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Today
June 28, 2009
 4th Sunday after Pentacost
 Worship @ 10:30 am

Scripture
 Lam. 3:22-33
 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15
 Mark 5:21-43

Worship Leader
 Aaron Turner
Sermon
 Kurt Lutjens

Nursery
 Peter Maynor, Kyle Schmidt,
 Emily Holcombe & Sarah Taylor
Morning Hosts
 Sarah Oldham & Mary Dandridge

Next Sunday
July 5, 2009
 5th Sunday after Pentacost
 Worship @ 10:30 am

Scripture
 Ezek. 2:1-5
 2 Cor. 12:1-10
 Mark 6:1-13

Worship Leader
 Kurt Lutjens
Sermon
 Stephen Leung

Nursery
 Andi Binder, Mary Wimmer-Brown,
 Sara & Garrett Lathan
Morning Hosts
 Paul Savage & Marte Harrell

Picnic This Sunday!

Please make plans to join together for the second church picnic of the summer of '09. On Sunday, June 28, we are meeting in the backyard of in Ted and Gladys Smith. Bring 12 to 15 servings of fried chicken, side dishes, or brownies. The prayer group hosts are Ted Smith and Peter Maynor's prayer groups.

Directions: Drive west on Delmar. At Skinker turn left, then right onto the first street, Washington. Go to the backyard at 6325 Washington.
 Submitted by Deb Eisenbraun

Save the Dates.....September 20 – 27, 2009

The Talent Show, announced in last weeks Tucket, will be the kick-off for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Grace & Peace Fellowship. Plans are in the work for this weeklong celebration of Our Fathers love & tenderness to us. We will start with laughs & then let the stories, praise and more laughs continue all week. Contact your friends, past members who are in or out of town and invite them to share our joy, by returning for this week. If you have questions, need more details, or have an inspiration, please contact me. Any offers of help or ideas are most welcome. Linda Molinari ljc.molinari@gmail.com

Church Office closed on Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day.

School of Discipleship Update

Listening and Living Daily: week 6, Sunday, June 28, 9:15 a.m. in the church library; the benefit of observing the world around us as we read Scripture, and sharing about our reading of Luke 8:22–39 and Luke 8:40–56.

“How can a man be happy when he has to serve someone?”

Plato, the Greek philosopher once asked this very question. Four centuries later, Jesus of Nazareth said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” George Fuller, commenting on this radical difference asks the question, “How does the Lord of glory set forth in a world of sin, standards that utterly contradict the life–style begun in Adam and continued to this day? He does it by demonstration. He ‘deacons.’ Place high value on that word; it rises from the heart of the gospel.”

Part of placing high value on this word involves placing high value on those who lead us all in this imitation of Jesus. The elders are calling for us to have a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 19 right after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to exercise the privilege to vote on the election of two sisters standing for the office of deacon, Ruth Beckloff (having served multiple terms) and Phyllis Wheeler, standing for the office for the first time. We had opportunity on Wednesday night the 17th to talk openly with both women. Let me encourage you to talk privately with both of them, especially if you missed the meeting. Both of these women love Christ and want to promote his beautiful name with acts of loving service. It would be a great encouragement to them if you would approach them with your questions or words of support. *Kurt Lutjens for the elders*

From Phyllis Wheeler about Being an Elder

When the Lord called me to himself and I heard him, a number of years ago, it was partly through a book I read about miraculous healing by a woman called Agnes Sanford. So I have always been interested in praying for healing.

I know God desires to heal us. He is Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who heals. “I am the Lord who heals you.” (Exodus 15:27) It’s who he is. He doesn’t want us to be sick or wasting away. He wants to answer our prayers for healing.

I have also become aware that all healing comes from God. “Every good and perfect gift is from above.” (James 1:17) That includes healing involving

hospitals and doctors. I think we tend to mentally separate those two, somehow, as if some healing comes from man and some healing comes from God. It’s a legacy of our culture. But that’s not true. All healing comes from God. When we are healed by whatever means, we need to give God the glory.

I have become aware recently that the Lord has been moving me to visit the sick and pray for them. He has also given me discernment about how to pray for an individual that I didn’t have before, in some cases. In addition, the Lord has given me health that I didn’t have a couple of years ago.

I really want to be open to wherever the Lord might be leading me, and I think he may be calling me to be a deacon. I would expect to visit the sick and do whatever other deacon tasks works into my schedule, including possibly helping the deacons publicize what they do to the congregation.

Assembling an Administrative Team

The session asked the deacons, back in March, to assemble a small team of members skilled with managerial and organizational abilities to handle administrative tasks necessary to the good and orderly function of Grace & Peace Fellowship. There are a number of matters that fall outside the ministry of Word, prayer, and worship and shepherding—overseen by the elders—and the ministries of mercy, hospitality, and eventually building and money—overseen by the deacons—that need careful attention. This team will work under the oversight of the deacons.

A couple of the deacons have been at work on this for some weeks now and realize we need to communicate some of these new beginnings to the congregation; they may involve changing practices and attitudes of the fellowship so that the session is not taking on administrative matters better handled by others. These may include fostering healthy lines of communication, particularly between ministry teams; conducting semi–annual evaluations of non–pastoral staff; trustee elections; assistance in oversight and support of the Office Manager, and organization of special events.

A sustainable model for this team will, necessarily, have only broad guidelines that will get refined as we settle in with this new approach. We fully expect to unearth other tasks that this team could handle. We think of this as keeping things humming quietly in the background so we don’t miss what our Good Shepherd is doing among us. We will continue to communicate to you as things fall into place.

Jane Smith for the deacons

Meal Coordinator Needed for Winter Shelter

Since Karen Morton, last year's Meal Coordinator, moved to Washington with her husband, the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter is in need of a new Meal Coordinator for the 2009–2010 Shelter Season. This is a very important part of the Shelter Ministry, for this person helps to ensure that all of our homeless guests and our workers are fed every night. The Meal Coordinator is a liaison and contact person with many individuals, churches, and other organizations, representing the Fellowship and the ministry to them while connecting them to the opportunity to sign up for making and delivering meals to the Shelter. We have many lists of phone numbers and email contacts available for you to start working--and one person has already called to ask for one or two meal nights for December or later!

Since the Shelter operates from mid–November–mid–March, most of the work for the ministry is done from late September or mid–October to March. This is a position with a small monthly salary of \$150 per month. This person would become a part-time, seasonal employee of Grace & Peace. There are set tasks that must be done each month and the Meal Coordinator sets his/her own hours. This position requires attendance at about 6–9 Team Meetings, usually weekends, for training and prayer (and a good meal with friends!). This would be challenging to do if one had a full-time day job, but it IS possible to do alongside a full-time job if you are well-organized. Most of the work can be done from home but at least one trip weekly to the church is needed for determining which food should be tossed.

Qualifications:

- *Love to help the poor
- *Good at connecting people/talking with people
- *Think the job would be interesting and fun
- *Have 2–4 hours per week available during most weeks late September–mid–March
- *Have somewhat of an eye for combining various leftovers into good meals/knowing when to toss food
- *Christian who is a Church Member or Regular Attender

It's never too soon to apply! Please contact me at 314–367–8959. Thanks! Melody Perkins, Shelter Team Leader

Shelter Rummage Sale Update

For those of you who didn't recently get a letter/flyer about the Shelter Rummage Sale August 14–15, 2009, two things: Please bring donations and plan to shop with us, and please consider adding/correcting your name for the Directory. I tried to send the letter to everyone whose correct address I have, so if I missed you, perhaps I didn't have your correct

address!

This year's Grace & Peace Rummage Sale is Friday evening and Saturday, August 14 and 15. We will begin collecting really good stuff to sell (no junk please!) on the Tuesday after the 4th of July, from 12:30–4:30 daily and by appointment. We will take donations through Friday, August 1. Please contact Deb Eisenbraun for donation appointments or questions. Thanks! Melody Perkins, Shelter Team Leader

Melody Perkins Out July 3–6

I will be taking off one extra work day for the Fourth of July weekend, and will be out of town from the end of the workday Thursday, July 2 through Monday, July 6. The Office will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 3. I will return to work Tuesday, July 7. Blessings, Melody Perkins

Girls Movie Nights!

Girl's Only Movie Nights, Save the Dates!

Sylwinn and I are hosting a Girl's Movie Night and are inviting any women who might be interested in attending. They will take place on July 10th and August 7th at 7:30pm, movie starting at 8. The location is 1 Beverly Place (North of Delmar b/t Clara and Union) and the movies are "to be announced", if you have an idea let one of us know. Bring snacks to share (if you are up for it– we would love for you to just come). Thanks, Christine Sarra.

Fellowship Meal & Meeting

Please make plans to come to a meal and large group prayer meeting on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:30 P.M.

Each prayer group is asked to bring 2 salads of any kind to serve 12 to 15. Also, someone from each prayer group is asked to bring cookies. Bring your food ready to put directly on the buffet. A large group prayer meeting in the sanctuary will start at 7:15 P.M. Marte Harrell and Tim Havens' prayer group will serve and clean up. Hope to see you there. Deb Eisenbraun, 241–4202

Two Bedroom Apartment in Lively U. City Neighborhood! Available September 1st

This University City apartment is close to the Delmar Loop, Schnucks, restaurants, and Heman Park Pool. Short walk or bike to Wash U.

Here are some details:

- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, clean, newly updated--original galley kitchen with plenty of storage space, stainless steel prep area with marble bakery slab. Vintage Magic Chef gas stove, new flooring and refrigerator.

- Parking in rear, large backyard, laundry on-site, basement pool table, large front porch, small back porch off kitchen.

-Downstairs unit, with wood floors, one carpeted room

-Central Air and Heat

* Rent is \$700/month (\$700 security deposit).

* Renter pays electric, gas and wireless Internet (homeowner pays water and trash).

* Pets? We'll talk about it.

Interested? Want to see pictures? Learn more? Email Amanda at whats767@yahoo.com or call 314.862.2144

Thanks!

Summer at the Food Pantry

Greetings from the Grace and Peace Food Pantry Team. We have been glad to have Kevin Bley leading our weekly Bible studies for a season, and now are glad to welcome Aaron Turner to the team. He has led the Bible study for two weeks, and the guests are getting comfortable and enjoying his understated and caring handling of the Gospel of John. Our neighbors at Kingsbury and DeBaliviere have returned to their renovated building after two years, and it has been good to renew the relationships. Today we had 34 guests, more than we have had on a given Wednesday for several months. The pantry team has a good number of volunteers, and we are grateful that so many of you make yourselves available for the Tuesday evening bread delivery, or the Wednesday Bible study and food distribution. We have a vacancy on the team for someone to spearhead the fundraising and recruiting of food donations. If you are interested in this position, please give me a call. Ten weeks into our new fiscal year, we have spent too much on food, so there is an urgency here. Thank you to those of you who signed up to bring food this week. A "typical" bag of food that we give each guest includes: canned meat such as tuna, mac and cheese, small soup, large soup, rice or pasta, 3 vegetables, fruit, beans, and 2 ramen. Other staples such as oil, peanut butter, corn meal, oatmeal, cereal, and detergent, are welcome as well. If your household, ministry team, or, prayer group want to donate a whole week's worth of food, multiple the list by about 30. If you want to host a food drive in your neighborhood or at your place of work, let me know and I'll work with you. After

looking at our personal summer schedules, and considering the August shelter rummage sale needs, we have decided to continue the Bible study and food distribution every Wednesday for the months of June and July. We will close the pantry for the month of August. Contact me at 314-241-4202, or, eisenbraun@sbcglobal.net,
Your fellow servant, Deb Eisenbraun, Pantry Team Leader

Getting Back to You

At our June session meeting last week the elders approved an amended form of a proposal that Bill Bay, Vic Havens and John Wyllie authored at the request of the session. To refresh your memories, the proposal has to do with holding an annual meeting each year to consider matters of interest to all of us following Christ Jesus in this corner of his pasture. What follows is what we believe will best promote the peace and good health of the fellowship.

1. Annually the Session will provide a written report to the congregation on the ongoing operation of the church, pastoral responsibilities and the long-term goals of the church.

2. The Session will then annually hold a congregational meeting to speak to and answer questions about the report, or any other matter of importance to the congregation.

3. Every fifth year after a pastor is called, or his call is renewed, the final topic of the congregational meeting will be a discussion and vote on renewing that call for five years.

The elders believe that these commitments will enable us to regularly and constructively discuss and consider any matters that we consider important to our life together as children of God. We believe that #3 satisfies the requirement of our G&P constitution regarding pastoral "Terms of Call" in an open and timely fashion. Adopting these three action steps requires no amending of our constitution.

For 2010 we envision this annual meeting to take place on the second Sunday of January (unless this is the MKL weekend) with the first Financial Projection meeting to happen on the second Sunday of February and the vote on the projection the second Sunday of March. These are approximate but you can perhaps see our thinking. How we spend the Lord's money will follow on the heels of how we discern the Lord's good purposes for us, our ministries and the needs of our city.

We will make an effort to keep you all informed as this new plan takes shape in the months to come. And yes, thanks to Bill Vic and John for your work on this! Kurt Lutjens for the session

Look at How Faithful the Lord Is

Week of 6/21/09

Giving - \$5,651.21
YTD Giving - \$74,793.99
Projection - \$72,411.00

Captial Campaign Giving - \$2,212.00
Whole Campaign To Date - \$204,064.59
Total Disbursed - \$66,978.97

Calendar

RECURRING:

Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00am-4:30pm,
Wednesday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm Church email:
ofcmgr@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday School for Children ages Preschool through
High School and Adults 9:30-10:15 AM; Middle
School meets at 9:45AM

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: 2nd Tuesday evening of
every month. 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

Tucket Deadline Reminder

Article submission deadline for The Tucket is 4pm on
Thursdays. Save paper & receive The Tucket via email.
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STUDY OPTIONS:

Living by Faith

Sundays 4-6pm (contact Liz Havens, 617-319-2558)

25 Basic Bible Studies, Francis Schaeffer

Sunday evenings at Binder home (Contact Jay Binder)

Acts Study

Wed 12:30 Church Fellowship Hall

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.

June 28 Fellowship Meal (Maynor/T.Smith)
Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm
July 15 Fellowship Meal (Harrell/T.Havens) and
large group prayer meeeting
26 Fellowship Meal (Binnington/Lowes)
Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm
Aug 23 Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm
Sept 27 Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm
Oct 25 Delhaven Manor worship service 2pm
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Dec 27 Delhaven Manor worship service 2pma