



GRACE NOTES

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June 2011

June 5 Celebrates Graduates, Music, Missions

For the past few years at Grace, the first Sunday in June has been a whirlwind of activity, prompting us to dub it “Cirque de Grace.” On Sunday, June 5, our high school seniors were honored with a brunch and recognition at the 11:00 worship; our music ministry members celebrated another great year of music with a sunny picnic on the field; our Side-by-Side summer mission trip participants were commissioned in

worship at 8:15, after which they hurried down to the lower parking lot to wash over 90 cars at a very successful “Suds on Sunday”; a special afternoon concert featuring “Cor Cantiamo,” Northern Illinois University’s ensemble-in-residence, punctuated the day of music; and Side-by-Side participants attended one of their final preparatory meetings that evening. *Whew!*

Youth Director Gaye Lynn Loufek would like to thank everyone who has participated in Youth Summer Missions



“Suds on Sunday” Car Wash

this year, be they trip attendees, shareholders, cookie bakers, fundraiser donors, servers, or attendees, members of the planning team, prayer partners, trip suppliers, etc. Your support of our Side-by-Side mission to Pikeville, KY, June 12-18 and our Hope at Home homebound mission throughout the Chica-

goland area July 19-21 is very much appreciated—we couldn’t do it without you! Shareholder contributions for summer youth missions are still appreciated. Donations can be made to a specific fund and/or in memory, honor or celebration of someone special. Bright orange shareholder envelopes can be found in the church pews; donations can be made through July 17. Thank you for your support!



Music Picnic



High School Seniors

Children’s Musical Brings New Life to Jesus’ Parables

Another wildly successful choir season has drawn to a close with the children’s Mother’s Day musical, “Once Upon a Parable,” presented in worship May 7 and 8. Nearly 60 choristers (grades K-7th) participated in this year’s musical. Said Director of Children’s Choir Ministries Lynn Leitzen, “It is always such a joy to simply be a spectator, but many years, I don’t have the luxury of that role. This year, however, our children were so well prepared and rehearsed so hard, I was able to just sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labors.” This musical, by the ever popular team of Long and Pote, was unusual in that it did not have several main characters, but instead utilized five different actors to play Jesus and the narrators. “It was a real pleasure to allow so many to step into those roles. All the kids did a wonderful job sharing Jesus’ parables in

a whole new light,” said Lynn.

According to Paige Nadherny, a Jefferson Jr. High 7th grader who exuberantly played Jesus IV in the Saturday presentation and Simon in Sunday’s,



Maura Pauline portrays Mary in “Once Upon a Parable” Mother’s Day weekend.

“This musical was really, really fun to be in. The roles were funny, and the props were funny, too.” Added Paige, who wants to continue singing and acting through junior high



The “Once Upon a Parable” cast included children from the Angelus, Cherub and Junior Singers children’s choirs.

and high school, “Miss Lynn is a really good director. She isn’t all random, and she’s really good at getting us to focus on what needs to be done.”

Paige Nadherny (right, playing Simon) has been a member of Grace children’s choirs for the past six years.





Pastor's Journal

Weathering the Storms Together

The tornado that destroyed a large area of Joplin, MO, reminds me of devastating tornados in our own area. Forty-five years ago, 58 people died in a series of tornados in northern Illinois. The most deaths and damage were in Oak Lawn. In 1990, 29 people died in the tornado that struck Plainfield. Nine people died in 2004 in Utica when a tornado destroyed most of the town. While there are fewer devastating storms in northern Illinois than other communities to our south and west, dangerous weather can happen here, too.

The storms this spring in Alabama and Missouri took lives and destroyed property. Spring flooding along the Mississippi has been the most in a half-century. High water overtook homes and communities in its path. Floods are predictable, so there is less loss of life, but they are simply overpowering. Levees may channel the flow, but they cannot stop the river.

Skillful as we believe we are, strong as we build our homes, we find we are not in control. Forces of nature and the reality of life mean none of us can stand alone. Whether disease, storm, the economy, or the failure of people we trust, all of us will be overwhelmed. But like the people of Alabama, Joplin, and those along the Mississippi, we more than survive when others come to assist and we accept their aid.

As the serenity prayer describes it, when we find the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference, we come to understand that we do not stand alone. Serenity, courage and wisdom configure a spiritual force greater than storm and flood.

Grace and Peace,



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

By John Bodine
Church Council Chair

Bob Long, Grace Church Treasurer and one of the most dedicated members of our leadership team, was delighted to report that April was a good month with respect to receipts and that we are in very good shape heading into the summer months. We are 11% below budget on spending, even better than 2010 (which had excellent expense control), and receipts year-to-date have less than 0.5% variance from budget-excellent results. Many thanks to all Grace members for maintaining a steady level of contributions thus far through the year.

There has been much positive feedback regarding our "May Day Missions Madness," with many joining in our mission projects on May 1. This has prompted our NOW Council to consider an enhancement for next year on April 29, when all service times will be dedicated to off-site mission work—a whole church outing! As of the end of May,

motorcycles have been blessed, the West Dupage River has been cleaned up, the Church & Society garden has been planted behind the church (check it out!), and Vacation Bible School during the week of July 11-15 and the cap-off All-Church Picnic on July 17 are still ahead—but that's not all...

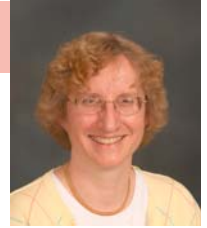
The Grace Youth Council has been working with great deliberation and focus to raise funds for Side-by-Side and Hope at Home, the two principal Youth-sponsored mission activities for this summer. The destination for Side-by-Side is Pikeville, Kentucky, where the pervasive damaging impact of flooding has devastated many communities over a broad area. Due to a spike in shareholder contributions in the past few weeks (and the most successful youth car wash to date on June 5), we are very close to our shareholder target. Shareholder contributions help supply building materials, transportation and fuel for 18 vans and two trucks, and other trip needs.

With all of the devastation we have witnessed from natural disasters this spring, our hearts go out to those whose lives have been torn asunder. Our summer youth missions represent our feet on the ground in response to these crises, our shock troops from Grace reaching out to help, to look the people we're helping in the eye to let them know we care, that they're not alone, that we will help them bring life back to their communities. Shareholder contributions will be accepted through July 17; orange shareholder envelopes can be found in the church pews, with opportunities to donate to specific funds and/or in memory, honor or celebration of someone special.

We continue to encourage you to bring your talents to bear, channeling your skills and energy to make a difference at Grace and in the world. Live your life to the fullest, without fear or hesitation, with appreciation for what you receive and what you can give.

Linking Up to Grace

By Pastor Lisa Telomen



About a month ago, a good friend from a former congregation gifted me with a CD that immediately became my absolute favorite. It is *100 More Years*, by Francesca Battistelli. Those of you in the Saturday 5:00 p.m. worship or the Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship recently heard one of the songs from that CD, "Motion of Mercy." Yesterday I purchased Francesca's previous CD, *My Paper Heart*, and I want to share with you a song from it called "It's Your Life." This song echoes the theme from my Sunday sermon, "Giving your Life Away,"

which was my summer challenge to all of us.

Versel: This is the moment, It's on the line... which way you gonna fall?

In the middle between wrong and right, but you know after all...

Chorus: It's your life, what you gonna do? The world is watching you...

Every day the choices you make say what you are and who your heart beats for; it's an open door. It's your life.

Versel 2: Are you who you always said you would be? With a sinking feeling in your chest, always waiting for someone else to fix you...

Tell me when did you forget? (Chorus)

Versel 3: To live the way that you believe – this is your opportunity

To let your life be one that lights the way. (Chorus)

We give our lives away all the time—but not always to the people and possibilities we would most like to support. To whom will you give your life this summer? Is God on the list? Your neighbor? When we set our priorities for God's kingdom of love first, then we can enjoy deeper and more wondrous relationships with all who cross our path, shar-

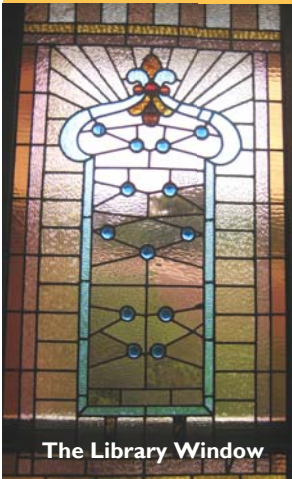
ing in meaningful and sacrificial ways our time, our talents, our treasure, our prayers, and our witness for Christ. I encourage you: live the way that you believe! Who and what you choose will say who your heart beats for and what you are—and others will read the message. Let us be an open book of Christ's love every day this summer and always!

On the journey with you in Christ's love,

Rev Lisa E. Telomen

Windows of Light and Life

From Winnie Graver and Sue Schofield



The Library Window

It has been an interesting journey, beginning in 2007 when North Central College honored Grace's request to have first choice of the stained glass windows removed from our old church building (which the college purchased), as some of them were memorial windows.

In 2007, a Grace task force made recommendations as to which windows should be moved to our present edifice. Wixon & Associates glass restorers then made drawings and cost proposals. And then progress stalled. When "light illuminated the darkness" and progress resumed in the fall of 2010, a brochure was designed and a suggested plan was made to Church Council and approved. From early

March (when the brochures were sent to each member of our congregation) to the present time, "light fell on the people of Grace."

When the project was first proposed, and even before the brochure was created, a starter gift for the Jesus and Mary window was given by Glenna Holloway in memory of her husband, Robert Wesley Holloway. This was followed by Sue Churchill's request to make a memorial gift in memory of her husband, Wayne S. Churchill, and the library window was funded. Then a *miracle* occurred: knowing nothing about the window project, Dr. Cassandra Book Byelich called from another state inquiring about memorial opportunities on behalf of her aunt, Audrey M. Book. In just a few days, full funding of the "New Jerusalem Window" was made by Audrey in memory of her sister, Grace Book Stover, a long-standing Grace Church member who died on April 2, 2007. The Book family has been part of Grace Church since 1905.

The stained glass window project is now fully funded by over 85 donor families, including more than 120 individual contributors. Donations came from people in ten different states, young and old, new and long-time members (including our eldest, 107-year-old Ruth Ladd). Family and friends of Grace proffered gifts of love and light that illumine (with no glare) the memory or honor of those they hold dear. This is what we hoped would happen—thanks be to God!

Now installed are the library and Veterans windows. The "New Jerusalem" window will be prepared next, followed by the "Jesus and Mary Magdalene" window. This is long and careful process of which you will be kept informed, including time of installation and dedication.

Thanks to each one, and all, who have so generously supported this historical blessing.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS JUNE 12!
10:50AM-2:00PM (lunch included)
Contact Pastor Lisa Telomen
630-355-1748, ext. 226
Participants will join Grace June 19**

Why Join Disciple Bible Study? *By Kathy Michaels*

Join a Disciple class! Why, you ask? Why not? I signed up for my first Disciple class 12 years ago after I joined Grace. I made the decision to take the class as an intellectual endeavor, not a religious one. I figured that I had spent my whole life believing what I was told was in the Bible and what I had learned in Sunday school, church and through teaching children. Now, I wanted to know why I believed and maybe make a few insights on my own. It doesn't matter why you start the series; you won't be sorry. I learned so much in Disciple I that I wanted to continue to study the series. I was eager to learn more, and I have. I also know what I believe and why, not just because I was told what to believe. What a great experience it has been for me! I encourage you to take at least one class for yourself, too. I bet you get hooked and finish all four, plus Beyond Disciple!

COMING THIS FALL...

Disciple I: *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* Covers the entire Bible, from Creation to the New Jerusalem, Genesis to Revelation. 34 weeks; Monday evenings or Thursday mornings

Disciple II: *Into the Word, Into the World* Concentrates on Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. 32 weeks; Monday evenings

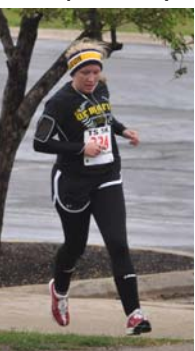
Watch for sign-up opportunities beginning in August. Don't put off this chance to learn more about who you profess to be—a follower of Jesus!

Tom Schlegel 5K Draws Over 225 Participants

On Sunday, May 15, over 225 runners and walkers participated in the 5th Annual Tom Schlegel Memorial 5K, including his wife, Julie, and children Sam and Nikki, who flew back from their home in Colorado to participate in the event. A devoted husband, father,



Julie Schlegel (middle) waves as she runs in her husband Tom's memorial 5K May 15. Grace member Bob Pacanowski is at her side.



Grace member Kat Widup concentrates on her stride.

Neuqua Valley High School coach, and member of Grace, Tom succumbed to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma on October 13, 2006, but his legacy of faith, humility, love and character will live on for years to come. Said Lynn Widup, whose daughter, Kat, ran in the event, "Tom simply lived the way everyone should." Others participating in the race, coordinated by staff at Neuqua Valley High School, were Grace members Bob and Beth Pacanowski, Lori Fahs, the Hambright family, and Tom's 81-year-old father, Jerry. Funds raised from the event benefit the annual Tom Schlegel scholarship at NVHS. Find out more at www.ts5k.com.

DIGGING DEEPER WITH DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Are you hungering to know more about the Bible and God's Word? Did you make a discipleship commitment to begin a Bible study? Do we have an opportunity for you! After Labor Day, Adult Education at Grace will offer two Disciple I classes on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings as well as a Disciple II class on Monday evenings. Disciple Bible Study is a program of disciplined, in-depth Bible study that focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant, while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood. Disciple study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God and drawing upon the work of scholars to aid in its understanding. Disciple aims for **transformation**, not just information. Time commitment involves about 30 minutes daily in preparation for the weekly study session. Disciple is not just for Methodists! It is an ecumenical study used by over 30 denominations; bring a friend and share your journey through the Bible!

DeKalb Superintendent and Former Grace Pastor Larry Hilke Retires

All Invited to Recognition Reception



The Rev. Larry Hilke, former senior pastor at Grace UMC, is retiring from his position as DeKalb District Superintendent (NIC). In celebration of his 46 years in ministry, there will be a

recognition event on Sunday, **June 26**, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Rochelle United Methodist Church (709 Fourth Avenue, Rochelle, IL). All members of our congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Rev. Gale Brandner for more information: 815-379-2494.

SATURDAY

Worship Continues Through Summer!

This summer, Saturday Evening Worship will NOT go on hiatus, but will continue through the months of June, July and August, 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center on Saturday evenings. Come join our informal, intimate circle of worship, ideal for families! Note: The cover of our 2011-12 Guide Book and Directory states that Saturday worship occurs only during the school year. This is in error; it is correct inside.

Animal Attraction!

Send us your animal photos! Every month, we'll feature a photo of your pet (or a friend's, family member's, etc.) or animal shot taken by you or someone you know (no internet downloads or otherwise "anonymous" animal photos, please). E-mail them to gumnotes@peopleofgrace.org or drop them in the church office, ATTN: Barb, to be scanned (originals will be returned to the owner upon request). Please include your name, the animal's name, and anything you'd like us to know about the animal or photo. Photos are published in the order received.

**Dani and
Buster Brown**



Here are Danielle (Dani) and Buster Brown, both rescue dogs adopted by JoAnn Maki. Dani (left) joined Buster Brown (previously featured in "Animal Attraction") about a year ago. They are three and four years old, respectively, and love to play together and go on walks. When Binny's beverage center has a Naperville Area Humane Society fundraiser, you'll often find Dani there representing the shelter—indulging not in libations, but in all the love and petting she receives, especially from children!

Welcome to the Family of Faith!



On Sunday, May 15, our congregation welcomed 36 8th grade confirmation students into the membership of Grace Church. Congratulations to them all, and many thanks to their

group leaders, mentors, parents, and to Youth Director Gaye Lynn Loufek and Pastor Lisa Telomen.



OUR PEOPLE

Sympathy to the Friends and Family of...

Linda Davis, wife of Mike Davis
Greg Gitonga, brother-in-law of Florence Mubichi, friend of Grace
Marg Holmberg, aunt of Nancy Staton
Victor Mortensen, uncle of Brian Potts
Janet Oad, aunt of Kendra Potts
Audrey Payne, mother of Cindy Allen
Paul Watterson, grandfather of Kathy Michaels

Baptisms

Alexander David, son of Andrew and Michele Drescher, was baptized on May 15
Chesney Nicolette, daughter of Steve and Jennifer Given, was baptized on May 15
Leah Anne Tepas, daughter of Scott and Susan Tepas, was baptized on May 22
Kassidy Brooke Wiskari, daughter of Kevin and Nancy Wiskari, was baptized on May 22
Robert Reed Allen, son of Shawn and Tracy Allen, was baptized on May 29
Rowan Mary Stout, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Stout, was baptized on May 29
Kailyn Elizabeth, daughter of Brian and Kristin Clark, was baptized on June 5

Celebrations and Congratulations

Bob and Judy Goist celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 7; in honor of their anniversary, the Goists gave a gift to the Grace stained glass window project
Daniel Morgan, son of Kathy and Brian Pepiot and grandson of Phyllis Pepiot, was born on May 15
Barbara and Rod Randall jointly received the 2011 Naperville American Legion Post No. 43 annual Citizen-of-the-Year Award
Thatch Irwin (pictured) was named a Rebuilding Together-Aurora Outstanding Volunteer for his years of dedicated service to RTA
Bob Hoffman, 88, was acknowledged as the oldest member of the Naperville Municipal Band, playing the trumpet in it since 1958



Letters

Thank you to everyone who helped us in so many ways on Easter Sunday. Your caring and love was overwhelming. May God bless you all.

—Cliff and Eleanor Preston

The Stained Glass Window Task Force would like to offer a special thank you to the 2011 class of confirmands and their families for their most generous donation to the Jesus and Mary Magdalene window, made in honor of Gaye Lynn Loufek and Pastor Lisa Telomen. What a nice way to start their service to our church!

—The Stained Glass Window Task Force

Dear Pastor Bob:

Mission Sunday was a great success from my point of view. NCO got some much needed yard work, and Grace members were able to put God's work in action. I truly believe that God was there shining down on us that morning. Thank you for putting this together for all the various groups who were impacted by this effort. May we continue our efforts to do God's work each and every day.

—Julie Lichter, NCO Youth and Family Services

Grace's Open Doors Ministry (ODM) for the families and caregivers of those with special needs (physical, emotional, cognitive, or other) has donated resources to the Grace Library, a few of which I would like to share with you.

Martin L. Kutscher's *Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar, and More: The One Stop Guide for Parents, Teachers, and Other Professionals* (with contributions from Tony Attwood and Robert R. Wolff) is written for "parents and other relatives, teachers, learning specialists, psychologists and physicians, social workers and counselors, speech, occupational, and physical therapists, and anyone else who comes into contact with these kids." It is designed as "one book that covers multiple problems in a single place, because that is the way so many kids come: multiple issues in a single child."

Kutscher and Wolff are partners of Pediatric Neurological Associates in White Plains, NY, and together have more than 40 years of experience working with special needs children. Attwood is widely recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on Asperger's Syndrome. Chapters cover general principles of diagnosis and treatment, individual syndromes, and a section on medication. Extensive

print and web bibliography and references are included. Kutscher writes, "the answer to the question, 'Why can't he be like all of the other children?' is that he can't." These disabilities carry no physical marker, and "the problems that result from neurobehavioral disabilities often get directed at the caregiver. The deaf child, for example, is having difficulties, but is not attacking us." He quotes Liane Holliday Willey, an educator and writer with Asperger's Syndrome, "I was made to feel that our struggles were like lint we could pick away and toss off, if only we would make the effort to do so." Instead, Kutscher, Wolff, and Attwood provide information to help neurotypical parents, teachers and others to adjust their own mindsets and to understand the child's mindset.

Finding Your Child's Way on the Autism Spectrum: Discovering Unique Strengths, Mastering Behavior Challenges is by Laura Hendrickson, a biblical counselor and former psychiatrist who left her practice to devote herself to the challenges of raising her (now adult) non-verbal, autistic son Eric. Hendrickson shares her personal experiences and offers four principles for parenting autism spectrum children, emphasizing faith and discipleship. She learned to walk with Eric in his way, to understand what

worked for him and what made coping harder for him. "I committed myself to finding all the assistance I could to help Eric become all that he was born to be. But because I am also a Christian, I also believe that God had a purpose in making Eric just as he is, and that my role is not primarily to 'fix' him, but to help him realize his full potential as the unique individual he was born to be. Come to think of it, isn't that our role with our typical children, as well?"

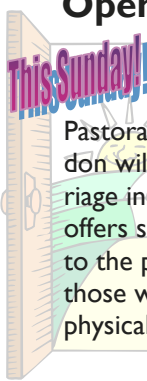
In *Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Along Side of People Touched by Disability*, Stephanie O. Hubach develops a biblical view of disability, as a normal part of life in an abnormal world, a creation in need of healing. Hubach is the mother of two sons, one with Down's syndrome. She leads the special needs ministry of her local church, has served on the boards of several disability service and advocacy groups, and speaks at conferences and churches. She shares her experiences and explores disability in the lives of individuals and families, offering thoughtful facilitation and full hospitality in the church community. Pastor Lisa will lead a group study of this book in August. Maren Angelotti, author of *Of Different Minds: Seeing Your AD/HD Child Through the Eyes of God*, is the mother of four children, three of whom have learning differences. She is a

reading therapist (she is herself dyslexic), ADD coach, and public speaker. Following Thom Hartmann, Angelotti sees learning differences as the result of an "Edison gene," which promotes risk taking and nonlinear, creative thinking and other behaviors. She writes, "It is my hope that this book—full of stories about real children, teens, adults and families learning to survive and thrive with learning differences, as well as case studies from my own practice and the latest scientific findings—will empower you to do more than cope with your child's learning difference. Our society needs your child's unique perspective on and perception of the world as we move further into the twenty-first century. I pray that *Of Different Minds* will give you the tools you need to help your precious gift from God flourish and grow into all that he or she is created to be." Angelotti looks at parenting, education and family, including brief sections on marriage, siblings, and grandparents.

ODM MAKES GRACE MORE ACCOMMODATING WITH...

- Hearing Assistance Devices
- Large Print Bulletins
(ask the ushers for either)
- Sign Language Interpretation
(Deb Stamm 847-533-4666)
- Large Print Books, CDs, Tapes
- Special Needs Library Resources
(Angela McCurdy 630-579-4626)

Open Doors Ministry (ODM) Offers Special Needs Support in June, July, October



SUNDAY, JUNE 12
9:30-10:30 a.m., Room 231

Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Carol Findon will speak on "Nurturing Your Marriage in a Special Needs Family." ODM offers support, fellowship, and resources to the parents, families and caregivers of those who have special needs, be they physical, emotional, cognitive, or other.

FRIDAY, JULY 15
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Lindsey Lewis will speak on "Providing Support for Siblings in a Special Needs Family." Ms. Lewis has a master's degree in social work and has worked with children with social and emotional needs for several years. The evening also features fellowship and dessert.

SAVE THE DATE! SAT., OCT. 8

ODM will host a half-day morning workshop for parents, teachers and caregivers on how to better integrate special needs children and youth in church education and activities. Special Education teacher and dynamic speaker Barb Newman (of the Christian Learning Center in Michigan) will be our featured speaker.

A Day Without a world without hunger hunger a world without hunger

Grace families are invited to attend Loaves & Fishes' "A Day Without Hunger" event on Saturday, **June 18**, 12:00-4:30 p.m., at the Loaves & Fishes facility in Naperville (1871 High Grove Lane). Designed to increase awareness of the prevalence of hunger and poverty in DuPage County and demonstrate how L&F works with the community to alleviate hunger, the day features a free BBQ, DuPage Children's Museum exhibits, radio station appearances, and a photo-thon featuring all attendees' faces that will be made into a mosaic. Visit www.loaves-fishes.org or call 630-355-3663 for more info.

MORE FROM THE GRACE HUNGER TEAM...

On Wednesday, **July 20**, members from Grace will once again be helping to staff the DuPage PADS program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle (1101 Kimberly Way). We will be serving supper and breakfast and providing the guests with a sack lunch. If you are able to assist us in providing food or staffing, sign-ups begin in the Activity Center on June 19. Please contact Catherine Page at cpage46@yahoo.com or 630-420-8239.

July 3 is our first-Sunday-of-the-month food collection date, benefiting Common Pantry in Chicago. If you will be out of town that holiday weekend, please drop off your groceries near the church office. You may also make a monetary contribution to the offering plate or the ceramic "love loaf" at any time, making checks payable to GUMC and noting "Love Loaf" on the memo. Please place your donations in an envelope marked with your name, address, and fund designation (if not the general fund). Only your envelopes will be seen by those who route your donations to the proper recipients.

Save the Date! Sleep out **November 7** to raise awareness about family homelessness and to raise money for Bridge Communities' Transitional Housing Program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11-15, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Help Needed!



Don't forget to include Vacation Bible School in your summer plans! We'll be shakin' it up at the "Shake It Up Café" this summer, July 11-15, 9:00-11:30 a.m., at Grace. VBS is open to children aged 3 through the completion of fourth grade. Register in the Activity Center on Sundays or download forms online at www.peopleofgrace.org/vbs. Lots of help is needed to make VBS another success this year! We need preschool teachers and co-teachers, a Chef Site overseer, kitchen leader, assistant leader and helpers for preschool crafts, and help with decorations. Teen helpers (completed 5th grade) and apprentices (jr./sr. high students) are also needed. Helper and apprentice forms are also online. Questions? Contact Margaret Harrison at 630-355-1748, ext. 241.

Summer at Grace

Summer Book Studies...All Grace members and friends of Grace are invited to join Pastor Lisa Telomen's summer study of the following books once per month in June, July and August, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Room 254: **June 27**-*Touch*, by Pastor Rudy Rasmus; **July 18**-*Acts of Faith*, by Eboo Patel; and **August 22**-*Same Lake, Different Boat*, by Stephanie Hubach. Book are available for purchase in the church office (approx. \$15 each) or on amazon.com, etc.

All-Church Picnic July 17...Following a great week of Vacation Bible School is our annual All-Church Picnic on Sunday, **July 17**, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the field. This favorite summer event features grilled food, potluck sides and dessert, ScribbleMonster entertainment, kids' games, Moon Jump, and more! Watch for details in *Grace Notes* and *Grace in Mission*, or contact Margaret Harrison.

FCM Bean Bag Tournament! Men, be sure to mark Friday, **July 22**, on your calendars for Fellowship of Christian Men's 2nd Annual Bean Bag Tournament. This is a highly competitive event with lots of laughter. Please join us this year and be part of the winning team that will attempt to dethrone Jim "Twinkle Toes" Powell and Gary "Feather Touch" Reese. It's not too early to start working on your toss! Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the contest at 6:30. Our spring Step Up in Discipleship campaign had 22 men show interest in Fellowship of Christian Men, so we expect great things this year! Don't miss it! RSVP or find out more with Bob Pacanowski at 630-355-0804 or bobfod@aol.com. Fun is "in the bag"!

Don't Dry Up This Summer...Blood donations



are particularly important during the summer months, when giving is typically down. Blood drive dates at Grace have a memorable ring to them this year, beginning with the next drive on **August 8 (8/8)**; followed by an October drive on 10/10 and a December drive on 12/12...and the June drive was on 6/6! So, giving is easy to remember—and easy to do! Blood drives are in Fellowship Hall, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; sign-ups can be done online at www.peopleofgrace.org, outside the church office, or donors may walk in. Photo ID required.

News deadline for the July issue of *Grace Notes* is:
FRIDAY, JUNE 24

DUE TO THE EDITOR'S VACATION, THIS DATE IS EARLIER THAN USUAL

Submit news to gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org
or call 630-355-1748, ext. 240



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Blessings to Our Side-by-Side Mission Trippers!

On June 12-18, 51 youth, 18 college students and 32 adults from our Grace community will travel in vans to Pikeville, KY, to serve this weather-torn area of eastern Kentucky. Please pray for their safe travels and for the work they will do while they are away.



Interested In Our Hope@Home Mission July 19-21?

*While the "official" registration deadline for our Hope@Home home-bound mission around the Chicagoland area (for those entering 6th grade through adults) has passed, if you are interested in joining us July 19-21 on a daily rotating basis, contact Gaye Lynn Loufek at 630-355-1748, ext. 234, or rghbhl@aol.com **ASAP!***