



Grace Notes

May 2012

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Franklin, IN
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Saturday Worship:
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship:
9 & 11 a.m.

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Faithful Promise! - May 19th & 20th

Years ago as a new pastor I met Glen Beck through the Faith-Promise Missions program. His reputation was well-known as he helped churches step out in faith to trust God to provide resources to support missions "beyond" current budget expenses. The admonition to "walk by faith and not by sight" was quoted often (2 Cor. 5:2).

When I was appointed to Grace Church, I, of course, served with Glen. We enjoyed each other's company. In fact, one day Glen came to my office and asked me, "Want to go to Tanzania? There is a friend I would like you to see." How could I refuse? Nine months later four of us from Grace touched down on African soil.

But there is more: on that trip we all discovered how contagious the mission bug is! Once we experienced what broke God's heart our hearts were broken too! In Glen's words: the mission-bug had bitten!

On May 19th and 20th we will be celebrating Faith-Promise Missions Giving: it will be a time to discern how each of us may allow the mission bug to bite us and make pledges to give beyond our regular 'operational' and/or 'mortgage' forms of giving. Our goal is to support missions here and around the world with the financial and personal resources with which God has blessed us.

Faith-Promise is a great missions giving program, and I invite each of you to take that step in faith and trust in God's promises, allowing his grace to change you.

Pastor Andy

Upcoming Weekend Services

Topics & Sermons

May 5th/6th
"Family Rules"
Ephesians 6:1-4

May 12th/13th
"Family Ties"
Genesis 12:1-4

May 19th/20th
"It Takes a Family"
Matthew 25:31-46

May 26th/27th
"By the Spirit"
Acts 2:1-12

Holy Communion
celebrated on
May 5th & 6th

Sermon Copies

Copies of the sermons are available in written form outside the Sanctuary.

Audio and Video Copies of the services are also available upon request. Speak with Sandy Adams in the Church Office at 736-7962.

Stewardship Update

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GUMC Finance Summary YTD 2012 as of 3/30/2012

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
CONTRIBUTIONS TO CURRENT EXPENSE		
MINISTRY:	\$172,490	
OTHER RECEIPTS:	\$8,810	
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MORTGAGE:	\$21,252	
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME:	\$202,551	
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>	\$216,357	
Tithe (10%) to Conference in the amount of:	\$ 20,077.47	
Tithe (1.5%) to District in the amount of:	\$ 3,011.62	
Mortgage Principal paid:	\$ 12,935.66	
Mortgage interest paid:	\$ 10,382.74	
Additional Principal paid via Principal Only Donors: \$580.00	\$ 820.00	
<u>INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES</u>	-\$13,806	
Mortgage Principal Balance:	\$945,069.07	
<u>DESIGNATED FUND</u>		
	March	Year to Date
Total Designated Income	\$ 36,515.80	\$68,180.67
Total Designated Expenses	\$ 34,867.44	\$67,940.92
<u>FAITH PROMISE</u>		
YTD Faith Promise Contributions:	\$12,806	
YTD Faith Promise Expenditures:	\$13,013	

Non-Expired Medications

Grace Church is still collecting non-expired medications for the **St. Thomas Clinic** near Whiteland. Please bring medications to the church office.

Share Your Culture with the World

CIEE is seeking mission driven and loving host families for exchange students who will arrive in the area in August. You do not have to have teenagers to be able to host. Be a part of this unique educational adventure! Open your heart and your home ... share your faith, community, and country! For information, contact Debbie Gray, debgrey@sbcglobal.net, 812-764-4433, or visit www.ciee.org/highschool.

Stewardship News

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Leadership Directories and Ministry Support

Copies of the Leadership Directories and Ministry Budget Support are available in the Lobby outside the Church Office. Directories provide information on committees and church budget.

New E-Giving

Giving to the ministry of Grace United Methodist Church just got easier! Online giving is now possible through e-giving: This new approach to giving allows persons to donate via checking and savings accounts, or through credit or debit cards. Access is also 24/7 via the internet. This process also does not reduce 'giving' to the act of bill-paying. Call Laura Bowman or Sandy Adams in the Church Office to set up your e-giving account.

Stewardship Resource

A new resource is available to those who would like to learn more about being good stewards entitled *I Was Broke, But Now I'm Not* by Joseph Sangl. This resource is available at the Welcome Center for \$15.00. Persons will learn to become debt-free while learning basic skills to plan for retirement and other forms of debt-freedom.

Pay Pal Coming

Plans are currently underway to connect with Pay Pal. Please watch to see how you may access this way of giving.

Local Outreach

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Kic-It Forum

An informational Forum about Kic-It and about the issues surrounding poverty among young people in Johnson County will take place on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Schrader Youth Center. This forum is open to all persons who would like to learn about Kic-It and what action steps churches and individuals may take.

Webb School Needs

Remember Webb Elementary School could always use the following supplies: Clorox Wipes, White Board Markers, pink bar erasers, Ticonderoga pencils, and dry erase markers. Bring items to Children's Table in Lobby.

Franklin Reads

Grace Church will be working with other groups and agencies in the community to promote a new community-wide initiative to promote reading among children and youth. Called Franklin Reads, the initiative will seek to create a culture of literacy in the area, working with preschools, schools, and other communities of learning. Please watch for other information as how persons at Grace Church can help.

Good Samaritan Ministry

The Missions Team thanks those who support the Good Sam Ministry in the church which helps local families with immediate needs. To date, forty families in Franklin have received emergency assistance. Currently, this missions fund is running low. Please mark check memo Good Samaritan Fund if you feel led to support this ministry.

Prevent Child Abuse Johnson County

The Missions Team, along with the All God's Children Preschool, participated in the April Campaign to raise awareness about child abuse in Johnson County. Grace Church contributed \$150.00 to Prevent Child Abuse Johnson County.

Food Pantry

Don't forget to bring canned goods, dried foods, paper products, cleaning supplies, etc. to the Food Barrel in Price Hall.

Congratulations To

Tom and Rachel Shanafelt at the baptism of their son, Luke Thomas Shanafelt

Kic-It Supplies

Items and supplies to assist Kids in Crisis, or Kic-It, are now listed on the Welcome Center and posted throughout the church. Please pick up and return items to the Missions Corner in the Price Hall.

Kic-It Meals

Persons who may want to help feed approximately fifteen youth at Kic-It can contact Amanda Ott, 738-2908. Grace Church will be providing a meal on the third week of the month (on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Men's Prayer Group

Remember to attend the Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 7:15 a.m.** in the Wesley Room at Grace Church. Open to all men

When is Faith-Promise Weekend?

Faith-Promise Missions Giving Weekend takes place on Saturday, May 19th and May 20th during the services of worship.

What is Faith-Promise?

The Faith-Promise Missions Commitment is a personal commitment to *give to missions beyond* your weekly or monthly tithes and offerings: It is a commitment that depends solely on God's grace to fulfill and on your promise to respond faithfully. Each person at Grace United Methodist Church is given the opportunity to make a commitment. If you have already made one, we thank you in advance.

Prayer as Basis for Mission

The first step in giving toward mission is to pray. We invite you to pray about the kind of commitment God wants make through you. An example prayer may help:

O Lord, teach me how may I fulfill the call and challenge to share resources that will help others here and around the world.

Help me to trust in your grace so that I may make a commitment to our Faith-Promise Missions Program.

Grant me the peace to give, the faith to risk, and the courage to share out of the abundance of God's love. Amen.

Commitment Cards

Commitment Cards will be mailed, but cards will also be given on May 19th and 20th before worship. We will present our "commitments" at the close of the service.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The following classes meet on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in the Adult Wing:

Seekers (A105) – Holy Land Revealed
Meet & Greet (OARC) – Truth Project
Crusaders (A101) – Adult Bible Series
Faith-Sharing (A105) – Spirit of the Disciplines

New Class Opportunities

The following classes will be taking place in May and June. Sign up lists and books are now available at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

“He Said, She Said” – Begins on Sunday, May 20th, at 10:15 a.m. in A103 with Pastors Andy and Jenothy. Cost of book: \$11.00. The class will look at how men and women may approach Scripture with different eyes. Open to all.

Men’s Bible Study: Acts – Begins on Wednesdays, May 16th, at 7:00 a.m. in Wesley Room with Pastor Andy. Cost of Book: \$10.00. The class will study the Acts of the Apostle in the New Testament. Men are encouraged and welcome to attend.

No Longer Silent – Begins on Wednesday, June 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in OARC with Reverend Mike Beck, former Senior Pastor of Grace UMC. Mike will share insights from his book *No Longer Silent: Doing Ministry with Excellence and Grace*. Cost: \$11.00.

10 Gospel Promises for Later Life – Begins on Tuesday, June 12th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the FUMC with Pastor Jenothy. How does God’s Good News speak to older adults who may be experiencing fear or spiritual crisis? What new challenges come to the Christian life as persons live longer? Cost: \$11.00.

Praying in Circles – Begins the week of June 16th (Time TBA) with Pastor Andy. How may we grow in our life of prayer as individuals and as a congregation? What are ways we may practice ‘praying in circles’? Cost of books: \$15.00. Four week class.

Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request or praise to share, please contact: Marilyn Hamilton (736-1286); Mabel Ann Thompson (736-1502 or 809-8869); or Amanda Ott a_crecelius@yahoo.com

In addition to the Prayer Chain, you may also:

1. Write your prayer request on a card & submit it to the church office or prayer box in the Lobby.
2. Prayer-O-Grams (available at the Welcome Center) may be fill out and left in the office. We will mail them out for you.
3. You may visit our web-site at ranklingrace.org for other prayer opportunities.

New Chronic Pain Support Group

Gail Mercer, LMHC, is a private individual, marriage and family counselor who provides counseling services from Grace Church. She is going to be offering a new support group for people who suffer from chronic pain (Arthritis, Back issues, Fibromyalgia, Lupus, etc.) beginning on Wednesday, May 2. This group will meet the first Wednesday of each month @ 10:00 in the OARC. If you are interested, please plan to attend May’s informational meeting. If you have questions, please call Cathy Liddle @ 736-7962.

Deadlines

Articles for the weekly bulletin are due in the office by Tuesday morning. Newsletter articles are due the 20th of the month.

Confirmation Orientation

The Confirmation Orientation for youth currently in 7th Grade will take place on Sunday, May 20th, at 5:00 p.m. in Price Hall. Youth who are planning to participate in this ministry will want to attend to receive information about the class. Please speak with Pastors Jenothy or Andy about the class.

Graduate Information

Recognition of Graduates at Grace Church will take place on June 2nd & 3rd. We are now collecting information about each graduate in high school, college, graduate school, and technical school. Please call the Church Office at 736-7962 to share information. We look forward to celebrating this time together as God's family.

Feasibility Study Report

The Reverend Kurt Apell of Cargill Associates will be sharing information from the Feasibility Study now underway on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Schrader Youth Center. All members are invited. An Ice Cream Social will also be celebrated. Thanks to a special gift Grace Church has been able to conduct a Feasibility Study with respect to future ministry items and needs.

Annual Conference Briefing

Grace United Methodist Church will be hosting a Pre-Conference Briefing for the Indiana Conference on Wednesday, May 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Schrader Youth Center. All persons who are planning to attend the Annual Conference in Indianapolis are encouraged to attend.

Praying for Peace

The Committee on Church & Society invites persons throughout Grace Church to fast and pray for peace and reconciliation in warring parts of the world on Wednesdays and Fridays between noon and 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Forums

The Committee on Church & Society will be offering other forums and classes on topics of interest: *Sacramental Faithfulness: The United Methodist Church Responds to the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints*; *Hijacked: How the Partisan Divide in America is Hurting the Witness of the Church*. Times, places, and dates will be announced.

Stewardship of Creation

The United Methodist Church believes that in the Bible a steward is one given responsibility for what belongs to another. The Greek word we use to translate as steward is *oikonomos*, or one who cares for the household and acts as a trustee. The word *oikos*, meaning household, is used to describe the world as God's household. Christians, then, are to be stewards of the whole household or creation of God. *Oikonomia*, "stewardship," is the also root word of the word ecology. Thus, in a broad sense, stewardship, economics, and ecology are, and should be, related. A faithful and wise steward must relate them (Luke 12:42).

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Our children
- The season of Spring and new beginnings
- Time with family and friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Teachers and students finishing up the school year
- The planning and preparation of our summer ministries and outreach opportunities
- The power and presence of the Holy Spirit as it works in and through our church

CHECK & SAVE THE DATES!!

JUNE:

- 11–28 Children's Summer Day Camp!
- 22 VBS in Province Park
- 29 VBS at The Cove

JULY:

- 14 Johnson Co. Fair Parade & Church Float
- 23-27 Vacation Bible School
- 29 VBS Celebration in Worship

KIDS CLUB INFO: See you in September!!

Save the Date

I know it's not even summer yet, but please mark your calendars NOW for our long awaited Family Camp!! Joe Sanford and Pastor Jenothy are excited to announce this fun filled family weekend will take place on Friday evening Oct. 19 – Sunday morning Oct. 21 at Camp Indicoso! Make plans now to participate in a family friendly weekend you won't soon forget!! More details will follow!



DAY CAMP IS COMING – DAY CAMP IS COMING!!

Yep, its that time of year again! As the school year comes to an end and you look at summer plans, make sure to check out this year's Children's Day Camp – "Won't You Be My Neighbor" Registration and camp information is now available in the lobby at the Children and Youth table. Please see Pastor Jenothy for more details.

VBS

Are you ready to be a soldier of God?! Bible Boot Camp, this year's Vacation Bible School, is coming to Grace Church! Mark your calendars for the week of July 23 – 27 and be ready to have some serious fun learning and exploring the armor of God and how YOU can be a soldier for God!

FAMILY CAMP!!!

Mark your calendars for October 19–21 and plan on a weekend you won't soon forget! "Family Rules 2012" will take place at Camp Indicoso and will include games, food, crafts, activities, campfire, a ropes course, more games, and lots more fun!!

Prayer Room

A new Prayer Room has been opened at Grace Church in the Adult Education wing (A103). Take a moment and spend time in prayer there.

Sympathies

to:

Betty

Aukerman at the death of her mother, Betty Donaldson

Virginia Walker & Patti Mullins

at the death of Bill Krause. Bill was Virginia's brother-in-law and Patti's uncle.

Angela

Duckworth at the death of her grandfather, Jack Rogers.

Glenn Carl-

strand and family at the death of his mother.



Sprouts E-mail List

Are you receiving e-mails about Sprouts news? If not, and you want to be included on our list, please send your e-mail address to andraland@franklingrace.org.

Sprouts Sunday School

Sprouts have a new home for Sunday school! We now meet on Sunday morning at 10:00 am in 'Classroom One' upstairs in the Schrader Youth Center! Join us there to learn about God's word and how to apply biblical principles to pre-teen life.

Sprouts Gathering

The next Sprouts Gathering is set for Sunday, May 20th at noon. Mark the date and bring your lunch.

Softball Teams Forming

Softball Team Sign Ups

Are you ready to play some softball? If so, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. Grace Church needs women and men to sign up. Teens may also play (above age 14). There is no cost. The Season begins on Sunday, May 20th, at the Providence Christian Church south of Bargsville. See Coach Chuck Rairdon for more info.

Week of April 29th

Sunday:
 GraceLand: 10 - 11 a.m.
 Roots: 6 - 8 p.m.
 Jr. Hi. At -Home Study: 5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Webb School Child Care

Week of May 6th

Sunday:
 GraceLand: 10 - 11 a.m.
 Skit Team: 3 - 4:30 p.m.
 Youth Band: 4:30 - 6 p.m.
 Roots: 6 - 8 p.m.
 Jr. Hi. At -Home Study: 5 - 8 p.m.

Week of May 13th

Sunday:
 GraceLand: 10 - 11 a.m.
 Roots: 6 - 8 p.m.

Week of May 20th

Sunday:
 GraceLand: 10 - 11 a.m.
 Roots: 6 - 8 p.m.

Week of May 27th

Sunday:
 GraceLand: 10 - 11 a.m.
Memorial Day
No Evening Activities

Gaceland in Schrader Center

The youth meet in SYC from 10-11am Sunday mornings.

Roots

Sr. & Jr. High Youth meet on Sundays for a meal, activities, and Bible study from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Band Practice is from 5 to 6 p.m.



God Squad

Monthly mission projects providing an opportunity for youth to reach out. These mission opportunities are not for fundraising or any other purpose than to simply extend a bridge to our community. Those who participate in the determined amount of activities are invited on our celebration trip next spring.

Youth Band

Jr./Sr High Youth Band practices Sunday evenings 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the days we have Roots.

Youth Skit Team:

Jr./Sr. High youth are welcome to participate in dramas and skits. Practice is Sundays 2 - 4 p.m.

Senior Recognition

If you are a senior and will be graduating this year, please let the church know. Call Sandy at 736-7962. We want to hear from High School, College, Graduate School, or Technical School Seniors.



UMW MEETINGS

Circles meet each month as follows:

Executive Committee

1st Thursday
 7 p.m.

Friendship Circle

2nd Tuesday
 6 p.m.

Joanna Circle

3rd Tuesday
 1:30 p.m.

Mary Circle

To be announced

Priscilla Circle

2nd Thursday
 10 a.m.

Susannah Circle

2nd Tuesday
 1:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend any Circle. Call the church office to find out meeting locations.

Help our homeless and at-risk teens

WHAT: Collect new underwear for homeless & at-risk teens

WHO: Everyone at Grace United Methodist Church can donate

WHERE: Bring your new items to Grace Church

WHEN: Before May 6

WHY: Help support this new community ministry to assist and work with at-risk and homeless youth

SPONSORED BY: United Methodist Women as part of UMW Weekend

Tables for Spring

Schrader Youth Center
 May 11th

7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to be a part of the event, please contact Kristi Judson, 736-6602, for details.

Faith-Promise Mission Campaign

Please mark May 19th and 20th as the weekend we promote our Faith-Promise Missions Giving Campaign at Grace Church and make our pledges to the Faith-Promise Missions Giving Program. Please note the information page in the Newsletter.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Grace Church received \$2,500.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The Missions Team wants to thank those who gave generously. The Offering will undergird administrative costs to UMCOR, so that in times of crisis 100% all monies given will provide assistance.

Easter Offering

The Missions Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter Missions Offering for scholarships to the All God's Children Pre-school at Grace UMC: \$2,000.00. Thank you!

Faith-Promise Missions Support

The Missions Team would like to share the following distribution of funds to support projects here and around the world. **Many thanks** for the generosity to God's mission!

- \$1000 Good Samaritan Fund
- \$1000 Brightwood Community Center in Indy
- \$500 Care-Net Crisis Pregnancy Center
- \$1000 Vida Nueva Family Center in Indy
- \$1000 Turning Point Domestic Abuse Shelter in Columbus
- \$1000 Appointment Congo, Missionaries Paul & Marty Law

Tornado Relief & Support

The Missions Team wants to thank everyone who gave generously to the special missions offerings to help the victims of tornados in Southern Indiana. To date, Grace Church has given \$8,300.00 to relief efforts.

Care-Net Luncheon

The Care-Net Luncheon is set for Saturday, May 5th, at 12:00 p.m. at Valla Vista Greenwood. Grace Church will be sponsoring a table for seven people. If interested in attending this luncheon, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. Care-Net provides ministry support and counseling to women with pre- and post-pregnancy needs.

DID YOU KNOW?***Media Ministry***

We are now offering DVD copies of the Sunday services. If you are not able to come to church & would like a copy, just call the office, 736-7962. We have DVD players to loan out if you need one.

Receive Grace Notes by e-mail

Contact Sandy in the church office at 736.7962 or grace@franklingrace.org. This is one way to go green for Grace.

Reserving rooms

To reserve a room at Grace, please contact Sandy in the church office at 736.7962 or grace@franklingrace.org.

Thank You

The Keith family wishes to thank Grace United Methodist Church for your many kind and gracious expressions of comfort and Love during Gladys' illness. Your prayers, your presence, and your gifts have been received in the spirit of humility and grace. Especially do I wish to thank Cathy Little for selecting drivers who graciously transported me to and from the Methodist Hospital daily for two weeks. Often we take courtesies for granted but I am exceedingly grateful fro the leaders of Grace for responding to our needs with joy.

Grace & Peace, Jimmy Keith

Thank you to my friends at Grace for your wonderful wishes for me on my birthday. My family had a surprise party for me, and all your sweet notes made it that much more special. We miss all our friends at Grace. Love to you all,

Liz White

Thank you "Grace Family" for your calls, visits, and notes of concern for us during Jerry's hospitalization and now his recuperation.

Blessings! Jerry Joe and Sherral Clark

Thank You for the Children's Musical

Please join me in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for another successful Children's Musical to directors Stacey Erdman and Cheryl Bixler! The children did a fantastic job sharing through music, drama and sign language about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Thank you also to all those who helped "behind the scenes" with the sound booth, props, rehearsals, snacks, and crowd control! We are truly blessed here at Grace church with some amazing and wonderful children AND with persons who have the special gifts and graces to minister with them. Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!