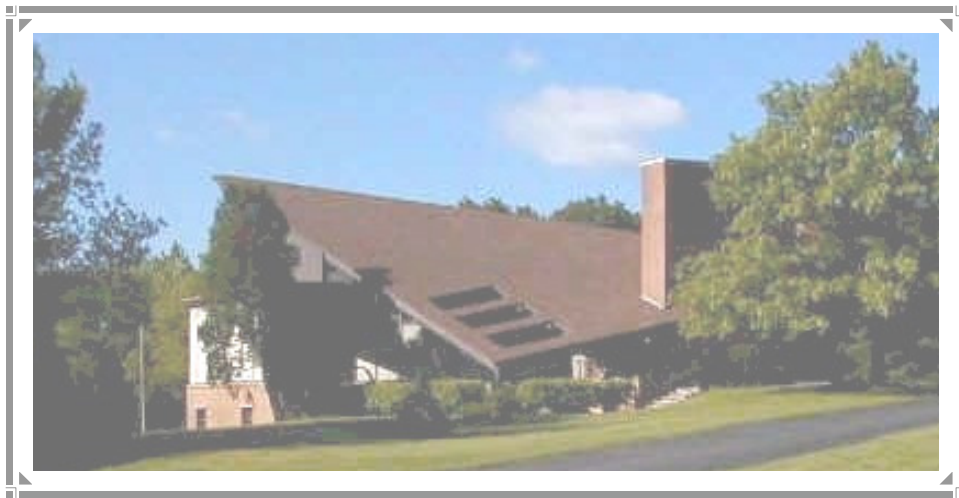


Grace Happenings

May 2011
Newsletter



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Pastor's column – May 2011

When the rain stops, I'm going to open the windows in our home. The trees are budding, and there's a faint green blush in the underbrush. The thermometer finally is rising above 70 degrees. It's past time to let fresh air into the house. When I lift the storm window from our bedroom window and lower the screen, I'll see the linden tree in our back yard. The linden is our harbinger of spring; it's the first to blossom, peaking in white profusion in early to mid-April – normally. On the edge of this May, 2011, it is just getting started. Everything about spring is later this year.

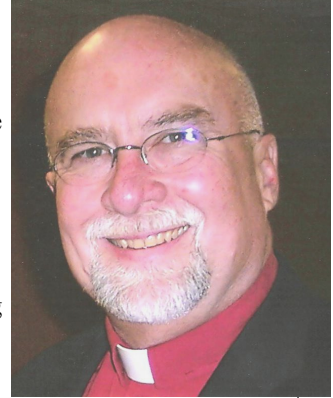
The good of this is the opportunity to waken to what I'd normally take for granted. I expect the linden to have bloomed by now – in fact, its blossoms should be about ready to fall. I should already have appreciated the blossoms turning my back yard into a something of a living Monet masterpiece. A week ago I wondered if the blossoms would ever come. Now that they are, three weeks late, I'll savor every day they're in bloom.

It occurs to me that my family would be the only ones savoring. By the time the spring yard work is done and the weather warms enough to entertain guests outdoors, the Monet masterpiece is long gone.

Easter came late this year also. We – rather, perhaps a fortunate long-lived few of you – won't see such a late Easter again until 2095. Like the blossoms on our linden tree, I feel a special appreciation for the Easter people we are. On Easter morning I appreciated the profusion of color in flowers, but also the contrapuntal profusion of color among the more than fifty little dresses for Africa on display. You made these to clothe protect children – thus each one proclaimed "Christ is Risen!" I appreciated Paul and the choir especially throughout Holy Week and Easter morning. I've filled in at a great many congregations during my 26 years between congregational pastorates and believe me, our music is not to be taken for granted! I appreciate our participation in the Crop Walk and our offering of letters on behalf of the world's hungry with Bread for the World, which we'll write beginning May 1st and formally dedicate on May 8th. I think of the tag line of our denomination and affirm that God's work indeed comes through our hands. And Monet's living masterpiece in my back yard comes to mind.

What if we thought of God's gathered people – our congregation – as one of God's masterpieces? Now, I do not mean this in terms of arrogance or pride. Monet did not take brush in hand with the thought of how wonderful he was. The only way to paint a masterpiece is to be in what the Hungarian psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi calls "flow:" the state of being "fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and success in the process of the activity." Flow, in short, is the state of losing ourselves in the moment. Losing ourselves – does that sound familiar (see Matthew 16:25)?

If we are God's masterpiece, I do fear we, like my linden tree, are a bit tucked away from view. If visitors find us, we welcome them, and we are happy to welcome all seekers into our family. But finding us – that is a challenge and I greatly appreciate Grace's Outreach Team facing the challenge. We soon will be advertising regularly in The Gazette. Our ads will include a pithy comment we hope catches the spirit of Grace, something like this:



Grace Lutheran Church is an inclusive community grounded in the love of God and committed to welcoming all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, creed, age or physical ability. We encourage all people to share in thoughtful worship, relevant education and service through faith in action.

Grace

Lutheran Church

1930 Hillside Avenue, Niskayuna

www.graceniska.org

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Grace is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation of the ELCA.

*Come as you are –
That's how God wants us.*

We're also placing our web address on the sign in front of the building so that passers-by can easily find out more about us. And speaking of signs – isn't it about time we did something with this?



This is a rusty, bent over fossil from the middle of the last century sitting on Balltown Road. It does not say good things about us. It does not say “God’s masterpiece around the corner,” to say the least. In fact, if you’re driving on Balltown Road, you have to guess that Grace is around the corner. We can do better.

I recently met with the county highway department officer to discuss putting a new sign on the corner of Providence and Hillside. He gave me thumbs up. This project would involve some expense and planning, so it is currently in the initial stage. Our new sign ideally would have space for inserting lettering so we could include the sayings we would be using in our newspaper ads.

The ads and signs are important because, if God has a masterpiece, you don’t hide it from people. You share the Good News – and so we shall!

Pastor Hahn

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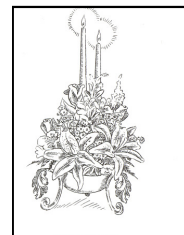
Council Members: Cynthy Nimmer, President; Glenn Gerber, Vice President; Chris Powell, Secretary; Cathy Joynson, Mary Gray, Shelley Hebert, Mike Perry, Christian Hogrefe, Rachel DeTeso-Mathis, Ellen Cash, Sue White and Ron Nimmer

Congregation Officers: Robert Powell, Treasurer, Bob Couchman, Asst. Treasurer, and Bill Hebert, Financial Secretary

Altar Flowers May 2011

5/1—Ron & Cynthy Nimmer in memory of Loved Ones

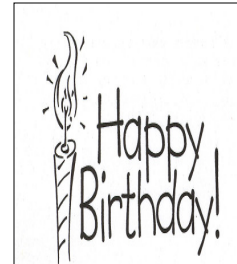
5/20—Connie Sattler in Memory of Adam



If you wish to sign up to provide flowers for the Altar in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one, there is a sign up board to the right as you go out into the Narthex. You will be billed directly by the florist. The altar flowers are generally taken to the sick or shut-ins after the service. Thank you.

May 2011 Birthdays

- 5/1—Kristjan Salasoo
- 5/2—Steven LeFevre
- 5/6—Margie Carlson
- 5/8—Lucy Moore
- 5/12—Kiley Augstein-Collins
- 5/15—Sherry Clasen
- 5/15—Paul Motto
- 5/16—DeAnne Hahn
- 5/27—Pastor Dan Hahn
- 5/31—Shelley Hebert



Prayer Request

One of our own has been deployed and should be remembered in our prayers. On February 2, 2011, **Lieutenant Junior Grade Kevin Koenig**, U.S. Navy, was deployed to the Persian Gulf on the USS Reagan Aircraft carrier as a helicopter pilot.

Kevin is the son of JoAnn Koenig-Hagymas and the late Edgar Koenig, and brother of Kellee Koenig. He is a lifelong member of Grace and the first son of the congregation to be deployed in many years. He is shown with his wife Lindsay, and a helicopter similar to the one he will be piloting on this mission.

The USS Reagan left San Diego and will be on assignment for approximately eight months. There are 6000 Navy personnel onboard. Please keep Kevin and his shipmates in your prayers.

One More Chance to Get Involved

The next **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen luncheon** prepared by Grace Church folks will be on **Monday, May 9**. If you can help in any way (bake brownies, make soup, work at SASK that day), please get in touch with Chris Powell. Much of this ministry is subsidized by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans which bases their gifts to us on the number of volunteers and hours it takes to prepare and serve this meal. So, please think about getting involved.

**CROPWALK SCHENECTADY
to fight hunger**

Sponsored by SICM in conjunction with Capital Area CROP Walks

When: Sunday, May 1, 2011

Registration: 12:30 – 1:20 PM

Walk begins at 1:30 (after brief opening)

Rain/Snow (!) Date: None, collecting funds “upfront” is “rain insurance”

Where:

Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace, start and end

Route downtown through Greenmarket, around Union College
and then return; one rest stop

3 mile walk - Optional “Golden Mile” available

Parking: MVP garage and surface lots; car pooling encouraged

Runners welcome but not an official race

Goal for this 30th Anniversary Walk: 500 walkers raising \$50,000

Why:

-to witness/celebrate and raise money for hunger-fighting efforts in
Schenectady and around the world.

-25% of funds will go to local Food pantries,
Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals (Catholic Charities)

-remainder will go to hunger-fighting relief, self-help development and
refugee resettlement needs in the US and around the world.

-special Africa Initiative

-those who took part last year were on “the front lines” when the disaster in
Japan or wherever struck

How:

-walkers get Sponsor Records from recruiters or individually

-each participant seeks their own sponsors

-“Walk on the Web” option available – www.cropwalkonline.org

-walkers turn in the top part or the whole Sponsor Record on Walk Day

-donors can designate many international groups

JOIN US for this annual walk, or sponsor another walker.

Walker Encouragement

Every walker will get a local CROP T shirt

\$100+ Receive a special CROP Tote Bag

Recruiters receive a brightly colored local CROP shirt

Collecting Funds: Turn in to recruiter, turn in the day of the event. After the event, funds should be turned in to your recruiter who can then take them to Key Bank, State Street branch (@Erie). All checks should be made out “CWS/CROP”. For gift matching program information, contact the SICM office.

Materials/Questions/Resources

Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace, 12307 374-4114 (9-3)

Or at the SICM Office, 930 Albany Street, 12307 374-2683

www.cropwalk.org; email SICM: information@sicm.us

Recap of Council Minutes
From Tuesday, March 8, 2011
(submitted by Chris Powell)

The meeting opened. with prayer led by Pastor. Message: The Kingdom of God is within you. God's message is still alive to us, despite the "mess" in the world.

The minutes from the March Council meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report – Pastor had a one-hour meeting with Hillary Clinton, reflecting on Washington, DC activities. He will travel to Washington, DC May 16-19 for the annual Council of Churches leadership visit to Congressmen. Council members have received copies of *The Emerging Church* by Bruce Sanguin and Pastor will lead a discussion about it in June.

Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Old Business –

- The **job description** for the position of **Administrative Assistant** is being revised.
 - The annual **Crop Walk for Hunger** will be on Sunday, May 1. Rachel Mathis is the GLC coordinator.
 - An **ad for Grace Church** is being prepared for the Gazette Newspaper.
- The **CCN** first quarter appeal brought in \$213. The next appeal will be in June.

New Business –

- The contract with Boulevard Services (lawn/snow) has been signed. There were no changes. We, as a congregation, will take responsibility for ice safety. Details will be worked out in September.
 - Delegates are proposed for the **Upstate New York Synod Assembly on June 5, 6, and 7**. The Assembly will be held again in Rochester, NY.
 - A proposal to participate in the **Mohawk Lutheran Cluster** was discussed and approved. Seven area congregations will comprise the cluster. One major benefit will be the ability to share the cost of SundaysandSeasons.com, a valuable worship resource.
- A proposal from the **UNYS Global Mission Companion Synod/Twinning** Coordinator was reviewed. It suggests a relationship with a congregation in Zambia or Zimbabwe, Africa. We will indicate our interest but no commitment at this time.

Outreach –

- The team suggests high priority be given to **follow-up contact with visitors** to Grace and offered some possible options of follow-up.
 - Revamping the **Newsletter will need an "in-charge" person** to work with the Administrative Assistant.
 - The team continues to work on the **visibility of Grace in the community**.
 - A new line has been added to the **sign in front of the church noting our website address**.
- The team is working on a **Fall event—Saints of Grace**. Details to come.

Worship and Music –

Mark Your Calendars: Special Appeal on May 20 to Support the Community Crisis Network's Emergency Fund

The Community Crisis Network (CCN) was formed in 1999 as a collaborative effort of Bethesda House of Schenectady, Catholic Charities of Schenectady County, City Mission of Schenectady, the Jewish Community, Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc., and Schenectady Inner City Mission (SICM). Its mission is to provide the citizens of Schenectady County with immediate crisis intervention, comprehensive assessment, assistance in accessing appropriate community resources and other information as well as referrals to other needed services.

The CCN Emergency Fund is used to provide direct support to people in need when there is a gap in services and when no other resource exists. The Emergency Fund is supported by area congregations through donations that are sent to Catholic Charities and designated as being for the CCN. ALL of the funds donated are used to provide direct assistance to people in need. Grace Lutheran Church has supported the CCN Emergency Fund through special donations for the past decade. At the Annual Meeting on January 23, the congregation voted to pledge \$500 in support of the CCN Emergency Fund during 2011, to be raised through special quarterly appeals for donations. The first special appeal will take place on May 20 during Sunday morning worship.

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA PROJECT

Approximately 50 colorful sundresses will be shipped in the near future from Grace Church to the project coordination site in Wisconsin. Eight Grace members and friends made the dresses that were displayed in the Narthex on Easter Sunday. During worship that day, the dresses were blessed and a brief explanation was given about why these dresses are an important mission—some will go to the poor villages in Africa to clothe little girls, others will be sent throughout the world to clothe girls who wander in or near big cities and are subject to kidnapping and slavery—if they are well-dressed, they would be by-passed, as it appears that someone is taking care of them and looking out for them.

This project will be on-going at Grace. Dresses may be brought to church at any time. We hope to make another shipment in June. The pattern is very simple and can be made from cotton fabric yardage (5/8ths of a yard, or larger) or from new or gently used pillowcases. The link for three variations of the pattern is:

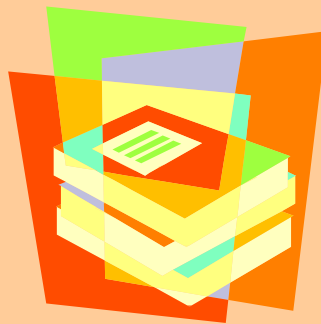
http://www.nancysnotions.com/text/pdf/LittleDressesforAfrica_pattern.pdf

See Chris Powell for more information.

Women's Study Group

LOVE and JOY & PEACE will be the focus of our next several sessions in our *Workbook on Virtues & the Fruit of the Spirit*.

Share in the discussion - Fridays at 1 pm at Cynthy Nimmer's home.



MAY 2011 MINI-NEWS *The Home Furnishings Program*

Needs of the month

Housewares: pot holders, dish towels, flatware and utensils
Small appliances: toasters, irons, coffee makers, small microwave ovens
Queen sheets, lightweight blankets

Please note:

Because we are benefiting from donations via the Regional Food Bank and because we are short on truck-run volunteers, the only donations we are accepting at this time are: beds, dressers, and housewares.

Please help if you are able.

We apologize if we cannot get to you promptly.
We thank you for thinking of us and our clients who are in need.
We welcome those who can arrange to drop donations off at our warehouse.
Call 346-2444 or email homefurninc@aol.com

Program Coordinators: Jamie Doriguzzi and Michelle Miller
Website: schenectadyhomefurnishings.org

Summer Enrichment Program

Submitted by Bob Powell

One of the Kiddie Car Nursery School teachers, Jan Cioffi, requested permission to rent the “blue” nursery room from Grace from June 15 to September 1 to run a Summer Enrichment Program. Jan has been running this program, with success, out of her home for the last few years and is now looking into other options in hopes that her program will grow. Longer term she is considering an after school enrichment program that would run concurrent with the school year. Jan has now signed a standard “Building Use Agreement” for her program and the use of the Grace facilities.

Summer school recess is a period when pre-school to fifth grade age children tend to forget what they have learned at school during the past year. This program is designed to help students to keep on learning and reinforces skills they already have learned. The program focus is on three areas:

- Science Art: Making art materials. Learning what works and what doesn't.
- Storybook Art: Learning how to read a story visually and with words.

Art Classes: A linking program that ties all the elements together.

The tentative schedule for classes is as follows:

Summer I (June 27 - July 14)

Monday & Wednesday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Science Art
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 - 11:00 am	Storybook Art
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Storybook Art

Summer II (July 18 - August 4)

Monday & Wednesday	1:00 - 3:00pm	Storybook Art
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 - 11:00am	Science Art
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Science Art

This program offers “open enrollment”. Members of Grace with children in the program's age group and children in families that are friends of Grace Members are all invited to participate. There is a tuition fee.

“Letters Save Lives” – Please Join us on May 1 for an Offering of Letters

“Letters save lives” – that was one of the key messages the Rev. Art Simon, who founded Bread for the World in 1974, shared during his recent visit to Emmanuel Friedens Church which was attended by Mary Gray, Christian Hogrefe and Pastor Hahn. This statement refers to one of the cornerstones of Bread for the World’s advocacy efforts on behalf of poor and hungry people both in our country and abroad – the annual Offering of Letters. Rev. Simon described how over the years, these letters, written by people of faith to their members of Congress, have affected policy changes reducing hunger at home and abroad. The goal of the Offering of Letters was straightforward since its inception in the mid-1970s: use the power of many voices to press elected leaders for solutions on hunger and poverty issues. During his visit, the Rev. Simon recalled some of his favorite moments over the past 37 years. In 1984, even in the midst of a downward trend in U.S. overseas assistance, Congress established a \$25 million Child Survival Fund, thanks to Bread’s Offering of Letters campaign. And at the turn of the millennium, Bread members persuaded Congress to act to reduce the unsustainable burden of debt of many poor countries, as we “proclaimed Jubilee.” In the end, 20 donor countries, along with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, forgave debts of \$69 billion, giving poor countries almost \$4 billion each year for additional anti-poverty initiatives.

Grace Lutheran Church has supported Bread for the World’s efforts over many years. In addition to being a Bread for the World Covenant Congregation, the main manifestation of this support has been our steady commitment to participate in the annual Offering of Letters. This year’s Offering of Letters is aimed at pushing Congress and the administration toward U.S. foreign assistance that is more effective in reducing global poverty. We will initiate the writing of letters for the Offering of Letters during coffee hour following worship on May 1, and we will collect all the letters and present them as an offering during worship on May 8 before mailing them to our members of Congress. Please plan on joining this important event – these letters really have made a difference over the years, and in this time of strained budgets everywhere, it is more important than ever that we speak out on behalf of those most in need to make sure their voices are heard. As the Rev. Simon put it in one of his books, “My experience is one I have heard Bread members from all over the world express again and again: ‘God laid the suffering of hungry people on my heart and called me to do something about it.’”

Pray, Fast, Take Action

by
Merle Longwood

Early in April, the Social Ministry Committee called upon the members of Grace Church to join us in a month-long campaign of prayer, fasting, and action to show our solidarity with the poorest people in the U.S. and around the world whose lives would suffer from severe budget cuts being proposed by Congress. Throughout the month, Pastor Dan posted a link on the “Midweek Messenger” to the site at which congregation members could obtain more information and sign up to participate in this campaign. We were joining Sojourners, Bread for the World, ONE, American Jewish World Service, Meals on Wheels, Islamic Relief, The Alliance to End Hunger, the UN World Food Program, Feeding America, and many others in this action. We read the book of Esther as an example of fasting, prayer, and petitioning of political powers to change unjust actions that were being contemplated by government. We agreed that what Congress was proposing was an assault on the people whom God specifically tells us we are to protect, and whose well-being is the Bible’s moral test of a nation’s righteousness.

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I responded to this call by abstaining from one or two meals each Monday during April, and I took extra time to pray and take action—sending emails and making telephone calls to Senators Gillebrand and Schumer and Representative Tonko, urging them to do what they could to create a more moral budget. Mark Bittman, who wrote the Minimalist column in the Dining section of the *New York Times* for more than 13 years, wrote a column, “Why We’re Fasting,” to which Pastor Dan also posted a link in the “Midweek Messenger.” Bittman singled out David Beckman, president of Bread for the World, whom he described as “a reverend who is this year’s World Food Prize Laureate,” for special praise. Bittman said he would be fasting that week for 5 days and that Beckman would be fasting for 7 days, joining what was then estimated as 4,000 people in this action. The purpose of the fast was to focus on those who go without adequate food, health care, or education on a daily basis, praying that the fast would help us prioritize our lives and budgets differently.

Altogether, more than 36,000 people participated in the fast, including a number of secular organizations in addition to the Christian groups that had initiated the effort. Twenty-eight members of Congress joined the fast, and this work was referenced constantly on the House floor. But finally—unlike the usually successful efforts of Bread for the World which Grace Church supports in regular offerings of letters to our senators and representatives in support of by-partisan policies to aid the hungry, as described in the article, “Letters Save Lives,” by Christian Hogrefe in this newsletter—our efforts were unsuccessful. The budget approved in Congress prioritized the needs of the rich at the expense of the most vulnerable. But as we turn our attention now to the 2012 fiscal year we will continue to push for a moral budget, and those joining this effort include many groups of Christians beyond Sojourners and Bread for the World, such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Salvation Army, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the National Council of Churches. Jim Wallis, founder and editor of Sojourners, ended his fast—in which he only drank liquids for almost four weeks—at the Easter weekend. He reminded us that millions of people have heard the message that a budget is a moral document, and he believes that politicians have begun to feel the pressure from people of faith communities who do not want our country to balance the budget on the backs of the poor.

President Obama set the right tone in his recent statement: “In the last decade, the average income of the bottom 90 percent of all working Americans actually declined. Meanwhile, the top 1 percent saw their income rise by an average of more than a quarter of a million dollars each. That’s who needs to pay less taxes? They want to give people like me a \$200,000 tax cut that’s paid for by asking 33 seniors each to pay \$6,000 more in health costs. That’s not right. And it’s not going to happen as long as I’m president.” In his opening statement in the 4th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says he has come to bring “good news to the poor.” Let us follow him as we try to bring good news to the poorest among us.

Book Club to meet Monday, May 16, 2011
At Chris Powell's

We will read "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett:

Be prepared to meet three unforgettable women:

Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone.

Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken.

Minnie, Aibileen's best friend, is short, fat, and perhaps the sassiest woman in Mississippi. She can cook like nobody's business, but she can't mind her tongue, so she's lost yet another job. Minny finally finds a position working for someone too new to town to know her reputation. But her new boss has secrets of her own.

Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed.

In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women—mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends—view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

Grace Endowment Fund
Submitted by Glenn Gerber

The status of Grace’s Endowment Fund is reviewed at the end of every quarter. The original investment value of the Fund is \$ 263,000. A summary of the Fund’s current investments and their value as of March 31, 2011 is presented below:

Vanguard Index Funds (6)	\$ 216,631.
Bonds (3)	43,160.
Bond Mutual Funds (2)	49,586.
Money Market	<u>2,132.</u>
Total 03/31/11 Value	\$ 311,509.

The Fund’s value increased by \$ 13,422 (~ 4.5%) during the 1st quarter of 2011 making its current value \$ 48,509 above the principal value of \$ 263,000. Thus far 2011 has been a good year for the Fund. As stated at the January 2011 annual congregational meeting is considering a 2011 Ministry distribution of ~\$ 5,000. Currently it is also expected that ~\$ 2,000 in Facility distribution will be required during 2001 for furnace and heating system repairs in June.

Financial Report
Submitted by Glenn Gerber

Grace 2011 income and expenses against goals:

<u>Overall Budget</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Projections</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>Differences</u>
Income	\$ 5,808.	\$ 109,160.	\$ 26,314.	\$ 24,327.	-\$ 1,987
Expenses	\$ 10,840	\$ 148,543.	\$ 38,962.	\$ 33,659.	- \$ 5,303
	Difference	- \$ 39,383.	-\$12,648.	- \$ 9,332.	\$ 3,316.
Envelope					
Giving (Included in above total Income amount)					
	\$ 5,052	\$ 98,000.	\$ 23,624.	\$ 21,984.	-\$ 1,640.

Overall budget income and envelope income for March 2011 were a little less than expected resulting in a shortfall relative to expected by about \$ 1,600 to \$ 2,000.

Budget expenses for March 2011 were as expected.

The Financial Team works diligently to manage expenses against income. Keeping your envelope giving current will enable Grace to meet its financial commitments.

May 2011

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 – 2 <u>Easter</u> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service – Holy Communion <i>SICM Emergency Food Donation</i>	2 6:00 PM – First Monday Pot Luck 8 PM – AA Meeting	3	4 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5 7-8:30 PM – Depression & BiPolar Group	6 1:00 PM Women’s Study Group 8 PM AA Meeting	7
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