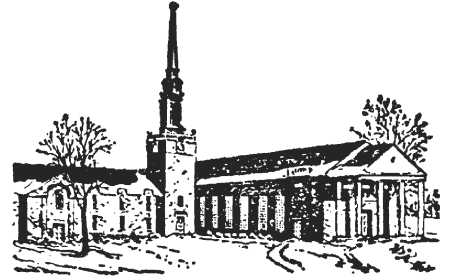


# Grace Notes

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### Some “JOYS of JUNE” at GRACE

Every Sunday: 8:30 AM Early Worship 10 AM Principal Worship Celebration

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day**

*This will be Dr. Brannan's last regular celebration of Communion at Grace.*

*A special teaching and celebratory time with the Church School and all God's children*

*“I Have Eagerly Desired to Eat with You” – Dr. Emora Brannan*

*Acts 1:1-11 - extinguishing of the Paschal Candle Luke 22:7-29*

**You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Reception  
honoring Rev. Patti Fenske following the service**



#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12 - The Day of Pentecost The Sacramental Rite of Confirmation**

*The members of the Confirmation Class and their Mentors*

*Olivia Birkel - Walt Greenhouse*

*Willendy Alcenat - Claire Greenhouse*

*Ben Holt - Linda English*

*Jackson Davis - Burt English*

*Josh Smith - David Beachler*

*Ray Howington - Janet Ander*

*Kendall Hayes - Lisa Greenhouse*

**Charge to the Confirmands and Congregation – Dr. Brannan**

*“Seven is the Perfect Number”*

**Reception honoring our newest members following the service**

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 19 - First Sunday after Pentecost**

*“Created, Saved, and Accompanied” - Rev. Nancy Webb*

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 II Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20*

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - Second Sunday after Pentecost RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR DR. BRANNAN**

*“Ave et Vale – Whither and Whence?” - Dr. Brannan*

*Proverbs 31:10-31 II Corinthians 4:1-10, 13-15 John 20:21-23*

**Members and guests are cordially invited to a  
Reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Brannan  
in Fellowship Hall following the service**



## The official policy for a departing pastor

Dear Christian Friends – Members of Grace Church,

During my 46 years of ministry it has been my high privilege of serving for many years on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, including being its Chairperson and the Chair of the Committee on Conference Relations. During that time, we debated and eventually formulated policies regarding transitions in pastorates which were recommended to the appropriate sessions of the Annual Conference and adopted. Accordingly, I now share with you the applicable sections of the Procedures and Policies of the Conference.

### ¶2412 Returning to a Previous Appointment.--

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

Several weeks prior to concluding a pastoral appointment, a pastor shall inform all members of the church of this policy by printing sections 1 and 2 verbatim in either a pastoral letter to be sent to each member or a church newsletter to be sent to each member and encourage them to support the policy by their prayers and actions.

It has always been my personal practice to adhere to both the spirit and the letter of this policy—even before it was in written form. As difficult as it may sometimes seem, I know you will support me in this professional behavior and uphold both me and your present pastor by both your prayers and your actions.

Faithfully yours,

The Reverend Emora T. Brannan, Ph.D.



We welcome **Chris Gause** as the newest member of our custodial staff. The results of his efforts and his friendly personality have already made their mark! Happy to have you aboard.

### *New parament storage arrives*

Thanks to the efforts of the Trustees, Worship Council, Altar Guild and Grace member and interior designer John G. Ford, a new custom chest to store our



sets of altar paraments was designed and has been installed in the Tower Room. Sue Wilkerson and Debbie English wasted no time in putting these valuable altar cloths onto the rollers, eliminating creasing and hopefully extending their use.

Our 13th annual  
**FRENCH ORGAN  
 MUSIC MARATHON**  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 5



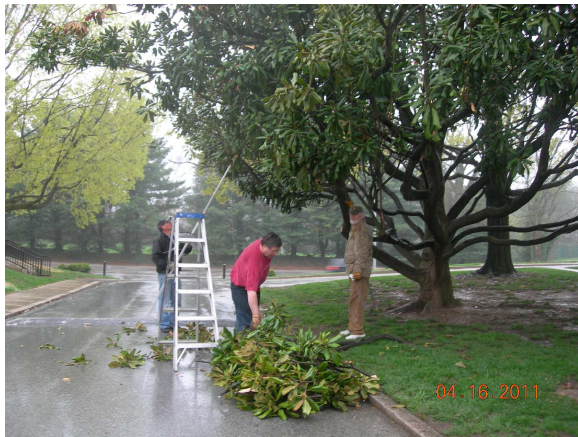
2:00 Marvin Mills  
 2:20 Donald Sutherland  
 2:40 Michael Britt  
 3:05 Samuel Springer  
 3:25 Richard Fitzgerald  
 3:45 William Wisnom

4:10 Song Yi Park  
 4:30 Paul Carroll  
 4:50 Victor Fields  
 5:25 Paul Binko  
 5:55 Jung Yeon Kim  
 6:15 Chris Schroeder

*performing selections from the wonderful French repertoire*

No admission charge - free will offering

Come when you can, leave when you must!



## Clean Up Day #1 and #2

Many thanks to the volunteers who braved torrential rains on April 16 to help clean up Grace Church, inside and out: Amanda, Annette, David and Lynn Beachler; Amy, Nancy and Alan Seitz; Barbara bond, Wendy Iglehart, Biz Shaner, Jean Smith, Bob McIntire, Glenn Simmons, Emora and Nancy Brannan, Mike Madsen, and Burt and Linda English.

We'll be having another Clean-Up Day on May 28 (the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend) to finish what the rain would not let us complete. We'll again be working from 9 AM until whenever and have drinks and lunch stuff. Please come. It's sure to be a gorgeous day.



## Flowers for Fathers

to support Youth Projects



The Youth -- our future and the future of Grace Church!  
 Support their many activities!

**Remember your Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle and special friends while also supporting our youth**

I/We wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ flower(s) (\$2.00 each) to be placed on the altar Father's Day, June 19, 2011 in support of Youth activities.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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***All orders must be placed by Friday, June 10***



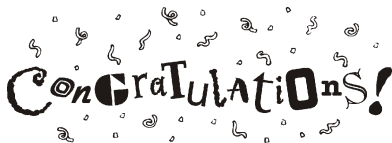
## Happy Birthday

to those of our church family celebrating in June:

- 1 Ashby Heath
- 2 Erica Underland
- 3 Duncan Barnes, Holland Barnes, Bob Gayler,

James Thorne

- 4 Hope Davis, Brooke Smith
- 5 Victoria Evans, Tom Gordon, Laura Headley
- 6 Jackson Davis, Kendall Hooper, Drew Landgren
- 7 Anna Mae Frederick
- 8 Annette Beachler, Christen Bradley, Kimberly Devine
- 9 Lynne A'Hern, Melinda George
- 10 Mamie Brundige, Helen Keyes, John Thorne
- 11 Catharine Saylor, Carl E. Young
- 12 Genevieve Schuh
- 13 Jeanne Achuff, David Guth, Jr., Grace Hayes, Herbert Smith, James Topper
- 14 Lorraine K. Foley, Richard Hall, Thomas Lynn, Charlotte Moore, Norma Plutshack
- 15 Kitty Allen, Leah Benfer, Michael Colvin
- 19 Rebecca Costello, Susan Hennighausen, James A. Pflaum, Lyle Schill, Susan Shattuck, Chelsea White
- 21 Joyce McKissick, Kwesi Turkson, Carl Weber, Kathryn Winship
- 22 Julia Davis, Susan Schumacher
- 23 Suzanne Brawley, Chelsea Doak, Peggy Rice
- 24 Emma Draper, Maureen McGill
- 25 Jim White
- 26 Vince Craig, Raymond Faby, Diane Weber, Lois Wellener
- 27 E. Barrick Green, Corey Schmidt
- 28 Spencer Kelly, Sharon King, Thomas L. Moore
- 29 Judson Arnold, Sarah Guth, John Keenan, Richard E. Page
- 30 Robert Murray, Max Wischhusen



to **ERIN REDLINE** who was named a Dundalk Chamber of Commerce 2011 Outstanding Teacher. Erin is a special education resource teacher at Sandy Plains Elementary School. Principal Harry Walker noted "Erin has a gift for building meaningful relationships with parents and their children. Her love for her students is evident as soon as you enter her classroom. Her joy for life and for learning are contagious." We are proud of you, Erin, and wish you continued success.

## Why Grace?

by Cynthia King



Moving to a large city alone can be scary and exciting at the same time. One of the biggest decisions I needed to make was finding a church. The church that I choose would need to have a comprehensive music department. At my previous church I was active in worship and bell choirs. Additional characteristics I was seeking were I wanted

the church to feel warm and welcoming.

In the months of learning my way around Baltimore, I would try to navigate without my GPS in order to orient myself. I would often find myself hopelessly lost and have to resort to my GPS for guidance. It seemed my GPS only knew routes that drove by Grace United Methodist Church. I would pass the church on average 2 to 3 times a week. I had been visiting churches in closer proximity to home each Sunday, but they never "felt right." I thought to myself, "someone" wants me to visit Grace.

I went to the church website and saw that the church had handbells and a choir. My interest was heightened, yet, what won me over was the wonderful music and people I encountered when I visited. As I was listening to the special choir performance, I remember thinking, "OK God, I hear you now." Everyone from the greeter to my personal meeting with Pastor Nancy Webb made me feel accepted, and I had finally found a home. By the end of the week Bruce Eicher and John Kessell had been in contact, fulfilling my musical needs. I am still new and I look forward to meeting new people and growing with Grace.

*ED NOTE: Cindy King is the newest member of our Grace Church family, having joined on Sunday, April 17. She is already a member of the Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir. Be sure to say "hello"!*

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him to a vacant pump. "Reverend, I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



## Helping Corey Schmidt Bring Grace to Africa

At our last meeting, the Mission Outreach Council elected to support Light in Africa, a Christian orphanage in Tanzania that cares for sick, abandoned, and handicapped children on behalf of member Corey Schmidt who will be volunteering at the orphanage for the second year in a row this summer. Corey's goal is to raise at least \$1,500 for Light in Africa. Grace Church will provide an initial grant of \$750 and will match any funds Corey raises up to an additional \$750. All funds will go directly to programs at the orphanage.

Light in Africa is located just outside of Moshi, Tanzania in east Africa and offers housing, meals, medical assistance, disability outreach, schooling, vocational training, and additional services to hundreds of orphans, many of whom have physical and mental disabilities. In 2010 there were estimated to be 2.5 million orphans in Tanzania and of that total, 1.1 million were affected by AIDS.

Corey notes that Light in Africa came highly recommended from several references that were knowledgeable and experienced with orphanages in the region. Last summer he lived in a two person tent set up on the main site of the orphanage and helped with construction around the site, as well as outdoor painting and other manual labor jobs. He also spent a great deal of time with the kids. Corey was able to manage the funds he brought to the orphanage and ensure that they were put towards plans and projects that would best benefit the children and the organization.

He says, "Having spent time with so many children in need, my personal objective is to continue to support the work of Light in Africa and the orphans."

Light in Africa was established by Mama Lynn Elliott from the United Kingdom in 2000 and it meets basic fundamental needs children in its care. On the Light in African website, Mama Lynn notes that the orphanage "gives children many opportunities for a quality education or vocational training and nurtures them in love and a sense of belonging in Light in Africa's big family and an awareness of the bountiful love of God."

In addition to providing for the orphans, the organization helps hundreds of people every year by working to break down barriers in the community and helping to educate the local tribes with basic healthcare and self sustaining projects. Light in Africa is a registered Non Governmental Organization in Tanzania and more information is available at [www.lightinafrica.org](http://www.lightinafrica.org).

God bless Corey as he travels to Tanzania to do this important work.



### Within the Family at Grace

#### BIRTH

Elizabeth Auten Madsen  
daughter of Amy and Michael Madsen  
May 9, 2011

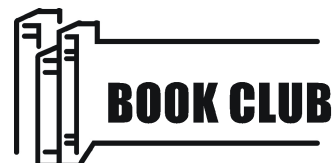
#### BAPTISM

John Roedel Hardham  
May 8, 2011

#### DEATHS

Marian MacDonald (Mrs. Karl M.) Graf  
April 21, 2011

Rev. Eric Gustav Peacher  
April 23, 2011



The Grace Book Club has selected its books for the summer months' reading, inviting all interested in then discussing them to join them on the following Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

June 6: *Half Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls  
July 11: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Versghese  
August 1: *The Knitting Circle* by Ann Hood.

### Special Gifts

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gifts to the Endowment Fund in loving memory of:

Marian Graf by  
Kitty Allen  
Rev. Eric G. Peacher by  
Kitty Allen

# Congratulations Graduates



**Judson Arnold** received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He will be clerking for Judge Silkworth in Annapolis.

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**Erin Drummond** is graduating from St. Elizabeth School, earning a Certificate of Completion. Later this summer she will enter the vocational day program at the Benedictine Center in Ridgely, MD.

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*If you or someone you know from Grace is graduating this year, please let us know so that we can acknowledge this accomplishment and wish them well.*

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my sincere "thank you" for the many expressions of sympathy to me, and my family, after the death of my husband, Rev. Eric Peacher on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

To everyone who visited with us at Ruck's, attended the service of celebration of Eric's life held at Towson UMC, or sent a note or card, we are very thankful.

It was wonderful to have Bruce Eicher at the organ to accompany Alice Mack at Eric's service. The music was beautiful for Eric, one last time. So many people have commented on the selection of hymns and the beautiful solos by Alice. My request for Bruce to play "Rondo" at the conclusion of the service was very fitting for Eric.

As was mentioned to me so many times, Eric was a kind, gentle and humble man, who loved people and his ministry. He really enjoyed the 22 years that he spent at Grace, as the Associate Minister. They were very good years for us, and our children, Cheryl and Glenn.

He also loved his family very much, and is missed by all of us, more than words can express.

Sincerely,  
Bernice Peacher

## Progressive Dinner - June 18

All are invited to the Crossroads Club's annual Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 18. The event will begin at 5:00 PM when we meet at Kelly and Steve Painter's home, 6408 Cloister Gate Drive, 21212, for hors d'oeuvres. The main course will follow at Wilma and Lee Starkey's, 919 Kingston Road, 21212. We will then go to the home of Carolyn and Don Benfer, 3 Leadburn Court, 21204 where we will have dessert.

This is an evening filled with delicious food and good fellowship, so be sure not to miss it. Call Carolyn Benfer, 410-337-6716, by Wednesday, June 15 to make your reservation and to indicate whether you are bringing a salad, vegetable or dessert.

## *It's Vacation Bible School time*

Grace United Methodist invites children from the ages of 3 through first grade (going into second) to get cookin' at SHAKE IT UP

CAFÉ: WHERE KIDS  
CARRY OUT GOD'S  
RECIPE Vacation Bible

School on June 20-24 from 9 to 12 noon. The recipe at our café includes heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts, food science, and great music.

To be a part of all the excitement at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ, contact Heather Grandsire, 410-377-7299 or [hlgrandsire@gmail.com](mailto:hlgrandsire@gmail.com).



## Help wanted for Summer Sundays

Two teachers each Sunday for the Cribbery - 3 year olds

Two teachers for the 4's through 4<sup>th</sup> grade group

All materials provided!

Call Ruth Ann Beachler, 410-252-8906 for details if you can serve one or more weeks this summer.

Also Lemonade servers for July and August

Contact the Church Office - 410-433-6650!

## *Frances says thank you!*

On May 15, Frances was due to complete "her amazing journey and the 140-mile bicycle ride from Ocean City was the least of it. Your support of Moveable Feast and of my 'Ride for the Feast' has been astounding. Your tremendous generosity has resulted in more than \$3,200 in donations to Moveable Feast . . . they were not at all surprised when I told them that I was a member of the Grace UMC family. They said this was once again a testament to the generous heart of our great Church and I wholeheartedly agree."

- Frances Northington

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Director, Youth Choir	Robert Cantrell
Director, Handbells of Grace Quartet	John Kessell
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	Steven James, tenor; Robert Cantrell, bass
	Andrew Trofatter, associate tenor
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