

## Update on sanctuary repairs:

We are excited about being able to start the repairs to the sanctuary ceiling in June. The plan is to return it to the original look which will include:

- Repairing the plaster chunks that have fallen out of the ceiling
- Fixing the cracks that happened when the building “moved” five years ago (when we had to drill anchors in the foundation on the street side of the building)
- Repainting the entire ceiling

When the repairs are complete, the sanctuary will be returned to the look it had a few years ago before the leaks in the roof began. That is the extent of the repairs to the sanctuary, and we look forward to moving back into the sanctuary in August. Any donations to help fund the repairs would be most welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Morris, Ron Hough (Trustees Team), Stu Gauffreau (Church Council), or Lisa Fields (Fundraising Committee)

MAY 23, 2010			
Our Presence		Our Generosity	
9am - 155, 10:15am - 81, 11 am - 131	Needed weekly toward budget	10,711	
Worship Total: 367	Received last week toward budget	5,150	
	Needed YTD	226,243	
Sunday School - 139 Small Groups - 142	Received YTD	209,988	
Total: 281	<b>Shortfall YTD</b>	<b>[16,255]</b>	

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# GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010

10:00 A.M.

## SIMPLE TRUTHS FOR...THE GAME OF LIFE PART 7: “GIVING FOR THE FUN OF IT”

Welcome to Grace! We have an exciting time of worship planned for this Memorial Day Weekend. This morning we are privileged to hear an important message by Dr. Rev. Harry Long. In our time together Harry will remind us of the simple truth that “giving really can be fun”! This morning's worship music is being provided by a combination of our two worship bands – *Agents of Grace* and *Ten Fifteen* – as well as members of our excellent chancel choir.

Please remember that today will be our last service of worship in our sanctuary until August. Beginning next week, our sanctuary and steeple will undergo repairs. The sanctuary ceiling and walls will then receive a new paint job. The damage to the steeple will be covered and re-sided. Consequently, next Sunday, June 6, we'll begin our new “Summer Worship Schedule”. During this eight-week period we will have two exciting worship services in Graceful Grounds. The first service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the second service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school classes and small groups meeting from 9:50-10:25 a.m.

Next Sunday we will also begin a new summer sermon series entitled “Water, Water Everywhere: Jesus, Water and the Gospels”. In this series we'll explore some powerful ways that Jesus used water to help connect us to God. It will help us think about God's presence in our lives as we enjoy the refreshing gift of water this summer. Thanks for being at Grace!

Many Blessings,



Pastor Morris

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 30, 2010

TRINITY SUNDAY

10:00 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 *Intrada* Corl

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

### \*GREETING

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth  
You have gathered us in this place.

**Fill us with your Spirit in this time of worship,  
Then send us forth to be Your light in the world.**

\*HYMN NO. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people. We have not always done your will. We have not cared for the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us by the power of Your Holy Spirit and empower us to be Your people in the week to come. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. 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. 539 *O Spirit of the Living God* FOREST GREEN

### 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

\*DOXOLOGY NO. Agents of Grace & Ten-Fifteen Band

## 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 LESSON II Corinthians 9:6-15

ANTHEM *Temporary Home* Treb Cranford

SERMON *Simple Truths for...The Game of Life*  
Part 7: "Giving for the Fun of It!" Dr. Rev. Harry Long

\*HYMN NO. 500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

### \*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

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

\*POSTLUDE *Echo Fanfare* G. Martin

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*\*As you are able, please stand*

## THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

**10:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Gen Fleischman; Narthex: Mary Jenkins; **ACOLYTE:** Spencer Smith; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Jennifer & Craven Peay; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Stone; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Angie Ferriera; **USHERS:** Gerry McCall, Betty Moore, Nancy Purcell & Eva Thomas; **11:00 a.m. JR. CHURCH:** Carpenter, Broughton & Albright; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **LAWN CARE TEAM:** (5/28) Joe Matthews, Brent Priddy and Jason Sanders; (6/4): Ben Dunlap, Evan Williams

**THE FLOWERS** in our sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Patty and David Bateski in honor of their children and grandchildren.



**MODERN PARABLES™**  
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to 10:25am in June and July in the Education Building in room 100.

**Join the Seekers Sunday Class** this summer, June 6<sup>th</sup>, as they begin a new study that seeks to re-create the emotional immediacy that Jesus' audience felt the first time hearing the parables. Please contact Jay Braxton at [jdbrx2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbrx2002@yahoo.com) with any questions. This class will meet from 9:50am

**Puttin' On the Ritz!** (for grades k-6) July 12-18 at Grace UMC. For more information about the camp go to [www.ritzworkshop.com](http://www.ritzworkshop.com). Contact Kim Priddy at 272-2171 ext. 102 or [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) with questions or to get a application. Invite a friend!

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30-** We are so grateful for all of the wonderful volunteers and members of Grace who make our church such an amazing place to worship and grow in our faith! We would like to thank all of our volunteers with a dinner on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30. The Grace staff will prepare the food and the children can enjoy the bouncy house, too. Please RSVP by June 6<sup>th</sup> to Christina McCord (282-0380) or Kim Priddy (272-2171), ext. 102 with the number attending from your family so we can plan the food.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Treb Cranford, Audrey Boyd, Alfred Ligon (Cindy McKinney's Dad), 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), 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, Gulf Oil Spill



**High School Small Group** - We continue to meet at the Kopps home on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Invite a friend and join us!

**FUEL in MAY-** We will not have FUEL on May 30 due to Memorial Day weekend.

**End-of-Year celebration-** We will have a cook-out on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the McCord's home at 5 pm. INVITE A FRIEND and get fueled up!!!

**Mission Trip Commissioning-** ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS who are attending mission trips this summer will be commissioned at the services on Sunday, June 20. Please make plans to be at this special event!



**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 Mac & Cheese 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](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) or 272-2171 ext. 102.

**KiDS (current 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)** - Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 1 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will plan activities for young Burmese children. Details will follow. Contact Kim Priddy at [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) with questions or to sign up!

## ***GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES***

**Sunday, May 30**

**10:00 a.m.** Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary  
**4:00 p.m.** Yoga

**Monday, May 31**

**.** Office Closed-Memorial Day  
**10:30 am** Taiji - Graceful Grounds with Susan Johnson Smith  
**5:30 pm** Taiji - Graceful Grounds with Susan Johnson Smith  
**6:30 pm** Qigong - Graceful Grounds with Susan Johnson Smith  
**7:30pm** Tai Chi with Patrick Fannes

**Tuesday, June 1**

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

**Wednesday, June 2**

**1:00 p.m.** Senior Bible Study - Friends Home Guilford  
**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, June 3**

**7:00 a.m.** Men's Fellowship & Bible Study - Panera Bread, W. Market St.

**Saturday, June 5**

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

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.**

### **MISSING**

We are missing almost all of dishtowels from the kitchen that are used primarily by the baristas on Sunday and laundered each week by Billy and Susan Smith. Our inventory has been shrinking for awhile and now we are down to just a few towels. If you took some home to launder after an event at the church, please bring them back!

Also, we are missing two black Graceful Grounds aprons. Please return to the coffee bar.

### **Grace Mission for Urban Ministry**

It's the last Sunday for our missions food of CANNED FRUIT. Peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail and applesauce are all good choices. As the days get warmer, chilled fruit makes a good nutritious dessert. Pick up a few cans and drop them in one of our bins this Sunday. Bins are located in the east entrance and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks so much for your support.

### **Coming Up**

**July - Rice (1lb bags or larger) August - Green Beans & canned juices**

### **Soldier Care Packages -Memorial Day through Fourth of July**

It's time for our Care Package Campaign for Soldiers. Each year we remember our men and women serving our country by sending them care packages. Boxes are available today right outside the sanctuary. An instruction sheet is enclosed in the box with those items most requested. Fill a box, enclose a check for \$10.70 made payable to GUMC, bring it back and place it right where you picked it up. We will see it gets to our soldiers serving overseas. The soldiers really enjoy getting these packages and we try to target those men and women who may not have a lot of friends or family support.

Last day to return boxes is JULY 11th.

Any questions, call Sue or Emily Hudson at 375-7351 or 317-7470. Thanks so much for remembering those who serve and protect us.