

Dr. Robert L. Eckard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Derek R. Davenport, Associate Pastor
Rev. Harvey Oster, Parish Associate

October, 2008

GRACE NOTES

October Happenings

October 2- Study and Fun Club
October 5- World Communion Sunday
October 13- Dorcas Circle and Ruth Circle
October 14- Family Fun Nite
October 19- Grace Notes Deadline
October 25- Holidays with Grace Craft Show
October 27- Presbyterian Women's Council
Church website: www.grace.to

The Session

Clerk of Session	Dan Kimble
Administration, Finance, Stewardship	Bill Finney, Craig Kaplan, Tom Kelly
Buildings and Grounds	Morris Broome, Scott Nimmo
Christian Education	Rachel Kaplan, Carol Manno
Congregational Fellowship	Eileen Silvers
Evangelism	Brian Gallagher
Outreach	Eileen Silvers
Technology	Melissa McCormack, John Seaver, Dan Kimble
Worship	Jack Shirek, Ben Gray, Nancy Venable
Youth	Jim McKenzie, Patti Smith, Sarah Storey

Board of Deacons

Class of 2008	Class of 2009	Class of 2010
Barbara Baker	Carolyn Costagno	Susan Williams
Allyn Burgstahler	Mary Morgan	Donna Fraser
Donna Hedrick	Craig Marquis	Eugene Lang

October Birthdays

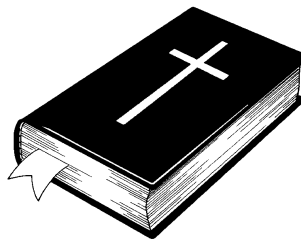


- 01 Christopher Litchford
Ellen Voss
Joyce Foster
Diana Ibarra
- 02 **Sylvia Jorgenson**
Aiden Sikes
Carol Birmingham
Eileen Shivers
- 03 Ruth Combs
- 04 **Sandra Giesecke**
Jason Blair
Lynn Taylor
Emma McDonald
- 05 Mary Chesnut
Alecia Gray
Logan Nguyen
Jack McGill
- 06 **James Frazier**
Diane Asher
- 07 Judith Roberts
Morris Broome
- 08 **Joan Rainey**
- 10 Gary Lorfano, Jr.
Carol Bronson
Dave Flinchbaugh
- 11 **William Munson**
- 12 Leo Orr
Linda Pereira
Tom Kelly
Billy Flynn
- 14 **Donald H. Whitten**
Gene Lang
Miller Georgoudiou
Bob Schellenberg
- 15 Diane Orlando
Paul Sisler
- 16 **Connie Wilken**
- 18 Laurie Feddon
- 19 **Melissa McDonald**
Roland Smith
- 20 Lisa Chen
- 21 **Maria Cruz Salisbury**
- 22 Mary Alice Hoequist
- 23 **Emmett Taylor**
Goldie Weitzel
- 25 Dorothy McWilliams
Lois Shelton
Callie Georgoudiou
- 26 **Jeff Brimmer**
Toni Price
Mary Satterfield
Connor Umpierre
Dan McDonald
- 27 Jeb Zella

- 28 **Glenn Brimmer**
- 29 Oscar Hoeltke, Sr.
Sally Kest
Millie Sewell
Michael Connors, Jr.
- 30 **Michael Hester**
Cameron Ames
Claudine Langford
- 31 Carol Cline
Janet Seaver
Andrea Undieme

October Anniversaries

- 07 Web & Mary Lou Mumbower
- 10 **Carl & Melodee Hoeltke**
- 15 Frank & Vicki Kirkland
- 19 **Johnathan & Jana Adams**
- 23 Bill & Harlean Finney
- 26 **Merril & Joyce Lunn**
- 28 Robert & Carolyn Castagno



Lectionary for the Lord's Day

- October 5**
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19:1-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 12**
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 19**
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99:1-99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 26**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



Karen Stephenson

Charles and Sara Storey

Victoria Burkhart



Debbie Cooper

Judy Riley

Bill and Dawn Wells



Family and Friends of...

Wanda Whitford

Nancy Pysher

Jonni Carlson

Evelyn McGinnis



Sunita Somar and Kevin Jones

September 13, 2008



Holidays with Grace!

The excitement is looming as our annual bazaar is just around the corner. The crafters have been working diligently since March and are ready to show their wares. Mark your calendars for October 25, 2008, 9am to 3 pm and join us to support GCPC.

The bazaar has become such an important role at GCPC. With the money raised each year, the W.O.C. help fund our church Scholarship Fund, Youth Group, and Good Samaritan fund. We also donate to our community; i.e. the Russell Home, Hubbard House, Ronald McDonald House, Harbor House, House of Hope, Eccleston Elementary. Outside youth mission projects and help with family and church needs are also funded out of this event.

We however cannot make this bazaar happen without volunteers to work to set up and tear down, We also need volunteers to man the booths and the kitchen, to be greeters, to be relief workers for those that need an occasional break and etc....

You can be a part of a wonderful giving event in our church, all you have to do is say "Yes, I can help in the morning, the afternoon or all day wherever you need me!"

Please contact the **church office** at **407.898.6571** or **Dawn Bordenkircher** at **407.438.6659** and volunteer your time. We need your help and support.



**KORNER KOMMENTS from
Rev. Harv O**

OCTOBER – gifts from God --

OCTOBER 5th – the gift of World Communion Sunday when we GPC saints gather around the Table on the same day with our Christian brother and sister saints from Christian churches around the world to Celebrate our Lord’s Last Supper. What a glorious celebration it always is....

OCTOBER – the entire month – when we celebrate the beauty of God’s turning of colors (not so much in Florida) as we travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway from North Carolina/Tennessee up the Appalachian chain to Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah’s to the Adirondacks and New England. What wonder God has given us: The cycle of life in the seasons of the year – spring – summer – fall – winter. We pause in our busy lives to enjoy the splendors of our Creator. Truly a gift for all to feel and live....

OCTOBER 11th – the day my brother and I celebrate God’s gift to us in the love and caring of our Dad – who celebrates his 102nd birthday on this date. My Dad – who said to me when I was critically ill with cancer five years ago: “Harv, left foot, right foot; one day at a time.” I still live by his sound advice & rejoice in God’s gift as I celebrate with Dad on his special day in Seattle....

OCTOBER 25th – with much love and adoration, I call them “my Bazaar Ladies” – God’s gift of gracious and talented ladies (and one gent) who have gathered each Tuesday through 2008 to create marvelous delicacies for us to view and purchase on this day. I am amazed and thankful for their

dedication and creativity. Now is our chance to show our excitement and appreciation as we begin to plan for the holidays....

OCTOBER 31st – Halloween! - Originating in Ireland and meaning “All Hallowed people” or saints. The carved pumpkin is this season’s most recognized symbol; the Jack-o’-lantern – from the Irish legend of Stingy Jack – who trapped the devil in a tree by carving a cross in the tree trunk. Cursed by the devil, Jack forever wanders the earth in darkness with the only light he had – a candle inside a hallowed turnip. The light we have in the darkness of the world is a gift of God: the Light of Jesus Christ. May we share it at every doorstep we cross in this month of October....

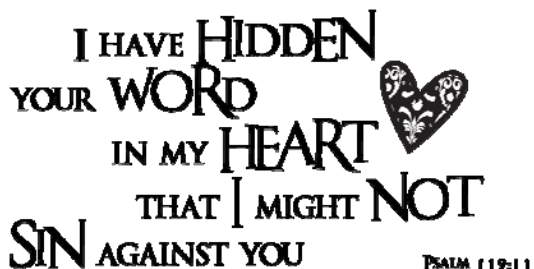
Grace Covenant is a happy family growing our community for now and in the future. See you next month...



FAMILY FUN NITE
Tuesday, October 14
6:29 p.m.
Memorial Hall

You are invited to come join us for a relaxing night of food, fun and fellowship with friends from your Church family. All ages gather to share a covered dish dinner (drinks, dessert and bread provided) followed by a time of fun and fellowship around the tables.

Everyone...all ages...is invited to come!





Please note: the speaker planned for October 12 is unavailable to speak during the Sunday School hour.



IHN

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to give everyone a "heads up" about our guests from IHN. They'll be arriving at Conway Methodist on Sunday, **October 5th**, and will be with us until Sunday, **October 12th**. We don't yet know how many guests we'll have, but I can confirm the number as we get closer to the date of arrival.

We'll be needing help with preparation of dinners, evening hosts (about 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. when the overnight hosts arrive), overnight hosts, and people who would serve in 2-hour shifts on Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 so that we can keep the Family Life Center open for the guests. Bring a book for this one...sometimes it's pretty quiet in there!

Thanks so very much for all you've done and continue to do for IHN. This economy is hitting the working poor very hard, and there is such a need for housing for these families.

God Bless you all! See you at church!

Donna Hedrick
donnahedrick56@hotmail.com



BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

This book is one of the two parts of the "Constitution" of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Join with others to explore and discover all that is contained in this document. This will be a four-week series led by Jack Shirek.

Sundays, October 19, 26 and November 2 and 9.

**Room 10
9:30 – 10:30 am**

Remember
Our
Military

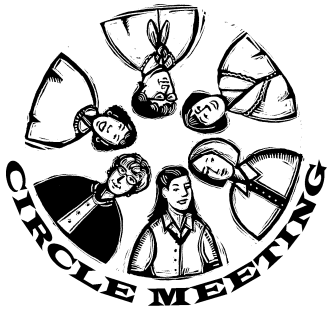


The Earl Tyson Sunday school class will be sending Veteran's Day packages to the GCPC prayer list of service men and women serving overseas, or aboard ship, On October 12. We are asking that anyone who has not already provided us the address of their loved one who falls in that group, and who would like them to receive one of our packages, please contact Herschel Hughes, Jr. at 407-281-8126 prior to October 12th.

Kindness
**BE KIND AND
COMPASSIONATE
TO ONE ANOTHER,
FORGIVING EACH OTHER,
JUST AS IN
CHRIST GOD
FORGAVE YOU.**



Ephesians 4:32



Ruth Circle meets on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is **October 13**.

We are currently studying "Luke's Gospel for the Poor", and the next lesson is entitled, "The Poor Hear Good News". The scripture reference is Luke 7:1-23.

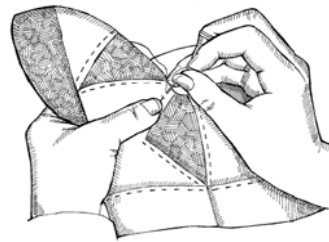
Our Circle chairman is Elaine Simpson, and our study leader is Joyce Aubry. Everyone is welcome and invited to join us. For further information or if you have any questions, please call Elaine.



Hey Crafters and Beaders!
Join the Seekers class on **October 18th from 10 am to 12 pm in Memorial Hall** as we bead some projects for the bazaar. No experience needed!



This month the Evangelism Committee would like to recognize our **Sunday School Teachers** who give their time each week to help us understand God's word and His love for us. Please take a moment to thank these teachers who provide the opportunity for us to grow in our faith.



Still Stitchin' With Grace

The Lord will provide! He came through when we were flat broke. You just have to have faith. We have some new quilting members. There are 12 to 14 at our weekly meetings now. The numbers of quilts produced reflect that.

On September 18th 41 beautiful quilts and toys were delivered to **Arnold Palmer Hospital**. We have made each one with the love and a prayer for each child with cancer who receives a quilt.

The total for this year is **191**. The overall all total for this mission began is **475** quilts.

When you are out shopping or traveling, buy 1 1/2 yards of children's print fabric and bring it to us. You will be amazed at the innovative ideas our quilters come up with.

Stop in and visit us the 1st Wednesday of the month or the Thursday the rest of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring your lunch and stay awhile.

We gladly accept donations and memorials which are tax deductible made out to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church with a designation to Quilting Mission.

For further information, call **Florine Simpson**.



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10



Sukkot and World Communion Sunday: When All Are Held Together

The Jewish Festival of Booths, known as Sukkot (traditionally pronounced SUE-coat but also said to rhyme with BOOK-us), is a seven-day season of rejoicing—a marked contrast from the solemn observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Repentance, five days before. Sukkot is given significant attention in John's Gospel (see chapter 7), as it is then that Jesus secretly goes into Galilee after his brothers challenge him to reveal himself. It is established in Leviticus 23:33–36 that work is forbidden on the first and last days of this harvest celebration, which is sometimes referred to as the Festival of Ingathering. This holiday also commemorates the forty years during which the Israelites wandered in the desert, living in temporary shelters.

These shelters are the most visible signs of the “Feast of Tabernacles” as it observed today, as many Jewish brothers and sisters build temporary shelters in which they are to live as much of their lives as possible, including sleep. Three of the walls must be constructed with material that will not blow away in the wind, while the roof must be loosely covered with branches, cornstalks, or reeds that will allow the stars to be seen—and even rain to enter. Traditionally the *sukkah* (booth) is decorated with dried squash and corn that are available during this time of year. In this way Sukkot bears more than passing resemblance to Thanksgiving, which is only right, for on each of these holidays people give thanks.

But the booth is only one of the essential signs of the season. An important set of symbols for this festival has real implications for **World Communion Sunday**, this year observed in the midst of Sukkot (which begins on September 30). These “four species,” signifying the bounty of the harvest, include the branch of a palm tree (*lulav* in Hebrew); the citron (or *esrog*), a citrus fruit native to Israel that is similar to a lemon; three myrtle branches (*hadassim*); and two willow tree branches (*avara*). Each day except for the Sabbath, these four species are taken and shaken together.

Over the centuries there have been different interpretations as to what these species symbolize, but in considering how Christians might be mindful of Sukkot on **World Communion Sunday**; some particularly helpful possibilities to note are the following:

Because palm branches are tall, some say they suggest persons of power. Others, because the palm gives good-tasting fruit but has no smell, see it as a symbol of those who learn much of God's word but do no good deeds.

The citron, with its good smell and taste, symbolizes those who, as Jesus says, hear God's word and do it, while others suggest the esrog points to those who are saintly and wise.

Myrtle bushes have a nice aroma, but no fruit, suggesting average people doing good deeds without reflecting on their motives.

The willow branches portray the poor and the lowly, or those without learning or deeds.

Yet all are held together and shaken, because apart we are not whole.

The festival of Sukkot is incomplete without the *lulav, esrog, hadassim, and arava*. And in the same way, the message of **World Communion Sunday** is that we are incomplete without each other. Everyone is invited: the powerful and the weak; saints and sinners; those who know much but do little; and those who know little but do much. Everyone who would have grumbled during the forty years in the desert must be welcomed with everyone who would have remained faithful. This is the joyful feast of the people of God, and it includes men and women and children from east and west, north and south. We are to be all for one because the Holy One is for all. We are all to be for each other because God is for all of us.

Sukkot is a reminder that we are all ingathered under the same stars, that the rain falls on the just and unjust alike and that we must all be held together in thanksgiving. The celebration of the Lord's Supper every Sunday, and in a particular way, on **World Communion Sunday**, is a foretaste of the day when it will truly be so.

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Editors Note:

Sukkot in 2008 will start on Tuesday, the **14th of October** and will continue for 7 days until Monday, the **20th of October**.

Thank You!

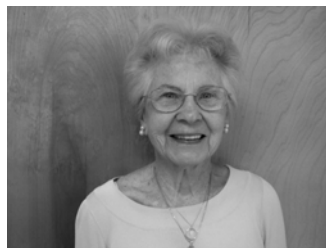
To all my friends at GCPC,
Thank you so much for all your calls, cards, visits, and especially all the prayers for my speedy recovery. I truly appreciate everything; just being remembered is the most precious to me.

I say again, I am a blessed woman- good health, great friends and a loving family especially my husband for taking such great care of me.

God Bless,
Jo Blair



October



**Deacon of the Month
Donna Fraser**

Donna has been a member of GCPC since April 1989. She and her husband, Bill, have two children, Sandee Smith and William Fraser Jr. Donna enjoys knitting, crafts, playing Bridge and Golf. She is also an avid reader.

Donna is known as a prayer warrior at GCPC as she heads up one of our ongoing prayer chains. She helps in coordinating meals for the homebound, and is available to make visits to the hospitals and nursing/rehab facilities.

To reach Donna you may call her at:

Home: 407.658.0268

Cell: 407.451.5723

COSTUME Party



Youth sponsors Annual
Halloween Costume Party
November 2nd

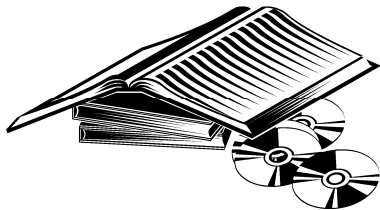
5-6 pm

All children through 5th grade are
invited!



Don't Forget
Time Change
November 2, 2008

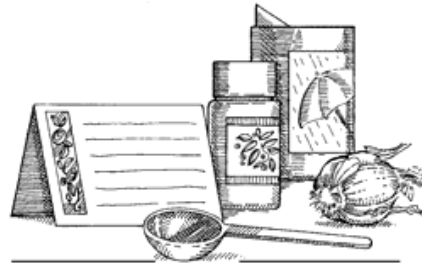
Church Archives



**DO YOU HAVE ANY GRACE
COVENANT MEMORABILIA
OR PHOTOGRAPHS?**

We are currently in the process of bringing our church's history up to date. If you have anything from 1947 to the present, that you would be willing to share (written items, photographs, etc.), please place them in the designated box on the Visitors Table. If you want the items returned, please put a note on them to that effect and they will be returned to you after copying.

This will be an ongoing project, so your items can be brought any Sunday from now on.



A recipe from...

Harlean Finney

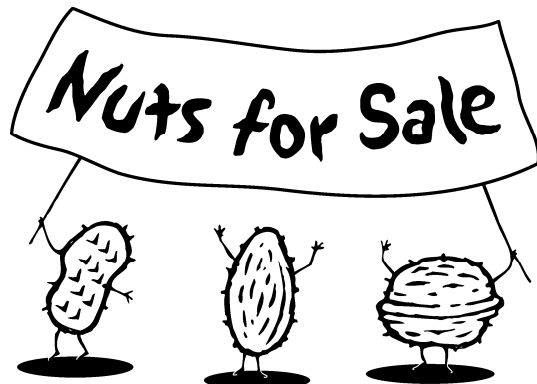
CHEESE BALL

- 2 8-oz. packages cream cheese
- 1 small can crushed pineapple (drained)
- 1 T seasoned salt
- 1/4 cup minced bell pepper
- 2 T minced onion
- 1 cup (or more) pecans

Soften cream cheese to room temperature. Add pineapple, seasoned salt, onion and part of the pecans. Shape into a ball and coat the outside with the remaining pecans. (You may need to add more pecans.)

Chill well before serving.

NOTE: Although the original recipe called for pecans and the pecans are good, it is even better if you substitute black walnuts.



Annual Pecan Fundraiser
Pecans will arrive November 1st.
\$8.00 for Pecans
\$9.00 for Chocolate Covered Pecans