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Interfaith Homeless Week Thanks

At the end of our IHN stint, we transferred guests including 4 families (14 individuals) to Stuart Heights Baptist Church. Because one family was able to get permanent housing, we accepted 2 additional families during the week. A great group of volunteers spent 220+ hours during the week.

Thanks to each person who made the week successful! Ann Watkins, Alice and Ian Mitchell, Beth Myers, Rebecca Williams, Marion Pound with her 2 daughters, Merrilee Milburn, Kathy Black, Ruth Black, and Mary Black served meals; Terry Burnett, Vivian Dodds, Joy Jones, Gerry Jones, Kathy Russell, Monica Mimbs, Jeanette Cureton, Martha Cartwright, Doug Blackburn, Dave Stanislawski, Mel Cooper, and Bruce Blohm were overnight hosts. Ann Swint and Amanda Hall were greeters. Paul Black and his truck pulled the trailer. Taylor Johnston along with Frank Watkins and a host of Episcopal Youth including but not limited to Evan Watkins, Ben Van Winkle, Thomas Walters, Annie Brien-Slack helped get equipment to the trailer.

Grace Accepted in GreenFaith Certification Program

Grace Church is honored to be accepted into the program as the first Episcopal congregation in Tennessee. GreenFaith is one of the oldest religious-environmental organizations in the U.S., working to inspire, educate, and mobilize people of diverse religious backgrounds for environmental leadership based on the shared commitment that protecting the earth is a religious value, and that environmental stewardship is thus a moral responsibility.

During the two-year certification process, Grace will work to integrate environmental themes into our worship, religious education, facility maintenance, and social outreach. This may seem a daunting task, but the GreenFaith organization has provided us with a clear framework that helps us as individuals and a faith community to think and learn about how to live in a way that is more responsible and more just. Improving education and building relationships with other environmental leaders in the community, in other churches, and in other faith traditions are essential components of participation in the certification process, and members of the Green Ministry Team are involved in monthly webinars with other GreenFaith participants to exchange ideas and experiences. In addition, Grace Church – along with 29 other Episcopal parishes throughout the country -- finds itself supported by the national church, which is a denominational partner of the GreenFaith program.

Throughout the process, Grace will submit a progress report every six months outlining the different benchmarks that have been completed in that period. The Green Ministry Team is about to complete their first progress report, including a full audit of the current environmental strengths and weaknesses in the life of Grace Church. This report will help us celebrate all the good green things that are already happening at our church, and it will help us to think about what we may need to do better in the future, including education, worship, maintenance, and outreach.

Another central element in the first progress report is the formulation of a ministry mission statement. It has been helpful to have conversations with different people throughout the parish to see why caring for Creation is so important to us. Our new GreenFaith Mission Statement reads: *At Grace Church, we believe God created the heavens and the earth. Therefore, as a community of faith, creation care is one of our primary responsibilities. We put our faith into action through environmental stewardship. Specifically, we celebrate creation in both worship and fellowship; we educate ourselves and our community on the environmental impact of our daily decisions; we work to protect and sustain our fragile natural world; and we show our love toward all life on earth through increased environmental responsibility.*

To learn more about the GreenFaith program, go to www.greenfaith.org or contact the Grace Green Ministry Team at GreenTeam@SayGrace.net.

April Earth Day Activities

Saturday, April 2 : Grand Opening of the Farmers Market

Come out and support our local farmers as they open up for the season. Shop for fresh produce, chat with friendly farmers, and enjoy children's activities too. This is an important outreach and environmental ministry at Grace. We need you to keep the market going, so make it a part of your regular routine on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the lower parking lot. Bring your friends and neighbors too.

Sunday, April 17: Earth Day Sunday at Grace Alternative Transportation Challenge

In honor of Earth Day, can you find energy-saving ways to come to church on Sunday, April 17? You can walk, bike, carpool, bus, skate, or dance to Grace. As an added incentive, those that participate will receive a discount to Sunday breakfast. Just

be sure to sign in at the Earth Day table in the undercroft before breakfast at 9:00 to get your discount.

Earth Day Breakfast

The Grace Church Green Team will serve a delicious breakfast featuring organic and local foods on Sunday, April 17. Come eat with us and hear from Letty and Curtis Smith from Circle S Farm on Lookout Mountain. Also, pick up all kinds of educational literature to equip you to have your most sustainable year ever.

Saturday, April 30: An Outdoor Outing with Brad

Join Grace's Deacon, the Rev. Brad Weeks, for a walk along the waters of the Hiwassee River. We will meet at Grace at 8:30AM, carpool to the Hiwassee, and hike the John Muir Trail, ending in the Childers Creek parking lot (easy 3 mile walk). Hikers can identify wildflowers, do some insect sampling, maybe even fish a bit. Most of all, we will enjoy being together and soaking up the peace and beauty of creation in the spring. Wear your sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle and sack lunch for the picnic. Questions? Email Brad at (tntrout305@gmail.com).

Upcoming Eco-Activities for the Youth on Sunday nights in April also. Details TBA.

April Eco-Tip from the Grace Green Team

" We are called to be good neighbors and act with love and care for all of what God calls 'sacred.'" The natural greenhouse effect set up by God has been disrupted and the imbalance is causing temperatures to rise. Global warming means not only higher average temperatures, but also changes in weather patterns, precipitation, and ranges of plants, insects and animals. Such changes would threaten natural resources, human health, already endangered species, and fragile ecosystems. Although no person would be immune from consequences of climate change caused by global warming, the world's poor would be especially vulnerable."

-- From a resolution adopted by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, 2001

As people of faith, global warming is one of our primary concerns, but how can we make a difference (or even a dent) in the situation? It can be hard to know where to start.

One thing we can do is to recognize the effect that our car-dependent lifestyles have on the environment. Because cars release air toxins that contribute to air pollution and greenhouse gases (such as CO2) which contribute to global warming, the more we can shift our principal method of transportation away from cars, the better. As reported in [Automobiles: Pollution & Energy Use](#), "Motor vehicles account for nearly 80 percent of the world's commercial energy use." Additionally, in the United States, most of the 140 million cars on the road carry just one person at a time, so significant energy savings could be realized just through carpooling, taking the bus, bicycling or walking. Also, since cars emit three times more pollution on short trips than on long trips, quick trips by bike or by foot also help reduce the automobile emissions that are so harmful to us and to creation. As we prioritize bicycling and walking from place to place, it helps us slow down our lives so that we get to know and love our neighbors, our communities, and our ecological landscapes better.

Even if you can't carpool, bus, or bike to work every day, consider making a step in that direction. Even a small change can make a big difference. To kick off our intention, the Green Team is asking parishioners to find an alternative way to get to church on Sunday, April 17th. You will be making a conscious choice to care for creation as you make your way to a morning of worship, fellowship and thanksgiving at Grace.

Quick Facts: Each gallon of gas that we use equals 20 pounds of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere. We could save 149 million tons of emissions if we cut out one car trip a week.

EpiscoPALS

EpiscoPALS will meet Thursday, April 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Undercroft to prepare Easter gifts for our homebound friends. Please try to attend.

Bullying: a study weekend

Bullying is a common experience for many children and adolescents. Surveys indicate that as many as half of all children are bullied at some time during their school years, and at least 10% are bullied on a regular basis. Bullying behavior can be physical or verbal. Boys tend to use physical intimidation or threats, regardless of the gender of

their victims. Bullying by girls is more often verbal, usually with another girl as the target. Recently, bullying has even been reported in online chat rooms and through e-mail.

Children who are bullied experience real suffering that can interfere with their social and emotional development, as well as their school performance. Some victims of bullying have even attempted suicide rather than continue to endure such harassment and punishment. Children and adolescents who bully thrive on controlling or dominating others. They have often been the victims of physical abuse or bullying themselves. Bullies may also be depressed, angry or upset about events at school or at home. Children targeted by bullies also tend to fit a particular profile. Bullies often choose children who are passive, easily intimidated, or have few friends. Victims may also be smaller or younger, and have a harder time defending themselves.

Both victims and bullies need our attention, but it is often hard to figure out what is a good and helpful response. Grace will host a study weekend with Professor Evon Flesberg to look closer at the problem of bullying and how we might respond as parents, teachers, church members, or concerned persons. Prof. Flesberg teaches at Vanderbilt University and also has a private counseling practice in Nashville. The weekend will be held on Friday, April 15, at 7PM and Saturday, April 16, at 9AM to Noon. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or to register, please contact Erik Broeren at EBroeren@SayGrace.net or contact the church office.

Holy Week Services

For nearly two millennia, Christians have gathered during the week before Easter to remember in ritual the events of Jesus' last week and through them rediscover the elemental truths of their faith. Please join us this year for these Holy Week services, which will bring the joys of Easter into sharper focus and give it deeper meaning.

Palm Sunday Liturgy – Sunday, April 17, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy – Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – Friday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.

Good Friday Liturgy – Friday, April 22, 12:15 p.m.

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 23, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Day services – 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with the unearthing of the Alleluia Banner at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is on for Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. until noon. Festivities begin with brunch at 10 a.m., followed by crafts and visits with the Easter Bunny. The Egg Hunt begins outdoors around 11 a.m. Please note that **we do NOT need plastic eggs this year** – we're awash in them! We do need things to put into the eggs, however. Candy is welcome, but small prizes are encouraged.

Day Camp and Arts Camp

Middle School Service Day Camp will be June 4-7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or later). Activities will begin with a service project in the morning and end after fun in the afternoon. Each day will have a theme: Service to the Needy (Food Bank); Service to the Church (community garden and other needs); Service to Those Who Cannot Speak (Humane Society), and Service to the Environment (Clean-up Area Stream). Ideas for these and for activities were discussed during a recent Sunday School class with current and rising middlers. There will be some devotional time and some time devoted to the arts (music and visual arts). Parents of middlers (rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders) are encouraged to let Maria know if their child will attend. Contact via 243-3256 or mhurt@saygrace.net.

Arts Camp is on the calendar for June 20-24, 2011, with the theme of Art in Nature. Sign-ups can be done online via the website. We encourage church families to register by Monday, May 16, so that we can see what spots are available for nonmembers. Grace members who want to register grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other special children should mark the Members' family box and specify the child's relationship. This worked well last year, and it is a joy to have so many kids with Grace connections.

Our returning teachers this year include Stacey Alverson, visual arts, and Heather Shaw, music. Each has an education degree in her field of expertise. Joining them will be Emily White, who is completing her drama education degree at UTC, and Stacey Nolan, who has a Masters of Education and experience in dance, music and movement (to name a few of her accomplishments). This is a great staff and we know the children will like each of them.

The Children's Gardens

Families, please visit the children's butterfly garden as the plants return and butterflies begin to visit. As part of our nature-infused curriculum, our children will be learning more about butterflies and visiting their garden with our experts during Sunday School. The garden is located at the end of the upper parking lot. Please point out to them the caterpillar bulletin board in the children's hall and watch for it to change on Easter Sunday.

Amanda Hall, one of the elementary Sunday School teachers, is working with Lisa Lemza on designing the children's garden plot in the new Grace Community Garden. There will be a planting opportunity one Sunday after church. Please watch for the invitation!

Christian Formation

April Sunday School

Sunday School continues this month with regular classes April 3, 10 and 17. Your Sunday School teachers work hard to be prepared. Please remember to honor their commitment as your schedules get busier and the outdoors becomes more inviting this spring! There will be a renewed emphasis on the environment as we talk about caterpillars, butterflies, the community garden and our role as stewards of the planet. On April 24, Easter Sunday, we will have a large group Sunday School. That morning we will dig up the Alleluia banner which was buried on the first Sunday of Lent and change our caterpillar bulletin board into a butterfly board!

April 3 is family Sunday, and Mother Susan will present a special message during the 10:45 service. On Palm Sunday, children will have the opportunity to wave palm branches in the 10:45 service. On Easter, the children will once again flower the cross at the beginning of the Easter 10:45 Service.

Confirmation Class

Is your middle schooler ready for confirmation class? If you aren't sure, please talk with the Rev. Susan Butler. If you are sure, please let Maria Hurt know if your child is ready (or will be ready) for this class in the fall. mhurt@saygrace.net.

Music News

April 3	The Lord Is My Shepherd	Howard Goodall
Lent 4	A Contrite Heart	Ludwig van Beethoven
April 10	Jesus, So Lowly	Harold Friedell
Lent 5	O tender, O bountiful, O kind and gracious	Heinrich Schütz
April 17	<i>Tenebrae factae sunt</i>	Michael Haydn
Palm Sunday	Ah, holy Jesus	Johann Sebastian Bach
April 21	<i>Ubi caritas</i>	Maurice Duruflé
Maundy Thursday	<i>Dona nobis pacem</i>	John Knowles Paine
April 23	<i>Hilariter</i>	Richard DeLong
Vigil of Easter	Christ, Our Passover	Healey Willan
April 24	<i>Hallelujah</i> (from <i>Mount of Olives</i>)	Ludwig van Beethoven
Easter Day	Litany for Easter	Gordon Young
	All Shall Be Well	Libby Larsen

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate lilies for Easter, please fill out the form below or jot the pertinent information down and send/bring it to the church office. Please return the form by **Thursday, April 14**, for inclusion in the Easter bulletins. Please enclose your check for \$15 per plant with your order form and print legibly.

Your name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Honor Memory Thanksgiving

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00p Centering Prayer	2 Farmers' Market! 9:00 Community Garden Work 10:00 Farmers' Market
3 Grace Family Sunday 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 "Mothering Sunday" Nursery Shower 10:45 Holy Eucharist 5:30p EYC (High School)	4 6:30p EFM	5 10:00 Quilters 10:00 Yoga	6 11:30 Holy Eucharist 4:30p Prayer Shawl Group 5:30p Bells of Grace 5:40p Choristers 5:45p Evening Prayer 6:00p Soup and Bread Dinner 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Centering Prayer 7:30p Lenten Discussion Gp.	7 10:00 Yoga 12:15p Peace Vigil 8:00p GreenFaith Webinar	8 1:00p Centering Prayer	9 10:00 Farmers' Market
10 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 Parish Forum 9:30 Christian Formation 10:45 Holy Eucharist 5:30p EYC (High School)	11 6:30p EFM	12 10:00 Quilters 10:00 Yoga 10:30 Staff Meeting 5:30p Finance Committee	13 11:30 Holy Eucharist 4:30p Prayer Shawl Group 5:30p Bells of Grace 5:40p Choristers 5:45p Evening Prayer 6:00p Soup and Bread Dinner 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Centering Prayer 7:30p Lenten Discussion Gp.	14 10:00 Yoga 1:30p EpiscoPALS 6:00p Vestry	15 1:00p Centering Prayer Bullying Seminar	16 10:00 Farmers' Market Bullying Seminar
17 Palm Sunday 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 Adult Ed 9:30 Christian Formation 10:45 Holy Eucharist 5:30p EYC (High School)	18 6:30p EFM	19 10:00 Quilters 10:00 Yoga	20 11:30 Holy Eucharist/healing 4:30p Prayer Shawl Group 5:30p Bells of Grace 5:40p Choristers 5:45p Evening Prayer 6:00p Soup and Bread Dinner 6:45p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Centering Prayer 7:30p Lenten Discussion Gp.	21 Maundy Thursday 10:00 Yoga 7:00p Maundy Thursday Liturgy	22 Good Friday 11:30 Stations of the Cross 12:15p Good Friday Liturgy 1:00p Centering Prayer	23 10:00 Farmers' Market 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 8:00p Easter Vigil
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