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*The Grace
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Grace N O T E S
 MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

September 2010

Our Mission: *To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.*

Pastor	Mary Hurmence
Pastor Emeritus	Duane Ernst
Youth Director	
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Wiebke
Adult & Youth Choir Director	Paige Macklin
God's Kids Director	Paige Macklin
Organist	Marilyn Oliphant

**Coming Together Sunday –
 A Day for New Beginnings**

Our fall program gets underway on Sunday, September 12. It is a day to celebrate our life together and the beginning of a new year of learning and growing in Christ's grace.

Worship will be at 8:00 AM (informal service) and 10:00 AM in the sanctuary. Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall from 8:45 – 9:45 AM. This year's breakfast will be served in the "Progressive Dinner" style. Serving tables will be scattered throughout Fellowship Hall and will be staffed by different groups within our church. The servers from the groups will be there to tell you about their programs and activities as you select your food.

The choir will be back to sing for our services beginning on September 12. Sunday School will also begin on the 12th. Everyone is invited to come to worship, and children will be dismissed to Sunday School after Children's Time.

We will be registering children for Sunday School throughout the morning on the 12th. You may also pre-register on the church web site, or at the display in the Gathering Area.

We are still looking for helpers and donations for the Coming Together Breakfast. We are in need of egg bakes, fruit, beverage, breads, and helpers to set up and clean up on the 12th. You may volunteer by signing up on the sheet provided on the Bulletin Board Kiosk in the Gathering Area – or by calling or emailing the church office.

Come, celebrate our life in Christ on the 12th at Grace!



**Christian
 Education
 Sunday –
 September 19**

Classes for All Ages

Sunday, September 19, at the 10:00 AM worship service we will be highlighting our Education program at Grace. We have classes on Sunday mornings for children, youth, and adults. Our teaching team is now in place. We will be dedicating our teachers and their ministry at this service.

A highlight of this Sunday will be the presentation of Bibles to our third graders. Our church gives a Bible to each child in third grade. It is a special day for them – and our congregation, as we keep our baptismal promises to surround each child with a community of love, and grace, and faith.



This year's Vacation Bible School: High Seas Expedition was an overwhelming success. There were many volunteers who made this year's VBS a tremendous experience for our children. There were so many volunteers: from those who donated food and other items to support the program; to those who worked in the kitchen each night; to the youth helpers; to those who helped set up, clean up, and tear down the set; and to those who led in music, games, crafts, the Chadder Theater, the Bible story time, and snacks. A special thank you to Maria Hartle for her creative leadership.

One child was overheard saying he wished VBS lasted two weeks (instead of the 4 nights), because he had such a good time! Thank you everyone! You have blessed our children's lives with the grace of God!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my great interests is photography. I would like to learn a lot more about how to take pictures, and use the camera I got a year ago – and I will do that as time allows! In the meantime, I just love to take lots of pictures. Many of them are around the church. I was very touched when Pat Torbit came into my office as he was leaving Grace and gave me a digital picture frame. I decided to use that frame for all of the pictures I have taken at Grace since I have been here. I have the frame on my desk and turn it on whenever I am in the office.

There are pictures of Ground Breaking Sunday in 2004 and Consecration Sunday in 2005. There are pictures of new members joining Grace and Confirmation Classes. There are pictures of Vacation Bible School and youth activities and Christmas programs and worship celebrations. There are pictures of Grace members and friends gathered around the table enjoying church breakfasts and dinners. I've taken my camera outside and gotten pictures of flowers and the church grounds at different times of the year.

This picture frame has been a blessing for me as I am working at my desk, because those pictures remind me of the lives Grace's ministry is impacting. I see it in the faces of our children and youth and women and men – the joy of experiencing Christ through this community of faith.

I am looking forward to a new year at Grace. In September the choir will be back in worship, Sunday School will begin, we will be giving Bibles to third graders, and Confirmation Class and Youth Group will get organized. I hope to add lots of new pictures to my collection of children, youth, men and women growing in Christian love and faith here at Grace.

I hope you will stop by my office and take a look at some of these pictures and enjoy them as much as I do!

See you in church!

Grace and peace, Mary Hurmence



On August 15, we welcomed Grace Catherine Kendrick into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Grace's parents are Sara and Jason Kendrick.

Congratulations to Tim and Laurie Nelson on the recent birth of their daughter Sara Anne Nelson.

We extend our love and sympathy to Jeff and Cara Kennedy on the death of Jeff's mother, August 9, in Wisconsin.

Please remember to wear your name tags on Coming Together Sunday, September 12.



Grace UMC is on Facebook! Please check out website for a link, graceumcburnsville.org.

Shared Interest Groups

Book Club: Join us at our September 17 meeting, at 7:00 PM. We'll be discussing the book "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation" by Cokie Roberts. We'll meet at Betty Hausner's home, 7229 Upper 130th St W., Apple Valley. Her phone number is 952-432-4581, if you have questions.

Grace Dinner Group: Join us on September 18 — see article in next column for complete details.

Food and Fellowship Group: Our group will meet for lunch at 12:00 Noon on Friday, September 10 at the home of Janet Barnes, 13717 Oakland Drive, Burnsville. If you would like to be included or have questions, please contact Char Franklin, 952-985-8832.

Yoga Group: We'll see you again in the fall!

Movie Night: Watch for our next great movie!

Men's Group: We meet Fridays at 6:15 AM at the Lakeville Cracker Barrel.

Culture and Cuisine: Watch for more fun activities.

Please join us at one of our fun groups. It's a great way to get to know other members of Grace UMC.



Peace Pole A Message of Peace

Have you noticed the Peace Pole at the top of the driveway when you come to church? The concept of the peace pole originated with Massahasi Goi of Japan in 1955. His desire was to spread the message of peace throughout the world.

Today, there are over 200,000 handcrafted Peace Poles found in over 200 countries all with the message "May Peace Prevail On Earth." They can be found in town squares, city halls, schools, places of worship, parks, and gardens. Peace Poles serve as constant visual reminders for everyone to pray and work towards peace, and they remind us to keep peace ever-present in our thoughts.

Donations were received from members to purchase replacement parts for the Peace Pole here at Grace, and Walt Haussner just recently spent time restoring it. Thanks Walt! Look for it next time you come to church.

CONGREGATION INVITED



Grace Dinner Group would like to invite members of the congregation to join them on September 18 at 6:00 PM for grilled burgers and brats on Dale and Jean Osborn's deck.

Perhaps you have wondered if the dinner group would be a good fit or maybe you would just like to spend the evening getting better acquainted with other church members. Perhaps you just want to sample Dale's brats! At any rate, come to 16390 Java Lane, Lakeville, and bring a dish to share.

If you would like to join us (rain or shine), please RSVP to Jean Osborn at 952-898-3708 or at JeanOsbornInMN@aol.com by Sunday, Sept. 12. Adults only, please.



September Fridays meals on wheels drivers for route 3C, Grace United Methodist Church

Sept. 3 Vera and Charles Borgman, 881-0895
Sept. 10 Craig Woodruff, 469-9492
Sept. 17 Bob and Connie Luck, 435-5305
Sept. 24 Dave and Barb Milne, 892-3861
Questions? Call Arla Mae McNeff, 952-890-1390.

A Special Request to all United Methodist Women and the congregation of Grace!

I know you are tired of me bugging you to get your things together for Grace's Attic, but this is from the "women upstairs". They are asking all UMW units in the state for the following items: clean, gently used (or new) coats for men, women and children, very large sizes for adults, and snow suits or snow pants for children. If you are able to help us with this project, please label the items "special project" and leave them in the plastic bin in the gathering area or give them to me, Kay Pasvogel, or Barb Milne. The deadline is Sunday, September 26. Thank you in advance for your support.

Nancy Milne

Opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship for all women:

The United Methodist Women district meeting is Saturday, September 11, at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester. The theme is Faith-Hope-Love in Action and the keynote speaker is Naomi Yeager from the UMW Green Mission Team. Registration forms and further information is available on the UMW kiosk in the gathering area. The deadline is September 4.

The annual gathering of the Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women is Saturday, October 2, at the Grand Rapids UMC. Registration forms are also on the UMW kiosk. Forms must be in by September 7.

Nancy Milne

ACE - Adult Christian Education:

The adult Sunday School class will resume on September 19 at 9:00 AM. We meet in the large windowed room to the left of the sanctuary. We are very informal. Feel free to bring your coffee with you. Need to leave early for other church responsibilities? Arrive a little late? No problem. Our studies tend to cover one topic or idea per week, so you won't feel lost if you miss a class.

Our first study will be *Discussing the Da Vinci Code* by Lee Strobel and Garry Poole. If you are not familiar with Lee Strobel, he is an award-winning journalist and former atheist who set out to prove that the claims of Christianity were false and discovered just the opposite. Therefore, he writes from an interesting perspective. Garry Poole is the director of spiritual discovery at Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago and a leading innovator of small groups.

This is really not a study of the book, so you need not have read it. It is an examination of how such a book affects peoples' beliefs and the issues and controversies that arose from such a popular book/movie. There is a DVD which provides, background, explanations, etc. Cost of the book is \$2.00.

There is also an evening group that meets once a month at 7:00 in the adult Sunday School room (usually the first Monday of the month). We will also begin with the Da Vinci study (see above). Our first meeting will be Monday, September 20. This class usually lasts about 90 minutes.

Please contact me for further information or if you would like me to reserve a book for you - 952-226-3547 or jnMilne@hotmail.com.

Nancy Milne

September Worship Service Contributors

September 5

Worship Leader
Ushers
Greeters
Acolyte
Sound System
Communion

8:00 AM

Gordy and Pat Peters

Peggy Neumann, Steve & Diane Martin

10:00 AM

Bill Macklin
Tim and Rania Johnson
Beverly Moore and Pat Haberman
Elizabeth Johnson
Brad Spear
Heidi Severson, Cindy Hayward, Bill Macklin

September 12

Worship Leader
Ushers
Greeters
Acolyte
Sound System

8:00 AM

Nancy Drake & Roy Koenigsberg

10:00 AM

Carol Frank
Dale Hooper and Bill Macklin
Les and Jean Houdek
Kylee Frank
Tim Johnson

September 19

Worship Leader
Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Sound System

8:00 AM

Paul and Karla Nichols

10:00 AM

Roy Koenigsberg
Angie Finstad and Kay Pasvogel
Bob and Connie Luck
Aaron Koenigsberg
Steve Ahlvers

September 26

Worship Leader
Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Sound System

8:00 AM

Jeff Lewis and Dale Hooper

10:00 AM

Carter Hayward
Todd and Heidi Severson
Larry and Susan Toms
Elizabeth Johnson
Brad Spear

Please let me know if you have found a substitute. Thanks, Kathy



It's that time again! Time to sign up as a worship helper.

Sign up sheets for October 2010 — September 2011 are elsewhere in this Grace Notes and in the gathering area. **Please** fill it out TODAY, if possible, so I can get our schedule done for October. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thanks to everyone who has already turned in their forms. *Thanks, Kathy*



Sunday School Classes

Sunday School Registration for 2010-2011

Parent's Name: _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

For each child listed below, please put their age as of September 1, 2010.

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade (Fall 2010) _____

Allergies _____

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Allergies _____

Please place your registration form in the green box



MUSIC AT GRACE

Choirs for Everyone!

Adult Choir: All High School student and adults are welcome to join the choir! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM and we will be singing at the 10:00 AM services. We will begin rehearsals **Wednesday, September 1** and begin singing on September 12. Director: Paige Macklin at 952-469-3384 or hatmack@frontiernet.net.

God's Kids: For students in Kindergarten through grade 4, this choir will rehearse on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM beginning on September 15**. Our mission is to learn to sing joyfully together and share our songs with the congregation. Director: Paige Macklin at 952-469-3384 or hatmack@frontiernet.net

Youth Band: We are hoping this group, begun by our former youth director Pat Torbit, will continue with youth leaders and a bit of adult mentoring. We would like to see more youth involved either as singers or instrument players, and possibly, 6th grade through high school. Rehearsal times to be announced. Please let one of us know if you are interested in participating and what rehearsal time would be best for you. Contacts: Jeff Lewis at jef-flewis@gmail.com, or Paige Macklin at 952-469-3384 or hatmack@frontiernet.net.

Special Music: We encourage all youth and adults who sing or play an instrument to contribute to special music at Grace. This is usually performed during the offertory at the 10:00 AM service. For more information and to set up performance times contact Paige Macklin at 952-469-3384 or hatmack@frontiernet.net, or Marilyn Oliphant (accompanist) at 952-469-4387 or email mloliphant@charter.net.

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

Grace United Methodist Women are inviting ladies, girls, boys, grandmothers, grandchildren, and friends to our 3rd Victorian Tea Party. It will be on September 18 at 1:00 PM at church in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a program, special party sandwiches, and deserts with tea. Ladies, you can wear a hat and gloves if you would like. If you have a special tea cup for your tea, please bring that too! Children can bring a favorite doll or teddy bear.



We are in need of people to take over our custodian duties. This responsibility would include basic cleaning of the inside of the church (NO snow removal!). The job takes approximately 10 hours per week. Please contact Anna Kjesbo for more details, 651-335-0388. akjesbo1@fairview.org).

RUMMAGE Coming in October!



Autumn leaves and "Grace's Attic" rummage sale. This is the major fund raiser for United Methodist Women missions and also a community outreach event. We welcome donations of new and gently used items: clothing, linens, toys, puzzles and games, jewelry, tools, household items, books, CDs, DVDs. The demand is always great for children and infant clothing, and tools.

Here is the extremely important fine print:

We can not accept any electronics (TVs, computers, etc.). If there is a fee to dispose of it, please don't bring it.

Because of space restraints, we have no room for large furniture. However, we have a photo board, so bring a picture with a price and contact information.

New consumer protection laws prevent us from accepting plastic baby bottles or toys that can be chewed, painted wooden toys or metal toys that may contain lead.

Finally, we can not accept dolls or stuffed animals with small parts that might detach and present a choking hazard.

Time frame:

Sale dates: Friday, October 8 from 9:00-5:00, and Saturday, October 9 from 9:00-2:00. The "buck-a-bag" starts at Noon on Saturday.

Dropping off items: We will begin to accept items on Sunday, October 3. Other times - Monday through Wednesday from 10:00-3:00, and 6:00-8:00 in the evening. The deadline is Wednesday evening, because we need to do the final organization and pricing.

Workers needed:

Monday - Wednesday from 10:00-3:00 and 6:00-8:00

Thursday - from 10:00 AM - whenever we finish

Friday - from 8:30-5:00

Saturday - from 8:30 - 2:00 for the sale and for the clean up crew - How fast can you turn it into fellowship Hall again?

If you have a special interest or expertise in an area (like tools) please let me know, pricing is difficult for some items

Additional help wanted:

Co-chair(s) to be at church and to help with organizing and pricing

Publicity (or possible publicity contacts)

Signing - creating and placing on the streets

Greeters - to distribute price lists

Sign up lists will be in the gathering area.

To volunteer, make suggestions, or ask questions, please contact me at 952-226-3547 or jnmilne@hotmail.com.

Thanks, Nancy Milne



Youth BBQ - Let's Kick off the Year!!

All are welcome to join a youth sponsored BBQ on September 19 at 5:00 PM. Join us in the church "front yard" for games, food, and fun. Sign up on the youth group kiosk in the front gathering area. See Melisa Devine for details or call, 952-882-1168.

Youth at Grace ~~

Confirmation is that time in our youth's lives when they study the Christian faith and confirm their baptismal vows. Confirmation Classes are offered for 8th and 9th graders on Wednesday evenings. Confirmation is a two-year program designed to experience Christian community and grow in understanding of the Christian faith. Pastor Mary will be taking a major leadership role in this year's Confirmation program.

An orientation session will be offered for 8th and 9th graders and their parents on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 PM. All 8th and 9th graders are welcome to explore this opportunity. For more information, contact Pastor Mary.

Middle School Youth Group will be offered Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM following Confirmation Class. This is an opportunity for all youth 6th grade through 9th grade. There will be lots of fun and sharing. The first youth group meeting will be Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00 PM.



The staff Parish Relations Committee has been working this summer on filling the Youth Director position at Grace. The committee has interviewed a member of our church who will fill the position in a voluntary capacity. There are still a few steps to complete before the final announcement will be made as to the filling of the position. The SPRC hopes this announcement can be made in the next few weeks.

Bless the students

Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision, and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and humanity. Amen.



July, 2010 Financial Update

Statement Date = 7/31/10

	<u>YTD 2010 Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2010 Variance</u>
Receipts & Income		
Pledges	117,555.49	135,814.00
Non Pledges	27,208.92	24,829.56
Other	3,542.36	2,270.94
TOTAL INCOME	148,306.77	162,914.50
Expenses		
Program Areas/Ministries	1,547.87	2,058.38
Property & Maintenance	23,782.36	35,889.43
Salary/Benefits	73,237.10	77,173.13
Mortgage Payment	51,834.16	51,834.44
Apportionments	1,280.00	14,156.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	151,681.49	181,111.69
ENDING SURPLUS	-3,374.72	-18,197.19
OR (DEFICIT)		14,822.47

NOTE TO READERS: For YTD Receipts variances, a negative number means we are NOT reaching our budgeted goals. For YTD Expense variances, a negative number means we are below budget.



**Sign-Up for Worship Helpers
October 2010-September 2011**

We need Worship Leaders, Ushers, Greeters, Sound Tech, Communion servers, and Acolytes. Only greeters are used at the summer outdoor early service. Please fill out the form below, as soon as possible, so I can start gathering names, dates, and times. If more than one person from your household can volunteer, please have each person fill out their own form (more available by the coffee machine). Please leave your form in a box in the gathering area or bring it to the church office. Thank you for volunteering, our worship services wouldn't be the same without you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

I'd like to help as a: (Worship Leader, Usher, Greeter, Sound Tech, Communion, Acolyte):

Which service do you prefer? (early, late, either, Christmas, Advent)

Dates I'm not available: _____

How many times can you help? (weekly, every other month, every month, whenever needed, etc.)

Special requests: _____

Thank you so much, Kathy



MY CHURCH

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be!

Honor Teachers

James Michener, the author of books such as *The Source* and *Hawaii*, was once invited by President Eisenhower to a dinner at the White House. He answered the president with these words:

"Dear Mr. President: I received your invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me how to write. I know you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers."

President Eisenhower answered Michener by saying, "In his lifetime a man lives under 15 or 16 presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely."

Sunday school is starting up again, so let us honor all of our teachers. They sacrifice their time to prepare lessons, decorate classrooms, teach with loving care, and most importantly, to be "there" for their students.