at 9, please contact Carolyn McKinney at 638-2002 or carolynbrownmckinney@gmail.com or to usher, contact Kristian Hiers at hiersfam5@triad.rr.com. Both of these folks can explain the process and help you get signed up.

Please remember in your prayers: Alfred Ligon (Cindy McKinney's Dad), Glenn Payne, Midge Hudson, Debbie Frye (cancer), Kayla Powell (14 yr. old friend of the Corcoran's who has cancer), Carolyn Crockett (Joe Matthews' aunt), 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



High School Small Group - We will be meeting at 7 pm at the Kopp's home on Thursday night, May 6.

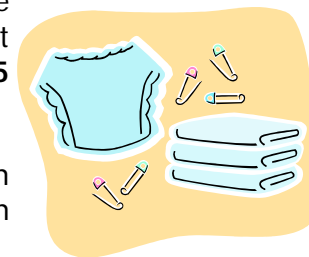
FUEL IN MAY– We will not meet on May 9th since it's Mother's Day. On May 15th we'll all meet at Grace at 3:45 and go to the Grasshoppers game! On May 23rd, all high school youth attending Appalachia Service Project have training from 2:00-6:00 at Hinshaw UMC...plans for the middle school youth TBA. There will not be FUEL May 30 due to Memorial Day. Invite a friend this week and GET FUELED UP!!!

YOUTH Sunday, May 16– ALL YOUTH mark your calendars for Youth Sunday on May 16th. We will be responsible for all 3 services. We will honor all youth and their families with a luncheon immediately following the 11 am service. This is always a special day where we highlight the wonderful youth of Grace so make plans to be there!

GRACE MOM'S DIAPER DRIVE

Grace Mom's group will be **COLLECTING DIAPERS** at **ALL THREE SERVICES ON Mother's Day, May 9th**. We are extremely excited about this collection benefiting babies served by two different agencies in the triad. Here is some information about those agencies:

- **The Family Support Network of Central Carolinas**– One of the agency's programs is called Elizabeth's Closet. This program provides new or gently used baby care items and equipment for families needing assistance. **We will be donating Newborn to size 2 diapers to The Family Support Network.**
- **FaithAction International House**– They are a nonprofit charitable organization supported by those individuals and religious congregations that share their vision of an equitable and inclusive community: many cultures, one people. They distribute diapers to the local immigrant community. **We will be donating sizes 3 through 5 diapers to FaithAction.**



We hope you will consider donation to this cause by bringing in packages of diapers, in any size, and dropping them in the collection locations on Sunday May 9th.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds, Electric Music
- 9:25 a.m. Children's Choir
- 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Small Groups for Adults and Children
- 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds, Acoustic Music
- 11:00 a.m. Classic Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Yoga

Monday, May 10

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 10:30 a.m. Circle #2 - Chapel
- 10:30 a.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, May 11

- 6:30 p.m. Circle #7 at Jane Long's
- 6:30 p.m. NA - Room 101-Education Building
- 8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, May 12

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Graceful Grounds
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Bible Study - Friends Home Guilford
- 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, May 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.
- 4:30 p.m. Brownies - Education Building
- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Advanced - Graceful Grounds
- 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Beginner - Graceful Grounds

Saturday, May 15

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga - Yoga Room, 2nd floor Education Building

Attn: Senior Adults...The Senior Bible Study at Friends Home Guilford begins at 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday and is open to all Grace senior members and friends. This study is on-going until Pastor Morris cries "uncle". This is a great mid-week fellowship. Please take advantage of this opportunity if you can!



YOUTH Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 22 from 8-11 am

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!

We will collect items the week prior to the sale.

Drop-Off Dates and Times

Sunday, May 9- 9:00am-12:00pm (Youth Room downstairs)

Sunday, May 16- 8:30am-1:00pm (Youth Room downstairs)

Monday, May 17- 5:30pm-7:30pm (Graceful Grounds)

Tuesday, May 18- FINAL DROP-OFF 5:30pm-7:30pm (Graceful Grounds)



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 Mac & Cheese 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.

Homerun for Homelessness

Take Grace out to the ball game! Sunday, May 16 at 4pm
Inflatable, Carnival Games and More at 3pm

Kids run the bases post game

Tickets \$7, prepay to Kim Priddy

\$2 from each ticket sold goes to Partners Ending Homelessness



We'll provide the lemonade. You provide the kids.

Lemon-Aid – Kids Taking a stand to End Duchenne is a city-wide effort to raise research dollars to treat Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

You can make a difference in the lives of children living with Duchenne, by giving them hope to be able to walk, run, jump or simply stand by helping us serve lemonade and drinking lemonade.

Join Matthew, Owen Greiner and other Grace KiDS on the lawn of Grace Church on Saturday, May 22. Contact Kim Priddy for more information kpriddy@grace-methodist.com.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Parish Notices

*Songs of Praise

*No Other Gods (9am only)
Who am I*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response

Hallelujah

Sacrament of Baptism

9am (At this time, Joe and Brooke Caraher, present their son, Samuel Thomas, for the sacrament of baptism. Let us be in prayer for the family at this holy moment.)

10:15am (At this time, Jay and Jamie Braxton, present their daughter, Chloe Whitmer, and Jay and Laurie Smith, present their son, James Finn, for the sacrament of baptism. Let us be in prayer for the families at this holy moment.)

Giving to God

A Time with Children (9am only)

Kim Priddy

(A children's offering will be taken at this time. Nursery and Jr. Church are available for infants to first graders in rooms 200 and 201. Choir for 2nd to 5th graders will meet in the choir room.)

*Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

Message

Simple Truths for...The Game of Life
Part 5: "Every Life Has a Ripple Effect" Pastor Morris

*Closing Song

In Christ Alone

Blessing and Sending Forth

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

* As you are able, please stand

Update from the Finance Team

As a follow up to the short discussion in the service last Sunday, one of the great things about the operations at Grace Church is that most of our expenses are fixed. Like your mortgage, retirement plan or Duke Power bill, it is the same amount of money that we spend each month to support these commitments. That makes it great for planning and consistency for the church cash flow.

One of the challenging things is that most of our expenses are fixed costs so that whether our contributions come in as we expect them to or not, we still have these obligations.

As you can see from the bulletin, through the first four months of the year, we have gotten a little behind in our pledged receipts. To help with that, the office has sent out statements to anyone who had a balance on an annual pledge or to anyone who was behind on their weekly, monthly or quarterly commitment. If you pledged on an annual basis, we would encourage you to make your payments toward that commitment weekly, monthly or even quarterly. This would help greatly with our cash flow. If you pledged on a weekly or monthly basis, we would certainly appreciate it if you would keep your pledge current.

So here's the thing - please get current as quickly as possible. As our congregation stays current on contributions, Grace Church will be in good shape to support our operational commitments.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks for all you do for Grace!

Steve Brock
Chair, Finance Team