

March's missions food is CANNED SOUP. The preferred choices are Tomato, Chicken Noodle, and Vegetable. Warm up someone's meal table with one or all of these choices. Bring your soup this Sunday and place it in one of our bins located in the Graceful Grounds or Sanctuary entrances. Thanks for sharing and feeding the hungry in Greensboro!

Coming Up:

April - Canned Mixed Vegetables

May - Canned Fruit

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

Circle 7 is sponsoring a linen drive for Urban Ministries Pathways Homeless Shelter.

Pathways is a fairly short term shelter that serves families that have found themselves to be without housing and basic necessities. The families need linens while they are there and also when they leave. Linens needed are full and twin size sheets, towels, wash cloths, and dish towels. They will gladly accept gently used items as well as new items. Now is the prime time to clean out those closets and donate the linens you no longer use! You may give your items to any member of Circle 7 or you may drop them off in the hallway outside the church office. We will continue this opportunity to give for about the next three weeks. Thank you in advance for your donations and your generosity.

MARCH 14, 2010

Our Presence

Our Generosity

9 am - 135, 10:15 am - 62, 11 am - 137	Needed weekly toward budget	10,040
Worship Total: 334	Received last week toward budget	17,473
	Needed YTD	123,154
Sunday School - 143 Small Groups - 111	Received YTD	114,515
Sunday School & Small Group Total: 254	Shortfall YTD	[8,639]

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GRACE CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

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

***24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day
Part 6: What Does Simon Say?***

Welcome to Grace Church! Today we continue our Lenten sermon series *24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day*. In this series we're using the gospel of Mark to explore some events that happened to Jesus during the last twenty four hours of his life. From these events we're learning some lessons that have incredible relevance for our everyday lives.

This morning's message is entitled "What Does Simon Say?". In our time together, we'll explore, in some detail, the torture and humiliation Jesus suffered at the hands of Roman soldiers. We'll then learn about a man named Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus in his time of need. I think Simon's story will have some important things to say to us about how we live our lives today.

Today we also hope you'll remember that our Grace church Youth Group, "F.U.E.L.", will be selling tickets to their dinner and silent auction which will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. The tickets cost \$15.00 per person and all proceeds will go toward helping our youth achieve their \$12,000 goal so they can send 25 youth to serve others through the Appalachia Service Project and a middle school mission project this summer! Please support our youth!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 21, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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 *O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Fall* Bach

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this fifth Sunday of the season of Lent,
we remember the suffering of Jesus.

**We also remember that to follow Jesus
we must serve those who suffer.**

*HYMN NO. 126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in his suffering Jesus shared our suffering and called us to share in the suffering of others. We confess, however, that we often overlook, turn away or simply ignore the suffering we see all around us. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us by the power of your Holy Spirit, and help us be more attuned and responsive to those who suffer in our world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*AFFIRMATION 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. 143

On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal, page 39

(At this time James & Emily Faucher present their daughter, Audrey DeHart Faucher, for the sacrament of baptism.)

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 *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* arr. Wells

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Christina McCord

(A children's offering will be taken at this time.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15:15-21

ANTHEM *Show Me Thy Ways* Pelz

SERMON *24: Exploring Jesus' Final Day*
Part 6: "What Does Simon Say?". Pastor Morris

HYMN NO. 453 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

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

RESPONSE *Amen* Foster

*POSTLUDE *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended* Brahms

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: Karen Kernodle; **9:00 a.m. USHER:** John Williams & Jeff Kerrigan; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Christina McCord; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Mehaffey & Gorman; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Rebekah & Joe Matthews; **HALL HELPER:** Lito Lewallen; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Rob & Kelly Warfield; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** The Howard family; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Harrell & Frances Thomas; Narthex: Pat Cross & June Dillon; **ACOLYTE:** Cary Corcoran; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Rebekah & Joe Matthews; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Kristian Hiers; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Kristian Hiers; **USHERS:** Chip Permar, Adrian Smith, Jason Smith, Spencer Smith; **11:00 am JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Bingham; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Logan Hiers; **11:00 FUEL YOUTH MEAL:** Van Hine family

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to the family of Grace Holliday Smith, who died on Sunday, March 7, at Beacon Place. A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 13, at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Let us express our sympathy to Melissa and Nicki Simak. Melissa's mother, Martha Mae Niro, died on Thursday, March 11, in Jefferson, Ohio. A service was held on Tuesday, March 16, at Jefferson Church of the Nazarene.

Let us also express our sympathy to Kim Shuttleworth. Kim's mother, Marilyn Shewfelt, died on Friday, March 12. Memorial services were held on Monday, March 15, at First Alliance Church in Orlando, FL.

Let's keep these families in our prayers.

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 considering membership at 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 April 11th from 4:00-5:30 pm in room 101 in the Education Building. The class will be led by Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike. Please let Mike know if you plan on attending (mmoran@grace-methodist.com), or you may call the church office at 272-2171.

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Smith, Glenn Payne, Mary Jenkins, Midge Hudson, Debbie Frye (cancer), Kayla Powell (14 yr.old friend of the Corcoran's who has cancer), Carolyn Crockett (Joe Matthews' aunt), 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



FUEL in March - We will be meeting March 21st at our regular times. Due to Spring Break, we will take off March 28th and April 4th. Please bring your fundraiser folders and donation updates to FUEL this Sunday. Invite a friend and GET FUELED UP!!!!

NEW High School Small Group - We have a new High School Small Group meeting at Bill and Mary Ann Kopp's home on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Invite a friend and make plans to attend. Contact Christina McCord with questions and directions at 312-4685 or christina.mccord3@gmail.com.



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 canned vegetables 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.

Nursery Needs: The Nursery is in need of some items being donated. We need small paper cups, regular sized apple juice and club crackers. We are also in need of CD players. Please drop donations off at the Nursery. Thank you for helping us have a wonderful room for the smallest of the church!

We need candy for Easter Eggs! Please consider donating a bag of candy to be used for our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. A box will be left in Graceful Grounds and the entrance to the sanctuary.



Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt! We will meet at the Greiner's home (612 Scott Avenue) at 10am on Saturday, April 3rd to celebrate Easter and have an egg hunt. Please bring a brunch item to share. Contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com with questions.

MOM'S GROUP MEETING 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 23. Recipe tasting/swap, egg stuffing. Contact Cindy McKinney at 286-1058 or cindymcky@aol.com.



YOUTH MISSIONS Fundraiser



PURCHASE TICKETS \$15

Dinner and Auction

APRIL 17th @ 5:30 pm

Graceful Grounds

- Silent/Live Auction of Youth Services, Vacation Homes, and other items
 - Great Items for Raffle
- Music and Entertainment provided by Tom Carson and Lindsey Porter
 - FREE Childcare provided!

*19 volunteers attending Appalachia Service Project this summer (\$500 per person)

*10 middle school youth attending a weekend mission trip (\$90 per person)

HOW YOU CAN OFFER SUPPORT!

*Pray for all those serving on mission teams

*Purchase tickets to attend the dinner and Auction

*Donate services, vacation homes, sporting tickets, and other items for the event

*Be a SPONSOR of the event by providing a monetary donation

ALL DONATIONS are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Contact any YOUTH or Christina McCord at 282-0380 or Christina.mccord3@triad.rr.com for more details!



YOUTH MISSIONS Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 22nd

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 and Mission Trips!

We will collect items the week prior to the sale.

Drop-off dates and times TBA.

More details to come!



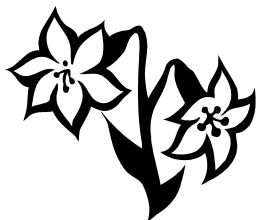
Join us for Holy Week at Grace

Palm/Passion Sunday, Sunday, March 28 @ 10:00 A.M. On this Sunday we will join together in our beautiful sanctuary for **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.** Our service will begin with a joyful "Procession of Palms" as our children enter the sanctuary waving palm branches to remind us of Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. Our service will then turn darker as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 1 @ 7:00 P.M. On Thursday evening we will gather in our sanctuary for a service of darkness called "Tenebrae". In this service of worship we'll join Jesus and his disciples for their final meal and then through a series of scripture readings and beautiful anthems by our chancel choir we'll journey with Jesus into the darkness of his death on the cross. This is a service you won't want to miss.

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 4 @ 9:00, 10:15 and 11:00 A.M. Invite a friend and join us as we celebrate the good news of Easter resurrection at all three worship services. In our time together we'll reflect on the powerful meaning the resurrection of Jesus has for our lives. During the morning we also invite you to bring fresh cut flowers to place on our Easter cross located in the churchyard!

EASTER LILIES...Would you like to help decorate our worship spaces with a beautiful Easter lily this year? You can purchase a lily and donate it in memory or honor of a family member or friend this Easter. The cost for a lily is \$11.00 and the **new deadline for notifying the church office is Thursday, March 25.** Please fill out the tear off and place it in the offering plate or mail/return it to the church office. Make your check out to Grace United Methodist Church and write "Lily" in the memo line.



Name _____ Amount\$ _____ #Lilies _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____