

SUNDAY'S COMING

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAY 29, 2011
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ONE SERVICE ONLY
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

9:30 am - Worship
10:30 am - Coffee Hour
5:00 pm - Harmonium



Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY - MAY 29, 2011

Ministers: The People of Grace

Pastor: Carol Petersen

Assisting Minister: - Rita Boe

Acolyte: 9:30 am - Christian Kildal-Brandt

Reader: 9:30 am - Susan Pilshaw

Ushers: 9:30 am - Ken Oberst, Scott Smullen
Ingrid and Steve Hughes

Altar Guild: Vivian Morrison &
Wendy Utberg

Nursery: Cox Family

Counters: Ralph Boe & Dan Kotovsky

Coffee Hour: Petersen-Smullen

Sunday School Snack:



"Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world."

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day



Tuesday, May 31, 2011

10:00 am - Quilting
12:15 pm - Bible Study
7:00 pm - Worship Team
8:00 pm - Bells

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

6:00 -pm - Jockey Hollow
Weavers in PH

Thursday, June 2, 2011

7:00 pm - Council Mtg.
Dinner meeting at Aoyama
7:30 pm - Choir

Friday, June 3, 2011

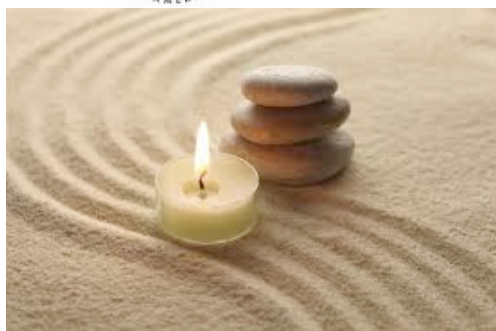
All Day - NJ Synod Assembly
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Saturday, June 4, 2011

All Day -NJ Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 5, 2011
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Two Service Schedule
9:30 am - Worship -
10:30 am - Coffee Hour
10:45 am - SCS & Adult Forum
5:00 pm - Harmonium



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR -

Lew and Mary Paul

Rob and Chrissy Paul and their
daughter Emily

Susan Pedersen and her
children Alex, Nic, and Olivia

WELCOME TO LIFE AT GRACE

June 12, 2011

10:45 AM

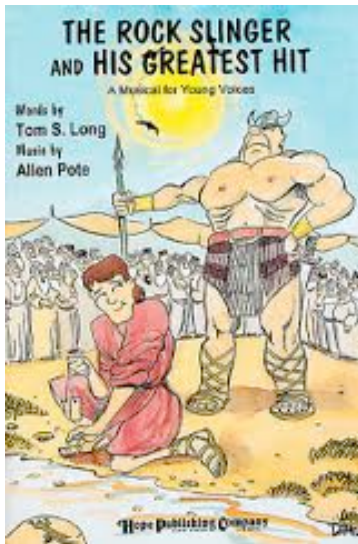
If you're relatively new to Grace and would like to learn a little bit more about our community, please join us on June 12th during the Adult Forum time. Our Council members will share with you a little bit about being Christian in a Lutheran tradition, our history here at Grace, and our priorities as a congregation and how you can influence our life together and be part of all that we share.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19th at 9:30 am.

COFFEE HOUR

If you are one who enjoys a good conversation after or before the Worship Service, you might also like to volunteer to set-up and clean-up the coffee service. Your commitment would only be once or twice per year. If this fits your time level commitment, I'd love to have you on my list as a volunteer! Please contact Jennifer Cinquegrano at jcinquegrano@yahoo.com.

GROWING IN OUR FAITH



KID'S MUSIC AND THEATER WEEK

ROCK SLINGER

**Saturday, June 18 & Monday thru
Sunday, June 20 -26, 2011 - 4-8pm**

**Registration - due buy May 20,
2011**

**Cost: \$80 covers materials,
meals, and t-shirt**

Please pick up forms at church

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study group will be starting a new study on Proverbs beginning Tuesday, 5/24. This is only a three week study, and would be a good opportunity to come and check it out! The group meets on Tuesdays from 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm and brings a bagged lunch. Please contact Margaret Erath if you're interested in ordering the materials. We look forward to seeing you there.

STARBUCKS MONDAY -
JUNE 6 & 13 At Starbucks in Chester.
Let's look at Marcus Borg's book
Speaking Christian and try defining
some long held terms.
We'll meet from 9 - 10:15 am
Hope you can join us.

Prayer Booklets
are available in the narthex at church.

Is prayer new for you?
Do you want some new ideas for your prayer life?
Need some prayers you can share with your children?

Please pick up one of these new resources.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
PROGRAM MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2011
FOLLOWING THE 9:30 am SERVICE
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

**OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2011.
WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE AT
9:30 AM FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS**

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

BAKERS WANTED

We're running low on our Friendship Bread that gets shared with visitors to Grace. Please help out! This is a wonderful family activity. It can be homemade or boxed. Please wrap in aluminum foil and put the ziploc bag. Please leave bread in the refrigerator freezer in the Parish Hall.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who participated in last week's Noisy Offering!
Your change is bringing change to our sister congregation in Newark and that community.

HOT AND HUNGRY IN HUNTERDON YOUTH SUMMER SERVANT PROJECT

July 24 - 27, 2011

Grades 8 - 12

Cost \$40.

We'll be staying in the Christian Education Building at Zion Lutheran in Oldwick, NJ

We'll work in the community helping the Good News Home for Women
Habitat for Humanity

Working at a Boys and Girls Camp and leading a music program for Matheny Hospital.

Put these dates on your calendar now!



INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Serving Morris County

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors."



INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH - MAY

Canned Vegetables

No peas please
preferably low salt

JUNE 5, 2011 DEDICATION OF QUILTS



JULY 18-22, 2012 - NEW ORLEANS, LA

**PRE- GATHERING SERVANT PROJECT -
JULY 14 -17 (Tentative dates)**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Lesson - Acts 17: 22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Second Lesson - 1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel - John 14: 15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."