

We collected and delivered 31 pounds of soup in March. Let's at least double that total for April.

April's missions food is **CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES**. These can be a side item or used in casseroles. Pick up a few cans and drop them in one of our bins located in the east sanctuary entrance or in Graceful Grounds next Sunday. Thank you for your continued support!

Coming up

May-Canned Fruit

June-Peanut Butter

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.

APRIL 11, 2010

Our Presence

Our Generosity

9am - 148, 10:15am - 92, 11 am - 103	Needed weekly toward budget	10,041
Worship Total: 343	Received last week toward budget	7,956
	Needed YTD	163,317
Sunday School - 145 Small Groups - 136	Received YTD	157,719
Total: 281	Shortfall YTD	[5,598]

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

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

Simple Truths for...The Game of Life

Part 2: Live by a Deeper Shade of Green

Welcome to Grace! We're thrilled you're here! Today we continue our new sermon series entitled "Simple Truths for...The Game of Life". In this series we're exploring some simple biblical truths that will enable us to live our lives in ways that won't make them perfect or pain-free, but will make them increasingly more healthy and whole.

Tuesday is Earth Day. In this morning's message, "Live by a Deeper Shade of Green", we'll be considering the implications the simple truth that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" has for our lives.

Here are a few quotes about God's wonderful creation to get us started:

"I really wonder what gives us the right to wreck this poor planet of ours."

~ Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

~ Henry David Thoreau

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, but we do borrow it from our children."

~ Native American Proverb

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin. Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

~ Jesus Christ

Blessings,

Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 18, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* Buxtehude

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

*GREETING

The heavens tell of the glory of God; and the beauty of the earth proclaims God's handiwork.

As we look at the beauty of Your creation, O Lord, our hearts cry out in praise to You!

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

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who made the heavens and earth, we gather in your presence to praise you for the beauty of creation which reminds us of your presence in our midst each day. And yet, we confess that many times we have abused the world you have given us by our disregard and destructive ways of living. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to act with love and justice toward all living things. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who reminded us that you clothe the lilies in the fields. 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. 280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

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 *Offertory in G Major* Walther

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

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 LESSONS Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 24:1

ANTHEM *Earth Song* Ticheli

SERMON *Simple Truths for...The Game of Life*
Part 2: "Live by a Deeper Shade of Green" Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 144 *This is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

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

*RESPONSE *Depart in Peace* Ford

*POSTLUDE *Alleluia* Bossi

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: Carolyn McKinney; **9:00 a.m. USHER:** Bruce & Jill Oakley; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Brock & Faucher; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Erin & Jay Thompson; **HALL HELPER:** Kelly & Rob Warfield; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Jon & Stephanie Kimrey; **10:15 a.m. USHERS:** The Warfield family; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Robynn Osborne; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Audrey Boyd; Narthex: Jim & Bobbie Phelps; **ACOLYTE:** Spencer Smith; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Erin & Jay Thompson; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Stone; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Angie Ferreira; **USHERS:** Gerry McCall, Betty Moore, Nancy Purcell, Eva Thomas; **11:00 am JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Hahn; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bill & Marjorie Stone; **LAWN CARE TEAM:** Tom Sibley, Jay Braxton, Chris Gregory

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Charlene Johnston in memory of Robert Johnston and by Sugar, Ben, Lance & Carolena Dunlap in memory of "mama Lib".

Women's Bible Study! We will begin a new 6 week study exploring prayer on **Wednesday, April 7 at 9:30am in Graceful Grounds.** This study is open to all women of Grace. Please invite a friend. Childcare will be provided. Contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com with questions or to sign-up.

Parking for a Purpose - We need volunteers to help park cars during the Greensboro Grasshopper's home baseball games throughout the summer. All the money raised goes to local charities like Urban Ministries and Mary's House. If you are willing to help, contact Mike Stainback mstainback@stainbackandassociates.com, Billy Smith wsmith6994@triad.rr.com or Vic Nussbaum vic.nussbaum@yahoo.com.

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to Sara Smith and her husband, Peter Morris. Sara's mother, Gloria Monk Smith, died on Sunday, April 11. A celebration of life service was held at Grace on Wednesday April 14. Please keep Sara and the family in your prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: 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), 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



High School Small Group - We will not be meeting on April 15th due to numerous scheduling conflicts. We will resume with our regular Thursday night @ 7 pm schedule on April 22. Contact Christina McCord with questions and directions at 312-4685 or christina.mccord3@gmail.com.

FUEL IN April - We will meet at our regular times on April 25. We will gather the evening of Friday, April 16, to set up for the Missions Dinner and Auction at 5 pm and then work the event on Saturday, April 17 (meeting @ 2pm). We will not have FUEL on Sunday, April 18.

YOUTH Sunday, May 16 - ALL YOUTH mark your calendars for Youth Sunday on May 16. We will be responsible for all 3 services. This is always a special day where we highlight the wonderful youth of Grace so make plans to be there!



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 breakfast items 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.

THANK YOU! to the children that served at Pathways last Sunday. We had 9 children from Grace and 6 children from College Park Baptist serve tacos to the residents of Pathways.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds, Electric Music
- 9:25 a.m. Children's Choir
- 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Small Groups for Adults and Children
- 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds, Acoustic Music
- 11:00 a.m. Classic Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, April 19

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Break Room
- 10:30 a.m. Taiji Class with Susan Johnson Smith
- 6:30 p.m. Qigong with Susan Johnson Smith
- 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi with Patrick Fannes - Beginner Class

Tuesday, April 20

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

Wednesday, April 21

- 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. "Ten-Fifteen" Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds
- 8:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds

Thursday, April 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.
- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Advanced - Graceful Grounds
- 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Beginner - Graceful Grounds

Saturday, April 24

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

[Come, celebrate our success!!](#)

Join us at **The Filling Station** in Lindley Park after the Fundraiser

[Saturday, April 17th @ 8:30-midnight](#)

Live Music by Tom Carson and Lindsey Porter



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!

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April 18, 2010

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Parish Notices

*Songs of Praise

God is Great (9am only)
Let Creation Sing

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response

Hallelujah

Prayers of the People

Giving to God

A Time with Children (9am only)

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. Choir for 2nd to 5th graders will meet in the choir room.)

*Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 24:1

Message

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*Closing Song

Hallelujah

Blessing and Sending Forth

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

* As you are able, please stand