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Weekly e-Newsletter of Grace Presbyterian Church Plano, Texas

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July 3, 2008

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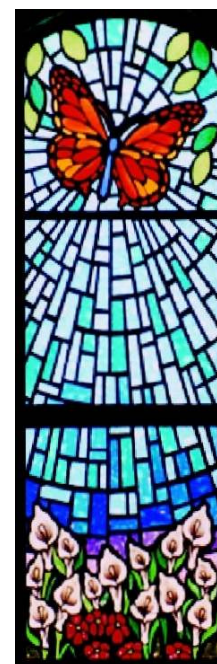
Sunday Morning Worship July 6, 2008

8:30 am
Contemporary Service
Sanctuary

11:00 am
Traditional Service
Sanctuary

11:15 am
Brazilian
New Church Development
Wheelus Hall

Guest Pastor -- Glen Hunihan
Come to Me
Based on
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



General News

Guest Pastor Glen Hunihan to Preach July 6

The Rev. Glen Hunihan will be the guest pastor on Sunday, July 6, while Pastor Al is on vacation. Glen was called as the organizing pastor of Legacy Presbyterian Church of Frisco in November, 2007. He is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, where he earned the Master of Divinity degree, and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in Lowell, MA. Glen and his wife, Linda, have two daughters and three grandchildren. He has been actively involved in a number of New Church Developments during the last ten years. He comes to Legacy with a vision for God's future activity in Frisco.

Plan to Attend Pre-Launch Services of Legacy NCD

You can support the ministry of Legacy Presbyterian New Church Development (NCD) in Frisco by attending one or both of the two remaining pre-launch

services July 13 and August 10. These special, pre-launch worship services are held at 5:30 pm at Corbell Elementary School, 11095 Monarch Drive, Frisco. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Bridget Maloney Is New Interim Youth Director

Bridget Maloney began as the new Interim Director of Youth Ministries on July 1. She has worked in the areas of Youth Ministry and Christian Education for 15 years, having most recently served in Albuquerque, NM. Bridget attended Texas A&M for three and a half years before transferring to Sam Houston State when she accepted her first job as a Youth Director. She has a BS in Sociology and a MA in Counselor Education from SHSU as well as a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. Bridget is the proud human of two canine companions -- a Bichon Frise named Fred and Leroy Earl, a miniature poodle. In addition to her work at Grace PC, Bridget is an advisor for Alpha Gamma Delta at UTD and will be volunteering with Komen of North Texas.

Endowment Committee - Monthly Q&A

Q: Why would I want to create an endowment fund?

A: Endowment funds are most often created to memorialize someone in a lasting fashion, to create a lasting fund to benefit a particular ministry of the church or to otherwise benefit the church on a long term basis. Endowment funds last over many years and may grow to be a very sizeable source of support for the church and its ministries.

Guest Pastor Robert M Poteet to Preach July 13

The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Poteet will be guest preacher on Sunday, July 13. Dr. Poteet is a graduate of Trinity University, San Antonio, TX. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond VA. He served as associate pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Carrollton, TX; Westminster PC, Dallas and Canyon Creek PC, Richardson, before going to First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, as Minister of Education and Program. He was Executive Pastor of Orange Presbytery, Durham, NC, before going to Grace PC, Houston, as Associate Pastor for CE. For the past ten years he was Executive Pastor there. Dr. Poteet retired March 31 and moved to Dallas. He and his wife Carol have three grown children and four grandchildren.

July Office Hours

The Grace PC office will be closed on Fridays during July. Grace Presbyterian Christian Day School will be open as usual for all regularly scheduled events.

Grace Community

Brazil Mission Team To Host 'Taste of Amazon'

The Brazil Mission team invites the Grace PC family to join them on Sunday, July 13, at 7:00 pm for *A Taste of the Amazon*. Come to Wheelus Hall to taste the foods they ate, see the sights they saw and hear stories of God's amazing work in Novo Aripuana.

Birthday Fund Supports Scholarships

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate in July! Last school year Grace PC awarded 10 semesters of scholarships to local needy students. Current donations will allow us to award only 3 semesters which will start in August. We need your help to continue this worthy local effort. Honor yourself, a friend, a family member with a donation to the Birthday Fund. Use the Birthday envelope found in the offering envelope box. Or

just make a donation to the birthday fund in the offering plate -- simply note the birthday fund.

Bible Study Offers Summer 'Travel' Opportunity

Travel the Mediterranean from your comfy chair! The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be reading about the journeys of Paul in the book of Acts this summer. Everyone is invited. The group gathers at 9:30 am in the Parlor, opens with prayer at 10:00 am and concludes about 11:15 am. Often they go to lunch together after class.

Ice Cream and Dominoes for STARS in July

Feel like eating ice cream and playing dominoes? If you are at least 55 years old, then the Grace PC STARS (Seniors To Assemble Regularly) have just the ticket. They will host an Ice Cream Social, followed by domino games, on Wednesday, July 23, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm in Wheelus Hall. You do not need to bring anything, and guests are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Grace Presbyterian Church to attend STAR events. Hosts for the July event will be Donna and Dave Jasper. For more information or transportation assistance [email Donna and Dave](#) or call (972) 985-1147.

Note Card Sales Support Handbell Choir

Note cards and bookmarks of Grace PC's beautiful stained-glass windows are for sale in the Narthex. Proceeds will benefit the adult handbell choir's summer trip to the 13th International Handbell Symposium. A pack of 10 note cards is \$15. Bookmarks are \$1 each. There is a limited supply of the note cards, so purchase today!

Youth Ministry

High School Girls Bible Study on Tuesdays

Join a great Bible study for high school girls each Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Room 5, Grace Place -- led by Renee Comen and Tammy Toll. New ninth graders welcome!

News and Updates

- Logos: Sunday evening, July 6, at 7:00 pm. Come already fed, for games and a short devotional. Say "Goodbye" to Ellen.
- All-Youth Event: Movie Night at Grace, Sunday, July 20, Room 203, CE Building, from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Popcorn and drinks. BYOFRIENDS!

Fun in the Son Begins July 13 -- Early!

The *Fun in the Son* caravan depart Sunday, July 13. There will be a short meeting for parents and participants at 5:00 am. Vans will depart by 5:30. Meet in the West parking lot. If you still owe money or need to turn in forms please do so by Monday, July 7.

Events and Programs for Children

Music, Arts Camp For Kids Less Than Two Weeks Away!



Time is running out on the opportunity of the summer. It's time to register your kids for SMACK -- Summer Music and Arts Camp for Kids! This unique and entertaining educational experience gets underway on Monday, July 14, and runs through Friday, July 18. Daily sessions begin at 9:00 am and last until noon.



There are still a few spots available in each of the grades, but the last day to register is Sunday, July 13. Children who show up on Monday morning may not have a place or may not receive a t-shirt. So sign up now!

SMACK is for all children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade. The program costs \$35 per child. However, space is limited to 15 students per grade. Activities include singing, dance, drama, playing instruments, art and more. The registration fee includes a t-shirt and art supplies. All participants and their families are invited to share in the potluck dinner and closing worship celebration on Friday, July 18, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Pick up a registration form in the church office, the narthex, or [download](#) the registration form and [medical release form](#) from the [Grace PC website](#).

Adult and youth (grades 7+) are invited to volunteer with various activities so [email Stephanie](#) Rhoades or call 972-596-6233 x6808 if you would like to help or need additional information.

Children's Ministry Asks: 'What Would Jesus Do?'

WWJD? You've probably heard that before: "What Would Jesus Do?" That's the summer theme in the elementary rotational Sunday school -- Pathway to Grace. "If we want our children to grow into mature Christians and strive to be like Christ in everything they do, then we must teach them what it means to follow Christ in 2008," says Kelly Raaum, interim director of children's ministry. "To that end, we'll be studying faith in Christ and His miracles, followed by the Good Samaritan, Forgiveness and Service/Servanthood. We'll do this all in combined classes while rotating through 2/3-week units." The children will be viewing a short DVD of the Bible lesson, then discussing the major themes, working on puzzles and activities, acting out scenes from the story and more!

Children's Ministry Still Needs Summer Help

There are still a few open spots for teachers in August. If you can give three Sundays at the end of the summer, please [email Kelly](#) Raaum or call 972-596-6233 ext.6810. Come help us lead our children to discover how God is calling them to live in 2008!

Mission

Recycled Items Provide Support for Mission Efforts

Did you find some items you could recycle when searching for summer things? Remember to donate the following to the clothes closet by the west entrance to the Narthex or the recycle baskets across from the office:

- new or clean and gently used clothing
- empty printer ink jet cartridges
- hotel soaps and small toiletries
- used eyeglasses
- toys from fast-food kids' meals
- cell phones -- working or not working
- digital cameras
- digital camcorders
- Apple ipods
- PDAs
- and especially Nextel cell phones.

We are also able to accept laptop computers with processor speeds greater than 730Mhz. We regret that we are not able to accept other used computer equipment or used furniture at this time. Also note: cell phone accessories cannot be recycled. The money raised from recycling these items supports mission efforts. Thanks for recycling. It's a way of sharing and a stewardship of our many goods.

Angel Food Ministries Deadline is July 10

The deadline for July food orders from Angel Food Ministries is Thursday, July 10. Order forms are located in the Narthex on the table underneath the announcement board. Orders may be turned in to the church office.

Through Angel Food Ministries you can order a pre-determined selection of fresh and frozen grocery items worth \$60 for only \$30. There are no qualifications, income restrictions or applications. Orders are placed once monthly and must be picked up between 9:30 and 10:00 am on the last Saturday of the month at the Grace Outreach Center gymnasium at Parker Road and Preston Road.

In addition to the obvious savings on your monthly food budget, Angel Food Ministries offers several possibilities for ministry to others. You can use the money you save on food to support other Christian ministries, including the ministries of Grace PC. Or, for a gift of \$30 you can sponsor a grocery order for a family in need.

Food Pantry Receives Grace PC Donations

Food donations in July will be delivered to the Plano Food Pantry. Requested items for July: pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal and especially fruit juice. Personal hygiene items are always needed. Please continue to place your food donations in the container across the church office.

Sunday Morning Highlights

Sunday's Music

At the 8:30 am service *Exultation* will sing *God is Our Refuge*, by Allen Pote. During the 11:00 am service the *Sanctuary Choir* will sing *Be Light for Our Eyes*, by David Haas, for the anthem and a John Leavitt arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision* at the offering.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 6, are given to the Glory of God by Carol Hogan in loving memory of her parents Ruth and Henry Cornwell and by Pat and Mike Harris in celebration of their 40th Anniversary.

Prayer Cards

Look for the prayer cards in the pew pockets. If you have a request (prayers of praise, rejoicing, healing, comfort, concerns, etc.), fill out a card and place it in the collection plate.

We need your correct and current email address

Please help us keep our membership database current. Fill out the information cards found on the tables in the Narthex and return them to the church office or [email](#) your information to [Richard](#) Barnard. The church office uses email to communicate important information to our members.

Congregational Care

Remember in Your Prayers

Members who are facing problems and illness:

- Betty Tobermann
- Mervice Hansen
- Bill Wollett
- Karen Migliore
- Mary Ellen Chase
- David Hansen
- Mary Harrison
- Quinn Flanagan
- Jim Smith

Additional Information

Contributions for June 29, 2008

General Fund \$14,205
Additional Gifts \$37
VBS Offering \$510

Through May 31

2008

YTD General Fund \$412,038
YTD Mortgage balance \$548,461

2007

YTD General Fund \$443,413
YTD Mortgage balance \$795,931

May 31 *Prepare the Way* update

Total \$ Pledged \$1,016,485
Phase I Received \$400,000
Phase II Received \$190,563

How To Submit Articles and Information

For the Weekly Service Bulletin

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the weekly service bulletin is 5:00 pm Tuesday. Articles can be submitted online by [emailing Marci](#) Adams. If you are unable to email your information, you may call 972-596-6233 x6800 or mail or bring the information to the church office.

For Week@Grace

The deadline for submitting articles and information for *Week@Grace* is noon Wednesday. Articles can be submitted online by [emailing Richard](#) Barnard. If you are unable to email your information, you may call 972-596-6233 x6803 or mail or bring the information to the church office.

For Both Publications

Marci and Richard share information when preparing the bulletin and *Week@Grace*. However, if you wish your information to appear in both publications the safest course of action is to email or contact both [Marci](#) and [Richard](#).

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