

It's the last Sunday in January –the last day for CANNED BEANS. Some good choices are pork and beans, pinto beans, kidney beans or chili beans. Beans are a good source of protein and an easy addition to a meal for a cold winter day. Pick up a few cans and bring them to one of our bins in the Graceful Grounds or Sanctuary entrance next Sunday. Thanks!

Coming Up:

February - Canned Corn

March - Soup (tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle)

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JANUARY 24, 2010

Our Presence

Worship

9 am - 163, 10:15 am - 68, 11 am 114 Total: 345

Sunday School - 151 Small Groups - 146 Total: 297

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

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

Change: A New Me for a New Year

Part 5: Finding Peace in the Midst of Change

When the railroads were first introduced to the U.S., some folks feared that they'd be the downfall of the nation! In fact, here's an excerpt from a letter Martin Van Buren, who was then the Governor of New York, wrote to President Andrew Jackson:

Dear Mr. President, As you may know, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.

Like most of us, Governor Van Buren didn't like the thought of change. Well, this morning as we come to the end of our sermon series on the topic of change, we'll be looking at a story from the bible that can help all of us experience a deep sense of peace even in the midst of life's many changes. We're thrilled you're at Grace!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 31, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 *A Morning Prelude* arr. Young

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

INTROIT *Sing, My Soul* Messick

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way;
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

Though the waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging,

**For we know that the Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress and our strength.**

*HYMN NO. 568 *Christ for the World We Sing* ITALIAN HYMN

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast and loving God, in your holy word you promise that you will always be with us, to strengthen us, and guide us through times of change. And yet, we confess that we have often failed to trust in your promise and allowed our fear of change to overwhelm us. Forgive us, of these, and all our sins, we pray. And by the power of your Holy Spirit enable us to stand fast in the truth of your love for us and your presence with us at all times. In the names of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Thanks be to God!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

RESPONSE NO. 405 *See Ye First* SEEK YE

**See ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Hymnal, page

(At this time, it is our privilege to welcome Ron and Jennifer Pitts, along with their daughter, Mallory Anne, into the life of Grace Church.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Largo* Vivaldi

*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

*SCRIPTURE LESSONS Joshua 1:1-9

ANTHEM *Sing Out Your Joy to God* Handel/arr. Hopson

SERMON *Change: A New Me for a New Year*
Part 5: Finding Peace in the Midst of Change Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 408 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

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

RESPONSE *Amen* Foster

*POSTLUDE *Magnificat Primi Toni* Buxtehude

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: Stu & Michelle Gauffreau; **9:00 a.m. USHERS:** Von Steen family; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Christina McCord; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Souhan & Clayton **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Jamie & Jay Braxton; **HALL HELPER:** Laine Tousey; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Stu & Michelle Gauffreau; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** Howard family; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Stacy Hiers; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Page Griffin & Carolyn McKinney; Narthex: Tom & Angie Ferriera; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Jamie & Jay Braxton; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Kristian Hiers/Tom Sibley; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Logan Hiers; **USHERS:** Evan Williams, Brad & Ryan Priddy & Trey Hiers; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **11:00 am JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Mark McKinney; **FUEL DINNER:** Alice & Rod Franks-North

A New Grace Church Small Group...WOW! What a great start. There were over a dozen people in attendance at the inaugural meeting of a new small group. We will officially start meeting on February 14th, 2010. The group will meet at 11 am, immediately after the 10:15 Graceful Grounds "Unplugged" service. Why not join this small group and "Get Connected at Grace"! For more information, contact Pastor Mike at mmoran@grace-methodist.com or Jay Braxton at jdbrax2002@yahoo.com.

The Message at M'Coul's...The message at M'Coul's will resume on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6pm. Join us for five consecutive Tuesday nights where we'll share in fellowship, enjoy a drink or dinner, and reflect on the prior Sunday's sermon. Sessions will be led by Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike. Childcare will be available at the church on a donation basis. Please join us. For more info, contact Pastor Mike at mmoran@grace-methodist.com.

The Five Languages of Love...There are many languages in our world and, if these words weren't written in one you speak, you would have no idea what they mean. The same is true of Love - there are multiple languages through which Love is communicated. Why should this mean more to you than a bad poem on a cheap valentine card? Because it means your spouse is not feeling loved if you are loving him/her in a Love language she/he doesn't understand. That, of course, leads to all sorts of frustrations, dissatisfaction and worse. Want to learn more? Come join the Exchange Class on January 31, at 10 am to begin a new series on the worldwide bestselling book *The Five Languages of Love*. While especially useful for married couples, the series is also very helpful for anyone in or seeking to be in a relationship.

Please remember in your prayers: 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



F.U.E.L. this Sunday!- Invite a friend and make plans to join us this Sunday, January 31st for FUEL! Middle School meets from 4:30 - 5:30, Dinner from 5:30 - 6:00 and High School from 6:00 - 7:00. You're sure to leave FUELED UP!!!!

Youth Summer Opportunities- Summer calendars are already getting full and I wanted to let you know of several great opportunities for your youth to grow spiritually this summer! Appalachia Service Project will take place June 27-July 3. This is a mission trip for rising 9th graders and older. We would love for a group of middle school youth to plan to go to Camp Tekoa the week of July 11th. Finally, Estoy Loco (Middle School Mission Trip) is being held August 15-17 in Winston-Salem. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2-6 and youth volunteers are needed. Mark your calendars and let Christina know if you're interested....deadlines are TBD.



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 fruit cups and pudding cups 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.

Grace Mom's Group will be meeting February 4th from 9:30 to 11 am in the Library. Childcare will be provided. Contact Cindy McKinney at cindymcky@aol.com with questions.

2nd Annual Valentines dance for families on Friday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8 pm by the Children's Nurture Team. Please bring a snack to share: A-L salty and K-Z sweet. Please contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com.



ORDER OF WORSHIP
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

January 31, 2010 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Parish Notices

*Songs of Praise *Here I Am to Worship*
Open the Eyes of My Heart

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response *Welcome*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism (10:15 am only)

*(At this time, Craig & Heather Kiser present their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Kiser,
for the sacrament of baptism.)*

Giving to God

A Time with Children (9am only) Christina McCord

*Scripture Lesson Joshua 1:1-9

Message *Change: A New Me for a New Year*
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*Closing Song *All of Me*

Blessing and Sending Forth

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

* *As you are able, please stand*

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds
9:25 a.m. Children's Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir - 2nd/3rd grade classroom - Ed. Bldg.
10:00 - 10:45 Small Groups for Adults and Children
10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship "Unplugged"- Graceful Grounds
11:00 a.m. Classic Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Family Event - Ice House
4:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Middle Youth Fellowship
5:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Dinner Middle & High School Youth
6:00 p.m. F.U.E.L. High School Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

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

Wednesday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study -Graceful Grounds
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. "10:15" Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds
8:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds

Thursday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.
9:30 a.m. Grace Mom's Group - Library
4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
5:00 p.m. Jr. Brownies Meeting
6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Advanced - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m. Staff-Parish Team - Parlor
7:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Beginner - Graceful Grounds

Friday, February 5

5:30 p.m. Grace Youth Ski Trip - Meet in Grace parking lot

Saturday, February 6

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