

# Grace to You

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## From the Rector

*Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, let your bright intoxicating energy  
which fired those first disciples fall on us to turn the world again.*

— The New Zealand (Anglican) Prayer Book

May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Day of Pentecost this year which marks the fiftieth day of the Easter Season. This is the day on which we celebrate the coming of the Spirit upon the disciples, fondly known as “The Birthday of the Church.” The Book of Acts says that the Spirit came like this: “Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Each disciple spoke to a different people, proclaiming the good news in lots of directions all at one time. So that first Pentecost wasn’t orderly or at all predictable; it was chaotic and filled with the “intoxicating energy” of the prayer above. The Church at its birth was immediately filled with life and the disciples were gifted with ministries that stretched them out into a diverse and hungry world.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> (the day before Pentecost,) four members of Grace will be either confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at a diocesan service at Grace, Grand Rapids. And on Pentecost here at Grace, as we celebrate ministries and new births, we will honor their renewed commitment to Christ and the ministries to which God is calling them. We will also thank Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, choir members, children, youth and acolytes acknowledging those who contribute weekly to making our worship prayerful and lively, and keeping our programs spirit-filled. We will thank those whose ministries include speaking the tongues that are Grace, those who proclaim the good news to our various ministry groups and within our many worship services in ways that our ears can hear and our hearts can receive.

Come join in the energy, the Spirit that is alive and well and will be celebrated on Pentecost at Grace Church. Help us say ‘thank you’ and to bless the Spirit as it blows through the lives of the people. The world is still diverse and in need of many tongues to proclaim in ways that can be heard and celebrated. The world is still hungry, in need of being fed by the good news of Christ.

In Peace,

*Jen*

**Sunday Morning Education Offerings**  
**9:15 - 10:15 am \*Childcare is provided**

**Children and Youth**— Primary, Elementary, Middle School and High School gather in the Undercroft

**Adult Forum** - Meets in the Forum Room (lower level - across from the office)

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Retirement, the Challenges, the Joys, and the Pitfalls**

Retirement is one of the major life transitions that many of us will face and the support and wisdom of community can make the transition that much easier. Bring your questions, your stories, your anticipations, and your concerns. Henry Idema will facilitate this conversation.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – No Forum**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> – The Hotbed that is Holland, Michigan**

From Dustin Lance Black at the Park to Blackwater's Prince at Tulip Time, it's been anything but boring on the Lakeshore this year. Come to debrief, share your thoughts and continue the community discussion on what it means to be connected and serving Holland today.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Spirit's Gifts of Time and Talent**

For the last couple of months, the Stewardship Commission has been gathering responses to our Time and Talent Survey. The Day of Pentecost will be our last big push! We will have forms and laptops present to facilitate completing the survey, members of the commission present to walk us through the survey itself and to share the beginnings of information that we are gleaning from responses we've already received.

**Water, Wind, Earth & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements**

by Christine Valters Paintner

Join us for six Wednesday evening's this summer as we explore praying with the elements. Christian tradition tells us that we have received two books of divine revelation: the book of scripture and the book of nature. Creation itself is a sacred text through which the presence of God is revealed to us. There is much to explore in the water, wind, earth and fire and the summertime seems like a wonderful time to explore how we can pray with the elements of creation!

The book is organized around "The Canticle of Creation" by St. Francis of Assisi, "Water, Wind, Earth, and Fire" is the first book to consider the ways in which praying with the natural elements can enliven Christian spiritual life.

Paintner offers concrete suggestions and guided contemplative exercises; for instance, she suggests that readers take time to "watch the sunrise or sunset and breathe in the beauty of the fiery sky. Contemplate what those beginnings and endings have to say in your own life." Readers benefit from the author's extensive training in theology and Benedictine spirituality, as well as her unique work in bringing the expressive arts to spiritual direction.

Classes will meet on Monday evening's beginning June 28, 2010 and continue through August 2, 2010 and we will meet from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Mary Benedict and Mary Huisman will facilitate the class. A Sign up sheet will be available later in May!

- Week 1, Introduction and exploring the creation story through various means....
- Week 2, Explore Chapter 1, Brother Wind...
- Week 3, Explore Chapter 2, Brother Fire...
- Week 4, Explore Chapter 3, Sister Water....
- Week 5, Explore Chapter 4, Sister Earth...
- Week 6, Conclusion and a wrapping up ...

If you have any questions, contact Mary Benedict or Mary Huisman!



## Hitchcock the Focus of Movie Series



The films of Alfred Hitchcock literally cry out for psychological and spiritual interpretation. In June I will be offering the first of a “movable feast,” an examination of some of his classic films. In June there will be three:

Wednesday June 2: VERTIGO, 1958, starring James Stewart and Kim Novak. Considered by many critics to be Hitchcock’s greatest achievement, this film explores personal obsessions. Set among San Francisco’s renown landmarks, Stewart is brilliant as Scottie Ferguson, an acrophobic detective hired to shadow a friend’s suicidal wife, Madeline (Kim Novak). Then events turn dark, and we enter into the dark night of the soul.

Wednesday, June 9: SHADOW OF A DOUBT, 1942, starring Joseph Cotton and Teresa Wright. This was Hitchcock’s favorite among all his films. Joseph Cotton stars as Uncle Charlie, a calculating and charming killer who hides out in his relatives’ small hometown. There he befriends his favorite niece and namesake, Young Charlie (Teresa Wright). But she begins to suspect he may be the famed Merry Widow murderer. A deadly game of cat and mouse ensues as the psychopathic killer plots the death of his young niece to protect his secret.

Wednesday, June 16: LIFEBOAT, 1944, written by John Steinbeck and starring Tallulah Bankhead and William Bendix, among others. Nominated for three Academy Awards, this gripping World War II drama is a remarkable story of human survival. After their ship is sunk in the Atlantic by Germans, eight people are stranded in a lifeboat. Their problems are further compounded when they pick up a ninth passenger—the Nazi captain from the U-boat that torpedoed them. With powerful suspense and emotion, this legendary classic reveals the strengths and frailties of individuals under extraordinary duress.

We will share refreshments at 5:30, and enjoy pizza and the movies at 6. Please bring a \$5 donation if you are dining with us.

## Wednesday Evening Book Group begins “The Painted Veil”

From Henry Idema



**We’ve read the book (and even if you didn’t), now see the movie:** Occasionally Henry will have a book discussion on the last Wednesday of a month, followed by a film based on the book for the movie series on the first Wednesday of the month. We will announce these in advance to give you the chance to read the book.

The first discussion will be Wednesday, April 28, followed by the film on Wednesday, May 5. THE PAINTED VEIL, 1925, by W. Somerset Maugham, was made into a wonderful motion picture a few years ago. Copies of the book are available in the Commons for \$10. Both the novel and the movie will raise many psychological, moral, and spiritual issues.

The book study will start at 5:30 and run for about an hour and a half. The movie starts with refreshments at 5:30, movie and pizza at 6 following by discussion. Please bring \$5 if you are eating pizza. ***You may also bring refreshments to the book discussion, but pizza will not be ordered.***

## Stewardship Moment: Time and Talent Survey

From Guy Packard, Stewardship Chair

Although the main thrust of the Stewardship Committee at Grace is to help us honor God's goodness to us by managing our monetary resources to keep the Church operating in a self-sufficient manner, it is also important for us to use the time and talents that God has blessed us with to

*Maintain our own faith and to  
Contribute to the greater Community where we live.*

God wants us to be like the trustworthy servants in the parable to the talents (Matthew 25; 14-30) and invest our talents in a way that will reap a harvest that will further his call to us.

With that in mind, the Stewardship Committee has developed a Time and Talent Survey, which is being distributed to the congregation through the newsletter, grace webpage and will also be made available in the church commons. We are asking that everyone that can participate does so and fill out the survey. We want to capture the knowledge, skills, interests, hobbies, talents and time that everyone may have to offer. The information that we gather from the survey will only be given to Vestry and Commission chairs and used to improve, change or start a number of church programs and/or commissions

The survey is available on the Grace website or on-line through the following link

**<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gracetimetalent>**

For those who would prefer to manually fill it out, the survey has been sent with the newsletter and additional copies can be picked up from the office or commons. For those that fill it out manually, a colored box will be up in the commons through the month of April and May as a survey collection point or can be mailed back to the office. We encourage those that do have electronic access, to use the on-line survey.

Please prayerfully consider what God wants you to do with the precious time he has given you and with the many gifts you have received from him. Let us remember that "in Christ, we who are many form one body, . . . we have many gifts, including prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, and showing mercy." (Romans 12:5-8) Let's all use our individual gifts to create a better world and continue to build the body of Christ.

### Financial Stewardship Report - Total Gifts

March Budget	\$ 28,438	Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 85,664
March Received	\$ 23,615	Year-to-Date Received	\$ 83,247
Mar Surplus (Shortage)	\$(4,823)	Year-to-Date Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (2417)

*Thank you!*

*Also, know that we are being asked to increase our diocesan giving to move toward our apportionment. Vestry is considering a \$5,000 increase for 2010. if you would like to contribute to this specifically, please give by check to Grace with "Diocese" in the memo line. Thanks!*



## **Winter Pansies** - by Bill Mendenhall (Taking Grace Green Committee)

Every year, late in the fall, as Winter approaches, the flowers in the yard start to wither and die as the night brings the frost. The flowers by our patio succumb, one variety at a time. But this past Winter something different happened. The yellow and blue Pansies at the edge of the patio by the birdbath took a stand.

When the first frosts came they closed. And, as the sun came out the next day, they opened. When the first snows came and they were covered . . . then they peaked out in full color as the snow melted in the morning. As the snows grew heavier, they persisted. When it was time to shovel the patio, so our dog could go out to the grassy part of the yard, I was careful to use the shovel lightly around the bits of color peaking through the edge of the snow. The Pansies responded and fought their way back into the sunlight . . . holding their bright color. They seemed determined to last as long as possible and I felt that I could help . . . and enjoy the color. As the bigger storms came in they were covered for longer periods. And, each time I thought they were gone, they surprised me by peaking out again. After a while I supposed they were frozen and simply holding their bright yellow and blue color. Then, when the sun warmed the patio, I could see that they were still alive.

This went on through the Christmas holidays, then the mid-winter months, and into March. And they kept coming back. In mid-March we had a long warm spell that seemed like Spring and Summer. We went away to Colorado and when we came back there they were, three or four blooms still surviving. They looked a bit dry, so I started watering them. They responded again . . . kind of stretching and gaining energy. Now, in early April, the stems and green leaves have begun to fill out, and the yellow and blue blooms are coming out all along the edge of the patio . . . putting on a show of color. My wife, Jill, says they are probably "winter hardy" Pansies. And they may be. But somehow I think they are something more. I think they are Winter Pansies that decided to stay alive. And they succeeded. They made us happy. We are thankful they persisted.

Special things happen all around us. If we open our senses to notice, we will be treated, again and again, to the joys beyond ourselves.

## **Bits & Pieces of Grace** - By Debbie Coyle

Congratulations to all graduating High School Seniors: Sophie Adams, Molly Coyle, Michael Erickson, Brianna Jones, Charlie Matrosic, and Michaela VanDis. Congratulations, also, to Clay Stauffer's son (Aaron K. Stauffer) who will be graduating from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN with a BA in Religion.

Congratulations to Jill Smalldon who was recently promoted to Lieutenant of the Park Township Fire Department (Station #2—North Side). Nancy Chamness has been teaching German at Interlochen Arts Academy where Teresa Hittner is teaching French. Nancy has enjoyed being at the school and has enjoyed spending time with Teresa and Flash (Nancy's Golden Retriever).

Warwick Barlow and a friend, Michael Hledin (both 3<sup>rd</sup> year college students) will tour South Africa from May 23 – July 18. For the most part they will be hosted by family members of Warwick's parents (John and Sharon). Their trip includes: wild game viewing, scenic routes, Table Mountain, Stellenbosch wineries, the Garden Route, Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned), the Ostrich farms and Cango Caves of Oudtshoorn, and the Hogsback region that inspired J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of The Rings." They will also visit the magnificent Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Warwick is most grateful to finally get to see his birthplace and to embrace the rhythm of the land and its people. Prayers for safe travels would be appreciated.

Director of Music, Steve Jenkins, was featured in an article in the April 2010 issue of "The American Organist" magazine. Congratulations Steve for this recognition!

Finally, a BIG thank you from Prescott Slee and the Buildings and Grounds Commission to all who helped with the clean up around the church on April 3. We have received many compliments on how nice everything looks, and we certainly want all of our volunteers to know how much you are appreciated!

Please keep us posted! Send your "Bits & Pieces" to Grace so that we can share your news!

## Fellowship Commission Plans Springtime Events

**Thank you** to those who assisted with the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, the Lenten Suppers, and the Easter Brunch: Jean Adams, Joan Austin, Markie Biolette, Ron Brown, Karen & Jay Bylsma, Gerry Cawthra, David & Cheri Cloutier, Steve & Sue Cloutier, Bill Colyer, Viv Cook, Radha Deitenbeck, Cathy deVelder, Jeff & Rosemary Erickson, Todd & Geri Guyer, David Hawley-Lowry, Signe Johnson, Jerry Kirsch, David Meier, Kevin Norlander, Mel Porter, Carol Rickey, Thom Samuelson, Robbie Schorle, John Shea, Eve & Maxine Shetterly and Prescott Slee. And a very special thank you to those who worked both the Easter Bunch set-up & the Easter Brunch: Gerry Cawthra, Steve & Sue Cloutier, Cathy deVelder, Robbie & Mick Schorle and Eve Shetterly. We are hoping to see everyone at our “traditional cake & sherry” **Mother's Day Celebration** following both services. We will also be serving mimosas, for those who do not care for sherry.

Due to the Mother's Day Celebration, **Pizza Sunday** will be postponed until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May.

\*Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

\*West MI Whitecaps baseball game

\*Fenn Valley Winery wagon tour/ wine tasting in late summer.

**Watch for more details & the signup sheets in the Commons.**

Our next meeting is Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm in the Adult Forum Room, please join us!

*From Sue Cloutier, Fellowship Commission*



### Faces of Grace Meet The Schmidts – Matt, Cherie, Hannah and Logan

Dedication to family is something that is important to both Cherie and Matt Schmidt. Since the birth of their two children, Hannah 11 years old and Logan 8 years old they have kept very involved and close to family and the community where they both grew up here in West Michigan and at Grace.

Cherie graduated from Saugatuck High School and Matt from Holland High School. At college both at first focused on education but Matt took a turn to the technical field of computers and now has combined his interests as a computer technician at Fennville Public Schools, a job he began this past September. Cherie teaches an all-girls kindergarten, a program she helped establish a number of years ago in the Fennville Public Schools. She and her partner kindergarten teacher who teaches a boys class researched the gender learning differences and worked together to create the curriculum for this unique program. They continue their dedication to young people through their involvement here at Grace as Junior High youth group leaders for the past three to four years.

Their oldest child, Hannah has a passion for dance that has spilled over into a yearly commitment to the Hope College Dance Marathon that helps raise money for DeVos Children's Hospital. She is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Woodbridge Elementary and enjoys haiku as well as other forms of poetry, and is also involved this year in swimming through ZAGS. Her brother Logan is in second grade and enjoys tennis, Tae Kwon Do, creating stories, and drawing his own detailed action cartoons.

The Schmidts joined Grace 8 years.

## Announcements and Notices

### **Thank you to our wonderful coffee hour hosts for April!**

The Easter Sunday Crew  
Sandy Young & Chris Broersma  
Brian & Debbie Coyle  
Carol Rickey



- from Laurie VanArk, Coffee Hour Coordinator

### **Unemployment Group To Continue Meetings**

Are you someone who is unemployed or underemployed? Know that you are not alone! Several Grace parishioners came together in September and plan to continue gathering on the **THIRD** Thursday of each month from 9:00—10:00 for bagels, coffee, networking, and ideas sharing. Jen will meet with the group in the new Adult Formation space across from the offices on the lower level.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

There are still Sundays available in the summer and fall for donating Altar flowers. This is a nice way to honor or remember someone or a special event. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Commons. An Altar Guild member will contact you the week before your designated Sunday. Cost is \$50-\$75.

### **ST. MARY'S GUILD**

On Monday, May 10, 2010, St. Mary's Guild members will be touring The Ox Bow School of Art in Saugatuck. Ox Bow, which is affiliated with the Art Institute of Chicago, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Members will meet in the church parking lot at 6 P.M. and car pool to Saugatuck. Mark your calendars!!

***The deadline for submissions to the June 2010 issue of Grace to You is May 19, 2010.  
Please contact the church office or Debbie Coyle at [debcoyle@gmail.com](mailto:debcoyle@gmail.com) for more details.***

### **Just one more thing....**

At a recent gathering of John and Kim Shea's "Holy Chow" group, a desert was presented which apparently deserves special notice...

### **Emeril's Flourless Chocolate Cake - Modified by Jay (Bylsma!)**

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

1 pound semisweet chocolate, finely chopped	1/3 cup Kahlua
1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into 1/4 inch cubes, plus 1/4 tablespoon	8 large eggs
1/4 cup sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt	Confectioners' sugar or cocoa powder for decoration

Preheat oven to 325°F. Using 1/4 tablespoon butter, grease a 9-inch springform pan – sides and bottom and line bottom with a parchment round. Wrap the springform pan outside and bottom with heavy duty aluminum foil. Place pan in a roasting pan. Bring a medium saucepan of water to boil. Either - combine the chocolate, butter, and Kahlua in a metal bowl set over simmering water or in the top of a double boiler. Melt the mixture, stirring constantly, until smooth and creamy, about 5 minutes; reserve, or, - slowly feed chocolate pieces into a food processor, process until fine. Microwave butter until just melted, add the Kahlua and pour the mixture slowly into the chocolate with the food processor running. Transfer the chocolate mixture to a large mixing bowl.

Meanwhile combine eggs, sugar, vanilla, and salt in a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer until frothy and almost doubled in volume, about 5 minutes. Fold one-third of egg mixture into chocolate mixture using a rubber spatula. Repeat this process two more times, until all of egg mixture has been completely folded into chocolate mixture. Pour batter into prepared springform pan and pour enough boiling water into the roasting pan to come about halfway up the sides of the springform pan. Bake until cake has risen slightly and edges are just beginning to set, about 25 minutes. Remove cake from roasting pan and cool on wire rack to room temperature. Remove foil, cover, and refrigerate overnight.

Remove cake from refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving. Remove springform pan sides, invert cake onto a large plate, and peel away parchment paper from bottom. Reinvert cake on another large plate or serving platter and garnish with confectioners' sugar or cocoa powder immediately before serving. Makes one 9-inch cake, about 16 servings

#### **Jay's Tips:**

Use two layers of aluminum foil to wrap the springform pan so as form a watertight seal as the smallest pinhole in the foil will allow water to seep into the cake to its detriment. Run a sharp knife around the inside edge of the spring form pan before releasing the sides, this will prevent the cake from sticking to the sides when the outer ring of the pan is released. When the cake is inverted the first time, it may not fall away from the bottom of the spring form pan. If you initially assemble the spring form pan with the bottom upside down, that is the lip of the bottom is down, it will be easier to slide a knife between the bottom of the pan and the parchment paper to get the cake to release from the bottom of the springform pan.



## Prayer List as of April 22, 2010

**PRAYER REQUESTED FOR:** Warwick, Michael, Shanna & family, Brooks and Isaac, Tom, Cathy Fries, Kathy Fritz (daughter-in-law of Barb & Scott Anderson), Bernice Viher (grandmother of Alex Foster), the Whitcomb family, Jackson Van Singel and family, Gail Malkiewicz, Shannon, Jean Broersma, Beth Zirille, John, the people of Haiti and Chile, relief workers, Gail Davison, Stephanie Hartford, Lynn Smith, Donna, Chuck Breen, John Funches, Amy, Dana Whitelaw, Diane, Janet Huyser, Erin Walker, Katherine McNamar, Judy Ching, Andrew, Tom Boyd, Nancy Lathem; for the unemployed or under-employed, for the people of the Middle East and other areas of war and unrest, for the women and men of the Armed Forces, especially Chuck, Jeremy, David, Matt Olney and loved ones of our parish family, Jon Fries, Bobbie Deitenbeck, Judy Zylstra, Ralph, Sharon King, Karla Meeks, Aaron Schillaci, Alex, Dolores & Earl, Karen Trap, Tim and Jordyn and family, Bruce Browning (brother of Jean Adams), George Julius, Marian Schultz, Gilmore Lawrence, Dave Masselink, Barb & Gordon, Richard Bailey, Eric Heiberg, Aaron Miller, Betty Sova, Gloria Stegenga, Ruth Hill, Betty & Jerry, Bob & Donna, Marge Homan (mother of Carol Homan), Mary Rieckmann, Curt Keegin, Vivian Kingsley, John Keegin, Jackie Van Duren, Lisa Leland, Patrice Mourot, Ben Roper, Jim Roper.

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| 1  | Cel Meerman            | 18 | Pat Danly                 |
|    | Rod Reinink            |    | Andrew Smalldon           |
|    | Dylan Tucker           | 19 | Valarie Methric           |
| 2  | Matthew Scharlow       | 20 | Mae Kuna                  |
| 3  | Carrie Hodson          | 21 | Danielle Gamache          |
| 4  | Jackie Gamache         |    | Chris Gamble              |
|    | Anastasio Sanchez      |    | Rob Schafer               |
| 6  | Bryson Kiser           | 22 | John Paris                |
|    | Charlie Matrosic       | 23 | Melissa Gunn              |
|    | Anna Stubbs            |    | Ian Krueger               |
| 7  | Donna Kustron          | 24 | Bob Gamble                |
| 8  | Rosemary Erickson      |    | Sarah Linn                |
|    | Brock Smalldon         |    | Kelli Shinabarger         |
| 9  | Michele Paterson Brown | 25 | David Knoll               |
|    | Daniel Hawley-Lowry    | 27 | Steven Schafer            |
| 10 | Barb Goodman           | 28 | Dave Masselink            |
|    | Ione Trap              | 29 | Jeffrey Erickson          |
| 11 | Bill Paterson          |    | George Pierson            |
| 13 | David Wright           | 30 | Monica Hittner-Cunningham |
| 15 | Prescott E. Slee       |    | Louise Stauffer           |
| 17 | Laura Canaan           | 31 | David Chamness            |

## Birthdays & Anniversaries in May

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|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 6  | Colleen & Rob Macy       | 22 | Barb & Ned Goodman            |
| 7  | Sharie & Dave Phillips   | 23 | Marianne & Brian Manderfield  |
| 9  | Rosemary & Jeff Erickson |    | Drew & Pamela Buitendorp-Drew |
|    | Gerlinde & David Knoll   |    | Linda & Thom Samuelson        |
| 12 | Jane & Mark Servinsky    | 25 | Gwen & Mike Miller            |
| 19 | Liza & Jim Barry         | 26 | Treecy & David Meier          |