

# Grace United Methodist Church

July 4, 2010

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## The Grace Place

### WELCOME PASTOR BRENDA

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ! It is a privilege and a joy to be in ministry with each of you at Grace UMC. My husband, Keith and I and our daughter, Adrianna have moved into a townhouse on Rt. 17. Keith and I will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 19. Besides, Adrianna, we have two other adult children: Zachary and Antonia.



### Pastor Brenda Pusso

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We began our journey with the United Methodist Church at Peace UMC just off Route 3. It was in a Disciple Bible Study that I first heard God's call into ministry. We were called out of Peace to help Pastor Keith birth and nurture Wilderness Community Church in the Wilderness area of Rt. 3; where I was on staff as Director of Lay Ministry.

At Wilderness, I answered the call to begin seminary at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

I graduated Asbury in 2007 with a Master of Divinity and am a provisional elder in the VA Conference of the United Methodist Church. I serve as president of the Ashland District board of missions and I am on the board of the Evangelical Fellowship of Virginia.

My family and I are humbled at God's love and grace for all of God's people, and passionate about sharing the Good News with those who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior. We are excited to join the Grace family in ministry and eagerly anticipate how God will use us as a team in advancing the kingdom of God!

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Abundant Grace,  
Pastor Brenda w/Rising Hope

### This week at Grace UMC

|               |          |                                 |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 7/4 Sunday    | 8:45 am  | Early Worship Service           |
|               | 9:45 am  | Sunday School                   |
|               | 11:00 am | Traditional Worship Service     |
|               | 12:30 pm | Pastor Brenda Welcome Reception |
| 7/6 Tuesday   | 6:30 pm  | Handbell Choir Practice         |
| 7/7 Wednesday | 7:30 pm  | Sanctuary Choir Practice        |
| 7/8 Thursday  | 6:00 pm  | Praise Band Practice            |
| 7/10 Saturday |          | Tennessee Mission trip leaves   |
|               | 8:00 am  | Community Breakfast             |
|               | 9:00 am  | United Methodist Men            |

### Next week at Grace UMC

|                |          |                             |
|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 7/11 Sunday    | 8:45 am  | Early Worship Service       |
|                | 9:45 am  | Sunday School               |
|                | 11:00 am | Traditional Worship Service |
| 7/13 Tuesday   | 6:30 pm  | Handbell Choir Practice     |
| 7/14 Wednesday | 7:30 pm  | Sanctuary Choir Practice    |
| 7/15 Thursday  | 6:00 pm  | Praise Band Practice        |

*The mission of Grace United Methodist Church is to seek the lost and weary,  
offer Jesus Christ and nurture all to be loving, faithful and serving disciples.*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Ministry Opportunities

If you would like to help with one of these ministries, please sign up on the clipboard above the copy machine in the annex.

## July 4

**Liturgist:** David Whitesell  
**Acolytes:** Clee Whitesell  
Need volunteer please  
**Nursery:** Carol Gaudio  
**(Infant to K)** Need volunteer please  
**Jr. Church:** No Junior Church  
**(K-3rd)** Summer break  
**Ushers:** Paul Storie  
Pam Maas  
**Counters:** Need volunteer please  
Liz O'Sullivan

## July 11

**Liturgist:** Shayne Havener

## DID YOU KNOW?

...that every week at Grace UMC when we tithe, some money is given to the general fund and some money is given for the building fund. These are separate banking accounts. Due to counting, accounting and audit reasons we have been asked to write separate checks for our weekly offering and the offering for the building fund. If it is for the building fund, please write it on the memo line otherwise it will go to the general fund. On Communion Sunday when money is left at the rail, it is given to the Pastor's Fund which is a discretionary fund used by the pastor for those in need.

...that Grace UMC serves at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter? Sign up to be part of this ministry in the narthex (entrance) of the church. The dates for the Homeless Shelter Mission are July 16, Aug. 16 and September 2. Everyone is welcome to join this ministry. You have to be 13 years and older to serve and 16 years and older to cook.

...that if you need to reserve a room or space at Grace UMC, please complete the form (kept on the bulletin board outside the office in the annex) and turn it into the Grace Admin Assistant. After availability is confirmed by Bill Swarens who manages the calendar and facility reservations, you will be contacted of approval. You can also contact Bill [william.swarens@usmc.mil](mailto:william.swarens@usmc.mil) or [wgswarens@aol.com](mailto:wgswarens@aol.com)

..please remember, following Safe Sanctuaries guidelines, you have to be 18 years or older to be one of the two volunteer in the nursery. Youth can help but only adults should sign up on the volunteer sheet.

Grace UMC Administrative Assistant Susan Fawcett  
Office hours M-W-F 9:00am-2:00pm  
The Administrative Assistant email is  
[graceumcadmin@gmail.com](mailto:graceumcadmin@gmail.com)

**Jr. Church:** No Junior Church  
**(K-3rd)** Summer break  
**Ushers:** Jim O'Leary  
Helen O'Leary

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO TENNESSEE**

The mission trip to Nashville is scheduled for July 10th through July 17. The cost is \$150. We now have six individuals committed to going; Larry Goldsmith, Tommy, Shirley, Jean and Kevin Ryder and Daniel Hulburt. Come and join us, we always receive more than we give. Youth please think about this trip and gain a whole new experience in you faith journey. If you cannot go, please include the team in your prayers as they adventure out to do God's work. Any questions, please see Larry Goldsmith at (540)752-5257 or larryfarmer1@wmconnect or Sharon Pardue at (540) 752-9797 or spardue@industriallighting.com  
Come and see them off on July 10th!

## **HELPING HANDS MISSION TRIP**

We are looking for donated items this week for the Helping Hands Mission Trip that Taylor Grimsley, Sean Hulburt, Robbie Smith, Janet Grimsley and Jean Ryder are attending. To donate please contact Jean or Janet before Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Items will be taken to the Helping Hands, a Virginia Conference-sponsored mission event, a two-day experience for rising fourth- through sixth-graders. The dates are July 8-9 at Main Street UMC in Waynesboro, VA. Participants will learn about mission opportunities and the importance of being a caring Christian. Items to donate for mission sites:

Ping Pong balls

Ping Pong paddles

Board Games

Health Kit Items:

Hand towels/washcloths/combs/metal nail file or fingernail clippers/bars of soap  
toothbrushes/band aids

Backpack Items:

Pencils/safety scissors, colored pencils, glue sticks, #2 pencils, Elmer's glue, Composition (marble)  
notebooks, spiral notebooks, boxes of 24 crayons, highlighters, rulers

Non-perishable and canned food items

Windex/Paper towels (To help with washing windows)

Paper clips, tape, ink pens, dry-erase markers

Boxes of tissues

Rolls of paper towels

Quart-size canning jars

Book bags (no rolling book bags)

## ALL GOD'S CHILDREN MINISTRY

All God's Children Camp is at Westview on the James is August 15-20. This summer children of incarcerated mothers will come together for a week-long adventure at camp where they will swim, fish, hike, sing, roast marshmallows, learn how much God loves and cares about them, and discover that they are not the only ones with an incarcerated mother. This is an opportunity for individuals and groups for mission and ministry to these children.

Please contact Rev. Sandra Stanley, onsite director at 804 240-8772 or 804 798-7224

Mentors are needed for these children!

If you can extend God's grace and hospitality, please consider these opportunities;

- 1) Help set up hogans and welcome mentors and campers on Sunday
- 2) Lead an evening of games and activities
- 3) Bring a special treat – watermelon or ice cream for one evening
- 4) Assist with a new and special opportunity of Wednesday evening at 7 – the campers will be making prayer blankets that will be sent to Haiti (donations of fleece 42"X56" is needed) so persons with fabric scissors to assist with making these no-sew prayer blankets are needed
- 5) Rest time activity leaders each day (many of the campers are not interested in rest time but mentors may need it) so right after lunch persons can involve campers in board games, puzzles or basketball or crafts
- 6) Persons interested in packing school back packs prior to the end of camp

**The United Methodist Men will have their famous**

# BBQ Chicken Dinner



**Saturday July 24**

**4:00-7:00 pm**

**\$8 at the door where you can eat in or carry out**

Menu will include; a chicken quarter, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, dessert and drinks.

**TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!**

This is a fundraiser to help support the UMM ministries please call Shayne Havener 752-7558 if you can help.

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

School has ended & summer is officially here, it is that time of year again where we give our Sunday School Teacher's & Jr. Church a summer break to re-energize over the summer. The Pre-K/K & High School class will continue with Angia & Chris. They will need help throughout the summer. We will have a sign-up sheet again for a combined 1st-5th SS grade class that require two adults in attendance or there will be no class. If our children's parents sign-up once or twice for this class, the summer session would be covered. Please verify that the class is in session with an adult before dropping your child/ren off.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Galactic Blast : a cosmic experience praising God is coming our way!  
Vacation Bible School is the week of July 19-23. Adult & youth help is needed for the success of both VBS and the UMM BBQ on Saturday July 24. Please see Krista Watson for VBS, she needs adults and youth to run the games and the Bible stories. We also need group leaders to escort the kids. See Shayne Havener to help with the BBQ.



## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Brothers and Sisters (mostly brothers) we need your help with the Firewood Ministry. We are asking if someone could lead or coordinate this Ministry. Prayfully consider this request. Please contact Larry Goldsmith 540-752-5257 or [larryfarmerl@wmconnect.com](mailto:larryfarmerl@wmconnect.com)

We also need someone to oversee the garden behind the annex. The seed was planted, the earth turned over and the fruits of labor are starting to be apparent. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Ben Unruh 540-809-8296 or [bunruhly@msn.com](mailto:bunruhly@msn.com).

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

†July 19-23. Grace UMC Vacation Bible School

†Saturday July 24. UMM BBQ

# Prayer List

Sue Adcock, Uncle Bill Arrington, Gloria Ashmore, Millie Bailey, Terry Bailey, Debbie Beale, Carol Bennett, Barbara Berry, Tracie Bowers, John "Bud" Buddemeyer, Shawn Buddemeyer, Huong Bui, Matthew Campeau, Millicent Chernich, Laura Chiasson, Debra Clark, Mike Clark, Nancy Collett, Bill Dews, Marjory Dews, James Embrey, Eleanor Fletcher, Megan Fletcher, Virginia Friel, Bonnie Goldsmith, Frances Graw, Gerard Hipchen, Karen Holmes, Sue Hutchinsen, Robin Jones, Janet McCaslin, Pete McKennan, Pam Maas, Marge Mardis, Eddie Morton, Martha Moore, Marc O'Donnell, Joe O'Sullivan, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Ben Oliver, Johnny Oliver, Mary Oliver, Grover Robertson, Zulma Santos, Bernard & Edith Spragins, Bill Taylor, Crystal Taylor, Tina Taylor, Joyce Ann (Joey) Thornton, Steve Tinkle, Wanda Truslow, Marie Wolfgang

*Our U.S. Service Members Home and Abroad*

*Those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.*

*Please pray for our Grace UMC building process.*

*Please pray for our new Pastor Brenda Pusso and our transition time.*

## WELCOME COFFEE

Please join everyone in welcoming Pastor Brends Pusso, her husband Keith and family to the Grace UMC family today after church.

Pastor Brenda would like to arrange a few *Meet and Greet the Pastor* gatherings in various church families homes to come and just sit and talk with her and Keith so we can get to know one another better. If you would like to open your home for a few hours for one of these gatherings, please contact Sharon Pardue, PPR Chair at 752-9797 or email her to arrange the gatherings at

[SPardue@industrialighting.com](mailto:SPardue@industrialighting.com)

## PASTOR BRENDA'S UPCOMING MESSAGES

**Learning from the Master** series July 4 – August 22, 2010

During these eight weeks, we'll study the teaching of Jesus recorded in the gospel of Luke. Jesus' words to his disciples that walked with him on earth are just as relevant and vital to each of us, his disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| July 4    | "Road Trip"                         | Luke 10: 1-11;16 – 20 |
| July 11   | "Do Likewise"                       | Luke 10:25 – 37       |
| July 18   | "Distractions"                      | Luke 10:38 – 42       |
| July 25   | "The Lord's Prayer"                 | Luke 11: 1 – 13       |
| August 1  | "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" | Luke 12: 13 – 21      |
| August 8  | "All Along the Watchtower"          | Luke 12: 32 – 40      |
| August 15 | "Eyes on the Prize"                 | Luke 12: 49- 56       |
| August 22 | "Amazin' Grace"                     | Luke 13" 10 - 17      |