

Some pictures from our Annual Church-Wide Picnic



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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009
10:00 A.M.

The Blest Way to Be Attitudes
Part 7: **You're Blest When You Become a Peace Maker**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

GATHERING Music by *Agents of Grace* and *Ten-Fifteen Bands*

(You are invited to sign the friendship registers located at the end of each pew.)

PRELUDE *Communion* Young

CHORAL INTROIT *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Welsh Melody/Arr. Bird

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today we come to worship God, who created all people, embraces all people in love, and calls all people to break down the walls of hostility that divide and build relationships that celebrate our common humanity.

Today, through our worship, the breaking of bread and sharing of wine, we come to offer ourselves to God, who in Jesus Christ, has called us to be instruments of unity and peace in the world!

*HYMN NO. 140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
Trumpet/Organ Fanfare, Evan Williams - Trumpet
vs. 1 - Congregation
vs. 2 - Agents of Grace-Soloist
vs. 3 - Congregation

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. We thank you that you sent Jesus Christ to us to break down the barriers that divide earth's people, and reveal your all-encompassing love. Forgive us for the times we have chosen division and hostility over unity and love. Cleanse us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us be people who build bridges instead of walls. Help us be peace makers. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(In silence, we offer personal prayers of confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

RESPONSE

Welcome from *For Everyone Born*

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in, to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace. All are welcome the love of God to share 'Cause all of us are welcome here, all are welcome in this place

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Leader: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God. Receive these Bibles with your hands, your hearts, and your minds. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey of God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Leader: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY

Instruments of Your Peace
Ten Fifteen Band

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

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

I Love God and God Loves Me

Cherub Choir

The Peacemakers

Grace Children's Choir

(Childcare and Jr. Church is provided for infants to kindergarten. All children 1st through 5th are invited to enjoy today's service with their families.)

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You have to say to us this day. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:9

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Prepare a Table

Agents of Grace

SERMON

The Blest Way to Be Attitudes

Part 7: You're Blest When You Become a Peace Maker

Pastor Morris

ANTHEM

And the Father Will Dance

Hayes

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*GIVING BREAD AND CUP

(At the direction of the ushers, all are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. As we receive, let us joyfully sing Hymns Nos. 620, 618, 614, 629, 628.)

*HYMN NO. 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

WORLD PEACE

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE

Festival Trumpet

Young

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS: East Entrance: Carolyn McKinney, Page Griffin, Brian & Laine Tousey; Narthex: Bill, Marjorie, Caroline & Harrison Stone; **ACOLYTE:** Harrison Stone; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Ben Dunlap/Tom Sibley; **10 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Kristian Hiers; **USHERS:** Logan Hiers, Caleb Rio-Anderson; **10:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **CLOSERS:** Charlene Johnston & Charles McCloud; **LAWN SERVICE:** Brian Tousey, David French, Rob Baxley

Please remember in your prayers: Jim Nussbaum (Vic Nussbaum's brother), Earl Rideout (Sugar Dunlap's brother-in-law), Jill Osborne (Mae Boles' niece), Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Maria Collen, Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), 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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Kevin Spencer in honor of Andrea & McKenna Spencer.

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to Willard Thomas and family. Willard's sister, Winnie Brown, died on Sunday, September 27. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Let's be in prayer for the family.

Our Presence	Our Generosity
9/27/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 159, 10:15 am 49	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 9,321
11:00 am 129	09/27/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 6,183
Total: 337	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 378,639
Sunday School 176	Contributions Received YTD \$ 367,373
Small Groups 163	Difference Short [\$ 11,266]
Total: 339	

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE?

- **Parking collects \$9,500 for Missions**– Thank you to the many Grace volunteers who donated their time and efforts to help with “Parking for a Purpose” this year. Because of your efforts, we were able to collect \$9,510 during the baseball season for missions. All of this money will be used for local, national, and international outreach and missions. Special thanks to the Corcoran's, Ferreira's, Guyer's, Hier's, Long's Matthew's, Martin's, Nussbaum's, Price's, Sibley's, Smith's, Smith's, Stainback's, Stone's and Swaim's for their outstanding help this year!
- **2009 Crop Walk-Help Fight World Hunger**- Join other walkers from Grace in this year's CROP Walk, as together we fight world hunger. The walk this year will be held on October 18th at 2:30 PM with registration immediately prior to the event. The walk is an easy 5K walk which is about 3 miles. All you need to do to participate is sign up, get a participants packet, and purchase a t-shirt for \$3. We will have a sign up table at the East entrance under the breezeway this Sunday following our combined worship service.
- **IT'S OCTOBER AND OUR MISSIONS FOOD IS DRIED BEANS**– Navy, pinto and northern are just a few choices. Beans are a great source of protein and a good meal on cool, crisp days. Pick up a few packs and drop them in one of our bins located in the East entrance of the sanctuary building and the Graceful Grounds worship center. Thanks for helping the hungry in Greensboro

Coming up: **November - Canned Greens** **December - Oatmeal**

- **GRACE MEN'S GROUP**...The Grace Men's Group will meet each Thursday morning at Panera on Market Street for coffee, breakfast, and devotion. Our devotions will be based on the book “March Gladness” by Doug Griggs. The book draws parallels between NCAA final four basketball and the truths that are contained in the gospel. So come out each Thursday morning at 7 am and join us as we share together.
- **Circle #2** will meet October 12th at 10:30 in the parlor. The program will be by Audrey Boyd on John Wesley. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.
- **VOLUNTEER CENTERS OPEN ON FIRST SUNDAYS**- The Volunteer Center desks will be open on the first Sunday of each month, beginning today, October 4. Today the desks will be in the East Entrance to the Sanctuary before and after the 10 o'clock service and in Graceful Grounds during the brunch following the worship service. Stop by one of the desks to check the top five volunteer opportunities being emphasized this month. Also, if you have not filled out a "Gifts and Talents Survey" this year, you may pick up a copy, fill it out at home, and return it to the Church Office or place it in an offering plate. If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, contact Jane or Harry Long (851-9301 or HLong1@triad.rr.com).

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Sunday, October 4

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
- 9:30 a.m. Cherub Choir - 3rd/4th grade classroom - Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service celebrating our unity in Christ - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Church-Wide Brunch - Graceful Grounds Fellowship Area
- 4:30 p.m. Worship Readiness - 1st through 5th graders
- 4:30 p.m. FUEL-Middle Youth - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. FUEL DINNER-Middle & Senior High
- 6:00 p.m. FUEL-Senior Youth

Monday, October 5

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Break Room
- 10:30 a.m. Taiji Class - Graceful Grounds
- 5:30 p.m. Taiji Class - Graceful Grounds
- 6:30 p.m. Qigong - Graceful Grounds

Tuesday, October 6

- 8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, October 7

- 1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Bible Study, Friends Home, Guilford
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - Yoga Room, 2nd floor, Education Building
- 6:00 p.m. Message at M'Couls, 110 W. McGee Street
- 6:15 p.m. Grace Gangs (Children all ages through 5th grade)- Ed. Bldg.
- 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
- 8:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal - Choir Room, sanctuary building

Thursday, October 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - Panera Bread on W. Market St.
- 4:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts - Educational Building
- 4:30 p.m. Daisies - Educational Building
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi for Advanced Students - Graceful Grounds
- 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi for Beginners - Graceful Grounds

Saturday, October 10

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.

- **F.U.E.L. in September**- We will meet at our regular times on October 4. INVITE A FRIEND and "Get Fueled Up" at Grace
- **YOUTH FX09 Fall Experience, November 13-15**- You can expect an amazing experience as our youth have a blast with other youth ministries from around the southeast. Besides the high-energy sessions with relevant messages through-out the weekend, you can participate in the hilarious "Extreme Competition" sports, play paintball, zipline, "BIG" Swing, and much more, You can also enjoy 7 Miles, the featured band during the worship services. Visit http://www.tsunamiministries.com/FX09/Flood_FX09.pdf for more details.
- **PAYMENT of \$125 (made to Grace UMC) is due this Sunday, October 4th.** There are only 20 youth openings for this trip so make sure to reserve your spot now!
- **Internet Safety Workshop**- ALL YOUTH and PARENTS are invited to an Internet Safety Workshop on **Sunday, October 11 @ 6pm in Graceful Grounds**. Corporal Chad Williams of the Juvenile Services Squad of the Criminal Investigation Division will share an informative, relevant, and dynamic presentation that will benefit parents and youth alike. This is open to the community and we encourage you to invite friends, other parents, and any others who you feel could benefit from this topic. Internet Safety is so important and it starts with education so please make plans to attend. Please contact Christina McCord if you have further questions at 282-0380 or at christina.mccord3@gmail.com.
- **CROP WALK**- All youth are encouraged to help fight local and world HUNGER by walking in the CROP Hunger Walk on October 18h @2:30! BRING \$3 FOR A T-SHIRT AND pick up your packets/ sponsor sheets at FUEL this Sunday, the 27th.



- **WORSHIP READINESS**: All 1st through 5th graders and their families are invited to attend a workshop at **4:00 pm, this Sunday, October 4th** to prepare students for attending worship. The workshop includes information about the order of worship, the worship space, prayer, the sacraments of baptism and communion through games and activities. Please contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com to sign up.
- **Kids In Dynamic Service (current 4th & 5th graders)** on October 11 from 3:30 to 5pm. We will go work in the garden at Kids Path. Kids Path is a specialized program for children offered by Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro. Contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com to sign up.