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Summer Night of Fun!



June 17

6:00 - 8:30 PM



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

Sunday, June 26

Through

Thursday, June 30

6:00 - 8:00 PM



Pastor's Page

“Suh-PRIZE, suh-PRIZE,
suh-PRIZE!!”

I'm betting that at least a few of you remember Gomer Pyle. His goofy greeting was always annoying to me as a kid, but it sure comes in handy as an adult! No matter how I plan my day, it seems there is always at least one surprise in it... not always a welcome one, either!

So what surprise is it now? Change?? Oh no, don't say we have to re-organize, take on new tasks, or do things differently! Well, yes...but at least we don't have to say goodbye!

Perhaps I sound a bit too optimistic or cheery, but I choose to see our most recent surprise, Virginia McLean's new job at another church, as God really "shaking up" Grace Lutheran.

As we look through the Bible, we find many places where God "shook up" the church. Some apostles were martyred, some traditions were replaced, some roles changed. Whenever the church became too complacent, or ministry became routine, or needs outweighed willing hands, or opposition was too great, God's Spirit shook up the church.

Don't misunderstand me: I am not saying Grace has become too complacent, or routine, or unwilling... I just see the Holy Spirit at work here, bringing us new opportunities, and I certainly don't expect us to react with complacency! Every change in the church involves human actions, good and bad. The good news is that regardless of which they are, the Holy Spirit faithfully works through our efforts for the good of the church.

Virginia, Michael and Carl will remain members at Grace, but Virginia will now use her gifts and abilities to serve the Lord at Grace Presbyterian Church. We will miss her talents, and miss the family's presence in most of our worship and activities at Grace.

Yet while we wait for our congregation's future to become clear, we can expect to discover new gifts and abilities among ourselves. After all, those gifts come from the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit knows we will need them! The shape of our ministries will change, and maybe the locations, but we can trust that even those differences come from the same Holy Spirit.

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

God bless Virginia in her new work, and Grace Lutheran Church in our surprises.

And God's peace to all, **Pastor Anderson**



FIRST COMMUNION

We had three young people take the class for first communion this spring, but several missed it and would like another chance. If you know of someone who might benefit from this training, please contact the office or Pastor Anderson. We will set up a time to do this (hopefully in the next two months) so that all who are ready to receive their Lord in bread and wine may do so. If you have questions about whether or not your child is ready to do this, or any other questions, please speak with Pastor Anderson.

Thank You & Virginia

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday Evening
June 22 - 6:00 PM

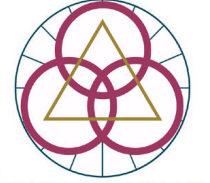
Come and enjoy a Lasagna Dinner as we express our appreciation to Virginia for her ministry here at Grace over the last few years!

Virginia has accepted a position of Director of Christian Education at Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill beginning on July 1st.

Happily, this isn't goodbye . . . she and Michael and Carl will continue to be members here!

Please use the "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin Tear & Share over the next few Sundays to let us know if you will be here on June 22.

NOTES FROM



OUR COUNCIL

**Healthy Congregations
Workshop # 2**

Twenty-four people attended the Healthy Congregations workshop held on Saturday, May 7th. Pastor Holley from Summerville, SC did a

great job providing instruction at the workshop. As a follow-up, Pastor Holley forwarded feedback from the workshop evaluations:

First, using a 4-point scale the evaluations rendered a "3.8" out of 4. That means the folks were very satisfied with the workshop and found it to be "very valuable." You are to be commended for giving them this opportunity. Clearly the folks felt it was worthwhile and can see benefits for Grace Church and themselves. Well done!

One of the additional comments showing up often was "try to get more people to attend." Yes, that is a worthy goal, but I must comment that if only half of the group that came to the first or second workshop increased their functioning in a healthy way (for example, not seeking quick fixes) there would be a significant impact on Grace Church.

To increase the healthiness of a congregation only a portion of the membership need act healthier. So, your folks who were present will lift the functioning of Grace, so that it is healthier. While it is always good to have as many as possible attend, I feel the size of the both workshops was very good. If you choose to do Workshop #3 after calling your new pastor, it will be a well attended workshop, as folks want to please the new pastor and tend to make time to be at the workshop.

Another observation: session 5 was referred to often in the evaluations. I would suggest you consider looking again at the evaluation process there...you could use it in a Council meeting or some other

context. From both workshops I would say the folks are hungry for setting clear ministry and mission goals...and desire to have a chance to participate in that process. Let me encourage you to do that. There are processes that allow for participation, and then the folks 'own' the goals.

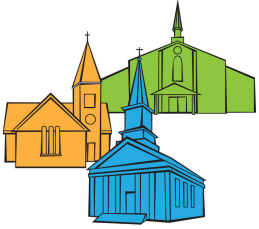
It was good to be with you once again. From an 'outsider' view, I must say I see a very good future for Grace Church. What you have done as key leaders certainly is providing a foundation for that future.

Pledging in September

Council approved starting the pledging process one month earlier in the year. The purpose is to have pledging information at beginning of budget process instead of at the end. This will help make the budgeting process more efficient. Pledging packets will be sent out in September instead of October.

DEADLINE
for Submission of articles
for Grace Notes is always
the 15th of the month.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>	
May	\$46,535
2011	\$216,228
Needed for Budget	\$221,276
<u>ACM</u>	
May	\$2,555
Campaign Total	\$596,814



SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2011

Just a quick report to say that “a good time was had by all!” :)
In fact, it was a good time, and a great assembly.

Highlights:

- an afternoon of active service in the Greenville community (many kinds)
- reports from members of our synod in all corners of the world (Japan, Tanzania, Colombia, Mexico...)
- worship, Bible Study and prayer together in small groups and large
- election of leaders (Pastor Anderson was re-elected to the Synod Council)
- stories from missions overseas and missions in America
- reports about faithful giving (\$1 million by one couple!) and faithful service
- ideas from congregations who have shared resources inter-denominationally
- connections and networking with other individuals, groups, and congregations
- invitations to visit our Spanish-speaking congregations in the synod
- information about churchwide changes and continued ministry
- votes to condemn “bullying,” and continue current level of giving to the ELCA
- introduction of a synod-wide appeal: **“Growing in God’s Mission”** to Deepen discipleship through lay training in evangelism and stewardship for renewing congregations; Planting and sustaining Mission congregations; equipping congregations to engage in their communities; Increasing educational opportunities for the people of the South West Diocese of the ELC Tanzania.

Our Delegates were Bob Schavey, Bobby Brame, Sig Huitt, Virginia McLean, and Pastor Anderson.



Thank you to the Hunger Outreach Volunteers in May:

Gus & Nancy Koegler, John Barone, Ellen Gwyn, Earl Gatlin, Eric & Louise Schmidt, Wally Seigler, Clark & Laura Maciag, Jeff Gover, Kay Lynes.

Members of Grace, Thank you for the graduation gift and all the love and support that has been shown to me throughout the years. I am so grateful to have been a part of such a kind, caring congregation, and I know where I can go if ever I need help or a familiar place to go to. Thanks again for helping me grown in life and faith. **Love, Allyson Harris**

Dear Friends, Again, thanks so much to you and the congregation for giving us permission to hold the Concert of the Rock Hill Music Club in your lovely church on May 1. I’m so grateful. **All the very best, always, Martha Macdonald.**

Grace hosted three families for dinner and overnight housing for Family Promise of York County during the first week in May. Many thanks to the following for volunteering their time: Pastor Linda Anderson, Hugh Barnett, Bobby & Geni Brame, **(Jeff & Mary Chamberlain, Susan Moore, John Barone and Ellen Gwyn - did double duty during the week!)** Doug Gay, John & Cyndie Grogan, Susan Hollich, Sig & Judy Huitt, Kay Lynes, Clark Maciag, Ginny Miller, Linda Miller, Donna Richter, Connie Setzler and Raymond & Linda Zieverink. As is their custom, the Adult Bible Class paid for the families to go out for dinner on their last night at Grace. **Grace next hosts for Family Promise July 31 - August 7.**



- 01 Don Loadholdt
- 02 Sara Johnson, Penny Dimoff
Juan Romero
- 03 Meredith Sinclair, Brian White
- 04 Winston Mills
- 05 Kendall Anderson, Sally Bartelmo,
Dayton Hughett, Jane Ann Blanchard
Carla Harrison
- 09 Jean Winsch, Wendy Mathis,
Esther Reynolds, Mary Lee Haynes
- 10 Peggy Shrefler
- 12 Kelly Fuller, Rich Palmer
- 14 Andrew Bartelmo, Mike Lindler,
Debbie Bayag, Lindsey Hill,
Megan Marshall, Virginia McLean
Mia White
- 15 Eric Schmittle
- 16 Jamie Brame, Austin Bigger
- 17 Lily Romero
- 18 Sean Grogan
- 19 Tim Shrefler
- 20 Louise Schmidt
- 21 Dorothy Schoenfelder, Eric Dowler
- 22 Wayne Haselden
- 23 Thom Winters
- 26 Mary Catherine White
- 27 Dan Schellinger
- 29 Glenn Bouley, Jackie Niedringhaus,
Mike Reed

MEMORIALS & HONOR GIFTS *(Received through May 29)*

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Margaret Hinson
by The Sowell Mason Family

In Memory of Will Bartelmo
by Stephanie & Randy Brooks

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of Margaret Hinson
by The Grace Alone Choir

In Memory of Alma Wolford
by Bill & Nora Sliney

In Memory of Eleanor Crews
by Bill & Nora Sliney

CURRENT FUND

In Honor of Wally & Betty Sue Seigler
by Naomi, Kathy & Linda Bridges



SENIORS@GRACE COOKOUT **THURSDAY - JUNE 16 - 12:00 NOON**



Our Senior Group will be back on the road again this month with a cookout at Bert Bobb's lake house! Come prepared to relax, delight in the beauty of the lake, and enjoy a hamburger and hot dog

cookout lunch. If you need a ride, please call or email Annie Laurie Wheat no later than June 15. (980-1834 - wheata@winthrop.edu) (For those who wish to drive themselves, here are the directions to Bert's house: *From Grace: Turn Right onto Oakland, Turn Left onto Ebenezer, Turn Left onto Celenese, Turn Right onto Museum, Turn Left onto Mt. Gallent (go approx. 2 miles) Turn Right on Bowater Road. Go to end of paved road, Turn Right. Bert's house is the 4th structure on the left. (Blue-Gray House)*



**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS JUNE 5**

All children need to meet in the 2-3 year old class for opening and activities. The 2 year-kindergarten will stay in that classroom and the 1st-5th will move to the 3-5th classroom. We will start the month of June talking about the foundation that the church as a whole is built on. The children will also have a chance to visit areas of our church and see how they are used. There will also be an adult class available.

Any question please call Liz Hudgens at work 704-542-6228 from 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM - or on her cell at 803-487-5098.

**WE COULD STILL USE
A COUPLE OF VOLUNTEERS!**

Volunteers do not need to be available all summer. If you can give available dates we will add you to the rotation and the materials are simple to use.

Many thanks to all our teachers and everyone who participated in our learning activities over the past school year.

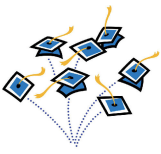
**Mark your calendars now for
RALLY SUNDAY - August 21**

The Campus Ministry Committee is seeking applications for a ¼ time WELCM Campus Minister starting this fall. A qualified candidate will have experience in planning and managing ministry programs, exhibit a desire and aptitude for ministry with college students, and posses a willingness to develop skills and knowledge in the field of campus ministry. You do not need to be an ordained pastor to apply. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to the church office.



**GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY
Summer of Service
June 16**

We will be getting together again with Our Saviour Episcopal youth to give back to our community. We will be learning about Family Promise and homelessness in our community. We will also plan, shop and cook a meal for the Family Promise guests.



Meet Our Graduates!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 29, we recognized the following graduates and celebrated with them this milestone in their educational endeavors.

Fort Mill High School

MacKenzie Rae Beaucage

Nations Ford High School

Allyson Marie Harris

Kevin Michael Ketner

Northwestern High School

Stephanie Leigh Bayag

Ryan Waataja

Rock Hill High School

Caitlyn Marie Bedenbaugh

Brooke Elizabeth Willaby

South Pointe High School

Caitlin Nicole Grogan

York Comprehensive High School

Nathan Daniel Schmidt

Clemson University

Matthew Brindel Schavey

Bachelor of Science

in Financial Management

Coker College

Anna Allman Grogan

Bachelor of Arts

in Secondary Mathematics Education

Winthrop University

April Hershey Lovegrove

Master of Liberal Arts

University of South Carolina

Courtney Aimie Tuck

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN

Wake Forest University

Michael Eugene Moore

Bachelor of Science

in Computer Science

York Technical College

Ryan Brown

Electronics Engineering

Summer Night of Fun!



A SUMMER NIGHT OF FUN AT GRACE!

Friday, June 17 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Mark your calendars now for an evening of Fun, including Bingo for all ages, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Entertainment!

BINGO

Each person will be limited to 2 cards, children under the age of 8 will play only one card, and will require adult supervision. A Nursery will be provided. No charge for the Bingo cards! Unbelievable Prizes - with more to be donated! Want to donate a prize? We need children's prizes too! Please use today's Tear & Share or contact Doug Pointon at 803-325-1205 or point@comporium.net

FOOD

Hot Dogs and fix'ns, Potato Chips, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Ice Cream Cups

Cost - \$3.00/Person ~

\$10.00 Family Maximum

ENTERTAINMENT

Musical Offerings from David Platts,

Irene Pointon, Ron Cox,

Dustin Jordan and Steven Christman

HELP NEEDED AS FOLLOWS:

Table/Chair set-up (Thursday evening, June 16th), Tear-down will be Friday night after the program, We also need Bingo helperS. Want to help? Call Doug Pointon or use Sunday's Tear & Share.



Grace Friends

The New Member Team is hoping that more Grace members will volunteer to be Grace Friends! We need people of all ages and would like to have married couples, singles, or just any individual who wants to serve in this capacity. Volunteers serving in this capacity are called "Grace Friends", because the committee hopes that you will truly become friends with the new member/members that you are assigned to assist. Some of the types of things you would be asked to do is to contact the new member/members to learn what type of ministry, or committee they would be interested in, and then accompany them to a meeting of that committee or serve with them once at an outreach ministry, such as Hunger Outreach or Family Promise. You should make yourself available to answer any questions they have about church life at Grace. Accompany them to any special functions that might be planned for new members, such as a welcome dinner. If you would be willing to fill this need, please sign up on the Sign-up Sheet for "Grace Friends" in the fellowship hall, or on today's Tear & Share.



SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY ~ JUNE 25 FOR OUR SUMMER ALL GROUP SUPPER CLUB GATHERING!

We are grateful to Milt & Pauline Jellum and Lane & April Lovegrove for agreeing to co-host this annual event. A special invitation is extended to those who have not yet joined, but are interested in becoming a supper club member. **Further details will sent to members via email or phone.** Those not presently members may call Rick or Pam Kirby with questions - 366-0203.

Serving



OTHERS

MEALS NEEDED FOR HAVEN

MEN'S SHELTER

JUNE 22, JULY 27 & AUGUST 24

Our Outreach Committee would like to provide a meal for the 12 men at The Haven Men's Shelter. The meal should consist of a main dish (casseroles, potato/meat dishes, or pasta dishes work well) a salad and a simple dessert. A

loaf of bread is always welcome. The residents usually have drinks, but beverages such as iced tea or lemonade are always appreciated. The meal should be delivered to the shelter between 5:45 and 6:30 PM, and should be transported in disposable containers (foil or microwavable trays, etc.) The Haven has limited storage for food and does not have a stove, so meals should be heated and ready to eat when you deliver them. There's a sign-up sheet at the Information Center for each of these 3 Wednesdays - June 22, July 27 and August 24.

(Please write your phone number beside your name.) An instruction sheet and a map will be mailed to you after you sign-up. Call or Email Sig Huitt if you have questions - 704-576-0407 - shuitt@carolinapr.com.



SHOUT IT OUT!

Do you know someone in the congregation that you would like to see recognized for their hard work and/or dedication – here at Grace?

This month Shout Out's go to:

- ▶ **CRAIG KETNER** for his leadership and dedication to Grace!
- ▶ **BOBBY BRAME, BOB SCHAVEY, SIG HUITT AND VIRGINIA MCLEAN** for being Grace's delegates to the SC Synod Assembly May 19-21! They worked long hours, made lots of contacts (for resources and models of ministry, as well as fellowship), participated in mission ministry in Greenville, shared in prayer and Bible study with the entire synod, and made important decisions on our behalf. As this required two work days and a Saturday, they gave up a lot of time to serve in this capacity.
- ▶ **RAYMOND ZIEVERINK** for painting the B@G room, Pastor's Office and Pat's Office!



We welcomed the following new members to the Grace family on Sunday, April 17. If you have not yet met these fine people, please make a point to introduce yourself and make them

feel welcome!

Diane Gwinn

Where was your previous home & church originally from?

Ohio. She has lived in S.C. for 16 years.

Special reason(s) for joining Grace:

Previously attended Grace but was out of state a lot tending to her mother who had Atzheimers disease. She wanted to reaffirm her faith and felt Grace was the right church for her as she had been attending Grace and loves the church and the people.

Family:

Has a life partner for @34 years.
Has two children and one granddaughter.
Her daughter and granddaughter live in Rock Hill and her son lives in Tennessee.

Profession (Retired):

She works for Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company in Rock Hill.

Hobbies:

Reading, Enjoys the outdoors, Walking
Loves Charleston and visits there a lot
Enjoys Rving, Enjoys family and friends

Dennis & Marie Legg

Where was your previous home & church originally from?

Long Island, NY

Special reason(s) for joining Grace:

Liked the music. Reminded them of their old church in New York.

Family:

Married 27 years. Have 2 children. The older one works as a construction project manager in Vietnam. The younger one is an executive chef in New York.

Profession:

Both are retired. Bill worked in the insurance industry. Marie was a receptionist in an OB/GYN office.

Hobbies:

Reading, Enjoy movies, Senior aerobics at Grace, Walking.

Joey Nichols

Where was your previous home & church originally from?

Youngstown, Ohio

Special reason(s) for joining Grace:

He and his girlfriend have been attending Grace for some time and felt it was the right time to join.

Family:

Single

Profession:

Works for the Dept. of Corrections

Hobbies:

Enjoys all sports, Music, plays the drums, Computer stuff.

Whitney Beaty

Where was your previous home & church originally from?

Winthrop student. She has been attending Grace for the last six years.

Special reason(s) for joining Grace:

Felt like it was the right time.

Family:

Single



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011
Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30
6-8pm in the evenings

Welcome to ReNew: The Green VBS! ReNew is an environmentally focused VBS program that inspires kids and adults to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as the practice stewardship of creation. This year we will be studying Jesus' parable of the Sower from Mark 4:1-9. It's important for us to listen to Jesus' stories because that's how God's love, the gospel, is planted within us. When God's love takes root and grows up within us we have more than enough love to face hard challenges and share with others, including God's creation. So get ready for a fun filled week of learning about God's love, planting seeds, recycling, and so much more!

Classes - We will have classes for all kids, starting with preschoolers and going through 5th grade. Classes are determined by what grade you just finished. Each class will rotate to different activities (crafts, games, music, and learning time) throughout the evening. Adults, we didn't forget you either! You have a class all to yourself! Here's a list of the break down of classes:

Nursery - Preschool (2, 3, and 4 years old) - Kindergarten and 1st Grade

2nd and 3rd Grade - 4th and 5th Grade - Adults

Middle and High School Youth are highly encouraged to volunteer!!!

Registration began Sunday, May 8! You can register your child, or yourself, for a class by filling out a registration form at the information center in the fellowship hall. Also watch your mailbox for a registration form that you can fill out and bring back to church.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with VBS, please sign up on the volunteer list at the information center in the fellowship hall. There are still plenty of spots to help out. There are all types of volunteer positions, from leading groups to helping out with snacks. There is something for everyone! **If you are interested in volunteering, please let Virginia McLean know!!!**

We also need people to provide snacks. Feel free to bring the following non-perishable goods to church and leave them in the fellowship hall in the box marked "VBS Snack Donations."

Pretzels ~ Oreos ~ Gummy Worms ~ Boxes of Chocolate Pudding Mix ~ Ice Pops

Daily Themes - Each day will have a special theme that we will focus on in all of our activities. Here is a break down of each day's theme:

Day 1 Planting Seeds - God's love is a seed in me.

Day 2 Taking Root - God's love takes root in me.

Day 3 Growing - God's love is growing in me.

Day 4 Facing Challenges -The love of Jesus helps me face challenges.

Day 5 Living Together - We live together in God's love.

JUNE 2011 - WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Debbie Gignac & Patti Saunders

Ushers: 8:30 AM Dan Bartel, Doug Gay, Eddie Hinson, Harold Williams

11:00 AM Don Horst, Craig Ketner, Bill Sliney, David Smith

	<u>5th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>26th</u>
<u>8:30 AM</u>				
Lectors:	John Hauenstein	Steve Johnson	Doug Gay	Sig Huitt
Comm. Assts:	Kevin Wunsch	Sig Huitt	Bill Davis	Earl Gatlin
Petitioners:	Earl Gatlin	Erika Bell	Donna Hauenstein	Ruth Wasserman
Crucifers:	Stephanie Bayag	Katie Grogan	Caitlin Marshall	–
Acolytes:	Corey Drennon	Alleyah Sidden	Sarah Marshall	Corey Drennon
	Trevor Leach	Dylan Stegall	Megan Marshall	
Greeters:	Bob Wasserman	Kendall Anderson	Martha Mills	Goodbars
Nursery:	Bob Corbett	Jean Wunsch	Sig Huitt	Kerri Howley

	<u>5th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>26th</u>
<u>11:00 AM</u>				
Lectors:	Kathy Schwandt	Dick Watkins	Eric Schmidt	Brenda White
Comm. Assts:	Pat Nadeau	Melissa Tucker	Dee Westbrook	Mary Lee Haynes
Petitioners:	Geni Brame	Erica Mohaugen	Mickey Anderson	Kristy Austin
Crucifers:	Tommy Austin	Kevin Ketner	Lane Tucker	–
Acolytes:	Megan Austin	Alli Waataja	Kelcey Howley	Sarah Platts
	Cooper Waataja	Caroline Clark	Alicia Howley	
Greeters:	Surratts	Waatajas	Thiessens	Kay Lynes
Nursery:	Patti/Elizabeth Saunders	Windy Tuck	Connie Setzler	Liz Hudgens

	Tabulators:	Hospitality:	Flowers:	Bulletins:
5 th	Lockwood	Jean Wunsch	Steve Johnson	Hal Anderson
12 th	Hazen	Kay Lynes	Brown/Gignac	MaryLee Haynes
19 th	Stonebraker/Landsley	ShirLee Alfors	Bridges/Schoenfelder	Underwood
26 th	Hudgens	Brenda & Martha Mills	Niedringhaus	–

June Sanctuary Candle: Jellum

Please click on the link below to see the June 2011 Online Calendar:

www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6M7H2F0G1M7J4