



GRACE NOTES

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Building Up the Church
to the Glory of God
Ephesians 4:12

July 2008

Where There Was Ruin, There is Rebirth...and Robust Appreciation *By Barb Ceruti*

Their windows painted in neon announcement of a destination once associated with a little too much fun, 15 vans carrying 92 teens and adults left Grace Church June 7 for the grinding haul down to New Orleans. After an overnight on the floor of a Methodist church in Sikeston, MO, Grace Side-by-Siders arrived at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, their dorm-style living quarters with Mission Lab New Orleans. What to expect, most did not know, as this was the first many of them had seen of the area since it was devastated by Hurricane Katrina three summers ago. It was also the first time our Side-by-Side mission ventured to this location.

"If you speak with someone who has visited New Orleans in the past three years, you might hear that there is still much to be done," said Grace Coordinator of Youth Ministries Gaye Lynn Loufek, who, along with her husband Rick, planned the mission trip. "Well, 92 Side-by-Siders would agree with that, but we would also say that it looks different than the day after [the hurricane], because so many have taken such pride in the 'rebirth' of

New Orleans." When Gaye Lynn says that "never has there been a time in my life when I have felt so appreciated and respected," she is not exaggerating.

Trip participant and New Orleans native Mike Ceruti relays the story of "closet dry wallers" Matt Hoyle and McCall Henderson, who were visibly moved by the delight in the eyes of homeowner "Miss Jeanette" when she saw that she had closets again. "Seeing their faces...that's the real reward," said Mike. . Remarked trip photographer and tool truck runner Ron Wills, "Even the people who just came by to see what we were doing would say a very sincere 'thank you.'"

"When you trek out into the city and different parishes, there is much evidence that many have come before us," noted Gaye Lynn. "When you actually sit down and speak with the folks there, you come to realize that they are so hopeful, they are contagious."

Spread out among at least ten work sites in several residential areas (including the ravaged 9th Ward), Side-by-Siders engaged in various stages of restoration, including dry walling,



Side-by-Side 2008

porch repair, land clearing, wall building, façade changing, and installation of cabinets and fixtures.

"They are so hopeful, they are contagious."

Sandy Leedy, Margaret Harrison and Ruth Wills worked at a local children's day camp on the seminary premises. Recounted Sandy, "the children didn't want us to go. When we told them we'd be back tomorrow, they said 'No, we don't want you to go back home.'"

"They are finding the grace in the smallest of things," said Gaye Lynn of the New Orleans residents. "Their stories tell you that there are many volunteers willing to help and that volunteer time and energy is what has helped them get back to the place they are, but what they don't have are the

skilled laborers." Gaye Lynn laments that, while there are countless homes ready for drywall and other processes, the work cannot be completed for lack of specialty tradespeople, such as electricians and plumbers. "However," said Gaye Lynn, "none of this hinders their upbeat spirit, their willingness to tell their story, their eagerness to fix you lunch or offer you a place to stay should you ever return to New Orleans."

With a wake-up call of 6:00 a.m. and lights out at 11:00 p.m., the group's days were long and full. When they were not working, they were engaged in worship (their own and that of Mission Lab pastors and high-energy, high-tech musicians), activities, small group fellowship, and free-time sightseeing. Early on, they enjoyed games in a park

fronting the bayou. Unsure what the water situation would be in hot, sticky New Orleans, the group pulled away from Grace with 200 gallons of drinking water—for the first day alone. While getting water to the various sites presented "logistical issues," said Mike, the group was able to acquire water from the area without having to purchase more. When they returned to Grace on a particularly warm June 15, Side-by-Siders waved off comments about the heat from those who greeted them. "This? This is nothing!" they said. To the people of New Orleans, their work was everything.

INDY!
Pray for our Junior High mission trip to Indianapolis
July 27-August 1

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Pastor's Journal

Doing the Work That Feels Good

Floodwaters have topped and washed out levees in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri that were intended to protect people, animals and property. Natural disasters that happen to others cause us to look beyond ourselves to find ways to offer help. When we do, when we stretch beyond our normal boundaries to assist another deserving person, it feels good. There is something deeply satisfying in filling another sandbag, providing respite for the displaced, or helping to clean up after.

Whether through contributions of dollars, materials or time, our effort to restore and rebuild that which nature destroys is the American way. The tradition of private philanthropy, the coming together to raise the barn, the volunteer community's response far outweighs what we have come to expect of our government. As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day, may we remember that personal freedom does not mean separation from community, but a commitment to it.

Almost three years after Hurricane Katrina, the work of volunteers all over the lower 9th Ward of New Orleans is obvious. On every street, 'round every corner, there are teams of people, often dressed in tee shirts representing organizations from all over the United States, doing the work that feels good. It is volunteers who are empowering the effort to rethink, renew, and revive New Orleans. The youth of Grace brought hope to people in New Orleans through their summer mission trip to clear land, rebuild homes and share the Gospel.

We trust that the constructions we have in place will do their job and protect us from forces beyond our control. But when our designs fail, spiritually healthy people look beyond themselves, accepting the help that comes, working to change what can be changed, and restoring a community of peace wherever possible.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob's "Journals" also appear in Positively Naperville

Jirani Children's Choir Comes to Grace July 20!

"The songs we sing are of the kind you cannot hear anywhere else in the world," reads the literature that tells the story of the amazing Jirani Children's Choir from Kenya. On their first U.S. tour this summer, this group of children from the Korogocho slum of Nai-



robi will perform a concert at Grace Church on Sunday, **July 20, 4:00 p.m.**, that is not to be missed. These 35 children once faced adversity at every turn. But because of the vision of Jirani Choir Founder Tae Jong Rim (who was shocked into action at the sight of an abandoned child eating waste in the garbage dump of the Korogocho slum), these children now have smiles on their faces and reason to believe in their dreams. "The songs which were sung by the neediest children in the world have become the most beautiful songs in the world," says Mr. Rim.

Don't miss this very special opportunity to hear true hope, true praise, true joy, through the voices of the children who know what it's like to live without it. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child, payable on or before the day of the concert. Make checks payable to Jirani Children's Choir. To reserve tickets, call the church office at 630-355-1748 or reserve tickets online at www.peopleofgrace.org. Seating in the sanctuary begins at 3:00 p.m. You also have the opportunity to meet these children before their concert at our All Church Picnic July 20, beginning at 11:30

a.m. in the lower patio area (see page 3 for more picnic details). The Jirani tour is a fundraising partnership between the Northern Illinois Conference and the Korean Methodist Church to build a music school in the Korogocho slum.

Jirani Choir needs our help! The Jirani Children's Choir needs 16 Grace families to host two children from Sunday, July 20, after the concert through Wednesday morning, July 23. You will connect with the children you're hosting at the All Church Picnic. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Rev. Lisa Telomen at 630-355-1748, ext. 226.



GRACE STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

90% of our pledge appeal goal of \$215,000. Why?

Bring up the subject of money in church, and some people want to run for the hills. But show them what is being done with the resources of God's people and how these things are changing lives, and they begin to listen. That's exactly what happened this spring when the Grace Stewardship and Finance Committee launched the April "Stories of Grace" Pledge Appeal to raise enough additional pledges to meet our 2008 budget. Throughout this five-week campaign, members of our congregation spoke personally and often emotionally in worship about the various ministries of Grace and why their continuance is important to them, our church, our community, and, in some cases, our world. Stories appeared weekly in our bulletins that detailed various aspects of Grace Church: our history, our missions, our music, our miracles. They were personal, they were moving, and they were effective. Our Grace family generously contributed nearly

Because—as unlikely as it may seem—effective Stewardship and Finance ministry is not as much about getting people to open their wallets as it is about nurturing people in their faith and encouraging them to be faithful stewards in all aspects of their Christian lives. Effective S&F leadership informs, inspires and guides people to new possibilities, enabling them not only to use their gifts and talents to the fullest potential, but to *want* to. Why just *tell* people of the need for money for missions, for example, when you can *show* them how missions change lives, from an eyewitness point of view?

As defined by the United Methodist Church's *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation*, Stewardship is the "management of God's household." It is the way we manage our entire lives: our gifts, talents, resources, possessions, time and energy. It is our "whole life" response to God. "Finance" is rightfully described as an "awesome task," in that the congregation looks to its financial leaders to provide for

the underwriting of the ministry of their church, and to demonstrate that someone is in responsible control of a "plan."

At Grace, this plan includes, among other things, monthly reviewing of month-over-month and year-to-date expenses, income levels and trends; planning annual stewardship campaigns; reviewing pledge appeal levels; offering personal thank you correspondence with pledge donors; developing strategies to improve financial and fiduciary work processes within the church; forecasting income and expenses for the Operating Plan budget; reviewing fund drive proposals from groups within the church for approval; overseeing the work of the Audit Committee; carrying financial proposals to Church Council for approval...the list goes on, and that's just the practical aspects!

Just as fundamental to effective leadership in Stewardship and Finance is interpreting the biblical and theological basis for it; leading others to embrace the idea that faithful giving is an essential part of the Christian

lifestyle; educating the congregation about the concept of giving beyond their means by trusting in God's bounty; and creating a deepening commitment within the congregation to use and share their talents and resources.

Those at Grace who are currently serving our Stewardship and Finance ministry include: Stewardship Chair John Abe, Finance Chair John Benedict, Church Council Chair John Bodine, S&F Secretary Dick Trondsen, Church Treasurer Bob Husselbee, Lay Leader Bill Abe, Grace Church Foundation Chair Ginny Lacy, Building Committee Treasurer Lorraine Vahtra, and Commission Members Tony Davis, Bob Denlinger, Craig Hipp, Sanford Leake, Ellie Lindsay, and Mike Walczak.

In featuring the Stewardship and Finance Committee in this month's "Spotlight On," let us take this opportunity to once again thank our generous Grace family for hearing our Stories of Grace and caring that they be continued to offer your gifts to sustain our many dynamic Grace Church ministries.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC!
JULY 20
11:30AM

Lower Patio

Meet the Children of the Jirani Choir!

Moon Jump!

Face Painting!

Celebrate VBS!

\$3 per person; max. \$10 per family

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, lemonade and ice cream will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share (salads, vegetables, fruit) that will feed 8-10 people. If you are a family of more than four, please bring two dishes to share. Purchase tickets in the Activity Center on Sundays and in the church office during the week.

Fair Weather, Fine Voices Light Up June 1 Music Celebration

On a sunny June 1, members from all of Grace's music groups enjoyed a picnic in celebration of our music ministry. Appropriate to the occasion was entertainment from The Chorus of DuPage (a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society),



Grace's Tom Jones (left) and Gene Skooglund (second from right) are half of the barbershop quartet that entertained picnic-goers at the Grace Music Celebration June 1.

of which Grace Chancel Choir members Gene Skooglund and Tom Jones are members. Picnic-goers said farewell to Claudia Winterrowd, New Life Singers' pianist, who is moving to Bloomington, IL, and also wished Grace Bell Ensemble Director Val Dudley a very happy birthday. Emcee Larry Fuhrer, a member of both New Life Singers and Chancel Choir, invited people to the microphone to speak about their involvement in the Grace music program. Several accepted, sharing their

many positive experiences. Expressing his wish to single out everyone if he could, Music Minister Dan Wagner recognized various individuals in the music program for their "above and beyond" service. To each, he presented a potted floral arrangement that he created. It was a fitting end to an afternoon in celebration of a vital music ministry open to all.

New Life Singers Seeks Experienced Pianist

Grace's New Life Singers choir is seeking a pianist/accompanist. This is a paid position for an experienced accompanist. The New Life Singers sing twice per month at the 8:15 service on Sunday mornings and rehearse Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:45 p.m., from September through May, with occasional extra services and seasonal presentations. Contact New Life Singers Director Sherrie Holdeman at 630-983-8313 or sherriejth@comcast.net, or Grace Director of Music Dan Wagner at 630-355-1748 or danwagner@peopleofgrace.org.

Summer Hymn Sing!



During the month of August, musical preludes to worship services will be replaced by a Hymn Sing. The Hymn Sing will begin about 10 minutes before service time. Just make a list of your favorites and give them to Nancy Staton, our Principal Organist. You may leave your list in the church office for Nancy, or you may e-mail her at ncstaton920@yahoo.com. You may also send your requests by mail to 1101 Bauer Road, Naperville, IL, 60563. Be sure to indicate any dates you will be out of town, and Nancy will make sure that your hymn is sung when you are in worship. If you love it, let's sing it!

Alpine Wonders & the Oberammergau Passion Play

Grace Church's trip to Europe in September of 2010 will be offered in two parts: the basic week in Oberammergau, which will include time in Munich or Zurich, Innsbruck, Salzburg, the Passion Play, a trip through the Brenner Pass, exploration of castles and churches, and an optional tour to Neuschwanstein. This will be a 9-day tour. By registering early, you are guaranteed a seat for the full Passion Play.



Part two is a 7-day Italy pre-tour, including two days in Rome (Christian Rome and Ancient Rome), Assisi, Siena and Pisa, Florence city tour, Venice city tour, Verona and the Alps. This will be an optional seven days in addition to the above basic tour.

Departure for the Italy pre-tour will be September 7, 2010; departure for the basic 9-day tour will be September 14, 2010. Whichever option you choose, our entire group will

be together at the same hotel for the basic Oberammergau week.

Included in the cost of the trip are the following: round-trip airfare, deluxe motor coaches, wonderful Alpine accommodations, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, daily European breakfasts, daily full dinners, and more!

Come to an informational meeting and film of the tours on **September 7, 2008**, Room 254, at 4:00 p.m., with trip hosts Pastor Don and Rev. Carol Findon. For information, contact Carol and Don at 630-416-8393.

Extending Our Fellowship

By Merrill Litchfield

It's a question we've all bumped into: when someone has to move away, are they lost to our fellowship? Certainly, we'll see less of them when we can no longer go to the same meetings, or share a cup of coffee between services. But, just to remind us that an occasional touch from an old friend means a great deal, we'd like to share this note that was sent to our Lenten Task Force:

Dear Merrill, Angela, Lisa and Carol,

I have only just finished reading the Lenten Devotional that you so lovingly organized, assembled, edited and delivered. Since I only knew Merrill, having left Grace three years ago when all the transitions were happening, I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for this publication. As the editors said in their words at the end, we never know whose words touch whom. Having been on the Lenten Task Force and assisted with the editing, I know the time commitment and work involved. Thank you again—I'll look forward to next year's edition.

Sincerely,
Diane Goudriaan, Oregon

P.S. Thanks to all who wrote pieces—it was like having letters from old friends.

Thank you, Diane, for "being a neighbor" (Luke 10:36-37), even though you no longer reside in our town!

Rev. Bill and Erma Bryan, Rev. Carol Madalin Honored June 7-8

On June 7, Rev. Carol Madalin was ordained to Deacon in Full Connection at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. That same weekend, on June 8, Pastor Bill Bryan and his wife, Erma, were honored at a Ministry Sunday service and reception in recognition of the ministerial services of Bill and Erma to churches throughout the years since 1957. Bill, Erma and Carol would like to express words of gratitude.

From Rev. Bill and Erma Bryan:



We wish to thank the members of Grace Church and all our friends for the honor given us on our Ministry Sunday on June 8. The afternoon service/reception at Koten Chapel at North Central College was attended by over 140 persons. Special thanks to JoAnn Stuart, Judi Poland and Ruby Allen for their help with refreshments and

flower arranging, to Dan Wagner for the music, to Harold and Lu-Ray Workman for ushering, participating in the service and photography, and—of course—to Tony Davis for his initial gift, which started the project. An additional blessing was having three of our four children and three of our four grandchildren with us for the day. The latest report we have received on the Bryan scholarship fund at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary indicates that they now have more than \$22,000 in gifts and pledges toward the \$25,000 goal for a fully funded scholarship.

From Rev. Carol Madalin:



It was a perfect night—a night for celebration, a night full of joy and blessing, and for me a night filled with tears of joy and tears of gratitude. On June 7 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, the place was packed with clergy, laity, friends and family as the Ordination Service

began. The marching in of the clergy seemed endless to some and signaled that the night would indeed be long! We were not disappointed. At the conclusion of the service, as members of my family and my church family came forward to receive the elements, the tears of joy were such that I could hardly speak! I'm certain that the love I felt came shining through my eyes.

At the close of the 169th Session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, the ordination service brought with it the end of one long journey and the beginning of another. The journey to ordained ministry was renewed and revived in the office of the YMCA in Northbrook, as my supervisor inquired as to my availability to lead the choir at the Northbrook UMC. It's funny how God puts people and places in our lives at just the right time. And so it began my journey back to the Methodist Church of my childhood in Michigan, which eventually led to this night in St. Charles.

I am so deeply touched by the many expressions of love and sup-

port that I have received from all of my Grace family. It was a gift to have so many come, either on the bus or on their own for the service. My office door is covered by well wishes of others, and I received a lovely gift to Cokesbury as well as other beautiful things to celebrate my ordination. I have felt showered by your love and kindness and I am so thankful that all of this blessed Grace family has shown such grace. What a gift!

The journey now begins anew as more surprises await—God still leads my life, and I am but a servant of our Lord. I look forward with excitement to see what God has in store for me next. I love serving at Grace and so appreciate the many things that all of you have done for me and my family. You have truly made us feel welcome and loved.

I remain your servant in Christ.

GRACE PERSONALS

Sympathies to the Friends & Families of...

Betty, mother of Sharon Krise
Amy Bricker, daughter of Neil and Loisann Bricker
Esther Carpenter, mother of Paul Carpenter
Evelyn Cruise, mother of Rita Garrett
Dick Freeman, brother-in-law of Mary Eesley
Rosemary Skinner Keller, retired Deacon of the NIC
George Martinek, friend of Paulette Phelps
Ruby McAmis, grandmother of Kathy Sakats
Emery Amelia Mirock, daughter of Jennifer Mirock and niece of Ed and Julie Cunningham
June Prewitt, grandmother of Dana Nadherny
Twyla Yenerich, mother of Phyllis Pepiot

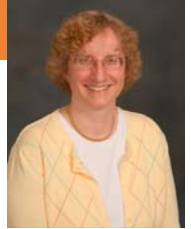
Baptisms

Ayla Louise, daughter of Mark and Nancy McBride, was baptized June 8
Ian Peter, son of Nathan and Tricia Van Horn, was baptized June 29
Tyler Scott, son of Scott & Susan Tepas, was baptized June 29

Celebrations

Robert Hoffman is celebrating 50 years with the Naperville Municipal Band
Dr. Kristen Kennedy, daughter of Bruce and Linda Keiser, graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University
Clement Morgan, son of Christopher and Patience Peters and grandson of Steve and Letty Peters, was born May 21
Eric Ferguson and Sarah Huber were married June 7
Kevin Shepherd and Amy Alvarado were married June 7
Mia Katherine, daughter of Mike and Amy Rogers and granddaughter of Mike and Janet Rogers, was born June 12
Daniel Montgomery and Melanie Hammack were married June 14
Gerrit and Betty Laning celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 14
Gary & Alice Silke celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 14
Kendal Olivia, daughter of Jessica and Dan Keiser and granddaughter of Ralph Keiser, was born June 17

If you have a letter or personal news you'd like to share, please e-mail gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org, or call 630-355-1748, ext. 240.



This month, two big events are happening that will bring new folks to Grace: our Vacation Bible School July 14-18 and the Jirani Children's Choir concert on July 20. I am hoping that most of Grace will be part of these two events, because God will be blessing us mightily through these two ministries! The sharing about the work of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit through our Scriptures and through these children and teens will be life-transforming and full of blessing. How has Jesus filled you with love in a time of need? How has Jesus' love poured out through you to bless someone else in a time of need? The gospel of

our God is all about the work of saving people, which we experience first in the power of Christ saving us—from lives of hardship, poverty, loneliness, despair... Our response then is to pass on the gift we have been given, to help others see how Christ is saving or can help to save them.

At Vacation Bible School, our many volunteers will be sharing these kinds of stories not only with our children of Grace, but also with new children who come from other churches, or no church. They will share their stories with each other and be filled and strengthened by the love of God as they do so. Then, the Jirani Chil-

dren's Choir, from the Korogocho slum of Nairobi, Kenya, will share with us their songs of hope, joy and faith, as well as how their lives have been brought hope, joy, and love through the ministry of their Korean pastor and choir director, who have taught them to sing. The children will spend a few days with us, then go on to their next concert in Ottawa. We will have a few days to share how God's love makes a difference for us and for them, to be strengthened in Spirit as we share our lives with them.

Both of these events offer wonderful opportunities to unbind our hearts and share how Christ has blessed us and

used us to make our lives and the lives of others blessed with hope and love. Let us say yes this July to the call of God and Christ! We will be filled and equipped and blessed beyond our imagining! Let us start first with those close to us—Grace people, our friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and then welcome our friends from Kenya and Korea!

In the month of August, the preachers of Grace, our Bishop, Rev. Siaba (serving in Humboldt Park in Chicago), and the members and friends of Grace will take turns sharing our stories of how the Holy Spirit is moving and shaping us. We will see and share the power of God in our

lives. Through our sharing with others, we will bring about God's Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Be sure to come and be amazed at what God is doing in us and through us!

Let us say YES! to Christ's equipping and sending us—to New Orleans, Indianapolis, to the hungry families of Naperville, the homeless in Aurora, our neighbors in need of a cook or a driver, to the dying in Myanmar, the homeless in Kenya, those seeking Christ in Russia...

Serving Christ with you,

Rev Lisa E. Telomen



- To the 28 people who came to give blood in our Blood Drive June 23. Thank you also to those who assisted with the drive.

- To Sue Schofield for the slate she painted in honor of our Christian Education teachers. This marker can be found in the flower bed with our teachers' plants, adjacent to the sidewalk.

- To the following people and companies who helped serve Side-by-Side in some way:
- Sherri Nagy of Cutting Edge Graphics for the signs she made for "Suds on Sunday"
- Bill Jacobs Volkswagon for the contribution of the ID tickets for "Suds on Sunday"
- Fox Valley Honda for the contribution of the keytag rings for "Suds on Sunday"
- Melody Reese and all of our cookie bakers—yummy! We were even able to donate some to Camp NOLA kids!

- Deb Obriecht and the Quilting Group for the many hours they spent cutting quilt squares for our group projects on the trip
- Shareholders and our entire congregation. Your monetary gifts and support of our fundraisers made our dreams come true!
- Bosch Tools, Randy Valenta and Mark Schwabero for the donation of the tools we used and will continue to use to do our work
- Sam's Club Route 59 for the donation of coffee for our drivers before we left
- First United Methodist Church in Sikeston, MO, for allowing us to stay overnight on our way to New Orleans
- University United Methodist Church in St. Louis for allowing us to stay overnight on our way home from New Orleans

August 2008 Worship Schedule

August 2	5:30pm	Don Niswonger preaching	Acts 2 Gift of the Holy Spirit
August 3	8:15, 9:30am 11am	(Don) Lisa Telomen preaching	Acts 2: 42– All in Common
August 9	5:30pm	Lisa Telomen preaching	Acts 8 Phillip's Missions
August 10	8:15am 9:30, 11am	(Lisa) Rev. Fernando Siaba preaching (Humboldt Park UMC)	
August 16	5:30pm	Lisa Telomen preaching	Acts 9: Saul's Conversion
August 17	8:15 9:30, 11am	(Lisa) Bishop Jung preaching	
August 23	5:30pm	Bill Bryan preaching	Acts 17
August 24	8:15, 9:30	Lisa Telomen preaching (Bill)	Acts 16 Paul in Philippi
August 30	5:30pm	Lisa Telomen preaching	Acts 28 Paul in Rome
August 31	8:15, 9:30	Carol Madalin (Lisa)	Acts 20 Paul's Farewell



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comprehensive church announcements appear weekly in "Grace in Mission," our Sat./Sunday bulletin insert, and online at www.peopleofgrace.org.

Summer Yoga Incorporates Prayer, Scripture, Music

This summer, Minister of Healing Arts Rev. Adrienne Ann Ilseman is leading a new themed yoga practice, incorporating scripture, meditation, music, asana (the physical forms), and prayer. Sunrise Shine Yoga is a six-week Thursday morning program, running **July 3-August 7**, 6:30-7:30 a.m. Evening Praise Yoga is a four-week program on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., on **July 15, July 29, August 5, and August 12**. All sessions are in the Grace Chapel. Cost for each series is \$48 or \$10 per morning session (60 minutes) and \$15 per evening session (90 minutes). Please register in advance with Rev. Carol Madalin at 630-355-1748, ext. 246.

Cancer Support Focuses on Humor

If you have been touched by cancer in any way, whether as a patient, family member, caregiver, etc., join us Tuesday, **July 15**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a special Cancer Support Group focusing on the healing effects of humor. Please bring your favorite joke, cartoon, movie clip, etc. to share, and let's laugh together!

"Come to Me" Grief Group July 21

The next "Come to Me" grief support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will meet Monday, **June 21**, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Mary Eesley.

Grace Book Club

Grace Book Group will meet Wednesday, **July 23**, 12:45 p.m., in the home of Lora Cameron to discuss Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan.

Jirani Children's Choir Concert July 20

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Annual Church Picnic July 20

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Side-by-Side Slide Show July 20

Immediately following the All Church Picnic, join us in Fellowship Hall for a slide show of our transforming work in New Orleans this summer!

Fellowship of Christian Men Invites Families to "Field of Dreams"

FCM's next quarterly meeting will be a

field trip to Field of Dreams movie site/baseball attraction in Dyersville, Iowa, on Saturday, **July 26**. Family and friends are welcome! There are two options for this day—it's up to you: 1) Depart Grace Church parking lot at 7:30 a.m.; arrive at Field of Dreams at 11:00 a.m.; lunch at 11:30 with owners; 12-4 p.m., play ball or just relax; return to Naperville at 4:30; or 2) same as above, but stay overnight, with sunset, fellowship and BBQ following playing ball/relaxing, and breakfast in the morning; return to Naperville after breakfast. RSVP ASAP to Bob Pacanowski at 630-355-0804 or Bobfod@aol.com.

Inaugural DuPage Habitat Golf Outing Needs You

DuPage Habitat for Humanity is seeking sponsors, golfers and drawing prizes for its first annual Golf Outing on Monday, **August 11**, at Klein Creek Golf Club. Cost is \$150 (includes green fees, cart, welcome bag, lunch, after-golf cocktail party and buffet dinner). To register and for more information, visit www.dupagehabitat.org.

Summer Youth Fellowship/Bible Study Combined

Junior/Senior High students, join us for combined Bible Study and YF, meeting Wednesday nights throughout the summer in Room 234, 6:00-7:30 p.m. We'll have snacks, but there will be no dinner provided during the summer, so eat before you come! *If you recently completed 5th or 8th grade, you are "officially" a Junior High or Senior High student—join us!*

2008-09 Confirmation Students:

Get a jump on your workbooks this summer! There are student/parent and student/mentor packets in the church office. Pick one up, sign it out with your contact information so that we can keep you in the youth loop, and be ahead of the game!

"Prayer Group for Men"

Men, join us on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a weekly opportunity to gather in prayer and develop a more dynamic relationship with God. Contact Charlie Volz at 815-609-2567 for more information, or just join us on Sunday evenings!

"Elijah!" DVDs Available Now

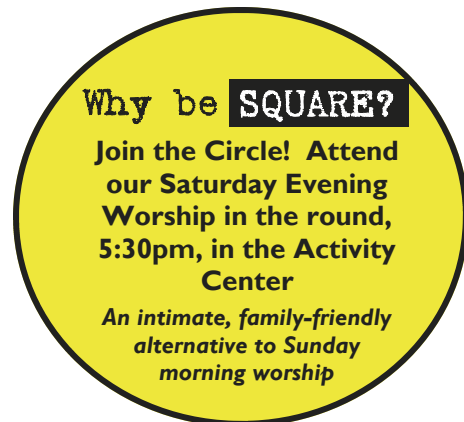
If you ordered a DVD of our children's musical "Elijah!," they are now available for pick-up in the church office.

Women's Ministry at Grace

Women of Grace, pick up your copy of a new Women's Ministry brochure, highlighting all of the many active women's groups here at Grace, including United Methodist Women, Sisters Bible Studies, UMW Circles and ChristCare groups. Brochures can be found in the information racks in the office or the Office Lounge.

College ChristCare Group Continues Throughout Summer

Grace's college group will meet every Tuesday evening this summer from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Josh and Christine Freeman's (1527 Selby Rd. in Naperville). This group is open to graduating high school seniors, college students, and young adults through age 25. Please contact the Freemans at 630-416-8810 or cfreeman@wowway.com with questions or for more information.



The deadline for August Grace Notes news is: **Monday, July 28**

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Grace Seeks Full-time Youth Director


Grace Church is seeking a full-time Youth Director of Junior and Senior High students, grades 6-12. Our committed and engaged youth leadership team has determined the qualities and vision that are needed in the individual who will fill this position.

We seek to foster a community of youth and adults sharing and growing in faith in Christ, to create an environment that encourages trust in God and each other, and to encourage the development of a personal and group sense of purpose and meaning in the Holy Spirit. We wish to empower our young people for leadership and service in the community and our adult leadership team in their walk with the Lord. We seek to lead by example and engage by participation. We desire a person called by God to share Christ with others, to be "real" with

youth, and to walk this journey of faith together with us.

Our current Junior/Senior High youth ministry is built upon morning Sunday School, mid-week and Sunday evening meeting times, retreats, and substantial summer mission trips. This summer, we are taking over 120 youth and adults on two youth-sponsored mission trips.

We require at least a four-year college degree and four years of related experience in paid or volunteer positions. United Methodist Certification in Youth Ministry and Seminary Education is a plus. Salary and benefits are commensurate with the Naperville, Illinois, community and candidate qualifications. Please contact Senior Pastor Bob Atkins at 630-355-1748, ext. 230, or bobatkins@peopleofgrace.org (please include resume and cover letter).



**PRAY FOR OUR
 BEACH PARTY!**

Please pray for the children and leaders of Vacation Bible School July 14-18. We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for ChildServ and children in Kenya. If you would like to donate some of these items, please place them in the box outside the church office. Make sure to see our VBS children in worship Sunday, July 20, when they will sing some of the fun songs they learned at their "Beach Party." Then, join us in celebration of this year's Vacation Bible School at our All Church Picnic (see page 3 for details)!
