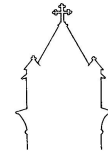




# The Grace Vine

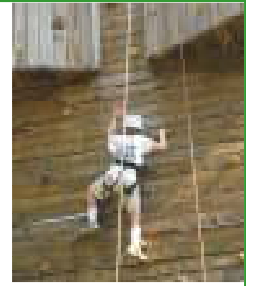


Grace Episcopal Church  
Lexington, North Carolina

July 2010



**Parish Weekend**  
**Friday, September 10 –**  
**Sunday, September 12**  
Salvation Army Camp Walter Johnson  
Denton, NC  
[www.campwj.com](http://www.campwj.com)



- **Floating Weekend: Come and go as family obligations require (ballgames, practices, etc.).**
- **Stay for one night or both nights.**
- **Arrive anytime after 3:00pm on Friday.**
- **Dinner will be served between 5:00-5:30pm.**
- **Stay through Sunday afternoon.**
- **On Sunday we will have Sunday school at 9:45 am for adults, youth and children. At 11:00 am we will have a Eucharist service and a catered lunch in the outdoor shelter at CWJ. Parishioners who can not stay the weekend are invited to attend the service and lunch on Sunday (RSVP needed).**

Lodge #1 has 14 rooms, - 2 single beds per room, sleeps 28. Each room has a private bathroom. The Lodge has a community kitchenette with a refrigerator, coffee maker, toaster, microwave, and a meeting area with Satellite TV. All of the major conference areas at CWJ are Wi-Fi enabled. This service is available free of charge.

**The rooms cost \$49.00/room per night.** There is ample space to place a crib or sleeping bags on the floor for children.

**Meals are:** Breakfast \$7.00, Lunch \$9.00 and Dinner \$10.00/person. (Kids 5yrs and under eat free) Lunch and Dinner always have a salad bar for vegetarians. The Camp can accommodate special dietary needs.

**Activities** include a Putt-Putt golf course, Volleyball and Basketball courts (daytime only), Hiking and you may bring your own canoe or kayak to put into High Rock Lake. There is a fire pit for roasting marshmallows on Saturday night.

Paddle Boats and Pedal Cars are available too. This year Grace Church will cover the cost of the activities, but CWJ still needs to know how many people will be using them. Please be sure to include the number of people in your family that will participate in these activities on the registration form.

The Rock Wall will be available again this year. Participants will pay \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the instructors. The registration form has a place to indicate how many people will be adventurous enough to sign up.

## **Directions to Camp Walter Johnson**

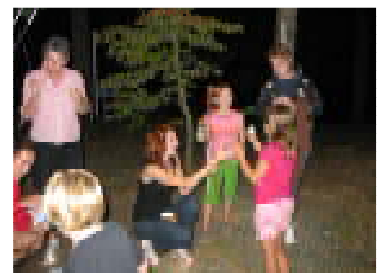
Take Hwy 8 south turn left onto Hwy 47 (American Children's Home on right)

Stay on Hwy 47, be on lookout for two places that the Hwy takes a turn to the left; bear to your left both times to stay on Hwy 47 (at the second turn Bethany United Methodist Church will be to the right). Landmarks you will see after passing Bethany church: Hedrick Brothers Lumber Co.

Turn right onto Summerville Church Road – follow signs to Camp Walter Johnson



(We pass Summerville Road on the way to Wildcat Mountain for the outdoor service.)



# PARISH WEEKEND

Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Names of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Saturday Night</u>				
Number of Adults						
Number of Children aged 6+						
Number of Children 5 & under						
Number of Rooms Requested			+		X	\$49.00 =
	Friday Night	Saturday Night				\$

<b><u>MEALS</u></b>	<u>No. of Children 5 and under</u>	<u>No. of Adults &amp; Children 6+</u>		<u>Cost Per Person</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Friday Evening Dinner	Free		X	\$10.00	=	\$
Saturday Breakfast	Free		X	\$7.00	=	\$
Saturday Lunch	Free		X	\$9.00	=	\$
Saturday Dinner	Free		X	\$10.00	=	\$
Sunday Breakfast	Free		X	\$7.00	=	\$

**\*Sunday Lunch will be provided with a catered meal. Suggested Donation is \$10.00 per family, to be paid at that time.**

<b><u>ACTIVITIES</u></b>		<u>No. of Persons Participating</u>		<u>Cost Per Person</u>		<u>Amount</u>
<i>The cost for paddle boats and pedal cars will be a flat fee covered by Grace Church, however, CWJ needs to know the number of people signed up in order to have staff available.</i>	Paddle Boats		X	\$0.00	=	\$ FREE
	Pedal Cars		X	\$0.00	=	\$ FREE
<i>There will still be a charge for the Rock Wall.</i>	Rock Wall		X	\$5.00	=	\$

Total Amount Due \$

1/2 of amount due by July 30, 2010 \$

Remaining balance due by August 30, 2010 \$

*\*Limited financial assistance is available. Please talk with Tom King if needed.*

## SUMMER SERMON THEME

“We don’t think our way into a new kind of living; we live our way into a new kind of thinking.” -  
- Richard Rohr, priest, author, and spiritual director

In the current lectionary series of Gospel readings we find Jesus urging his disciples and the crowds to consider a new way of living and thinking. A few people understood and accepted his invitation to a deeper life, but most were too blinded by the religious and cultural mindset of their day to hear his message. If we think of these interactions as acts of compassion and as object-lessons for his audience, rather than as scolding, we see them as invitations for the people to live and think in new ways.

June 13: A “sinful” woman anoints Jesus’ feet.

June 20: Jesus heals a mentally ill man.

June 27: Jesus cautions against “putting your hand to the plow and looking back.”

July 4: Jesus sends out seventy helpers: “shake the dust off your feet.”

July 11: “Who is my neighbor?”

July 18: Jesus visits Mary and Martha.

July 25: The Model Prayer

Aug 1: Foolish man tears down barns and builds bigger ones.

Aug 8: Trust God and live expectantly.

Aug 15: I have come to bring fire and division, not peace.

Aug 22: A Sabbath healing lesson

Aug 29: Guests at a wedding banquet



**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Pisgah 2011**

Wednesday, June 22, 2011—June 26, 2011

## From the Vestry Person of the Month

I had a long list of excuses.

I was a commuter and I worked the night shift six months of the year. I hated meetings and am a large introvert.

When I examined these excuses closely, I realized they were nothing more than excuses. Other church members commute, work nights and weekends. Probably are introverts, too.

So what was fair about them serving on committees and the vestry year after year while I did little more than sit on a back pew and listen to a Sunday service?

I realized just how much my approach was costing me. By not participating fully, I was not taking advantage of the many opportunities that Grace Church provides me.

Think of all the activities that our church offers its members. Where else can you rub elbows with your peers as you serve hot dogs, stir pots of chili, flip pancakes, bacon or form sausage patties from scratch?

Where else can you set up a group campsite, some 70 or 80—strong, near a sliding rock in the mountains? Or paddle across a scenic lake at Camp Johnson with your family as summer turns to fall?

Within our church walls, there are choirs to join, sewing groups to share skills, arts classes that tap creative energy of young and old alike. Teenagers can bond as one on pilgrimages to distant destinations. Adult study groups study thorny issues, giving us a new opportunity to look closely at ourselves and our faith.

Opportunity is the key. Grace Church provides us with so many opportunities to learn, share and grow. By tapping into these opportunities, we not only support our church, we also sustain ourselves in a broader community of faith.

While the summer season calls many of us away, it is comforting to know that things haven’t ground to a halt at Grace Church. Our opportunities abound, all year-round.

- Scott Hoffmann

**10,000<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch Served**

I am often surprised by your surprise. Let me explain. Occasionally I will mention something that is happening at church and the person I am talking with will say, "Really, we are doing *that*? How long has *that* been going on."

I would like to use this space for the next few months to highlight some of the many important ministries that are happening at Grace Church. These will not be "bragging sessions" or "patting folks on the back" articles, as much as an effort to make sure you know what is happening. This month: Sunday Lunch. Next month: Arts Academy.

If you drive by Grace Episcopal Church around noon on Sunday you will notice a sizeable group of people gathered by the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance to the parish hall. You will also notice a small group of people dressed for church who arrive just as the service ends.

The late arrivals have come to help serve lunch to the crowd that is gathering by the door. The helpers come from seven different congregations in Lexington, and the lunch guests are a mixed group of local people. Some live at Crisis Ministry, some live near the church, and others walk quite a distance each Sunday to participate in the lunch group.

**At some point during the month of July this group of volunteers from seven different congregations will serve the 10,000<sup>th</sup> meal since the program began in 2005.**

The Sunday lunch program grew out of a temporary effort in the fall of 2004 when the Salvation Army kitchen was closed for renovations. Volunteers from several churches came to Grace Church on weekdays to prepare and serve lunch to as many as 80 people each day. Under the direction of Dr. Marty Younts, volunteers served 5,600 meals on weekdays during a nine week period.

When the Salvation Army kitchen reopened, the Social Ministries Commission of Grace Church learned that lunch is not available for this group of neighbors on Sundays and asked other congregations if they would consider helping with a trial project to serve lunch each Sunday. Five years and 10,000 meals later, the program is going strong.

Volunteers who make this ministry possible come from First Baptist on Third Avenue, First Lutheran, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, First Reformed United Church of Christ, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Wesley Heights United Methodist.

A member of Grace Church, Chris Hodges, directed the program for the first four years. Her work included planning menus, buying food, recruiting helpers, serving, and cleaning up. Currently David Sink oversees the program. Each Sunday a volunteer from Grace Church co-ordinates the meal, with the help of volunteers from one of the co-sponsoring congregations.

Attendance varies widely, depending on weather and other factors. A typical crowd is 30-45 guests, with smaller crowds on bad weather days.

The Social Ministries Commission of Grace Church is quick to emphasize that this is a community effort, a ministry sponsored and shared by all the congregations who participate. As one person from Grace Church said, "The location just happens to be at Grace Church, but the ministry belongs to all the churches. This effort could not happen if we did not have a common vision and a common purpose."

Tom E. King

**SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM PRESENTS  
"AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND TRAINING"  
part of the WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL PROGRAM  
JULY 28, 2010  
6:00 PM in the UNDERCROFT**

This summer the Sunday Lunch Program will be serving our 10,000<sup>th</sup> meal and in recognition of this event we are inviting the entire congregation to an evening of celebration and training. The Sunday Lunch coordinators will be preparing a meal, from the new menus, of Tater-Tot Casserole, Green Beans & Corn, Roll, and "Mock" Banana Pudding. This is a great opportunity to see and "taste" the Sunday Lunch Program and we welcome **past, present, and future** volunteers to learn a few new procedures of this vital ministry.

Please RSVP to the church office or to David Sink (d\_michael@ymail.com or 476-0657) by Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.

## The 7 Sins of Bottle Water

The Chartered Committee for Environmental Ministry submitted the following article from the Daily Green, [www.dailygreen.com](http://www.dailygreen.com), written by Dan Shapley and printed in the June 2010 issue of *The North Carolina Disciple*, which summarizes the problems with the bottled water industry like this:

1. Plastic bottles are made from petroleum.
2. The bottles often go into the trash, rather than the recycle bin (in part because many states don't offer five-cent deposits to encourage recycling, as they do on soda and beer cans and bottles).
3. The water is pumped far from where it is sold, creating needless pollution as trucks and barges transport it across the country or around the world.
4. Some local communities have objected to the sale of their water, arguing that the water underground or flowing from natural springs is publicly owned and should not be exploited for profit.
5. Bottled water is rarely as closely monitored as tap water.
6. Tap water in the United States, when provided by a municipal system, is the most highly monitored and safe supply in the world.
7. Some of the water sold in little plastic bottles is tap water, but it costs an awful lot more per gallon.

Surely, there are times when plastic water bottles are not only handy but essential. Sin taxes exploit public sentiment against this or that product, fairly or unfairly. But they can at least serve as a useful reminder that all water may be created equal, but its distribution is not.

[http://www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/bottled-water-tax-47122402?click=main\\_sr#ixzzOr1ZPZzN6](http://www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/bottled-water-tax-47122402?click=main_sr#ixzzOr1ZPZzN6)

Environmental Stewardship Commission



*PLEASE NOTE: The Convention of the Diocese (2010) has asked worshipping communities to limit their use of bottled water at their social events.*

MAY 2010	
<b>Budget</b>	25,650.83
<b>Income</b>	23,228.23
<b>Expenses</b>	21,127.61
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	2,100.62

2010 Year-to-Date (5/31/10)		
<b>Budget</b>	128,254.15	41.7 % of year
<b>Income<sup>1</sup></b>	111,937.88	36.4 % of budget
<b>Expenses</b>	123,565.15	40.1 % of budget
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	(11,628.09)	
<small><sup>1</sup>Includes only 5/12<sup>th</sup> of pre-paid pledges for 2010.</small>		

### PRAYER LIST

<b>Adkins, Mark</b>	Parishioner	<b>Hampton, Vaunice</b>	Myra Spilman's sister	<b>Phillips, Tommy</b>	Parishioner
<b>Beeker, Jo</b>	Parishioner	<b>Hodges, Chris</b>	Parishioner	<b>Philpott, Ben</b>	Parishioner
<b>Blackwell, Madeline</b>	Jane Blackerby's daughter	<b>Hodgin, Sue</b>	Parishioner	<b>Powell, Cinnie</b>	Rick Mack's sister
<b>Branscomb, Susan</b>	Parishioner	<b>Kepley-Lee, Becky</b>	Friend	<b>Senter, Dorlis</b>	Robin Senter's mother
<b>Brewington, Joan</b>	Diane Huneycutt's mother	<b>Linder, Larry</b>	Parishioner	<b>Sheets, Suzy</b>	Parishioner
<b>Briggs, Gerald</b>	Friend	<b>Logan, James</b>	Nancy Mack's father	<b>Spilman, Peter Keith</b>	Dale Spilman's brother
<b>Brown, Baylee</b>	Parishioner	<b>Long, Suzanne</b>	Jeff Kaley's mother	<b>Swiney, Stephanie</b>	Friend
<b>Carter, Ned</b>	Friend	<b>Marsh, Polly</b>	Jane Grimes' mother	<b>Thomas, Elrene</b>	Parishioner
<b>Carter, Sally</b>	Friend	<b>May, Carol</b>	Parishioner	<b>Wagner, Mike</b>	Parishioner
<b>Cook, Luke</b>	Bob & Sandy's grandson	<b>McCarthy, Jennings</b>	Pam Daniel's daughter	<b>Wood, Mary &amp; Dollie</b>	Friend
<b>Gordon, Mary Ellen</b>	D. Philpott's Stepmother	<b>Moser, Rebecca</b>	Parishioner	<b>Younts, Marty</b>	Parishioner
<b>Grimes, Jane</b>	Parishioner	<b>Newber, Anne</b>	Parishioner		

## July Ministries Schedule

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	August 1
<b>Lector</b>	8:30: Belinda MacKinstry 10: Barry Wardle	8:30: Mary Matthews 10: Gray Davis	8:30: David Gilliam 10: Katherine Everhart	8:30: Page Onorato 10: Shawn Hodge	8:30: Chris Morgan 10: Wes Allred
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Clarice Surratt	Staley Nance	Hugo Hodgins	Marty Younts	Karl Bolstad
<b>Intercessor</b>	Belvie Gilleland	Chris Burr	Lydia Mack	Marty Younts	Page Onorato
<b>Acolytes</b>	Coty Burke Neusom Parker Josey Parker	Tori Johnson Annabell Wolfe Rachel Dilley	Grayson Hodge Marshall Hodge David Wolfe	Andrew Dilley Alex Franklin Marshall Hodge	Blythe Riggan Cole Riggan Harrison Everhart
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Linder Scott Hoffmann	Sims Riggan Bill Gilleland	Richard Wolfe Terry Reynolds	Dan Moore Art Burkhart	Bill Goodman Louie Cox
<b>Greeters</b>	Gray & Mary Davis	Susan Terrell Page Onorato	Bett Hargrave Richard Thomas	Ed & Diane Huneycutt	Judy King Jane Grimes
<b>Nursery</b>	NEEDED	Lydia Mack	Mary Cameron Welborn	Robin Petruzzi	Beth Burke
<b>Social Hour</b>	Sue & Hugo Hodgin	Jane & Will Blackerby	NEEDED	Jeff & Renee Kaley	Sandra & Bob Husted
<b>Lunch</b>	Debbie & Mike Egan	Page Onorato Peggy Walser	Kepley Family	Mary Bolstad	Riggan Family
<b>Flowers</b>	Bert & Carol May	Julie Dayvault	Pam & Steve Harvey	Em DeLapp	Robin Senter/Glen Sink
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Page Onorato, Linda Cox, Frances Garner, Virginia Hartzog, Pam Harvey, Chris Hodges, Renee Kaley, Talmadge Silversides, Peggy Walser, Dale Burr				

**Crisis Ministry Meal**—July 5: Barry & Patrick Wardle, Gray & Mary Davis, Anne Newber

**Vestry Person of the Month:** Scott Hoffmann

**Food Pantry:** Kristi Allred

**Recycling:** NEEDED!

**First Sunday Loose Offering:** Davidson Medical Ministries

\*If you are unable to serve on the assigned Sunday, please secure a substitute and notify the church office by Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday you are assigned.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

July 3	Fred McIntyre	July 11	Miles Stoner	July 23	Jake Wagner
July 4	Blake Inabinett	July 14	Philip Matthews	July 23	Anderson Carter
July 5	Allen Ingram	July 15	Dan Smith	July 25	Julia Kepley
July 6	Frances Garner	July 17	Allen Robertson	July 26	Lisa Timberlake
July 8	Bert May	July 18	Sally Dodd	July 27	Marty Younts
July 9	Renee Kaley	July 19	Marlene Jones	July 29	Mike Hodges
July 10	Curtis Hodge	July 20	Bonnie Duckworth	July 30	Ed Jordan

## BUILDING UPDATE

The Site Development Committee continues to study architect drawings, and is aiming to bring a recommendation to the congregation this summer. The struggle has been to develop a plan that the church can afford and one that will meet our identified needs. Thus far, the plans that can meet our needs are too expensive, and the plans we can afford do not provide enough benefit to justify the expense. On their first visit to our campus the architects commented, "this is going to be quite a challenge." Indeed it has been!

### FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 12 – AT CAMP WALTER JOHNSON

Parish Weekend is Friday September 10 – Sunday September 12

First day of Sunday school will start at 9:45 am for adults, youth and children at Camp Walter Johnson

### THE 11:00 SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT CAMP WALTER JOHNSON

After the service we will gather in the Shelter for a PICNIC LUNCH of BBQ Chicken and sides from Jimmies BBQ.

Donations of \$5.00/person or \$10.00/family is suggested to help off-set the cost of the lunch.

**Please RSVP for the picnic lunch so we will know how much to order.**

### Congratulations to Blythe Riggan!

Blythe applied and was selected to serve as a board member on the Diocesan Chartered Commission for Youth 2010-2011. She will help in planning and organizing diocesan youth events and programs. Blythe will also lend her talents as a Design Team Member for the October Fall Youth Event.

The purpose of the Chartered Committee on Youth is to maintain the quality of the Youth Programs in this Diocese and to advocate for and initiate new and innovative programs for young people in the Diocese of North Carolina and throughout the Episcopal Church. It is a group of youth and adults from the seven different convocations in the Diocese of North Carolina, appointed by the Bishop to govern all the youth programs in the diocese.

If anyone has questions about diocesan youth events, more information can be found on the website:

<http://www.episdioncyouth.org/article220214c3584126.htm>

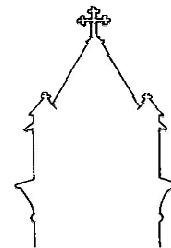
### ***Want to have fun and support a worthy cause?***

Host a DINING FOR FRIENDS dinner benefiting Positive Wellness Alliance.

The "dinner" can be really fancy or totally casual. Or maybe a breakfast, brunch, lunch, wine & cheese, or dessert & coffee.

Several people can join together to host an event.

Interested? Please contact Maureen or Anne Rives at [arives1@triad.rr.com](mailto:arives1@triad.rr.com)



## Calendar of Events

July 5	Holiday—Church Office closed.
July 6	7:00 pm Children's Education Commission meeting in the CR
July 7	6:30 pm Wardens Meeting in the CR
July 13	6:30 pm Movie Night: <i>Snow in August</i> , in the CR
July 15	6:00 pm Administration & Finance Committee meets in the CR
July 15	7:00 pm Vestry meets in the CR
July 19-23	Arts Discovery Camp at Welcome Elementary School
July 28	6:00 pm Wednesday Night Special Dinner/Program in the UC sponsored by the Sunday Lunch Committee

### Outside Groups Using Facilities:

July 13 7:00 pm  
Democratic Women of DC - UC

Al-Anon  
every Thursday at 8:00 pm - UC

Contemplative Prayer – every Tuesday noon – 1:00 pm in the Chapel  
Bible Workbench Bible Study – Meets every Wednesday 1:00 pm in CR  
Midweek Healing Service – every Wednesday at 12:10 pm in the Chapel

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT

in July

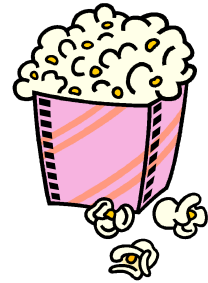
6:30 pm in Commons Room

Popcorn supplied. Bring own drinks or food.

*Snow in August*

Tuesday, July 13

Hosts: Judy & Tom King



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