



GRACE NOTES

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Hearing the Spirit's Call: Holy Listening

When he had finished speaking, Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into deeper water, and let down the nets for a catch." Luke 5:4

On July 11, fourteen members of Grace met with Pastor Paul Krampitz to practice Holy Listening and prepare for listening to the concerns of the community as part of the process of discerning God's calling for us in the years to come. In our devotions we looked at Jesus' first calling, as told in Mark 1:16-20 and Luke 5:1-11. We were inspired by the sense of immediacy in the stories, Jesus' challenge to push out into deeper waters, and the result that the load they caught was so great they called on their partners to help them.

We learned that Holy Listening begins with listening to one another and listening to the Holy Word, and embraces listening to

the community. We began with these questions:

- * What do you like about the community?
- * What are the needs and concerns of the community?
- * How do they affect you personally?

Now we are ready for next steps! Please consider prayerfully where you can partner in this adventure. How about joining our Steering Group to plan the exploration of our future in this community? We learned of several ways to begin our listening project. Can you help plan one of them? Would you enjoy participating and learning? Can you host a gathering? Would you like participate in a Bible

study that focuses on understanding our congregation's call to ministry? Could you facilitate one or two sessions? Would you like to do some research? Are you good at compiling data? Can you help plan some meetings with Asylum Hill residents and leaders? We will need community partners; do you have connections that we can build on? Would you like to be part of prayer group as we seek God's will for our future ministry?

A planning meeting has been planned for 6 p.m. Thursday evening at Grace, beginning with a lasagna supper. Please join us!

*Sue Carey and Gail Lindstrom
Co-chairs, Visioning Steering Group*

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Notice of Congregational Meeting, 11 a.m. Sunday, September 20, 2009

to consider the following Council proposal: That the Council engage the services of the ELCA Stewardship Key Leader program to help us conduct the Building Fund Campaign this fall for up to \$7,000, which would include a fee of \$4,500, plus \$1,000 - \$2,500 for travel and printing costs. Please see page 4 for details.

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A Note from Pastor

“Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God” Isaiah 35:4

“Then the lame shall leap like a deer”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of my favorite witnesses to faith was a remarkable woman who sang with us in our church choir in Portland, Oregon. Maxine was in her early forties, and had just got married, for the first time, to a wonderful man who was as fun-loving as she was. Also, she had had polio when she was nineteen and walked with a heavy brace on one leg.

How terrible that must have been! somebody remarked. Not really, she said. I had so much fun my first nineteen years, I was ok with this. Besides, she said, I was surrounded by incredible love and attention when it happened.

Here’s my favorite part of the story. Every three years that passage from Isaiah came around (It’s coming up again September 6th) that says, “the lame shall leap like a deer.” And every time it did, Maxine absolutely cracked up laughing. At first I was a little scandalized. But then I understood how full of love and faith and the joy of life her heart was. Her soul was healed and whole. She had had an argument with polio and lost that one, and her faith was the stronger for it. She was not afraid of anything.

Just now in the ELCA there are some serious arguments going on. The churchwide assembly in Minneapolis is going to be a center of disagreement about church policies regarding human sexuality. I think one of the things people are most worried about is whether the Church can survive these kinds of arguments and dissention. I hope they see that the slow and deliberate process the Church has been going through, the elaborate and heart-felt conversations by people whose faith-bound consciences lead them in differing directions, represent one of the great strengths of the ELCA. Even though some will be disappointed, even wounded, the Church will be stronger for it.

People are often shocked when Christians in a church disagree. But just as in a marriage, if all parties in a church agree on everything, probably someone is not being truthful. Or there is no life there. The congregation of Grace has recently begun a venturesome exploration of possible future ministry in our community, and at the same time has approved and is considering still more risky financial decisions. It would

be astounding if everyone agreed with one another in all this. But however it all comes out, I believe absolutely that in the process the Holy Spirit is leading us to grow in our ability to listen to one another, to talk about disagreements instead of hiding them, and to develop ever-deepening respect for the faith we discover in one another.

Mark Donald, of First English Lutheran Church, Billings, Montana, writes in a letter published in the most recent issue of Christian Century: “We do not and should not require all churchpeople to be of like mind on the myriad social issues of the day. We can see things differently and yet see the face of Christ in each other; we all share the call to be Christ’s hands and feet in the world. The church at its best can and should model such interaction both inside and outside its walls.”

This is my continuing prayer for Grace.

May the peace and love of Christ always be with you.

Pastor Steege

Proposals Approved at Congregational Meeting

Building Fund Campaign goal set for \$150,000 over five years

Following worship on July 26, 2009, Council President Mavis Smith led Grace through comprehensive and prayerful discussions of proposals concerning steeple repair and a building fund campaign. Property Committee Chairperson Barbara Ruhe and Pastor Steege provided information and inspiration as members of Grace raised their questions and concerns about these issues. As the meeting concluded, some members spoke of their feelings of faith, peace and confidence.

The first proposal approving the steeple repair work by Advanced Construction passed fairly quickly. Members of Grace expressed their satisfaction with the

details of the work given by David Johnson at a previous meeting. There was more extensive discussion about the second proposal concerning the building fund campaign. Barbara Ruhe listed additional repair projects and their costs, including the parking lot, the Woodland Street door, and the organ. There was a general agreement that Grace needs a realistic building fund to cover maintenance expenses. Grace has funds for the \$34,100 down payment for the steeple repair contract, and an additional motion was passed to apply to the ELCA Mission Investment Fund for up to \$150,000. It is expected that only enough to cover the immediate cost of the steeple repair will be borrowed.

Members seemed to gain confidence as they discussed how this goal can be met over the next five years, and the proposal passed.

There was more caution expressed about the third proposal concerning tithing of the campaign proceeds for the wider church. Some members thought tithing would not be appropriate because Grace will probably need to borrow money for the campaign. However, others emphasized that only funds given to the campaign would be tithed. Tithing is an act of faith and a traditional method of sharing God's gifts. This proposal also passed.

Bruce Klotz, Secretary

Attention, Women!

The New England Women of the ELCA invites you to a Fall Retreat:

A Second Helping of ...

"FEED THE WOMAN"

With featured presenter Bishop Margaret Payne.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Trinity Lutheran Church

73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost at the door is \$25 and includes refreshments and lunch.

Please see **Mavis Smith** for registration forms, workshop choices, and other information!

Council Calls Congregational Meeting for September 20

At its regular meeting on August 8, 2009, the Congregation Council voted to recommend to the Congregation that the Council engage the services of the ELCA Stewardship Key Leader program to help us conduct the Building Fund Campaign this fall for up to \$7,000, which would include a fee of \$4,500, plus \$1,000 - \$2,500 for travel and printing costs.

To consider this proposal, the Council has called for a Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

In recommending this action, the Council recognized concerns of the Finance Committee that this not be added to the cost of the Building Fund Campaign. Additional costs may further deplete our savings and investments, especially when the immediate cost of the steeple repair needs to be met in cash, the congregation has committed to tithe the gifts from the campaign, and any loan from the Mission Investment Fund will have to be repaid with interest.

The Council also considered concerns of the Stewardship Committee that a successful

campaign will need to engage as many members as possible and cannot be left to a small group. The campaign is about building a more secure future for the congregation, gathering the resources needed to help Grace cope with many projected needs that go beyond the annual budget, and enhancing the ongoing mission of the congregation. The Committee believes that by lifting our sights beyond our own local needs by tithing our gifts to important ministries of the wider church, our spirits will be lifted with a new sense of the blessings of God and the joy of sharing those blessings as part of God's mission in the world.

The Stewardship Committee believes that such a campaign will require fresh ideas and resources to help people share their excitement and unite us in pursuing a common goal. While the campaign may be of insufficient scale to justify employing a commercial consulting firm, the committee believes the ELCA Stewardship Key Leader program offers most of the benefits of such services at about one third the cost. Experience indicates that the Key Leader program more

than pays for itself. Most congregations can raise in a three-year period the equivalent of twice to 2.5 times their annual giving. In this perspective, Grace's goal of at least \$150,000 over five years seems quite attainable.

If approved, the first half of the Key Leader fee will not be due to the ELCA until January, when the 'official' campaign is launched. In the meantime campaign leaders will have worked through planning material that will be sent as soon as an agreement is approved and signed. By that time enough new funds may have come in to cover that initial cost. Meanwhile it is the intention of the Council to borrow only what is necessary to cover the cost of the steeple repair and lightning protection. Further projects will be presented to the congregation for approval as sufficient campaign fund are received.

For information about the ELCA's Key Leader program, please see

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Stewardship/Stewardship-Key-Leader.aspx>

Bell Choir Resumes Rehearsals

The Bell Choir will hold its first rehearsal of the fall on Wednesday, September 30th at 9:30a.m.

The Choir is always looking for new members, and everyone is welcome to join.

If you need further information, please contact Mildred Unfried.

Council Corner

Highlights from the August 8, 2009 meeting

In response to the Finance Committee's concerns about Grace's financial commitments, the Council agreed to this immediate plan:

1. Grace will borrow enough funds to pay for the repair of the steeple and lightning rods from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund.

2. The \$34,100 loan from the Kjellen Bequest will be repaid.

3. Grace will focus on the Building Fund Capital Campaign.

Upon recommendation from the Stewardship Committee, the Council voted that the Congregation Council recommend to the

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In other business, the Council received a letter from Nancy Urban resigning as chairperson of the Parish Life Committee. Nancy served several years as chairperson and is now out of the area several months each year. The Council expressed its gratitude

to Nancy for a job well and faithfully done.

Pastor Steege reported that the Adventures in the City completed its third summer program here with the best attendance yet. **Mavis Smith** volunteered every day, and **Lloyd Smith** brought leftover lunches and other food to the Park Street shelter at the end of each day.

The Council also approved changes in our by-laws to provide officially for a Stewardship Committee and an Evangelism Committee, both of which have in fact been functioning for some time.

Bruce Klotz, Secretary

Ants

Watch out! There, how clumsy of me. I stepped right on it. Now all the little ants are fleeing erratically in all directions. The poor things try to retrieve what they can from their hill. They are pulling their dead workers and are protecting their queen and her eggs. Ouch! Some venture up my pants, leaving red blotches. It burns! I that their revenge?

I wonder, do these insects have feelings? Do they have

brains? What do we really know? They will rebuild their little hill and hatch the eggs and start all over.

So what am I to these ants? An earthquake, a storm, or am I a higher power, or the devil? Questions, questions...

Is the destruction of their little world so different from ours, when our lives and possessions are destroyed by terrorists, by wars, earthquakes, storms, and

nature, or man-made disasters?

We think creatures act on instinct. Do they? We are intelligent, we outsmart the criminals, we take steps to prevent hunger and plagues, yet they happen.

So who is it, who steps on our hill?

Waltraud Jordan

Energy Savings Solutions

There are two different type of energy saving programs available in Connecticut. The first one is called **WRAP** which stands for Weatherization Residential Assistance Partnership. This service is free to low income families. Sorry I don't know their definition of "low income." Their telephone number is **1-800-388-9797**.

They come to your house and do the following:

- * Install compact light bulbs throughout your home. Every light, overhead, front porch, back deck, basement, and garage overhead included. They install energy saving round bulbs above the vanity in the bathrooms and have bulbs for track lighting.
- * Install faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads.
- * Provide 4 pewter looking table lights with shades.
- * Install door sweeps on the front door, door in kitchen, and door leading to garage.

The next program is "**Connecticut Home Energy Solutions**." Their telephone

number is **877-WISE-USE**. They charge \$75. I attended their seminar at the library and was the first person to sign up. Therefore, they charged me \$50. They provide information on rebate programs when you buy energy efficiency appliances. They identified several old appliances in my home and gave me rebate application forms for those items. They also:

- * Examined my thermostat and urged me to always use program it.
- * Climbed in the attic and measured the amount of insulation. They would then advise you if you needed more insulation and how much.
- * Installed a door sweep on the hatchway door.
- * Checked my furnace.
- * Checked my air conditioner.
- * Performed a "Blower Door test" to test for air leaks. Also performed a Duct testing and Duct Sealing test
- * Insulated all the air leaks they could (primarily basement but also under the sinks.)

* Performed a post insulation and wrapping "Blower Door Test" to measure the savings.

- * Gave me a "Kill A Watt" device to measure how efficient my appliances are.
- * Provided forms for a mail-in rebate for buying energy efficient appliances (one per appliance.) The rebates are doubled if purchased within 45 days.
- * Advised me to purchase a "chimney pillow" to save energy.

They were here for 4 hours and went over all their findings with me. They also left booklets on how to reduce energy bills.

At the present time many people are not aware of these programs. Therefore you could probably be able to get it done quickly. I attended the energy program on a Thursday night, was called on Friday morning to set a time and they arrived at 8 AM on Tuesday.

Barbara Van Fleet

Drivers Needed

David Eberly has notified us that there is an organization that brings visually impaired people to special events once a month. On September 12, for example, the group will be

going canoeing and kayaking. In October there will be a hike, and in November a mall walk.

The group needs drivers, who of course can also participate

in the activity if they are so inclined. If you are interested, please call Bob Hirbour at 860-953-0508 for more information.

The Schools in Our Community

Rawson School, where members of Grace volunteer as tutors, is creating a student bookstore, where students can purchase a book for 25-50 cents, and then trade it in for a new one. This school bookstore model was created in response to the fact that many children do not read at home because there are no books there. If you have, or your families have, books for children from pre-K to grade 8, you can bring them to Grace and we will get them to the right place. The goal is 2000 books.

A Math Tutoring is to be added to program at **Noah Webster School**, where we also have at least one reading tutor. Beginning in early September, ICEJ member Bill LaPlante and the Noah Webster Math Coordinator will be implementing a new math tutoring program in second and third grade. They are asking for six tutors to begin with, and the model will

be similar to the model being used for tutoring in reading. The options will include small group tutoring, or classroom tutoring during class math instruction. Most of this will take place between 11 and 12, with opportunities for afternoon work as well. You might get to have lunch with your small group of students!

While they don't want to lose anyone from their reading program, if your first love is math, feel free to look into this program, and let others who might enjoy this work know about this as well. Bill will be starting an email list of interested people with specifics and meeting dates, so email him with questions and requests to join this program. Bill's email is BillLB@ushartford.com, and you may also call him for more information at 860, 953-0192.

Last year's project of providing non-perishable foods, as well as school

supplies and school uniforms (khaki pants or skirts and navy shirts) to students at **West Middle School** will continue this year. **Chet Brodnicki** comes in every week to pick up donations for approximately five families selected by the schools Family Resource Center coordinator. These are families who otherwise would probably not have anything to eat on weekends.

And finally, that after-school tutoring program at **First Church of the Living God**, across North Whitney Street from Noah Webster School, is always looking for people to help children with their homework. This program is offered Monday - Thursday from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Come for all or part of that time on any day that works for you.

Contact Dawn Anderson at daanderson5@sbcglobal.net.

Food and School Supplies for West Middle School

As school will soon be starting up please remember to start bringing food that is given to families of children at West Middle School. Last school year items like cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta, soups,

toilet paper, paper towels and other grocery items were given to the families and they were so very grateful. The items can be put in the cabinet in the large conference room.

Also, please consider donating school supplies for the children at the school. Back packs, pencils, notebooks and other school supplies would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Chet Brodnicki

LSS needs volunteers in Connecticut!

There are many ways for individuals and congregations to join with Lutheran Social Services to serve and care for people in need, right here in Connecticut. Consider volunteering for one of these, or get a small group together.

ADOPTION: 860 257-9899 (www.AdoptLSS.org)

- Invite an adoption staff member from Rocky Hill to make a presentation
- Promote LSS as your "adoption agency of choice" for international and domestic adoptions; make LSS adoption materials available

GOOD NEWS GARAGE: 860 218-2968 (www.goodnewsgarage.org)

- Invite a GNG staff member from the East Hartford program to your church
- Promote GNG as your "car donation charity of choice" because it provides cars to qualified needy recipients (and the tax advantage is better); make GNG information materials available
- Volunteer to drive donated cars to the East Hartford program
- Encourage youth groups to do GNG service projects: a car wash to benefit GNG; assemble GNG "car kits" for new vehicle owners

LUTHER RIDGE: 860 347-7144 (www.LutherRidge.org)

- Donate Christmas gifts - LR needs more than 135 each year
- Provide musical or other entertainment
- Lead a group - share your talent for crafts, cooking, story-telling, sing-a-longs
- Help host birthday, holiday parties - bring refreshments, cake and ice cream, and gifts

LUTHERAN HOME OF SOUTHBURY: 203 264-9135 (www.LHSouthbury.org)

- Donate gift cards for birthdays and Christmas gifts
- Host a resident monthly birthday party
- Invite a representative of LHS to make a presentation about "Scattering the Clouds," the program to assist older adults with memory related disorders within their own communities.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY: 781 997-0832

- Become the contact person in your congregation to receive "Do Justice," the LSS e-newsletter for justice and advocacy issues, as well as justice "action alerts"

HELP LSS TO IDENTIFY DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS IN CONGREGATIONS

- Who have expertise and experience in marketing, finance, social services and related fields to serve on the LSS governing board or a service line advisory board.

Alice Comp

Alice Comp died peacefully August 13 at the Cromwell Health Center. She would have turned 94 years old this month. A private funeral service and interment was held August 19 at the Rose Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery in Rocky Hill. Pastor Joe Bourret officiated.

Alice is survived by a son, Roy Comp, and several nieces and nephews. Her sister, Elsie Patelkan, died in November, 2006.

Alice's life exemplified her deep and abiding faith. Although it had been many years since she was able to

attend Grace, she always held this congregation in her heart.

We give thanks for her life and for her trust in the promise we have of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One Tomato Plant

By Pastor Louise Stromberg

This year I bought one tomato plant so that I could have a few small tomatoes for a salad each week. I expected to pick about a half a dozen a week at most. By the time I remembered to purchase a tomato rack, my plant had grown rather large. So I put the plant around the rack as best I could. Buds were already forming into little tomatoes. The plant continued to grow and I waited expectantly for the sweet, red fruit to ripen.

The first time I went to pick the ripe tomatoes I brought a small bowl. By the end the bowl was filled and

overflowing. I took a small zip lock bag of tomatoes to work to share. I went out to pick about a week later and had enough to fill a mixing bowl. I took three bags to work to share.

Not even a week later, I picked two mixing bowls full. This time I brought an ice cream container of sweet, red fruit to share. My tomato plant continued to bear an abundance of tomatoes throughout the season. As I thought about my expectations and the reality of the harvest, I realized that this was a wonderful example of God's abundant blessings.

God gave far beyond my hopes. The more I shared the tomatoes with others, the more this plant seemed to produce.

How is this abundance similar to God's love? The more we share God's love and blessings, the more God gives us to share. Whether we share a witness to God's love for us or gifts of material wealth, God blesses all that we share. God never forgets to shower us with continued love and gifts that sustain us and our existence on this earth.

Pastor Louise Stromberg is a pastor at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Houston, Minn.

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Women's Bible Study Begins September 22

To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans

The women's Bible Study group that began last year will resume at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, September 22, at the home of **Emma Coleman Carr**.

This year the group will look at Paul's letter written to the church in Rome before he ever visited there. The course, which will be published by the magazine *Lutheran Woman Today*, was written by Sarah Henrich.

In writing about Paul's confidence in our bonds in Jesus Christ and the love we

pour out for one another, Henrich says, "'Pouring out love more and more' sounds great, but what does it mean in day-by-day life? Like every one of you, I live as part of a network of relationships. We are all part of such a network simply by virtue of having been born to real parents! ... Our lives continue to be interwoven with too many others to count. They have taught us what love means from our earliest childhood. Then we get to spend our lives revisiting those deep early learnings and becoming better

"lovers" of God's creatures, including God's beloved earth."

Pastor Steege and other members of the group will facilitate the study, which will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Emma's address is 19 B Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield CT 06002. Call her at 860-243-5201 if you need directions. If you'd like to carpool or just need a ride, call Pastor at the office, 860-527-7792.

Zachary's "Got It"

Around the middle of July, a story appeared on CNN online about an eleven year old boy named Zachary in Toledo, Ohio. No, he was not in trouble. As a matter of fact, this was a good news story, the ones we do not usually see. The trouble was that Zach McGuire's father, Tom, a licensed contractor, had been out of work since December. To further intensify his worry, his previous boss did not pay him for work done. He was a general contractor on the job and was liable for the construction supplies and the pay for two subcontractors. He owed \$30,000. Times were desperate for the McGuires, and they were in danger of losing their house.

Zach decided to take action to help his father after talking with him by raising some money. This was not the first time at fund raising for Zach. In 2005 he had sold Kool-Aid for Katrina survivors raising \$400. In 2007 he had sold "Cocoa for California" to help victims of the fires. Now he looked around for something that he could sell that was his own.

He told his father that he had decided to sell his toy trucks, his fire trucks and Tonkas and "motorized vehicles." His reasons were simple yet profound. "You can't live in toys or eat toys." "Even though they were fun, you don't need them, you don't play with them. Parents of boys will wonder at Zach's honesty."

As soon as the story hit the local news media, people started bringing things to the McGuires that they thought the family would need. I suspect that the McGuires have a firm foundation in religion because Tom speculated that his dire situation was "extremely humbling." "God is teaching me to swallow my pride maybe he's knocking me down a rung and working through other people." Having prayed for the winning lottery number, he asserted that "this is better than the lottery." Why? "Because it's other people reaching out to us."

A personal aside here. Getting altar flowers last year when I was recovering from a broken ankle connected me again with all of you and was and still is deeply appreciated.

Tom McGuire is understandably proud of his son, and Zachary humbles us all by showing that he has learned the spirit of giving that Jesus illustrated with the story of the widow's mite. In times of crisis, Zach told the press that everyone can help. "Even though they don't feel like they could do anything, they could do a Kool-Aid stand, like me." And then, he encouraged all listening and hearing to "get it."

"It's what you're doing that matters and how you're helping people."

Amen.

You can read about Zach and his family at CNN's website archives at <http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/07/20/ohio.boy.helps.family/index.html>; and from Toledo's WNWO NBC24 online site at http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/story_print.aspx?id=326163&type=story and http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/story_print.aspx?id=323847&type=story

Mark Jones

Summer update from the Finance Committee:

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, JULY 31, 2009

CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Balance 1/109	2009 Receipts	2009 Disbursed	CD redeemed to cover loan* for steeple rep. deposited in ckg	Steeple Repairs down- payment	Balance 7/31/09
Bank of America						
Checking account	\$38,319	99,059	(105,805)	43,077	(35,800)	38,850
Certificate of Deposit	43,077					0
Peoples Savings Bank	25					25
Certificate of Deposit	16,092					16,092

OTHER INVESTMENTS (Values subject to stock market fluctuation)

Mutual Funds	75,933					84,111
Stocks	97,312					90,882

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$270,758</u>					<u>\$229,960</u>
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LIABILITY

Balance due to steeplejack on completion of steeple repairs						(32,400)
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$270,758</u>					<u>\$197,560</u>
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*LOAN LIABILITY

\$40,000 loan from Grace's savings for steeple repairs to be repaid by donations to the Building Campaign Fund.

Children and Parents Welcome Back to Sunday School at Grace!

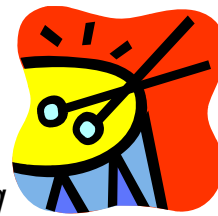
Welcome Welkom **Bienvenue** Willkommen **Bienvenidos** Välkommen

Please join us Sunday, September, 13

For the Sunday School Kickoff Ice Cream Social



Make an Ice Cream Sundae



Listen to African Drumming

Meet Your Sunday School Teachers and Learn About Sunday School

Welcome Welkom **Bienvenue** Willkommen **Bienvenidos** Välkommen

Questions? Contact Phyllis Thompson 413.827.9434/e-mail: thompswil5@gmail.com

Welcome Welkom Bienvenue Willkommen Bienvenidos Välkommen



Kids and Parents...this September you're invited to join us on 2 very special Sundays...**First one is on Sunday, September 13th** for a Sunday School Kickoff Ice Cream Social, African drumming by Dwan Thompson, meet your teachers and learn about Sunday School activities we will embark on throughout the year.

Then, the **Second one is Sunday, September 20th** the fun will continue with special guests Keith and MJ Hughes and their son from **JuggleJoy!** Educational Entertainment. During the children's sermon Keith and MJ will get all of you kids excited for the *first week* of Sunday School lessons and ready to work as team players. **Please don't miss these Sundays at Grace!**

JuggleJoy! Educational Entertainment



features the husband-and-wife team of Keith Hughes and Mary Joy (M.J.) Moriarty. The two regularly perform at schools, libraries, festivals and museums throughout New England and have taught circus and theater arts to students ranging from kindergartners to senior citizens. <http://www.jugglejoy.com/index.html>

For more information contact Phyllis Thompson, Education Committee Chair,
413.827.9434 or e-mail: thompswil5@gmail.com



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