

Update on Stewardship from the Finance Team:

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Campaign and the pledge cards have started to come in.

Think of pledge cards as the church salary– for the most part it is income that we can count on and allows us to do much better planning to ensure we can fund the programs of the church. Unplanned monies (members or friends who do contribute but do not turn in pledge cards), are more like bonuses. They are wonderful to receive but difficult to use when conservatively planning a budget. *Our thanks to the following families for turning in a pledge card: Allred, Baxley, Boyd, Brock, Crossley, Ferreira, Franks-North, French, Griffin, Hiers, Hylton, P&L Lewallen, McCall, Messick, Poer, Scales, Sibley, E&J Smith, J&F Smith, B&S Smith, K Stamey, Stone, Strader, M&E Wilson.*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE 11/10/09

- Pledge cards mailed (number of family giving units) 203
- Stewardship goal \$550,000
- Pledge cards received 24
- Percentage received 11.8%
- Stewardship percent to goal 14.5%

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NOVEMBER 15, 2009

Our Presence

9 am Worship - 115, 10:15 am 52
11 am Worship - 127 Total: 294
Sunday School - 133 Small Groups - 114
Total: 247

Our Generosity

Needed weekly toward budget 7,553
Received last week toward budget 4,944
Needed YTD 431,028
Received YTD 419,720
Shortfall YTD [11,308]

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

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

Let's Get Radical

Part 5: Radical Generosity

Welcome to Grace. Today we have several exciting things happening. First, at our 9:00 am. worship service, our wonderful new *Cherub Choir* will be singing! The *Cherub Choir*, which is being directed by adult volunteers, Emily Faucher and Sugar Dunlap, consists of Grace boys and girls from preschool to first grade. We look forward to the wonderful way our boys and girls will enhance our worship!

Second, today is "*Lend a Helping Ham*" Sunday! As a way of helping needy families in the Greensboro area have a Happy Thanksgiving, Grace Church is working with *Inasmuch Ministries* to collect 200, 3 lb. canned hams. These hams will be distributed, along with lots of other goodies, to families just before Thanksgiving. If you brought your ham today, Thank you! If you didn't, give us a call and we'll tell you where you can deliver yours.

Finally, today we be sharing the fifth installment of our new sermon series *Let's Get Radical!* In this series we're exploring what might happen if Grace Church "got radical, pushed the limits, got out of our comfort zone" in six areas of our life together. Today, in a message called "Radical Generosity", we'll explore some ways we can move to the next level in our ability to financially support Grace Church!

We're thrilled you're at Grace and hope you'll feel welcome and loved wherever you are on your journey of faith!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 15, 2009

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship this morning, we praise Your holy name, Lord, for in Your generosity You meet all our needs.

As we worship You this day, fill us with Your spirit of generosity, that through us You might meet the needs of others.

*HYMN NO. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God of abundance, you have promised to meet all our needs. And yet, we confess that we often live out of an attitude of scarcity and lack. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to trust in your generosity, that we might live lives marked by generosity and joy. We pray this in the name of the one who came to show us the generous way, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!

*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. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power, and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Interlude

Böellmann

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Alexis Williams

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

ANTHEM

First Fruits

Lovelace

SERMON

Let's Get Radical
Part 5: "Radical Generosity"

Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

MESSIAH

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Congregation, please join the choir in singing

THE ASH GROVE

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

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

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Telemann

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: The Von Steens; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Alexis Williams; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Kevin Corcoran; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Stewart & Abby Farris; **HALL HELPERS:** Rob & Kelly Warfield; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Jon & Stephanie Kimrey; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Stu Gauffreau; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Sandy Crossley & Gen Fleischman; Narthex: Charles & Martha McCloud; **ACOLYTE:** Kaitlyn Brock; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Ginger McKinney; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Stewart & Abby Farris; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Kristian Hiers; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Mark McKinney; **USHERS:** Logan Hiers, Caleb Rio-Anderson; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bill & Marjorie Stone; **CLOSER:** Frank Stovall; **LAWN SERVICE:** Mark McKinney, Scott Romine, Andy Rio-Anderson, Caleb Rio-Anderson

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Jay Martin in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Estabrook.

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us offer our sympathy to the family of Sugar Dunlap. Sugar's brother, Russell Cobb, died on Thursday, November 5th at Moses Cone Hospital. Let's keep the family in our prayers.



Salvation Army bell ringers needed. We have time slots from 10am to 8pm available at Belks at the Friendly Shopping Center. Sign up sheets will be at the east entrance, Narthex, and Graceful Grounds. Please contact Kim Priddy at kpriiddy@grace-methodist.com if you have questions.

Please remember in your prayers: FX09 Youth Retreat, Faith (friend of Nick Andrews and patient at Bell House), 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, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- The missions food for November is **CANNED GREENS**. Mixed greens, turnip greens and mustard greens are a few good choices. Greens are a healthy addition to a meal. Pick up a few cans to bring to church this Sunday. Thanks for helping the hungry in Greensboro.

Coming up in December - Oatmeal.

- **LEND A HELPING HAM**...Help Grace Church collect 200- 3 lb. canned hams for *INASMUCH Ministries* to distribute to the needy in our community this Thanksgiving. Please bring these hams to church by Sunday, November 15th.
- **HABITAT OPPORTUNITY**...Grace Church will be participating with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro on a mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana on February 7th-14th, 2010. During the week, the team will work on construction projects in the Greater New Orleans area. The approximate cost will be \$375 plus ancillary expenses. Please contact Pastor Mike at mmoran@grace-methodist.com if interested.
- **ALL CHURCH MEN** - Grace will compete in this year's church basketball league. If you're interested in playing please contact Jarrod Clayton at 686-4590 or jarrod.clayton@rsmi.com.
- Grace is looking for someone who would like to be in charge of re-stocking the kitchen. If you think you might be able to serve in this way, please contact Judi in the church office at 272-2171 or jmitchell@grace-methodist.com.





F.U.E.L. in November! We will not meet on the 15th due to the FX09 Fall Retreat. Then, on the 22nd we will gather to DO "Advent Angel" crafts, share a meal, and assemble shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child as a group...more details to follow. INVITE A FRIEND as we get FUELED UP! See you Sunday!

FX09 YOUTH RETREAT PRAYERS— We have 24 youth and adults on an amazing spiritual retreat this weekend at Look Up Lodge in SC. Please pray for all the youth and adult leaders attending this experience, that they may experience God, be transformed through the faith-building events and people that they meet, and grow closer in their relationship with Christ.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, 12/12 - We will be working in the OCC Warehouse in Boone, NC on December 12th from 5-9pm. We will have other events planned for that evening (dinner, bowling, etc), stay the night, and head back to GSO on 12/13. You must be 13 years old to participate. There are 35 available spots and those not taken will be given to another church in GSO. **THIS IS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS. RSVP to Christina McCord by 11/22.** We're still working out the price but it shouldn't exceed \$75 (includes gas, lodging, dinner, and bowling.)



Family Event on Sunday, November 22 from 3:30 to 7pm! Come to one event or to all! We will begin at 3:30pm with Advent Angels, dinner for families at 5pm (\$3 adult, \$2 child, \$10 family max) and filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at 5:45pm. Be on the watch for more information! Families will need to sign up for dinner ahead of time. To sign up, go to our website at www.grace-methodist.com and look on the first page for "Family Night", click on Kim's email, and respond with number expected to attend. You may also register for dinner by calling Kim at 272-2171, ext. 102 and leaving a message on her voice mail.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD... **"The Power of a SIMPLE gift"**

Grace youth and children are partnering together to assemble shoeboxes for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!** These shoeboxes will be delivered to needy children all over the world, who without our generosity would not have a Christmas. **HELP US SHARE GOD'S LOVE!!! Items will be collected from Nov 1-22. They can be dropped off at the sanctuary/fellowship hall entrances or in the upstairs hallway in the Education Building.** Shoeboxes will be assembled by the youth and children on the evening of November 22.

What we NEED...

***PRAYERS**- Please pray for the child who will receive your gift.

***SHOEBOXES**- We need lots of shoeboxes to pack the gifts in!!!

***DONATIONS to ship the shoeboxes**- \$7 made out to Samaritan's Purse-**DO NOT** make the check payable to Grace.

***POSSIBLE ITEMS TO PURCHASE for shoebox donations:**

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans