



# Pulpit & Pew

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## ***Grace at a Glance*** ***What's happening this month***

- **May 9<sup>th</sup>, noon. Women's Mother's Day Luncheon.** See page 3 for more information.
- **May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 7 PM. Disciple II Bible Study Classes. Tuesdays, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall.**
- **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 AM. Breakfast for the Homeless.** Grace UMC volunteers prepare and serve breakfast at First UMC Family Life Center.
- **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM. Administrative Council Meeting,** in Fellowship Hall. This meeting will include a brief Charge Conference for the purpose of voting to disburse \$27,000 from our Permanent Endowment Fund for the purpose of hiring a part-time director of Children's Ministries and making up the shortfall in income needed to meet in full our 2009 budget.
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11 AM. Pentecost Sunday, The Arts in Worship.** A Celebration of the Holy Spirit who inspires and enables us. The Austin Brass Quintet and other special guests will be sharing their talents in this creative worship experience, as well as special presentations by those of our own congregation.
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon.** Immediately following 11:00 worship. Bring a covered dish to share.

*Please check the church calendar regularly on our website calendar ([www.graceumcaustx.org/calendar.htm](http://www.graceumcaustx.org/calendar.htm)) for new or updated activities*



# NEWS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- The Communications Team reported they have switched domain service providers and will implement the newly designed website. We have the same website address: <http://www.graceumcaustx.org>.
- Trustees reported that tile work was done on the tub surround for the facility caretaker's home. The Trustees are in planning stages of organizing a workday to paint the church kitchen.
- Memorials Team is sponsoring an outreach collection of baby receiving blankets and disposable diapers for disadvantaged mothers and their babies. Blankets and diapers may be brought to the Women's Mothers Day Luncheon May 9, (see article page 3) or to church on Sunday, May 10.
- The Council viewed a CD featuring Bishop Robert Schnase speaking about Radical Hospitality, one of the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. We brainstormed ways in which we might improve, expand and deepen our hospitality. One suggestion: invite guests to sit with you and your group during refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

## May Birthdays

Kathy Calnan, 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Ernest Murray, 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Brad Jones, 21<sup>st</sup>  
 J.B. Langston, 28<sup>th</sup>

Bernice Caldwell, 7<sup>th</sup>  
 John Jordan, 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Greg Daily, 25<sup>th</sup>



# PRAYER CORNER

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Randy Peters                    | Bill Stone          |
| Theresa Jenkins                 | Patricia Mitschelen |
| Karie Strahan                   | Zackery Morris      |
| Joe & Josie Reschman            | Rosemarie Burney    |
| Aileen Simms                    | Ellen Stockberger   |
| Paul Gammill                    | Ann Everitt         |
| Maggie Vaden                    | Kaelie Douglass     |
| Katie Kennedy & family          | Carolyn Minter      |
| Sylvia Villada                  | Paul Holman         |
| Darwin Dunson                   | Janice Palm         |
| David Baker                     | Jerry Maksymowicz   |
| Family of John Griffing         | Chick Shellhase     |
| Men & Women in Military Service | Pat Newell          |

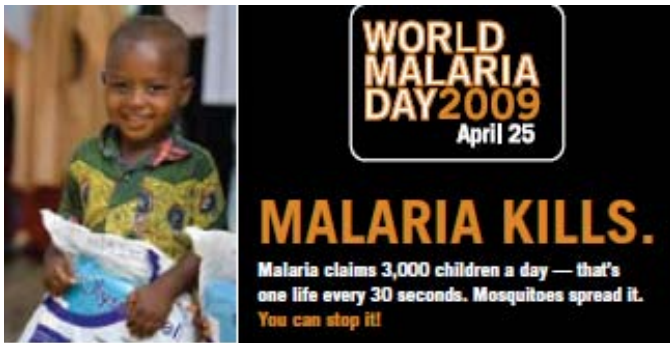
Hello Grace Family!

The summer quickly approaches and the Grace Notes Choir will be taking a well deserved summer break during the months of June and July. I will be leading "A Summer Sing-A-Long Service" for six weeks during the summer break and I would like to invite each and every one of you to come. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring a co-worker, **all** are invited. As the Good Book says "Come Everyone into God's presence with Singing and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

What: **A Summer Sing-A-Long Service**  
 When: Wednesdays - June 10, 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22.  
 Where: Grace UMC Sanctuary  
 Time: 7PM - 8PM

Psalm 100: 1-2  
 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come into God's presence with singing!

Musically yours in Christ Jesus,  
 Stefen Kane



## World Malaria Day: Skip Lunch. Send a Net.

**Save a Life** When you go to sleep at night, mosquitoes are the least of your worries. But life is different in Africa, where mosquitoes spread malaria, the continent's number one killer of children under age 5. The disease claims a child every 30 seconds – that's nearly 3,000 children every day. The good news is that you can save one of those lives by providing a bed net through the Nothing But Nets campaign. And all it takes is \$10 – the price of a lunch out.

We're observing World Malaria Day a little late (officially, it was April 25), but between now and May 25 are you willing to skip a lunch to send a \$10 bed net to a family in Africa? The \$10 you'll save is all it takes to shield them from mosquitoes during the night, when bites are most likely to occur.

Join the people of The United Methodist Church, founding partners of Nothing But Nets, to save a life by choosing "to lunch or not to lunch," on or before World Malaria Day. Give your \$10 (or more!) commitment to Grace UMC marked "Nothing But Nets", or go to [www.umcnothingbutnets.org](http://www.umcnothingbutnets.org), where you can make your \$10 commitment. The Web site also features information on malaria and World Malaria Day. To give by phone, call 888-252-6174.

Skip a lunch. Send a net. Save a life. That's all it takes. For more information, please visit <http://www.umcnothingbutnets.org>.

### MAY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Tom Calnan will be our reader. No volunteer ushers yet. Thanks, Tom!

### COMMUNION OFFERING

## SoCo Ministries



May 3rd Holy Communion Service  
Your communion offerings will go to SoCo Ministries, a joint mission with our neighbor churches Congress Avenue Baptist Church and Christ Lutheran Church, providing sack lunches for those in need. -Ann Everitt, Chair, Missions Team

## Women's Mother's Day Lunch








The annual Women's Mother's Day Luncheon will be

held on Sat., May 9th from 12:00-2:00 pm in the Grace UMC fellowship hall. Again this year we will be collecting baby receiving blankets and also disposable diapers to donate to needy mothers and their babies. The theme for the luncheon this year is "What My Mama always said", so please be ready to share the wise words you always heard your mother say to you. All women of Grace are invited to attend and to bring family and friends. If you are able, please bring a salad to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Hope to see everyone.

Thanks, Sharon Howell

# MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17	18 5:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 PM SRCC Executive Committee Meetings in Conference Room	19 9:00 AM Quilters in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM DISCIPLE II Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM SRCC Historic District Project--Conference Room	20 11:45 AM SAAM Board Meeting @ Christ Lutheran 5:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 PM Fellowship Supper in Conference Room 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Choir rehearsal	21  9:00 AM Quilters in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall	22 12:00 PM Faith-in Action Caregivers--South Austin Board Meeting in Library 5:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	23
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31  Arts In Worship - Special Service Honoring the Arts 12:00 PM Fifth-Sunday Luncheon						



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**Our Vision Statement:** Grace United Methodist Church invites all, welcomes all, and includes all in the Faith, Hope, and Love of God through Jesus Christ.

**Our Mission Statement:** We seek to include all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender, physical ability or sexual orientation in the journey of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

**YOUR STAFF AT GRACE UMC**



Linda Kessie, Pastor



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