



So you think you can't dance?

Have you ever wanted to learn basic partner dancing? Do you go to wedding receptions and sit for everything except the chicken dance and electric slide? If so, please join Jeff and Mary Kerrigan for a series of swing dance lessons, culminating with a group outing to a dance with a live band.

- No experience, skill or special equipment required.
- 4 lessons on Friday nights - September 11,18,25 and October 2 from 6-7:30 pm
- Dance put on by the Piedmont Swing Dance Society on Saturday, October 10th at the Vintage Theater in Winston-Salem. Martha and the Mood Swingers will perform.
- Cost is \$55 per couple, and includes four lessons, childcare during the lessons, and admission to the dance.
- Proceeds will be donated to the Grace Children's Ministries.
- To register, please email Mary at marydkerrigan@yahoo.com, 286-8445

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

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

"Adopted by God"

As I am writing this to you, Vacation Bible School is well on its way. I can not begin to express my feelings of awe as I watch children learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1). Like the apostle Peter, they explored who they are in Jesus Christ and what it means to be Accepted by Jesus, Protected by Jesus, Saved by Jesus, Forgiven by Jesus and Living for Jesus. Jesus and Peter have come alive for these children through song, crafts, science, food, games and story telling. The children are forming their identity and relationship with Jesus. He is the rock upon which these children are building their life. I pray that they had a mountaintop experience they'll never forget! We encourage you to be in prayer for the children and youth of our church and community.

Last week we talked about how we can bless all of God's children. I hope you remembered to complete your homework. Amy challenged us to reach out to a child in the community. We are looking forward to hearing how God has called you to serve.

This week The Reverend Dr. Amy Rio-Anderson will continue her message on the church's ministry to children. We will discover more about how children are an essential part of the church, how we can support them and be a church family, and what we can learn from them. This Sunday, we will focus on being adopted by God - what it means for us to be adopted, and how that translates to how we function in the world. Thanks for worshipping at Grace, we're glad you're here!

In this day, let us rejoice in the giver and sustainer of our lives.

Blessings,

Kim Priddy
Director of Children's Ministry

PS You're in for a treat during the "Time with Children" as our VBS children share songs they

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2009

TENTH 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 *Praeludium* (from Liturgical Suite) Young

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a wayward son,

So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another. Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent. Alt.

*HYMN NO. 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by the readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. 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 *Aria* (from Liturgical Suite) Young

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN *How Great is the Lord & Peter was a Fisherman* Sugar Dunlap
VBS Singers

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:12-17

ANTHEM *O Lord, Be Merciful* Bartlett
Katie Spaan, Solo

SERMON "Adopted by God" Rev. Dr. Amy Rio-Anderson

*HYMN NO. 147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE *Toccata* (from Liturgical Suite) Young

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: Doug Swaim & Ethan Waldrop; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Kevin Spencer; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Charlie & Susan Davis; **HALL HELPERS:** Sue & Emily Hudson; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Carolyn McKinney; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Melissa Simak; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Darrell & Marion Allred; Narthex: Kasey Stamey; **ACOLYTE:** Cary Corcoran; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Jeff Kerrigan; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Charlie & Susan Davis; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Jim Phillips; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Angie Ferriera; **USHERS:** Nancy Purcell, Gerry McCall, Darrell Allred, Mike Marshall; **11:00 am SOUND SYSTEM:** Sam Lewis; **LAWN SERVICE:** Tom Sibley, Joe Matthews & Joel Darden; **CLOSER:** Stewart Farris

A note of thanks from Rev. Amy

I would like to offer a huge thank you to Kim Priddy and all the wonderful volunteers who made Vacation Bible School such a great success this past week! There is no better way to spend our time than by sharing God's love with the children of our church and of our community.

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

If you are in a small group associated with the church (in or away from the church), other than Sunday School, please make sure that someone in your group is reporting attendance to the church office following your gathering. We keep looking for an easy way for this to happen. Any suggestions you have will be appreciated. We are required to report these numbers in year end reports to The Western NC Conference.

Our Presence	Our Generosity
8/2/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 137, 10:15 am 42	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,178
11:00 am 101	08/02/09 Contributions to Budget \$13,474
Total: 280	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 308,643
Sunday School 96	Contributions Received YTD \$ 317,681
Small Groups 62	Difference \$ 9,038
Total: 158	

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE?

- **VBS UPDATE!** We have over 100 kids in the building and 30 volunteers. A huge thank you to Mary Kerrigan and her team of volunteers for making this a successful and wonderful experience. Everyone had a great time! We learned about Peter's life and ministry through Jesus Christ. The kids will be singing a few of the songs for you today during the Children's Sermon.
- **ARISE!** Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 30th. The children will move up to their new class for Sunday school.
- **BLESSING THE BACKPACKS!** This will take place on Sunday, August 30th as well. Please have children bring their school backpack (all ages) for a special gift. We will take time to bless the children and teachers for the upcoming academic school year.
- **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.
- **In July we collected 69 pounds of rice** which has been delivered to Greensboro Urban Ministries. Thanks for all your support. Remember that **AUGUST'S** foods are **CANNED GREEN BEANS AND CANNED FRUIT JUICES**. Drop off your cans this Sunday in the bins provided in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks for feeding the hungry in Greensboro!!
- **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.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 9

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 10

10:30 a.m. Taiji - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m. Taiji - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m. Qigong - Graceful Grounds

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 p.m. Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal

Thursday, August 13

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

Saturday, August 15

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 on-going 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!
- **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.



FUEL KICKOFF—AUGUST, 2008