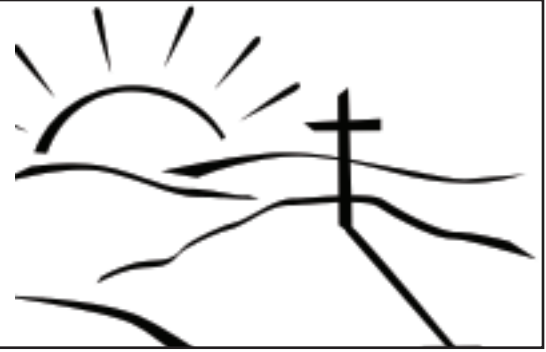


**Grace United Methodist Church --
Built of the Rock;
in the Rock and
on the Rock.**



Our Mission in God's Country

I just returned from the Detroit Annual Conference in Adrian. It is a time when clergy and some of the laity in Michigan gather to worship, pray, hear reports, discuss, and vote upon petitions. One of the petitions passed at Annual Conference this year was to have every petition begin with our mission; which is to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". It may seem a little strange and redundant to have a petition be the focus of other petitions. But the intent is right because it reminds us to keep central the purpose of the church. In all that the church does (projects, worship, having fellowship, etc.) we have the overall goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we think of all that Grace Church does, there's something I'm beginning to understand about the different seasons of the year and how it affects what we emphasize in our ministries. For instance, in many ways during the summer, our ministries here tend to slow down. Many are on vacation. Schedules are busy with family activities and trips. As a result, almost all the Bible Studies and Sunday School Classes stop meeting during the summer. Now that the sun is out we too want to get out and about.

This being my first full summer here, I am looking forward to being able to get out and see the area. This certainly is God's Country. It's so wonderful to be able to look at such beauty in nature. I'm encouraged to go outside and walk around to see the gorgeous landscape. It allows me to stand in awe and amazement at our God who created all this. In addition, it helps to get out and know the community and the people in it. It now makes sense why many areas of ministry inside the church tend to slow down during the summer months.

At the same time there are a couple of things which pick up during the summer. Now that we are able to get outdoors, our ministry in the community is starting to be more active. Our mission and service committee has been very active this past month preparing for summer projects. There is our Saved by Grace Relay for Life team which is raising funds for cancer research. The Amazing Grace Ministries of the Keweenaw are very active getting ready to host a number of mission groups here in the Copper Country and also going to God's Country Cooperative Parish. There is Vacation Bible School the week of June 14th during the evenings at Hancock UMC. Another new ministry for the children this year is offering children's church during the worship time. And don't forget that summer marks getting out into the beauty of God's creation by going camping! Camp Michigamme has loads of fun camps to attend. You can learn more about them and register at www.campmichigamme.org. (Also note that anyone in need of financial assistance to go to camp please see Pastor David because there are funds available.)

These are just a few of the wonderful ministries of Grace Church available as we begin the summer. The warm weather helps move us outside the church walls, to be the church in our community and our world. Why do we do this? We do it to share the love of Jesus Christ in our community. We respond to Jesus call in Matthew 28 to "Go out and make disciple of all nations." We get out and about, strengthened and sent by God's Holy Spirit to bring God's love to those around us. Whatever the ministry is... walking in relay for life, building ramps with the AGMK, teaching children at VBS or children's church, going to camp ... this is our mission: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". This summer let the warm weather push us out into our community to do just that!

In His Name,

Pastor David

GCCP Mission Trip Only Days Away

In less than two weeks our mission team will be going to work and to minister in God's Country Cooperative Parish (GCCP). After commissioning during the worship service on June 13 the team will travel to our home away from home, Halfway Lake Cabins. Later that day we will meet with Katie Peterson at the Newberry UMC for orientation to learn about our week on the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula.

Our team leaders are: Mike Moore, Carol Plichta, Sarah Anderson, Mark Koppana, Dan and Julie Crowl. As well as working with Katie and her two interns, we will be guided during our week's work by Richard Inman, who will be our GCCP construction leader. We are blessed that our team during this special week will be: Katalin Hawley Katelyn Kelley, Kevin Kelley, Dylan Whittaker, Eric Winsor, Ross Michaels, Aubrianna Palovaara and Braine Gagnon.

We know that no team can function without support from home. We are so grateful for all of you, our home church, and the prayers for our mission. We are also grateful for our "base team" -- those folks who are helping with our preparations: Dianne and Gary Hansen, Laura Moore, Dee Little, Angela Manchester, Louisa Wills, Florence Burich and others. They are preparing food for the team's meals and snacks and more. As well many of you on our "base team" have generously provided funds to support and fuel our mission, and we want to thank you all.

Members of the team are responsible for raising their individual \$125 donation to GCCP. Our youthful team members have been working at various tasks around our community to earn the funds that they will provide GCCP to buy supplies for the projects they will work on. These include: installing siding, soffit, fascia, and other work on a trailer home of an older woman, building a fence for a family, painting some drywall and re-roofing a porch on a home. There may be other jobs as weather and time permits.

As well as supporting GCCP with funds for their projects, I was talking with Katie Peterson recently and she said GCCP projects needs list for the summer include: plastic painting drop cloths, roller covers and paint brushes, all sizes, as well as, liners for the paint trays (standard size). Please check your garage or basement storage areas -- perhaps you have some of these items that are unused and could donate these to the team to take to GCCP. If you wish to donate any of these items they can be purchased from Sherwin Williams Paint, Walmart, Shopko, 41-Lumber, McGann's Do it All, or the Dollar Store. You can bring them to church on the 13th and we will take them to GCCP.

Look for tales of our mission trip in the next issue of the Grace Newsletter and during mission moments at church in the weeks following our work.

Julie Crowl



Deadlines

The June Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21st at 5 p.m. All meetings are at the offices of Bruce Rukkila in downtown Houghton.

The June Vision Team meeting will be Wednesday, June 9th at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

The **deadline for the July/August Newsletter will Be Wednesday, June 16th in the morning.** The deadline for Sunday's order of worship and to insert an announcement in the bulletin is each Wednesday morning.

Dates to Check Out

- June 1 - August 1. DS Grant Lobb will be on Renewal Leave
- June 5th, Michigamme Day
- June 13-19, Mission Trip to GCCP
- June 13-19, Senior High Camp, Camp Michigamme
- June 21-23, Women's Retreat, Camp Michigamme
- June 27-28, Teddy Bear Camp, Camp Michigamme
- June 27-30, Elementary Mini-camp, Michigamme
- July 1-3, Family Mini-camp, Michigamme
- July 4-10, Science Camp, Camp Michigamme

Notes From A Busy Spring

Lots of people brought food to share for the Teacher Appreciation Potluck --everything from gluten/dairy free pannukkaku(NOT SURE OF SPELLING) to chicken lasagna, hot dogs and jello to seven-layer salad and fresh strawberries. Yum! Thanks to Mark Plichta, Carol Little, and Jackie Manchester for organizing the potluck. A special thanks to Byron, Rudy, Jake for the clean-up. (Sorry if I missed other helpers.)

Many saw Linda Reynolds carrying out a gorgeous pecan pie the other day, specially baked for her by Melanie and Anna Walls as a fund raiser for Relay for Life. She said, "I've got to order a raspberry one next." What a lovely way to donate for a good cause.

Pastor David concluded an adult Sunday School class which was part of the Love Dare sermon series. This was well-attended all 6 weeks. If you have a close relationship that could use some attention, ask Pastor David about the Love Dare book. He sent out e-mails from the book to all interested people which challenged them to show love to others in a variety of ways for 40 days.

Dinner and a movie was organized by Linda Reynolds, who provided sloppy joes. Mark and Angie VanTassel came in right on time with his yummy cobbler just before the movie The Bucket List began. It was a fun time of fellowship for members and guests.

The congregation has been able to enjoy both a vocal choir and a bell choir in the past couple months. Bethany Leonard and Sally Santeford have been key in organizing the bell practices. Keep watching the bulletin for the chance to participate in the future.

Easter Breakfast was awesome! Thanks, Men of Grace! Thanks, too, to Carol Plichta for organizing and buying supplies.

-- Jackie Manchester

Camp Michigamme Day June 5

Camp Michigamme Day: Saturday (yes Saturday!), June 5, 2010, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) at Camp Michigamme. Worship, food and fellowship are on the menu for the day, plus the Second Annual Camp Michigamme Day Auction. The auction committee is looking for any new or gently used items for both the silent & live auctions. Other suggestions are antiques, gift baskets, art work, quilts, baked goods, gift cards, or craft items. Items can be dropped off at camp or persons can call Jill Lindenberg at 906-475-9337 to arrange transportation of their items. For any churches between Mackinaw City & the camp, the Lindbergs will be returning from Annual Conference on May 23 or May 24 and are willing to pick up items at a central location.



Ruth Circle News

The Annual Salad Luncheon will be on June 3rd from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are available from members and at the door. This event raises fund for local missions and the Smallwoods whom we support at Red Bird Mission.

Our first fall circle meeting will be on September 13th due to Labor Day being the first Monday of the month. Program details to be announced.

Grace United Methodist Church

When you pray, Please remember...

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Grace Church, our community, Our country & our world
 Jerry Smith, Harold Plichta, Anita Quinn, Julie Crowl
 Marilyn Hamar, Esther Keeling, Gina Skipper, Gary &
 Dianne Hansen, Valerie Daly, Roy Arkellin, Mary Harvey,
 Ruth Quinn, Jack & Mabel Wakeham, Erica Kittle
 Chase King, Everest Leach, Lou Reed, Karen Karppinen
 Ray Shields, Harriett Haycock, Jennie Hill, Paul Karp-
 pinen, Missionaries Mark & Rebecca Smallwood
 Special Note: Jerry Smith, our custodian, is back to work
 after a recent procedure. He is feeling fine and wants to
 thank all of you for your prayers and Thoughts.



GRACE UMC STAFF

PASTOR.....David Goudie
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Carol Little
 TREASURER.....Deb Bradford
 BUILDING SUPERVISOR.....Gerald Smith
 SECRETARY.....Linda Reynolds

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Debbie Bradford
- 2 June Nyman
- 3 Susan Binkley
- Chuck Roberts
- 5 Eric Little
- Daniel Cole
- Tim Jenkins
- Travis Hughes
- 7 Lillian Stoor
- Mark Moilanen
- 11 Todd Pickett
- Eric Boersma
- 12 Beth Comfort
- 13 Duane Aho
- Heather Aho
- 14 Rachel Chard
- Sally Santeford
- Corson Bastian
- 15 Mel Goodreau
- 17 Joe Van Tassel
- 18 Leann Wuthrich
- 19 Doris Rovatis
- 20 Jeremy Sorvisto, Jr.
- Ryan Aho
- Jan Lubinski
- 21 Tyerra Arceci
- Morgan Buss
- Carrie Richards
- Sara Rutz
- Susan Niemi
- 24 Ashley Aho
- 26 John Quinn
- 27 Anita Quinn
- Michael Wuthrich
- 28 John Killmar
- 29 Marcelaine Lewis

*(Don't see your birthday listed? Contact the
 office @ 482-2780 and let us know when you cel-
 ebrate your special day.)*

What's Happening!

GRACE UMC FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commitment Sunday Report

We had a total of approximately 90 giving units pledge a total of \$145,144. Our 2010 budget is \$204,172. The difference of \$59,028 does look alarming, but past years show that we do not spend our budget fully and that most of this difference is made up by unpledged gifts. If you have questions about this please speak with any of the finance team members.

The Current State of Our Finances

We have received \$46,376.85 as of April 30, 2010 and spent \$39,349.59.

Giving & Spending Over The Summer

Please remember that if you are spending money on programs this summer to fill out a purchase order or contact the finance chair and your vision committee team leader to make sure there is money in the budget and in the checking account for your expense. We ask that you do this because cash flow in the summer is usually much lower than during the regular part of the year.

If you are out of town and still want to send your giving in you can mail it to:

Grace United Methodist Church
201 Isle Royale Street
Houghton, MI 49931

Upcoming Budget planning for 2011

September - Vision team leaders will develop their ideal budget

September - Finance team will develop church budget and figure out how much the vision team can have

October - Vision team will review their numbers and work with the amount the finance team has allotted for them

November - Full budget will be compiled by the finance team

December - Final budget will be released to congregation for the next fiscal year.

Finance Committee Updates

Current Members

- Kellie Buss : Chair
- David Goudie: Pastor
- Carol Little: Financial Secretary
- Debbie Bradford: Treasurer
- Pete Larsen: Administration Chair
- Tim : Trustees Member Representative
- Cathy Lucchesi: Member-at-Large
- Matt Buss: Lay Member (currently not active due to conflict of interest)

To add to this I have decided to step down as finance chair. My time commitments are not allowing me to serve this position with the attention that it deserves. The nomination committee will be working to replace me by the end of this year. I will be staying on till the end of this year to help transition the new chair into their position. Once the new chair is in place Matt will then be able to fully participate on the committee as the church's Lay Member.

As always if you have question please feel free to speak with any of the people listed above.

Kellie Buss

Finance Committee Chair

Grace UMC News You Can Use

Environmental Stewardship Committee Update

“Adopt-A-Forest” and Electronics Recycling

Don Watson, Carol Geiger, Ron Winsor and Justin, Michelle and Ayla Miller participated in the State “Adopt-a-Forest” program on Saturday, May 22. A state-owned site was assigned to the committee and the crew spent three hours on Saturday morning cleaning up the area, which had been used as a dump site. A truck and trailer load of trash was hauled to the transfer station, making the area look much better.

Also, would you like to dispose of a computer, monitor, television, audio/visual equipment, printer, scanner, batteries or other home electronic equipment? Instead of throwing it away, RECYCLE it! The next Electronics Recycling Program will be held at the Hancock Health Department on July 10, from 9am-noon. This program is sponsored by the Retired & Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP). More information on what is accepted and fee schedule, visit their website at:<http://www.wupdhd.org>

Heart of the Warrior Men’s Weekend

The weekend is a three-day quest into the recovery of your masculine heart based on the book *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge. This is not a typical men’s event. Through the stories of other men, teaching sessions, films, guided periods of reflection, and adventure activities (high ropes, zip line, 40’ climbing wall, skeet/rifle/pistol shooting, archery), we will journey together on a daring expedition to get your masculine heart back (John 10:10; Galatians 5:1).

The adventure begins on Thursday, August 26th at 6pm and concludes about noon on Sunday, August 29th. The setting is the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp in Little Lake (south of Marquette).

For more information, go to the web site: www.hwup.org, or contact Dave Poplawski (pop@mtu.edu, 482-8819).

Celebrate Our Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates for their hard work and success:

Houghton High School Grads:
Davey Sproule & Laura Herrera

Chassell High School Grad: Erik Winsor

Hancock High School Grad : Keith Kelley



Thanks To Ace Teachers

We want to thank the following teachers of the adult classes for their leadership and work throughout the past class year:

Pastor David
Mike Moore
Laura Moore
Debbie Bradford
Jackie Manchester
Joyce Winsor
Julie Crowl
Dave Poplawski
Donna Poplawski
Terry Reynolds
Louisa Wills

Thanks as well to Carol Plichta for providing child care during several of the classes.



Message Themes for June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Message Title</u>
June 6	1 Kings 17:8-16 2 Corinthians 3:1-3	God's Multiplier Amazing Grace Praise Band
June 13	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a	That's So Unfair!
June 20	Amos 7:7-17	How do you measure up!
June 27	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Cafe Open
9:15 Praise Music in Sanctuary
9:30 Call to Worship
10:30 Fellowship

June 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 6:15 Softball (Field #4)	2 6:00 Worship Team Bulletin Deadline	3 11:30-1:00 Salad Luncheon Noon Men's 4 th Day at 316/REKH	4	5 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at McDonalds
6 Salvation Army Day 9:00 Connections Café 9:15 Praise Singing 9:30 Worship	7	8 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 6:15 Softball (Field #1)	9 6:00 Vision Team Bulletin Deadline	10 Noon Men's 4 th Day at 316/REKH	11	12 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at McDonalds
13 9:00 Connections Café 9:15 Praise Singing 9:30 Worship	14	15 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 7:30 Softball (Field #4)	16 6:00 Worship Team Bulletin & Newsletter Deadline	17 Noon Men's 4 th Day at 316/REKH 6:30 Prayer at Bluffs	18	19 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at McDonalds
20 9:00 Connections Café 9:15 Praise Singing 9:30 Worship	21	22 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 7:30 Softball (Field #3)	23 6:00 Worship Team Bulletin Deadline	24 Noon Men's 4 th Day at 316/REKH	25	26 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at McDonalds Relay for Life
27 9:00 Connections Café 9:15 Praise Singing 9:30 Worship Potluck follows worship	28	29 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 6:15 Softball (Field #1)	30			
-----Volunteers in Mission Team from Wisconsin serving this week-----						