

Update from the Finance Team – summer is here!

Good morning Grace – hope your holiday weekend was great. School is almost out and the summer is upon us. With the summer comes holidays, travel and lots of time out of town. With all of the activities, we typically see a modest drop in weekend attendance. The challenge that can cause for the operations of the church is that our expenses stay the same whether it is summer or any other season.

Our congregation is excellent at keeping up with their pledges when they come to church. When they don't, from time to time, we get behind.

So here is what I'd like to suggest – if you plan on traveling a lot this summer, why don't you prepay your June and July pledges? That way, you won't have to catch up when you get back (one more thing off your list) and we won't have to scramble for cash flow in the traditionally slow time.

If you are on auto-draft with your bank or with the church, you are all set. If you would like to try auto-draft for the summer, we'll be happy to set you up.

Please give it some thought and enjoy your summer! Steve Brock, Finance Chair

**MAY 30, 2010**

**Our Presence**

**Our Generosity**

10:00am - 145	Needed weekly toward budget	10,711
Worship Total: 145	Received last week toward budget	6,950
	Needed YTD	236,954
Small Groups - 125	Received YTD	216,938
Total: 125	<b>Shortfall YTD</b>	<b>[20,016]</b>

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# GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

*Water, Water Everywhere:  
Jesus, Water and the Gospels*  
**Part 1: "Cleansing Water"**

Water! We drink it. We bath in it. We play in it. And at least 60% of our bodies are made of it. Water is everywhere and it is essential to our ability to survive. The biblical writers knew that and so the bible is full of references to this most basic of elements. In fact, water is often used as a metaphor for our relationship with God. Psalm 42:1 says, "As a deer longs for water, so do I long for thee, O God. With my whole being I thirst for the living God."

Jesus knew about the importance of water. Consequently, in the four gospels we find multiple references to Jesus and water. This summer, in our brand new summer worship series, we are going to explore eight stories connecting Jesus and water. The title of this series is *Water, Water Everywhere: Jesus, Water and the Gospels*. And in our time together we're going to learn how Jesus uses water to help us quench our thirst for God. Today we begin with a message entitled "Cleansing Water". We're thrilled you are here!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 6, 2010

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 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 *We Have Come Into This House* Ballinger

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

### \*GREETING

As the deer longs for streams of running water,  
our hearts long for your presence, O God.

**We long to drink from your well of love.  
In this time of worship quench our thirst.**

\*HYMN NO. 723 *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you have called us to live in ways that nourish life in your world as water nourishes life in a garden. We confess, however, we have often lived in ways that leave Your world parched and dry. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us from all our sins. And by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be living streams of Your love this week. 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. 539 *O Spirit of the Living God* FOREST GREEN

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*(At this time, Seth and Maggie Marshall present their daughter, Madeline Graham Marshall, to be baptized. Let us be in prayer for the family at this holy moment.)*

### BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

**Madeline, Madeline, 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.  
Madeline, Madeline, God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you too.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT Peeler Elementary

OFFERTORY *Sicilienne* Turk

### \*DOXOLOGY

## 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 Mark 1:4-5; 9-12

ANTHEM *Wade in the Water* Traditional

SERMON Water, Water Everywhere, Jesus, Water and the Gospels  
Part 1: "Cleansing Water" Pastor Morris

\*HYMN *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* OUIMETTE

### \*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

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

\*POSTLUDE *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* arr. Keveren

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*\*As you are able, please stand*

## THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

**9:00 a.m. GREETERS:** - Carolyn McKinney; **9:00 a.m. USHERS:** Steve Brock & John Williams; **9:00 A.M. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen; **10:30 a.m. - GREETERS:** 10:30 **USHERS:** Pat Cross; **10:30 a.m.; HALL HELPER:** Lito Lewallen; **10:30 a.m. ACOLYTE:** Kaitlyn Brock; **10:30 a.m. - POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Melissa Simak; **NURSERY:** Kendall & Gavin Tomalas; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Ben Dunlap; **10:30 a.m. JR. CHURCH:** Liz & Frank Stovall; **LAWN CARE TEAM: (6/4):** Ben Dunlap, Evan Williams

**THE FLOWERS** in our sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Charles and Lito Lewallen in memory of their son, John David Lewallen.



We have two red roses in celebration of the birth of "Henry" Christian Clayton born on Friday, May 28th, to Jarrod and Gwen Clayton. Henry weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. and is 21" long. Henry's big brother is Will and Katherine is Henry's big sister. We also celebrate with Stephen and Kara Cox for the birth of Henry "Davis" Cox who was born on Tuesday, June 1. Davis weighed in at 5lbs., 6 oz. and is 18 3/4" long. Davis' big sister is Avery. Let's keep these families in our prayers.

Join the **Seekers Sunday Class** this Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, as they begin a new study that



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seeks to re-create the emotional immediacy that Jesus' audience felt the first time hearing the parables. Please contact Jay Braxton at [jdbrx2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbrx2002@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**This class will meet from 9:50am to 10:25am** in June and July in the Education Building in room 100.

**Puttin' On the Ritz!** (for grades k-6) July 12-18 at Grace UMC. For more information about the camp go to [www.ritzworkshop.com](http://www.ritzworkshop.com). Contact Kim Priddy at 272-2171 ext. 102 or [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) with questions or to get a application. Invite a friend!

**Please remember in your prayers:** Treb Cranford, Audrey Boyd, 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, Gulf Oil Spill



**High School Small Group** - We continue to meet at the Kopps home on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Invite a friend and join us!

**End-of-Year celebration-** We will have a cook-out on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the McCord's home at 5 pm. INVITE A FRIEND and get fueled up!!!

**Mission Trip Commissioning-** ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS who are attending mission trips this summer will be commissioned at the services on Sunday, June 20. Please make plans to be at this special event!



**UPDATE ON BACKPACK PROGRAM** - I want to thank you for your generosity and prayers for our first year supporting Peeler with backpacks of food and various other volunteer opportunities. We were able to supply 8 children meals for the weekend for the entire school year. I am in the midst of working out something for the children for the summer and will keep you updated on needs. These children have written beautiful letters of thanks and praise. Please continue to pray for Peeler and how Grace can serve Peeler again next fall.

Kim Priddy, Children's Director

## ***GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES***

### **Sunday, June 6**

**9:00 a.m.**      **Worship Service - Graceful Grounds**  
**9:50 a.m.**      **Sunday School & Small Groups**  
**10:30 a.m.**      **Worship Service - Graceful Grounds**

### **Monday, June 7**

**10:00 a.m.**      **Staff Meeting - Break Room**  
**10:30 am**        **Taiji- Graceful Grounds with Susan Johnson Smith**  
**6:30 pm**        **Qigong - Graceful Grounds with Susan Johnson Smith**  
**7:30pm**         **Tai Chi with Patrick Fannes**

### **Tuesday, June 8**

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

### **Wednesday, June 9**

**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.**      **AOG and Ten-Fifteen Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds**

### **Thursday, June 10**

**7:00 a.m.**      **Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.**  
**4:00 p.m.**      **Brownies - Education Building**  
**6:00 p.m.**      **Tai Chi - Advanced with Patrick Fannes**  
**7:30 p.m.**      **Tai Chi - Beginners with Patrick Fannes**

### **Saturday, June 12**

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

### **SPECIAL VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION!!**

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30-** We are so grateful for all of the wonderful volunteers and members of Grace who make our church such an amazing place to worship and grow in our faith! We would like to thank all of our volunteers with a dinner on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30. The Grace staff will prepare the food and the children can enjoy the bouncy house, too. **Please RSVP by June 7<sup>th</sup>** to Christina McCord (282-0380) or Kim Priddy (272-2171), ext. 102 with the number attending from your family so we can plan the food.

## **Grace Mission for Urban Ministry**

**In May** we collected and delivered 78 pounds of Canned Fruit to Urban Ministry. Thanks so much for your contribution.

June's food is PEANUT BUTTER. Eighteen ounce jars are preferred. Peanut butter is packed with protein, is non-perishable, and is so great for a child's lunch on a hot summer day. Pick up a couple of jars and drop them in one of our bins this Sunday. Bins are located in the east entrance and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks so much for your support.

### **Coming Up**

**July - Rice (1lb bags or larger) August - Green Beans & canned juices**

## **Soldier Care Packages -Memorial Day through Fourth of July**

It's time for our Care Package Campaign for Soldiers. Each year we remember our men and women serving our country by sending them care packages. Boxes are available today at the back of Graceful Grounds. An instruction sheet is enclosed in the box with those items most requested. Fill a box, enclose a check for \$10.70 made payable to GUMC, bring it back and place it right where you picked it up. We will see that it gets to our soldiers serving overseas. The soldiers really enjoy getting these packages and we try to target those men and women who may not have a lot of friends or family support.

Last day to return boxes is JULY 11th.

Any questions, call Sue or Emily Hudson at 375-7351 or 317-7470. Thanks so much for remembering those who serve and protect us.

## **MISSING**

We are missing almost all of dishtowels from the kitchen that are used primarily by the baristas on Sunday and laundered each week by Billy and Susan Smith. Our inventory has been shrinking for awhile and now we are down to just a few towels. If you took some home to launder after an event at the church, please bring them back!

Also, we are missing two black Graceful Grounds aprons. Please return to the coffee bar.

Thanks so much!

Susan Johnson Smith

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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June 6, 2010

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Parish Notices

\*Songs of Praise

*Give Us Clean Hands  
Sing for Joy*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response

*Spirit of the Living God*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Giving to God

A Time with Children

Kim Priddy

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\*Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:4-5; 9-12

Message

*Water, Water Everywhere, Jesus, Water and the Gospels*  
Part 1: "Cleansing Water"

\*Closing Song

*We Fall Down*

Blessing and Sending Forth

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

*\* As you are able, please stand*