

Today

February 21, 2010
 First Sunday in Lent
 Worship @ 10:30 am

Scripture

Deut. 26:1-11
 Rom 3:9-24
 John 3:1-15

Worship Leader

Nick Policow
Sermon
 Kurt Lutjens

Nursery

John Sarra, Sara Keaton,
 David Peters & Jennifer Vonier
Morning Hosts
 Bob Havens & Meg Meyers

Next Sunday

February 28, 2010
 Second Sunday in Lent
 Worship @ 10:30 am

Scripture

Jer. 26:8-15
 Phil 3:17-4:1
 John 3:16-21

Worship Leader

Aaron Turner
Sermon
 Kurt Lutjens

Nursery

Peter & Melanie Maynor
 Vicki Leung, Emma Frey
Morning Hosts
 Bob Nickles & Abi Havens

FINANCIAL PROJECTION 101

The Ministry of Money is working on the projection for our next fiscal year, which starts April 1, 2010. We plan to distribute copies on February 21, and to discuss it with you after the meal on February 28. Preparing for the next fiscal year involves updating current income and expenses, assessing current liabilities and assets through a balance sheet, and receiving ministry requests from committees. We recently met with the session to discuss the projection, including the differences in expected income and the requests for spending. As we look at the projection, we realize there are no frills. The requests are modest.

When you receive your copy of the Grace and Peace 2011 Projection the columns across the top of the page look like this.

	G	H	I	J	K	M
	FY2010 (rev 1/27/09)	Actual as of 1/31/10	Extended through March 2010	Projected Amt Over (Under)	FY201 1	Comments

A calendar year runs from January 1 through December 31 of a given year. In the above heading "FY" stands for fiscal year. Here at Grace and Peace Fellowship, we are in FY2010, which runs from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. FY2011 runs from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

Looking at the box above taken from the top of the projection you will be receiving, Column G is the projection for the current fiscal year.

Column H is the actual spending through a specified date.

Column I is figured depending on what is appropriate. If there will be no further activity on the line item, then it is the same as the number in Column H. If additional income or spending is anticipated on this line, then those amounts are added to the number in column H.

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(Financial Projection 101 cont.)

Column J is Column I minus Column G {end of year projected expense (or income) minus the fiscal year projection amount}.

Column K is the initial draft of the new projection showing anticipated income and requested expenses for Fiscal Year 2011.

In Column M we put notes to help us remember what is included in each line.

Our projected income is organized in rows with titles such as: Gifts (mostly from outside the church), Interest and Dividends, Facility Rental, Weekly Offerings, Total Church Income, Winter Shelter, and, TOTAL INCOME. Just under Weekly Offerings you will see a line that is title "Weekly Offerings by Week". It is the projected weekly offering divided by 52, the number of weeks in a year.

Our projected expenses are organized in rows with titles such as: Ministry, Utilities, Staff, Worship, Administration, Shelter, Deacons, Building, Youth Group, Women's Group, Mens' Group, Sunday School/Nursery, Missions, Music, Celebrate Recovery, Arts, Library, Hospitality and TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES.

I hope this helps you to understand the projection you will receive today. Please make notes on your copy of the projection. Talk with any members about your concerns. Linda Vastola is our volunteer treasurer. Deb Eisenbraun is the interim chairperson. The Ministry of Money members are Linda Molinari and Paul Savage. Jane Smith has been attending meetings as a former interim treasurer. You may phone the church office with questions, or, phone Deb at 241-4202. Bring your notes to the meal and meeting along with some curry, or rice, or fruit. Please make plans to come to the Indian meal and projection meeting after worship on Sunday, February 28. Submitted by Deb Eisenbraun, Interim Chair, Ministry of Money

School of Discipleship update

This Sunday: Colossians: *Complete in Christ* (9:15 a.m. in the Library) – Week 3: Suffering for the saints; and *God and Film III: Revolutions, Redemptions, and Pratfalls – not necessarily in that order...* (9:15 a.m. in the Blue Room) – Week 3: Early Soviet cinema and montage. Note: first meeting of the *Word of God* class is postponed to next week.

Next Sunday: Colossians: *Complete in Christ* – Week 4: Walk in Him; *God and Film III: Revolutions, Redemptions, and Pratfalls – not necessarily in that order...* – Week 4: Japanese Filmmaking: Postwar and beyond; and The Word of God (postponed from this Sunday; 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Library) – Week 1.

Indian Potluck and Projection Meeting

Please make plans to join the next fellowship meal after worship in the church basement on Sunday, February 28. We will have an Indian theme, meaning, curry, rice, fruit, and, anything else you want to bring. Bring enough to serve 12 to 15 people. Please leave your prepared dish in the kitchen in the basement, marked clearly with instructions. The Joe Eisenbraun and Bryan prayer groups will be glad to heat and serve the dish for you.

At the end of the meal on February 28, we will have a discussion of the financial projection. The vote on the projection is scheduled after the next meal on March 14. The next fiscal year starts April 1, 2010.

Please phone the church office with any questions.

–submitted by Deb Eisenbraun
(Indian recipes can be found later in The Tucket!)

GLOBAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE is looking for new members. Do you have a heart for missions?

Are you interested in helping us support and pray for missionaries and discuss new people we could support?

We need your help. Please do pray about joining this committee. Thanks

Marte Harrell, for GOC (2/21)

Meet & Eat

If you're new to Grace & Peace, if you've been here a while and can't say that this is your church home quite yet, or if you're a seasoned G&P veteran and would like to welcome a few new brothers and sisters, join us for lunch at the Havens' house (Tim & Liz) after church this Sunday, February 21st. We'd love to meet you!

Directions from G&P Delmar Entrance:

Go East on Delmar

Right (South) on Union

Left (East) onto Forest Park Parkway

Right (South) on Grand Ave.

Right (West) on Shaw Ave.

Left (South) on 39th St.

Right (West) on Cleveland

End at 3944 Cleveland (on the south side of the street, toward the middle of the block, look for big square columns)

--Liz Havens

New church directories coming next Sunday 2/28!!

Arlene Itzi is in need of a car. Her old one has finally bit the dust. If you know of anyone getting rid of a car or where she might look for one, please contact her at 361-8325.

Also she starts a new round of chemo this week-- Feb. 22-26 and would appreciate prayer.

She sends thanks for all the cards and phone calls and prayers for her and her family.

Marte Harrell (2/21)

New Schedule: Bible Study and the Food Pantry

Each of you is invited to come to lunch and a Bible study the first and third Wednesday of the month from noon to 1:15 P.M. Aaron Turner is leading us through a study of the Gospel of John. Believers, seekers, and skeptics are welcome.

The food pantry is open from 1:30 to 2:30 following the Bible study on the first and third Wednesdays. We offer a bag of canned and dry goods along with a choice of day old bread from the St. Louis Bread Company to members, friends, and neighbors trying to stretch their limited dollars.

Please use the Clara door with the wheelchair ramp. The schedule is posted on the Clara door. Submitted by Deb Eisenbraun

Are You Interested in Learning More About Cornerstone?

Cornerstone Corporation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide quality, affordable rental housing for poorer families in St. Louis. Our organization has been engaged in this work for more than 30 years. Currently, we own and manage 37 units of housing in the west end of the city, 28 of which are located on Etzel Avenue, 3 of which are located on Washington Avenue, and 6 of which are located on McPherson Avenue.

If you are interested in learning more about Cornerstone, please consider visiting our website (www.cornerstone-housing-ministry.org) and/or talking with Phyllis Wheeler or me. Please remember us in your prayer groups, and please consider giving of your time and/or money to support our work. Thanks!

-Dana Malkus, for Cornerstone (2/14)

The Word of God (with Edith and Bruce)

The word of God is potent. By it the heavens, the earth and the seas in all their vast array were fashioned from nothing at all. The word of God provokes, shakes, comforts, warns, exposes, heals and refreshes. It gets people saved and has been known to get people killed. According to King David there is nothing greater in the universe! (Psalm 138:2) Yet it can be carried with care in the most tender human heart. Edith Graf, who has been walking with Jesus for many decades, and Bruce Smith who has done the same but not quite as long, are going to help me teach the class we call "The Word of God." Edith and Bruce are going to help us think about and enjoy the way that God's voice impacts our lives when all is calm and when all is trouble and crisis and even despair.

The class will begin on Sunday, February 21 (3:30-5:30 PM) and run for 6 consecutive weeks through Palm Sunday. Please sign up in the hall at the top of the Clara steps so we know roughly how many copies we will be needing. As always though, last minute walk-ins are welcome! We will have extras.

Kurt Lutjens, for the three of us

Congregational Meeting

As an expression of our love for Christ and for each other, the elders are calling for the people of Grace & Peace Fellowship to hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 28. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and discuss the 2011 Financial Projection. This will be followed by a Congregational Meeting two weeks later, on Sunday March 14 for the purpose of voting on the Projection. Both meetings will be conducted toward the end of our meal together. For both meetings child care will be provided. For both meetings we need the Holy Spirit to shape our hearts and our choices!

Kurt Lutjens for the session

Nathan Clark George In Concert March 7th 6:30 pm FREE

Celebrate Recovery hopes you will join us on March 7th as we listen to singer/songwriter Nathan Clark George in concert to celebrate our one year anniversary.

Nathan is a full-time professional touring artist visiting fellowships, coffee houses, and homes across the nation. His music is an acoustic blend of the great folk traditions with influences ranging from historic classical composers to artists like Simon & Garfunkel, James Taylor, Bruce Cockburn, Lyle Lovett, Rich Mullins, and more. He is known for his thoughtful lyrics, acoustic prowess and ability to apply music directly to scripture.

A review by Dan Scott of www.scripturemusicmp3.com says that Nathan's music is "Elegantly written, arranged, and performed folk/fusion of Scripture Settings..." (He recently announced that he is being included on an upcoming CD being produced by John Duncan and Ligonier Ministries featuring the compositions of Greg Wilbur. He was recently in Franklin, TN to record this CD at Michael Card's studio with several great musicians. The vocal line up will be Greg Wilbur, Michael Card, Wes King, Katy Snow, Steve Green, and Nathan.

Give him a look and a listen at his website: www.nathanclarkgeorge.com or at www.indieheaven.com.

We think you will like what you hear and are excited about this special evening of music as he shares with us some of his reflections on real life, God and scripture.

Flyers are on the tables in the front and back of the church. Feel free to take some and pass them out to your friends. Take note that Nathan's concerts are always family friendly, as he often brings some of his own 5 children.

Grace & Peace Celebrate Recovery Team

Men's Breakfasts

The next Men's Breakfast will be the April 6, the second Saturday, because of when Easter falls this year. We will begin gathering at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m.

For those of you who are new or visiting with us, please note that there are gluten-free crackers on the communion table for those unable to eat the bread.

~Susannah Eisenbraun

Men's Groups

Did you know we have men's groups that meet regularly? Would you be interested in joining one or be part of a new one? Please let me know or come see me. We currently have several full groups, but we have one or two that need new members. Some of our groups share an affinity – such as being in the same broad age group or stage of life. Others live in the same geographical area. They emphasize 1) the study of Scripture or Christian literature designed for men, 2) encouragement, support for, and accountability to one another, and 3) prayer together. Some meet on Monday evenings. Others meet before work on certain mornings of the week. This as important means and component of discipleship. Iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17). And, as we recall from Ephesians 4: 15–16 our growing up is into Christ, in love, and in contact with one another. –Stephen Leung

Again, pull out your knitting needles, crochet hooks, scissors, paper and glue, wood burner, rug hook, or whatever it is you're working on and bring it on over to my house on Saturday, March 6. If you don't craft yet, come and learn something, or just come & hang out and see what exciting creations people are doing. We last met in November at Emily Bryan's on Black Friday and had a great time of fellowship, enjoying one another's company and learning from each other. Let's do it again before the spring madness begins.

I live at 1214 North Market in Old North St. Louis; soup & salad will be provided for lunch.

Contact: Susan Tschetter, stschetter@sbcglobal.net, 314-231-0472.

Looking for a Sitter

Pete and I are looking for someone to stay with Nathan for a half-day on two Thursdays in March and possibly each month beyond that. We'd ask that you come to our house in University City on the first and third Thursdays of the month (3/4 and 3/18) for about 5 hours (8:15am to 1:15pm). You can count on at least an hour of that as naptime. :) We're gladly offering \$10/hour. Please email or call me if you're interested. He's almost a year old and is loads of fun!! You can reach me at ashleylare@yahoo.com or (314) 479-2401. --Ashley Watson (2/14)

GOD IS FAITHFUL!

Hello Bothers and Sisters,
I wanted to let you all know how God has been answering my prayers, and how quickly too! As most of you know, I lost my job at Kuna after three years. At the same time, my lease was up at my expensive apartment. Now because of the 1000ft rule that I had to live under, and admittedly my lack of faith, I became quite comfortable living here in West county. But God was faithful! He led me to my support system for help and guidance. Pastor Kurt called for a Circle of Support meeting, along with Gordon Carlson. As I explained my situation to them, one thing was very clear to them—I had to move! This didn't sit well with me, and in my stubbornness, I became angry. I began to shut down, not wanting to consider my Brother's good counsel. They were indeed trying to help, but I was refusing to hear them. I felt like they were not hearing me, or understanding my situation. The more they tried to get me to trust them and God, the more I tried to find a way to stay living where I was at. I was wounded from losing my job, and fearful of even the idea of moving. After our meeting, I left feeling angry and full of doubt. In my thinking and what was in my heart, I sinned against my Brothers. For this I am deeply sorry, and I ask for their forgiveness.

Again, God was Faithful! Just as soon as I drove home, God's Spirit was at work! Within a few days, I found out that due to a recent Supreme Court ruling, I am no longer under the 1000ft. rule. God led me

I'd like to express my gratitude to all of you at Grace and Peace for the support I received when it was really needed.

This whole parish seems to be motivated by the Christian principle of loving your neighbor and I was surrounded by a wall of love that evil feelings couldn't budge.

My wife, my kids, and this whole parish community have given me a lot to live up to, and I promise not to let anybody down.

Your loving support, with God's grace, helped me to regain and retain my sanity in the hardest time anyone on earth can face.

From me to all of you: a quote from a song I wrote in 1983--

*"Knowing God is love,
your own love for each other
is the best thing you can share"*

Thank you, Lord.

Perry O Burke

End of Winter CRAFT DAY at Susan Tschetter's home on Saturday, March 6, from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.

to Old North, and I'll be moving there in the first week of March. God then led me to a new job—an independent contractor with North Star Services. My new business is already up and running! And in the middle of all this, God allowed me to finish a major revision to my screenplay adaptation of the Book of Daniel.

God has been so faithful in answering mine and many others prayers, that I'm spinning! I look back at that week and I can see that when I finally humbled myself and was ready to have faith and trust God, He was indeed faithful. So let go, let God! I have asked God to forgive me of my sins of doubt and lack of faith, and I feel confident that he has forgiven me. I wanted to share all this with you to let you know what has been going on with me, and hopefully to encourage you. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Blessings,
Tim Lantz

P.S. If you are in need of having your Dryer vents and attached duct work cleaned, that's what I do now. I offer 50% off to all of the Grace and Peace family and friends. Give me a call, and I'll be more than happy to explain more about this much needed service—thanks! (2/21)

Curried Chicken and Onions Serves 12

Puree in blender:

- 3 medium onions, chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic
- 1 T. ginger root, grated
- 1-3 fresh green chili peppers, seeded (optional)

Mix in:

- 1 T. ground coriander
- 1 T. ground cumin
- 2 T. ground turmeric
- 1 t. ground cinnamon
- 1 t. ground cloves

Combine in large saucepan:

- 3-4 T. ghee or oil
- 3 onions, thinly sliced

Fry onions, stirring frequently, until golden brown. Remove onions and set aside. Add pureed mixture to oil remaining in pan. Stir and fry until color darkens.

Add: 3 chopped tomatoes, fresh or canned
Stir and cook until liquid from tomatoes is almost evaporated.

Add: 3 lb. chicken, cut in pieces (deboning is optional)

Stir well.

Add: 1 c. water
1 T. salt

Cover and cook 45 minutes or until chicken is tender. Top with fried onions and serve with rice or Chapatis. —Extending the Table by Joetta Handrich Schlabach

Caramelized Cumin–Roasted Carrots Serves 12

Nonstick vegetable oil spray

24 medium to large carrots, peeled, cut on diagonal into ½ inch thick pieces

4 T. olive oil

3 t. cumin seeds (alternative: 1 t. ground cumin)

4 t. coarse kosher salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray large rimmed baking sheet with nonstick spray.

Combine carrots and all remaining ingredients in large bowl; toss to coat.

Spread in single layer on prepared baking sheet.

Roast carrots until tender and lightly caramelized, turning carrots over once, 35 to 40 minutes.

Adapted from *bon appétit*, February 2010

VACANCY AT ORION HOUSE STARTING NOW.

Please contact Ruth Beckloff or Marte Harrell for details. We want to build community back up here.
Marte Harrell (2/14)

ATTENTION PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE HOMESCHOOLERS:

Would any of you be interested in having a sale and/or exchange of homeschool items/curricula at Grace & Peace? (I, personally, would be only looking to sell, not buy, as I'm homeschooling my last one now). Would we have enough moms/dads interested in buying and selling to make this idea worthy of people's time and efforts? I'd appreciate some feedback from those who'd be interested, as either buyers or sellers or both.

Also, if the idea is feasible, when would be a good time to do this? May? June? July? August?

Please email me at stlfreys@sbcglobal.net (or call Kari at 481-7901) to let me know your thoughts. An email response would be preferable, as I could communicate with the whole group simultaneously, if/as the idea develops.

Thanks--

Kari Frey

I NEED A ROOMMATE!

I am looking for female roommate. I live in a beautiful historic building restored into condos. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with lots of space, lots of windows and light. Amenities include hardwood floors, central air, washer/dryer, dishwasher, deck. The room is furnished with a bed, desk and dresser. I can store the furniture though. Walking distance to Grace & Peace, 3metrolink stops, Forest Park, the Loop, and Washington Univ. I am asking for \$525 and this includes include cable, internet, and utilities. Contact Sarah Taylor.

Giving for the week of February 14, 2010

Weekly Offering – \$5,942.13

Proj. Weekly Offering – \$6,582.85

YTD Weekly Offering – \$278,990.25

YTD Proj Wkly Offering – \$302,811.10

YTD total income – \$337,130.87
Proj. total income – \$367,830.26

YTD total expenses – \$323,135.08

Weekly Giving to Capital Campaign – \$295.00
Whole Campaign to date – \$280,882.59
Total Disbursed.–\$80,194.49

Please pray for the following people who are unemployed/underemployed:

Doug Corey
Rich Frey
Bart Havens
Vic Havens
Kim Lutjens
Bob Lowes
Jim Tudor
Peter Vastola
John Wyllie
Phyllis Wheeler
Steve Wheeler

Please call the church office if you would like to be added to this prayer list.

The Deacon's Fund is available to provide funds for the emergency financial needs of members and regular attendees. Please contact a deacon directly, or contact the church office manager at 367-8959 with any Deacon Fund request. The office manager will be glad to give your contact information to a deacon, who will return your call.

Calendar

RECURRING:

Office Hours

Monday: 10am–3pm
Tuesday: 8:30am–4:30pm
Wednesday: 10am–3pm
Thursday: 8:30am–4:30pm
Friday: 10am–3pm

Church email: ofmgr@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday School for Children ages Preschool through High School and Adults 9:15–10:15 AM;

WORSHIP: 10:30 AM Sundays. Nursery provided during worship for infants through age 4.

Choir meets Thursdays, 7 PM.

Prayer Groups: Various times and locations. See Andrea Hendrix (314-802-7326) for more info.

Deacons' meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month. Please contact Jane Smith for more information.

Stated Session meetings: 1st Wednesday evening of the month for Oct–Dec. 2009. Please see Dick Watt if interested in attending.

Middle School and High School Youth meet together on Sunday evenings 4:30pm -- see website <http://yoots.xpeace.org> for more information

Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday (including holidays) at 6:30pm

Tucket Deadline Reminder

Article submission deadline for The Tucket is 4pm on Thursdays. Save paper & receive The Tucket via email. Email thetucket@gmail.com to subscribe.

STUDY OPTIONS:

John Study

1st & 3rd Wed 12:00 Church Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30am, church library

OTHER EVENTS:

Congregational Meals are usually 2nd and 4th Sundays. Special Events may mean we change from the usual pattern of meals.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost Items may be found in the church office in a container marked "Lost and Found." These are subject to being donated or otherwise discarded after 4 weeks or if the Lost and Found container becomes too full.

Feb

- 21 Film Series– "The Battleship Potemkin"
- 28 Meal & Financial Projection
Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm
Film Series– "Rashomon"

March

- 7 Shelter Core Team Meeting 1–2:30
(see Melody Perkins)
- 14 Meal & Vote on Financial Projection
Film Series– "Rebel Without a Cause"
Last Night of Shelter for the Season
- 15 Shelter Closes for season at 6am
- 21 Film Series– "La Strada"
- 28 Meal

Delhaven Manor worship service 2 pm
Film Series–
"Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore"

April

- 4 Easter Breakfast
- 11 Film Series–
"Close Encounters of the Third Kind"
- 18 Film Series– "Wings of Desire"
- 21 Wednesday Supper & Large Group Prayer
Mtg.
- 25 Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm

May

- 2 Meal– Bley & Bryan Prayer Groups Host
- 23 Meal
Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm

June

- 13 Cong. Picnic
- 27 Cong. Picnic
Delhaven Manor worship service, 2pm

July

- 11 Cong. Picnic
- 21 Wednesday Supper & Large Group Prayer
Mtg.

25 Delhaven Manor worship service, 2pm

August

No Fellowship Meals in August