



GRACE NOTES

Building up the church
to the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:12

October 2007



Dr. Norval I. Brown

Within seconds of taking the podium at the Grace United Methodist Women's General Unit Meeting on October 2, Dr. Norval Brown had fully captured his audience. It was as if a ray of sunshine had burst through the ceiling in Fellowship Hall and lit up the entire room.

Brown, who spoke to the United Methodist Women about globalization and its impact on our lives, will again light up our church at the end of this month.

"I'm coming back here soon, but I'm going to talk to the men!" said the dynamic speaker to the room of mostly women. A United Methodist pastor, certified Spiritual Director, adjunct faculty member of the Chicago Theological Seminary and oblate at St. Benedict's Abbey in Bartonville, IL, Dr. Brown has traveled extensively to lecture on Worship and Spiritual Formation and has led numerous retreats, renewals and revivals. In his wake, he has left hundreds of Christians revived and

October 26 Men's Event Welcomes Dr. Norval Brown

"I Want to Be a Man You Would Read About!"

inspired by the power of God's promises for our lives.

On Friday, October 26, Dr. Brown will be the **keynote speaker** of a special men's event at Grace he calls "I Want to Be a Man You Would Read About." This event is open to all men of the greater Naperville community, young and old. Inspired by Exodus 18:21, which speaks of the "able, trustworthy" men of God that are called to be His ambassadors (men you would read about!), Brown will explore how men can truly be Christian leaders in our world today.

Breakout sessions with Grace and area clergymen will examine more closely the roles men of various ages play—father, husband, church and community leader, employee, senior citizen—and how they can lead as men of faith and integrity in each of these roles.

Dinner for the evening will be catered by Famous Dave's Barbecue and served by the women of Grace; music will be provided by a Grace Men's Ensemble. Please join us in this inspiring evening created just for men and co-sponsored by

Grace's Fellowship of Christian Men and the Grace Evangelism Committee. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, older sons and nephews—anyone who wants to be a man you would read about!

Schedule for the Evening

6:00 p.m.-Registration begins

6:30-7:15 p.m.-Dinner from Famous Dave's Barbecue, served by the women of Grace

7:15-8:00 p.m.-Keynote speaker Dr. Norval Brown

8:00-9:00 p.m.-Breakout sessions

9:00-9:30 p.m.-Closing remarks

Breakout Groups

Being a Christian Leader at Your Church, Rev. David Eichelberger, Pastor, 4th Street UMC, Aurora

Being a Christian Husband, Dr. Robert Atkins, Preaching Pastor, Grace UMC, Naperville

Being a Christian Father Rev. Tom Babler, Sr. Pastor, Community UMC, Naperville

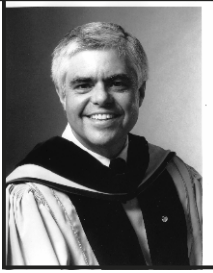
Being a Leader in the Community, Rev. Lynn Pries, Campus Chaplain, North Central College, Naperville

Being a Christian Leader at Your Work Rev. Jason Reed, Pastor,

Wesley UMC, Naperville
Being a Christian Leader in Your Senior Years
Revs. Don Niswonger and Bill Bryan, Parish Pastors, Grace UMC, Naperville

MEN'S EVENT REGISTRATION

"I Want to Be a Man You Would Read About" is open to all men of the Naperville community. Cost is \$15 on or before October 21 and \$20 after that date. You may register in the Grace Activity Center on October 7, 14 and 21 or in the church office on week days. You may also register and choose breakout sessions online at www.peopleofgrace.org. Or, you may download the registration brochure from our site, fill it out and turn it in to the office. Payment must be made in the church office or Activity Center on the three Sundays prior to the event; you cannot pay online. You may also pay at the door at \$20 per person; registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Contact Bob Pacanowski at BobFOD@aol.com for more information. Child care available upon request; call Margaret Harrison at 355-1748.



Pastor's Journal

Asking the Right Questions

She came into my office obviously upset. Her fiancé followed three steps behind. Slamming her thick wedding notebook down on the table, she announced, “My mother is asking me about my invitations, my aunt is asking about my dress, my friends are asking about their dresses, my caterer is asking for decisions about my reception, the florist wants my flower order completed, people I meet want to see my ring, and everyone is asking me about my wedding. I am spending all my time on my vows, but no one is asking me about *them!*”

She was reacting to the marriage preparation asked of each couple. I ask couples that come to me for their wedding to write their own vows as part of the premarital process. They describe in their own language the meaning and core values of their relationship in the form of a promise they will make with each other. Most couples choose to use their own words, rather than those of Thomas Cranmer or the Sarum Rite.

I looked up and wondered aloud, “What if all those people asked you, ‘What are *you* going to promise?’ Wouldn’t that be the right question, instead of all those things important to the day, not your life?”

What promises do you make? Are they your own? What questions do you ask others, questions of the day or of life? What are the core values and meaning of your significant relationships? Real life answers lie in asking the right questions.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob's "Journal" also appears regularly in Positively Naperville



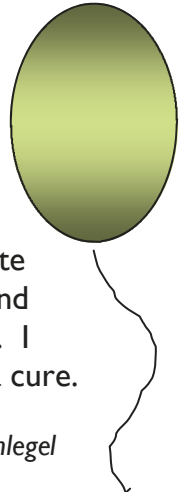
GRACE RETURNS TO KENYA IN 2008

Three years ago, Grace Church sent a mission team to Maua, Kenya, for the first time. There, our team worked at the Maua Methodist Hospital and Bio-Intensive Training Centre, built a home for an AIDS orphan family, and brought much needed medical supplies to the area. Grace’s interest in Kenya was inspired largely by Florence Mubichi, a Kenyan nursing student who traveled to America to further her education. Here at Grace, Florence became active in many facets of our church, befriended many, and inspired even more. Her courage, grace and sheer faith—even in the face of tragedy after the death of one of her daughters—will remain with us forever. Two of those Grace members changed by Florence are Annette Swanson and Julie Utter, who have been devoted to the mission of helping Africa (particularly its AIDS orphans) since meeting Florence six years ago. They have even established a non-profit organization, “Seeds of Grace,” dedicated to empowering families with vulnerable children and orphans in Kenya with education, shelter and proper nutrition.

This year, Annette and Julie are leading the effort to go back to Maua with Grace, from July 10-25, 2008. This mission is seeking a 12-person team of adults and mature youths to work and share in fellowship with our Kenyan friends. The trip includes worship, a safari at a local game park and a day in Kenya’s capital city of Nairobi. Application materials are in the Activity Center between services on Sundays and must be completed by **November 18, 2007**. Cost is \$3,500. Watch for opportunities to support mission scholarships; contact Julie or Annette for more information.

“Team Schlegel” Raises Over \$8,000 for Blood Cancer Research!

I’d like to thank all who supported “Team Schlegel—Make It Count” in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s September 23 “Light the Night” Walk. We raised nearly \$9,000! Thank you to everyone who walked and to those who sent prayers and thoughts our way during the walk. The event was magnificent. It was so awesome to see all those lime green “Team Schlegel” t-shirts on people walking, coming together to remember Tom and his fight, but also to honor those currently fighting and surviving. It was such a special night, with so much purpose and good to come from it. On our banner, I wrote that we walked in memory of Tom and honor all those fighting and surviving. I wrote that we walk with HOPE for a cure.



—Julie Schlegel



Dr. Troy Martin Begins Study on Forgiveness This Month

Don't miss Dr. Troy Martin, Ph.D., University of Chicago, St. Xavier University religious studies professor and the world's most prolific writer of seminal articles in biblical journals, who will lead a three-week study this month on the subject of forgiveness. On Sundays, **October 14, 21 and 28**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Dr. Martin will expand upon his book Forgiveness: Finding Freedom Through Reconciliation. Even if you missed the first session, you may still join the study. There is no charge, but for the purchase of Dr. Martin's book, on which the study is based. Study schedule is as follows; please read Chapters 1 and 2 prior to the first session, or if you miss a session, please try to catch up on the appropriate reading:

October 14—Confrontation (Chapters 4 and 5)
October 21—Repentance (Chapters 6 and 7)
October 28—Transferal of Responsibility (Chapters 8 and 9)

Don't miss this empowering opportunity to explore one of God's greatest gifts—forgiveness—the way He intended it to happen, in healthy engagement between both the offended and the offender. Copies of Dr. Martin's books are on sale for \$14.95 in the church office.

Graver Lectures: Paul's Gospel, from Rome to Beijing

The Grant V. Graver Endowed Lectureship of Grace United Methodist Church presents **Robert Jewett and Yeo Khiok-khng**

(K.K.) on Wednesday, **November 14**, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church. After 20 years at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Jewett (whose lecture is entitled "Romans and Imperial Culture: Triumph over Shame") became a guest professor at the University of Heidelberg, where he directs a bibliography project related to Paul's letter to the Romans. He also teaches courses in the Heidelberg Center for American Studies. He has written 19 books and is soon to publish Mission and Menace: Four Centuries of American Religious Zeal. He is currently participating in a series of symposia on the relevance of his new interpretation of Romans for cultures that have a particular interest in honor and shame.



Robert Jewett (left) and Yeo Khiok-khng

Clergyman, writer and teacher in New Testament studies, Yeo Khiok-khng will lecture on "Romans in Beijing: Cultural Boasting and Mutual Honoring." K.K. is a member of the Graduate Faculty at Northwestern University and Visiting Professor in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department of Peking University as well as Director of its Christian Studies graduate program. He is also a sought-after New Testament lecturer in several countries and the recipient of the distinguished Lilly Faculty Fellowship and Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology. Like Jewett, he is a prolific author, with 18 theological books to his credit.

Established in 1987 in honor of retired former Grace Church pastor Grant Graver, the Grant V. Graver Endowed Lectureship endows public lectures by distinguished theologians or church leaders at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on the Evanston campus of Northwestern University as well as Grace United Methodist Church. Lectures are free of charge. Contact Margaret Harrison at 355-1748 for further information.

Caleb Henderson Receives 1st Foundation Scholarship



"It is difficult today for a young person to be a moral and articulate leader, but this young man makes it look easy to do the right thing. He 'walks the walk' and 'talks the talk,'" wrote former

Grace Youth Director Carol Fraser of Caleb Henderson in a letter of recommendation to the Grace Foundation Board of Directors. Caleb, a confirmed Grace member currently enrolled at North Central College in Accounting and Finance, is the Grace Foundation's first recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship funded by a \$15,000 endowment established in 2001 by the late Anna Stephenson.

"While in high school," continued Carol's letter, "Caleb was a strong leader in Grace Youth Fellowship and attended and led numerous mid-week Bible studies. He never missed a retreat or a Side-by-Side mission trip, and he helped bring to life the Sunday evening Extreme Worship service...his love for God is evident

in his lifestyle." Caleb, who graduated from Naperville Central with honors, attended Creighton College last year on an academic scholarship. Throughout this time, he remained active and committed to his home church. "I am very pleased that his heart's desire is to return home to Naperville and attend North Central College," said Carol.

Candidates of the Grace Foundation scholarship, established to provide tuition assistance to qualifying Grace members (and their dependents) attending North Central College, are interviewed by a sub-committee of the Foundation following review of their applications.

"Anna [Stephenson] would, indeed, be very pleased to know that her gift was being used to further the education of such a qualified candidate," noted Foundation Board member Ginny Lacy.

For more information about the Grace Foundation scholarship, contact Ginny Lacy at 420-7440.



Grace's Biegel Family Helps Launch Improvements to Pioneer Park

Drive just a little south of Grace Church, and stop by the Naperville Park District's Pioneer Park (1212 S. Washington, north of 75th St.). The park has undergone considerable renovation and improvements this year. Thanks in large part to Grace's Chuck and Betty Biegel and family (who, in conjunction with an Illinois First grant, helped to fund these improvements), Pioneer Park now includes a trail plaza and canoe launch, christened in a dedication ceremony October 4.

"I feel great that I've been able to contribute the money necessary to bring this to a high point," Chuck Biegel told *The Naperville Sun*. Be sure to visit the park, and think of the Biegel family while you're there!





Rev. Dr. Findon Says...Get Screened for Depression This Month

It is somewhat common to hear a friend or family member say "I'm depressed." But is the person depressed or just sad or grieving? Or is there another medical condition creating emotional changes? The word *depression* can have many definitions.

Doctors and mental health professionals treat various depressive disorders of significant severity and duration, each with specific symptoms. Only the trained clinician can truly diagnose the illness. If you feel you may be depressed, it is imperative that you seek early intervention. Research has proven that with medical treatment **and** counseling, the depressed person is more likely to recover and encounter less dysfunction in the daily activities of their life.

There are four steps to understanding and getting help for depression:

- Look for signs of depression.
- Understand that depression is a real illness.
- See your doctor. Get a checkup and talk about how you are feeling.
- Get treatment for your depression. You can feel better!

National Depression Screening Day is **October 11**, but anyone at Grace who wishes to drop in can be screened for depression on **October 18** from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in room 250. Or, you may call me at 630-664-6314, and ask for a screening at your convenience. There are also numerous internet sites which offer screenings, if you choose to do this alone.

Please remember that depression is a biological illness that is highly treatable! If you suspect you may have a form of depression, I strongly encourage you to follow up with one of the above screening sites. Grace UMC is a caring community. Here, you can develop a strong spiritual faith, lovingly sought out by God who

loves unconditionally. When connected to God, a person with depression can gain a greater sense of value, feel less alone, and reconnect to a faith community. No matter who you are, you are a child of God. Depression is not a moral or ethical issue; it is a *biological illness*, and God's grace is present!

Other area churches offering depression screenings this month are:

- **October 11**—St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 2220 Lisson Rd., Naperville, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **October 11**—Holy Spirit Catholic Community Church, Reconciliation Room, 2003 111th St./Hassert Blvd., Naperville, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **October 24**—St. Mary's Immaculate Parish, 129 S. Division St., Plainfield, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **October 25**—St. Michael's Catholic Church's Faith Center Building, 2nd Floor, 317 Willow St., Wheaton, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Screening also includes a speaker discussing depression and mood disorders.

Linking Up to Grace

In many arenas this fall, I have been impressed with humanity's interconnectedness—in the environment, in politics and economics, in our major religions, and in our community ethics. And I am becoming increasingly convinced that the maxim "live simply, so others can simply live" is something we all need to explore and apply to the many facets of our lives.

Live simply, focusing on the basics of your life: God first, family second, community third, taking responsibility to make all of your life focus on these priorities. In our faith, put God first, and recognize that worshipping God with your heart and hands comes first every day. Recognize that the ONE God is worshiped differently in all major religions, but they have more in common with one another than differ-

ences, and let us respect each other for that. In our material lives: simplify, simplify! We don't need much to live, and we have more than enough—let's share our excess, purchase things that are less of a burden on the environment, and find more ways to support the economies at a lower level. In our time, let us put relationships first, giving time to Christ and the community around us, listen in prayer, listen to our families, listen to colleagues, listen to friends, listen to strangers. What do we hear? Similar joys and sorrows, a need for loving-kindness, opportunities to be a vessel of God's care in a wonderful world! Then, share from your heart, even before your pocketbook, and **SHOW** your faith by your love in action.

There are some wonderful opportunities already at Grace

to simplify your life:

- 1) To put faith first, come to worship regularly **AND** become part of a Bible study, book study, or caring small group (UMW, YF, FCM, etc.)
- 2) To simplify your material life, donate to Wayside Cross in the green bins under entrance 2 (upper lot). Give food donations at our main entrance every first Sunday of the month. Buy less, give to charities more! Try giving to Naperville CARES, Families Helping Families, Sharing Connections, Loaves and Fishes, Hesus House...
- 3) To put relationships first, plan daily conversation with your family and weekly recreation together (or more often!). As a family or single family member, try out a singing or musical group at church! Try out a ministry team - Hunger, Religion and Race, Missions,

Evangelism!

Try out a mission team: serve at Hesus House on the first Tuesday of the month, deliver food on Saturday mornings. Volunteer as a Grace Home Visitor, be a Confirmation mentor! At work, pull together a hospitality team, an exercise group, a prayer team, a care team...

The possibilities are out there to simplify our lives, so that all of us together can simply, and more abundantly, live faithfully together as the family of God. May this peaceable Kingdom come—and soon!

In Christ's love,

Rev. Lisa E. Selomen



Harvest Home photos and article coming next month!

Grace Members Share How Blood Donations Save Lives

While blood donors often do not know to whom their blood is being given or when it will be used, we at Grace need look no farther than members of our church family to see the value of giving blood on a regular basis.

"Blood donations saved Bill's life," said Nancy Huber, whose husband Bill was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia on September 2 of this year. Taken by ambulance from Edward Hospital to Loyola University Medical Center as an emergency leukemia patient, Bill discovered that his bone marrow's white cells had become mutated and had completely taken over his red cells, good white

"Blood donations saved Bill's life."

cells and platelets. "He could no longer produce enough platelets to live," said Nancy, explaining that platelets live for only two days in the body. "Bill received 5-10 units

of platelets every day from September 2 until September 26; a 5-unit bag of platelets can have platelets from five different people." Bill also received a large bag of packed red cells about every other day. "Bill is alive today because of those in this area who donated blood," said Nancy, adding that Bill himself has given blood every 4-6 months for the past seven years. "We will be forever thankful to these anonymous donors."

"I would like to encourage everyone to please go donate blood and platelets," said the blog (online diary) of Eric Plummer, Bob and Donna Plummer's son, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Among other treatments, Eric's condition has required blood transfusions. "When I donated, I never really thought much about who used that blood, guessing it was typically for emergency situations. But I clearly needed [blood] to avoid any possible infection my body couldn't then fight off."

Phyllis Pepiot's late husband, Harry, received nearly 100 units of donated blood over the course of three instances in which his body was producing dangerously low red blood cell counts (a condition unrelated to his death in May of this year). "Blood donations absolutely saved Harry's life all three times," said Phyllis, who has been a regular blood donor since a member of Grace needed blood that matched her O Negative type. "And the fact that all of his 100 units were safe and caused no problems really says something about the quality of the blood drive operations," added Phyllis.

GIVE BLOOD THIS MONTH!

In the Grace UMC Blood Drive

Monday, October 15

3:00-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sign up Oct. 14 in the Activity Center between services or in the church office during the week. Contact Pam Riley at 355-1748 with any questions. Photo ID required.

You Are Cordially Invited



To a 90th Birthday Celebration
for Winnie Graver

Perry, Wayne and Bruce Graver invite the
Grace Church Family to help them celebrate
their mother's birthday on

Sunday, October 21st

9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Grace Activity Center

The reception is being planned and hosted by the
Hospitality Committee of the United Methodist Women

Your presence is your gift

GRACE PERSONALS

Sympathies to the Friends & Families of...

Rev. Kenneth Blood, father of Ken Blood

Jane Hollstein, mother of Carol Fraser

Mildred Lee, friend of Rodney Telomen

Larry Little, friend of John and Keebie Bright and Richard Kohl

Jenette Ott, mother of Joanne Louis

Martha Patton, mother of Dave Patton

Revs. Virgil H. Smith and David W. Tracy, retired clergymen of the Northern Illinois Conference

Frank Stanik, uncle of Mike Walczak

Ruth VanderMey, aunt of Patty Robinson

Paul Vice, father of Mary Scroggins

Chinan Wu, brother of Gwen Wu

Celebrations

Andrew James, son of Jeff Langley and Dr. Kari Huber-Langley and grandson of Bill and Nancy Huber, was born on September 29, 2007

Fiona Jing Yung, (born January 13, 2006) daughter of Tim and Tracy Ferriter, granddaughter of Dan and Kathy Noerenberg, and great-granddaughter of Curly and Darlene Noerenberg, arrived in the family on August 13, 2007

Scott Stetson and Kari Maass were married on August 11, 2007

Kimberly Davis and Jason Horek were married on September 29, 2007

Brittan Brashears became engaged to **Brent Fatig** and will marry in August of 2008

Baptisms

Austin John, son of John and Julie Coldwater;

Parker Jon, son of Garrett and Wesley Gosselink; and

Charles Anthony, son of Steve Macaluso and Alexis Dunne, were baptized on September 16

Kennedy Amanda, daughter of Steve and Allison Harvey, was baptized on October 6

Matthew Jacob, son of James and Tania Stori, was baptized on October 7

Music Notes

—From Grace Music Minister Dan Wagner

GRACE MUSIC CALENDAR

Oct. 14—Children’s Music Ministry Dedication

Nov. 3—Choristers Guild—The Choristers Guild Festival Concert is open to the public on Saturday, **November 3**, 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church (750 W. Aurora Ave.). Members of Grace’s Junior Singers and the Youth Chorale will be participating in a day-long festival with choristers from other area churches and will present their concert at 3:00 p.m. in the St. John’s sanctuary.



Nov. 4, All Saints Sunday—Rutter Requiem, presented at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. The Grace Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Soloists present John Rutter’s “Requiem,” a poignant service of remembrance for All Saints Sunday. Rutter’s beautiful setting of the traditional funeral liturgy is one of the most beloved musical works of the 20th Century. The music takes listeners on a spiritual journey that begins with the torment of loss and separation, then gently guides us to the comfort and peace of Christ. Rutter’s “Requiem” is one of those special opportunities for outreach, when the Grace family will want to bring friends to experience a unique and moving musical event.

The Advent Arts Series... Advent this year will be a worship feast fit for the coming King!

- **Dec. 1 & 2—“Celebrate the Season,”** a cantata to give a wonderful start to Advent, with the New Life Singers and Grace Bell Ensemble; Saturday, **December 1**, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, **December 2**, at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.
- **Dec. 16—“The Heavens are Telling,”** a joyous musical morning with great Carols and Classics for Advent and Christmas. Presented by the Grace Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Soloists at the 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.
- **Dec. 23—The Synergy Brass Ensemble** (guest artists), will join us for the musical portions of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The Grace congregation and Chancel Choir will lift their voices in song with one of the nation’s most exciting brass ensembles. Acclaimed for their technical virtuosity, outstanding showmanship, and diverse programming, the Synergy Brass Quintet has performed across the country and participated in some of the world’s most prestigious music festivals, including the Ravinia Music Festival, the Bethlehem Musikfest, the Tanglewood Festival, and even the Boston Early Music Festival. Find out more about this fabulous ensemble at www.synergybrass.com, or purchase one of their CDs on iTunes.

Praise Team Drummer Still Needed!

The Grace Praise Team still has a need for an experienced drummer for our 11:00 worship rotation. Please contact Lynn Leitzen at 355-1748, ext. 249, if you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity.

Church Council Looks at New Directions For Grace By John Bodine, Church Council Chair

Church Council has established a “Listening Post,” with Church Council members available outside the Activity Center on Sunday mornings just before Church Council meetings. The objective is to focus on topics considered to be of interest or importance to our Grace family and to be available to hear what you have to say about them. Our most recent “Post” was on September 23, with a focus on “helping our Naperville preschoolers” in a time of increasingly demanding expectations on our children. Discussion on this topic was modest, but Church Council did review input. A second topic is scheduled for Sunday, October 21,

and will ask, “What kind of a web site would you like for Grace?” The Grace Communications Department recently ran results of a survey in *Grace Notes*, based upon 294 responses to a mailed questionnaire, but we’d love to hear more from you on what works and what doesn’t in terms of our web site. What can make it more useful and effective for our community as well as our membership?

We’re getting special assistance on our Giving Campaign for this year, with Grace Youth helping distribute packets. Commitment Sunday is November 18, when our youth will provide leadership

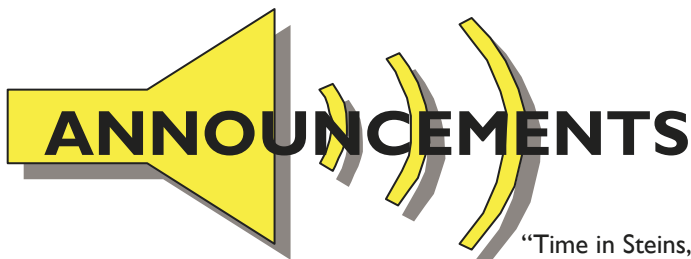
in our Worship Service. Please give them a big welcome when your packet is personally delivered to your home!

The Church Staff is actively pursuing the acquisition of new tools for managing our Grace budget and cash flow. Our current tools are aging and proving to be less than sufficient, as we extend our activities in new directions and our needs change. This will be an important area for improvement as we move into 2008. We’ll keep you posted on progress.

We’ll also be following up on a plan for improving our organizational effectiveness at Grace to better serve the congrega-

tion and our community through a well-designed program called Natural Church Development. This focus will complement our efforts to build on the strong interests and passions already at play in our Grace membership and is expected to strengthen our ability to mobilize and support important new directions. We’ll begin by conducting a survey to define our strengths and weaknesses, led by the Grace Strategy Team.

Remember those name tags, and don’t forget to greet someone you don’t know each Sunday – make a new friend!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROP WALK TROY MARTIN YOGA CIRCLES OVER 50 LUNCHEON
 BOOK CLUB PENNIES FOR UMW MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE
 TO YOUR HEALTH CELEBRATE THE SEASON CAREER TRANSITION
 WORKSHOP OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2010

Career Transition Workshop Continues Through Nov. 17, 8:00-10:00 a.m., at Grace

For job seekers and career decision makers, the Career Transition Workshop offers eight weeks of practical, down-to-earth information integrated with Scriptural insight to help you in your job search, career decision, or career planning activity. Sponsored by the Grace Fellowship of Christian Men and taught by career consultant Dr. Robert Parker and other experts, this workshop uses a tested curriculum developed by Dave Cox, a professional career consultant and executive coach. All are welcome at any time. Contact Dr. Robert Parker at 717-6050 or rparker@enablingsi.com

25th Annual CROP Walk Oct. 14

It's not too late to walk or sponsor a walker in the CROP Walk against hunger Sunday, **Oct. 14**, beginning at Community United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. Contact Susan Marseille at 717-9374.

Oct. 14, 21, 28—Dr. Troy Martin's Study on Forgiveness (see page 3)

Oct. 15—Blood Drive (see page 5)

Healing Yoga Oct. 16-Nov. 20

Minister of Healing Arts Adrienne Ann Ilseman will lead a six-week Tuesday evening yoga series, 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the Grace Chapel. Series is \$48 or \$10 per session. Contact Rev. Carol Madalin at 355-1748, ext. 246, if you'd like to join.

Women's Circles Meet This Month:

Sarah Circle meets Tuesday, **Oct. 16**, 9:15 a.m. in the home of Pat Spencer, featuring Charlie Spencer's "Slides from India." Our project is nutty herbed rice bags. Priscilla Circle meets Tuesday, **Oct. 16**, 7:00 p.m., in the home of Jennifer Conniff. We are crafting for Mistletoe Marketplace. Ruth Circle meets Wednesday, **Oct. 17**, 9:15 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Virginia Spaits will lead our program; please bring a gift for Lifespring Ministries.

October Over 50 Fellowship Features "Time in Steins"

In honor of "Oktoberfest," the October Over 50 Luncheon will feature

"Time in Steins," Al Hoch's presentation of his collection of steins and their history. Join us Thursday, **October 18**, 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5, payable at the door. Please reserve in the church office by noon on October 16.

Pennies for UMW Missions

The United Methodist Women of the Northern Illinois Conference are committed to raising \$120,000 in support of our missions across the world. This year, that support costs \$32.04 per minute! Please be a "minuteman," woman or child by donating your spare pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters toward our goal. **Each Sunday through October 21**, we will be collecting your change donations in the Narthex. Donate a whole minute by writing a check (payable to NIC-UMW) for \$32.04! We will celebrate our minutes on Saturday, October 27, when we host the NIC-UMW Annual Meeting.

Oct. 21—Winnie Graver's 90th Birthday Celebration (see page 5)

Grace Book Club Oct. 24

The Grace Book Club will meet Wednesday, **October 24**, 12:45 p.m., in the lback home. We will discuss The Worst Hard Time, by Timothy Egan.

Oct. 26—"I Want to Be a Man You Would Read About" (see page 1)

Grace Special Music Events (see pg. 6)

Mistletoe Marketplace, Saturday, November 3, 9:00am-1:00pm

Be sure to stop by the United Methodist Women's annual "Mistletoe Marketplace" in Fellowship Hall, featuring beautiful, hand-crafted treasures for all the special people on your list (including you!), a delicious bake sale, brunch (serving our mouth-watering home-made cinnamon rolls!), a silent auction, and a drawing for the Grace Quilters' hand-made "Grandmother's Garden" quilt, plus four other quilted items, including placemats, a tote, and two wall hangings. Please deposit any crafts or silent auction donations in the box in the Office Lounge. Contact Margaret Harrison at 355-1748 with questions or for more information.

Nov. 14—Graver Lectures (see pg. 3)

"Celebrate the Season" Nov. 28

Sponsored by the Grace Evangelism Committee, the 2nd Annual "Celebrate the Season" women's event is scheduled this year for Wednesday, **November 28**. Ladies, mark your busy holiday calendars now for this inspiring evening of Christian sisterhood, a special holiday dinner at beautifully decorated tables, and a moving program that is sure to make us all mindful of the true meaning of Christmas. Tickets go on sale for \$15 November 11 in the Activity Center. Table hostesses are needed; please contact Kim Scharafin at 369-4734 to host a table or for more information. Join us! Bring your friends!

Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010! Contact Pastor Don if you're interested; more information after Jan. 1.

To Your Health

- **Depression screenings** (see page 4)
- **Blood pressure screening: Oct. 21**, Office Lounge, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Flu Vaccine Clinic: Sunday, Nov. 4**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Flu shot* is \$25; you must be at least 9 years old (9-18-year-olds must have a doctor's note to receive a flu shot). *Pneumonia shot* is \$35 (a doctor's note is required if you have previously had a pneumonia shot). *DTP shot* (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis—whooping cough) is \$45—cash only for DTP. Only two vaccinations per person will be allowed. The Visiting Nursing Association will bill Medicare Part B for flu and pneumonia shots if you present your Medicare card. Other flu clinic locations will be listed on Grace Parish Nurse Pam Riley's door in the Office Lounge.
- **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!** Make sure to schedule your mammograms and perform your self-examinations!
- **Grace Health and Wellness Committee Seeks New Members:** The Grace Health and Wellness Ministry Team is looking for some new members to help facilitate our blood drives, flu clinics, cancer support groups, as well as develop ideas to enhance the health and wellness of our Grace family. No medical knowledge required; contact Pam Riley at 355-1748.



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The Lenten season begins February 6, 2008. We at Grace will continue our Lenten tradition of publishing and mailing a daily devotions booklet, written by members of our Grace family. Please begin thinking about sharing your faith journey experiences and favorite Bible verses with us in our devotions booklet. Until then, reflect upon the following devotion from Merrill Litchfield:

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15

It’s no news that families are sometimes torn apart when the time comes for the children to divide up their parents’ belongings, as conflicting desires collide. But it doesn’t have to be that way when grace is given.

When my dad passed away, one of his

unique possessions was the chess set his mother had given him. All six of us boys learned to play chess, mostly from Dad, and being allowed to use his set was a special occasion. One time I mentioned to my older brother how much I would like to have that set. I was instantly run over by the verbal equivalent of a charging elephant: “Oh, no! I’ve got that!”

And that was the point at which grace was poured out, in an astonishing flood, upon me. My habitual anger and resentment never had a chance to flicker, let alone flash back at him. My instant reflection was astonishment at my own self-centeredness: that set was not special to me alone—all six of us had equal reason to treasure it. But the flood of grace did not stop there; in the next instant, without any kind of internal hassle, I freely, wholeheartedly gave that set to him (at least in my heart and mind—it wasn’t in our hands at the time), and I was immediately filled with a joy I can’t explain. And I’ve never

once longed for that chess set again—which had an awkward result later on. You see, I was too busy marveling at that internal miracle to say anything out loud about it. So how was Big Brother to know I no longer wanted it? Thus, it happened, on a later visit, that Dave surprised me by putting that set into my hands. And my thought was, “What am I gonna do with this? I haven’t wanted it since the day I gave it away.” But, as I turned to Dave to decline with thanks, I saw the look of joy on his face. God had given him that same abundant lesson that had so thrilled me! So I accepted it, but....

...let me tell the rest of the story next month...

Lord Jesus, teach us how to regard the things you give to us, both in the keeping and in the giving away. Let us keep you as our Savior, even though we must let everything else go. Amen.

*—Merrill Litchfield
October 2007*