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Surprised by Grace!

Okay, we have been in our Grace Immersion for about a month now. I gotta be honest. I liked the book and was impacted by reading it, but I did not expect to have this series affect me this much. As I read other authors and do more in depth study for our Sunday teaching series I am further discovering the profundity of GRACE!



Grace...it's not just about a ticket to heaven

It's not just about a pardon for our sins

It's not just a bridge that crosses the divide between God and me.

Grace...it is the heart of God.

It's what makes the universe spin

It empowers the cosmos and every living thing

It reveals a Huge Heart overflowing with love

It reveals a God who can't help but forgive because He's hopelessly in love with his creation, his people, his children.

And in the words of author Philip Yancey,

"There is nothing you can do to make God love you more, and

There is nothing you can do to make God love you less!"

My Christian life is being revitalized by the fact that I do not have to keep earning God's love. All I can and ever will be able to do is just receive it.

In turn this makes me want to surrender to God's Spirit more and fills me with more love to spill over to others.

I pray you may have God's grace wash over you anew this fall as we dive even deeper into Grace Immersion. Thank you for all the grace you have shown me and each other. You are a wonderful church family.

It's not too late to pick up a copy of *Grace Immersion* off Amazon.com or ask me to order you a copy. I invite you to join our Wednesday Bible Study and read the short devotions daily—they will change your life. I pray God's love and Grace will wash over us and make us new!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always,
Pastor Dan



Book Study
Series

We are studying *Grace Immersion* by Rene Schlaepfer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at **6:30pm. (October 12th and 26th)**. You can buy a copy online at www.amazon.com. In **October** we will **study week 3 & 4 of the book...** I pray your life will be Changed by Grace!

Our youth group leader, Eric Routley, will be organizing a midweek youth Bible study to give the middle school students a chance to explore their faith more deeply. Details to come, or ask Eric!





**Annual Harvest Dinner
November 12th
5:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us as

individuals and as a church family. Our theme this year is "What A Mighty God We Serve". This year's free will offering will be split between Monterey and Santa Cruz County Hospice.

Child/youth Gym night:

On Fridays Eric started a gym night for youth and children to come to church, play games, and fellowship. We had our first one on September 9. At the time of this writing we will have our second one on **Sept 30**. It will be a "**lock in**" where we will have a "sick" time (sick means "awesome" in youth lingo) from **6-10 p.m.** playing games, eating pizza, and attempting to eat the "world's largest ice cream sundae!"

Gym nights will be every **Friday night** from **6 – 7:30 p.m.** What a great way to start a weekend!

We are still trying to arrange a High Ropes Course Adventure at Mount Hermon in October! Stay tuned for time and more details!

We have two fabulous Sunday school teachers, Eric Routley & Leslie Hoffman, teaching our children/youth twice monthly (& at times the fabulous Susan Manabe too). Come explore your faith and enjoy!

Youth/Children's



Ministry



The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It

is one of four special offerings received each year by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

This year as our church plans to receive this Offering, remember the peacemakers of years past – in your congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace.

Bowling Extravaganza



Our bowling party that took place on August 27th was a huge success! After bowling a grueling three games participants and non-participants ate to their heart's content as Gilroy Bowl cooked a wonderful buffet meal for us. We had a great turnout as 70+ came to this event. A raffle was held and many church members and friends left with extra goodies in their hands. "A BIG THANK YOU" to Grace and Tom Kawano for their graciousness in allowing us to use their facilities. Since this was such a fun and successful event we are hoping to have more like this in the very near future.



In collaboration with El Estero and Lincoln Avenue Churches, the Tri-Church picnic will be held on **October 8th at Toro Park in Salinas at 10:00 a.m.** Westview

Tri-Church Annual Picnic



will be barbecuing tri-tip and hot dogs for this fun family oriented event. There will be many kid games, bingo for adults, raffles, singing and lots of laughter. We are asking everyone to please bring a side dish to share.

For more information contact Randy Mano at (831) 809-7938.

Sunday Message Series: In October we will continue our series: "**Changed by Grace!**"

Worship Team for October 2, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	David Kadotani
Usher	Ray Sako, Diane Mio
Parking Lot	Ron Manabe
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Jane Yoshida, Jane Sugidono, Wauhillau Erbe
Counters	David & Jeanni Kadotani

Worship Team for October 9, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Susan Manabe
Greeter	Tracy Mano
Usher	Nancy Yamamoto
Parking Lot	Art Hayashi
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Irene Yuhara, Faye Hashitani, Reiko Yamamoto
Counters	Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata

Worship Team for October 16, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Moran
Chair	Edna Nagata
Greeter	Lester Aoki
Usher	Dick Wong
Parking Lot	Craig Yuhara
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Lynne Nagata, Edna Nagata, Susan Manabe
Counters	Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata

Worship Team for October 23, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Randy Mano
Greeter	Louise Sako
Usher	Reiko Yamamoto
Parking Lot	Yukio Nagata
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Jeanni Kadotani, Shirley Wong, Candy McCarty
Counters	Lester & Michelle Aoki

Worship Team for October 30, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	David Kadotani
Greeter	Craig Yuhara
Usher	Yukio Nagata
Parking Lot	Steve Kajihara
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Diane Mio, Nancy Watson, Diane Hall
Counters	Lester & Michelle Aoki



CROP Hunger Walk

Grab your family and friends for a day of exercise and fun in an effort to end hunger one step at a time. The **Pajaro CROP Hunger Walk** will be held on Saturday October 15th at 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville (9:00 a.m. registration). The walk will start at **Second Harvest Food Bank** (800 Ohlone Parkway). It has two purposes: (1) to raise awareness about people around the world who must walk to find food, water, firewood and other necessities of life; and (2) to raise funds to help stop hunger wherever it exists. For pledge forms or more information, contact Jane Yoshida at (831) 722-1265.

Please pray for those in our Westview congregation, church family, and for those who are ill or are recovering including: The family of Julie McCoy, Joanne & Willie Yahiro, Lou & Wally Osato, Edith Ichijji, Michelle Aoki, The family of Gladys Kato, Rev. Lee Tyler, Ichiro Sugidono, Gwen Koda and the Koda Family, Bea Shinta, Doug Warner, Hiroko Shikuma, Laura Cass, Karen Hirahara, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.



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In Memory of Mother Haruko Iwanaga

Richard & Linda Muramoto

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In Memory of

Appreciation

WOW

Birthday

Randy Mano

Diane Mio: In Honor of Jiro Sugidono

Capital Campaign Fund

Diane Mio

General

Marlon & Evelyn Veal

Harvest Dinner Refreshments

Randy & Tracy Mano

Nancy Yamamoto