

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 interested in joining 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, September 13th from 4:00 - 6 pm. The class will be led by Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike (mmoran@grace-methodist.com). Please let Pastor Mike know if you plan on attending, or you may call the church office at 272-2171.

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009

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

“Blessing the Children”

Welcome to Grace Church. We're glad you're here! This is a special week in the life of our church. Tomorrow nearly 100 children and volunteers will participate in Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is *SonRock Kids Camp*. Under the leadership of our Director of Children's Ministries, Kim Priddy, and a host of others from our Children's Nurture Team, our children will learn the importance of building their lives based on the strength of Jesus and the truths that are contained in the gospels.

During our sermon time this week and again next week we have the privilege of having The Reverend Dr. Amy Rio-Anderson deliver a mini series based on the church's ministry to children. The Bible is filled with stories and sayings of how important children are to God and to God's people. In the next two weeks, we will look at two different passages in the New Testament about children. We will discover more about how children are an essential part of the church, how we can best support them and be a church family, and what we can learn from them. As we think about this important topic, we also encourage each of us to be in prayer for the children of our church and our community throughout this important week.

Amy, an ordained United Methodist minister, is serving as the first non-Moravian chaplain at Salem College in Winston Salem. We want to thank Amy for sharing with us today, but we also want to thank her for being an active part of our ministry here at Grace.

Blessings,



Pastor Mike

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 2009

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 *Fugue on the Kyrie* Couperin

(The light of Christ is brought into our midst.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the word was God.

**And the word became flesh and lived among us,
and through him we have seen God's glory.**

*HYMN NO. 152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through Jesus Christ, you have revealed your unconditional love for us and the love we ought to have for one another. We confess, however, that we have often rejected your love and neglected the opportunities we have to love others. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit give us the grace we need to be the people you have created us to be. Amen.

(Let us observe a moment of silence for personal confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Thanks be 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. 328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord* WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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 *Bourrée in F Major* Telemann

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS EFREUEN

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:13-16

ANTHEM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Spiritual
Dottie Cox, Solo

SERMON "Blessing the Children" Rev. Dr. Amy Rio-Anderson

*HYMN NO. 452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE *Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott* Walcha
(A Mighty Fortress)

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: Jay Martin & Harry Long; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Allison Greiner; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Emily & James Faucher; **HALL HELPERS:** Rob & Kelly Warfield; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Audrey Boyd; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Melissa Simak; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Stewart & Debbie Frye; Narthex: Noel Frye; **ACOLYTE:** Miranda Oakley; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Lori Redding; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Emily & James Faucher; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Stone; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Bill Stone; **USHERS:** Carolena Dunlap, Evan Williams, Nicki Simak; **11:00 am SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce & Lisa Litaker; **LAWN SERVICE:** Tom Sibley, Joe Matthews & Joel Darden; **CLOSER:** Stu & Michelle Gauffreau

CONGRATULATIONS!! Let's congratulate the Bolliger family! Anna Caroline was born on Wednesday, July 22. Anna Caroline weighed 8 lbs and 10 oz and is 21 inches long. Mom and Dad are Chuck and Nina and Ella Grace is so excited to be a big sister!! The Bolligers address is 69 West End Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Let's keep the family in our prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Maria Collen, Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), Mike Manchoff (Marla Darden's father), Elaine Kesler, David, Karen & Cameron Pruitt (David is in Afghanistan), Debbie Frye, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, Jim Waugh, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

Our Presence	Our Generosity
7/26/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 103, 10:15 am 45	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,178
11:00 am 105	07/26/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 11,734
Total: 253	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 300,465
Sunday School 96	Contributions Received YTD \$ 304,207
Small Groups 43	Difference \$ 3,742
Total: 139	

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE?

- **A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR VBS:** On Monday, August 3rd, please begin arriving at 8:45 am. We will begin promptly at 9 am each day and end at noon. Bring in a solid color t-shirt for your child for us to put on a VBS iron-on. Wear comfortable camping clothes each day! **Volunteers**, please park behind the Educational Building as we will be sharing our parking lot with West Market UMC for those attending The Summit Leadership Conference.
- **ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN THE 2'S AND PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**
We have between 6 to 12 active children each Sunday. Come play, make crafts and encourage children as they learn about God. Contact Kim Priddy if you are interested in helping or getting more information. kpriddy@grace-methodist.com or 272-2171 ext. 102.
- **LET US HELP YOU FIND A JOB** Tiffany Crenshaw, one of our Grace Church members, and owner of *Intellect Resources*, a job recruiting firm, has graciously offered to hold a series of job search workshops here at Grace. The workshops will focus on: **Managing Your Career, Resume Writing, and Interview Tips and Pointers**. The sessions will be held on August 5th, 12th and 19th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Contact the church office to register at 272-2171, ext. 100. If you have questions, Tiffany can be reached at crenshaw@intellectresources.com.
- **August is here!** It's time for a new missions food. AUGUST foods are CANNED GREEN BEANS and CANNED JUICES. Both of these will provide nutrition to hungry families. You can drop off your cans in the bins provided in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks for feeding the hungry in Greensboro!!
- **SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES** We finished our summer campaign with a total of 27 boxes shipped to our soldiers. The men and women serving overseas greatly appreciate it. Thanks so much for your participation in this project.
- **CHURCH CLOSERS NEEDED** Looking for an important way to serve Grace? We need your help! We rely on volunteers to secure the church buildings at the end of the services each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers for August through December. If you would be willing to close one Sunday, please contact Debra Bingham (292-4454 or debbatt@aol.com) for information. The process involves a small time commitment but is of great importance for the church!

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds - Education building
9:30 a.m.	Faith Fellowship Class - Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Small Groups
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly (all children), Jr. Church classroom
10:15 a.m.	Worship - Graceful Grounds "Unplugged" - Education building
11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Montagnard Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, August 3

9:00 - Noon VBS

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 - Noon VBS
7:00 p.m. Trustee Team Meeting - Library
8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 - Noon VBS
6:00 p.m. Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal

Thursday, August 6

9:00 - Noon VBS
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Graceful Grounds
7:00 p.m. "10:15" Rehearsal

Friday, August 7

9:00 - Noon VBS

Saturday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.

Please make sure you schedule your church events (in the church or away) in the calendar located on top of the mail slots in the hallway directly outside the church office. This is the only way your event will get listed in the weekly calendar in the bulletin. It's also the only way to prevent double booking of a room. If you are the leader of a group or planned activity, please appoint someone on your team to list your event in the calendar or contact Judi in the church office well in advance and she will list in the calendar. Phone # 272-2171, ext. 100, jmitchell@grace-methodist.com. Also, if you have an ongoing event and tell me that, it will be listed until I hear otherwise. We're a busy place, let's make sure we let folks know what's going on!



FUEL - "Faith Used In Everyday Life"

- FUEL— MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FUEL KICKOFF, Sunday, August 30th. All rising 6th graders are invited to join in the fun at our kick-off on Sunday, August 30th. Keep tuned for more info!
- YOUTH Sunday School teachers needed- We are in need of volunteers to teach our middle and high school Sunday School classes. The curriculum is provided and volunteers rotate teaching (1 Sunday per month.) Please prayerfully consider serving at Grace with our youth! Contact Christina McCord by August 2nd if you are interested @ 282-0380 or christina.mccord3@gmail.com.
- ALL RISING 6th Graders and New Youth to Grace- With the growth at Grace, it is difficult to keep up with all the amazing youth! If you are a RISING 6th GRADER or A NEW YOUTH TO GRACE, please let Christina know so you can be added to our contact list and join in the fun! 282-0380 or christina.mccord3@gmail.com.



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