

# MINI SUMMER ISSUE GRACE NOTES

Newsletter of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, an Open and Affirming Congregation

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## June 13 Congregational Meeting

# Members Commit to the Future of Grace and Vote to Form Exploratory Task Team

*Editor's Note:* At the June 13 congregational meeting, the membership unanimously voted to accept the following two motions.

### Motion # 1

I move that Grace Congregational United Church of Christ cease further exploration of the option to permanently close its doors and liquidate its assets at this time. I further move that, as soon as possible, the Leadership Ministry Team coordinate the formation of a new team for the purpose of coordinating the further exploration of options for expanding and improving the usability of our current building and property, and that the team involve the congregation in ongoing discussion of these options in the fall 2010 with the expectation that the congregation will be ready to make a decision no later than its January 2011 annual meeting. I further move that we allocate a sum of up to \$30,000 for this new team to engage appropriate professionals, such as architects, structural engineers, designers,

for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of these options.

*Unanimous approval*

### Motion # 2

Be it resolved that we, the members of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, accept the following as the Grace Church Covenant for one year, with the expectation that in 12 months we will renew our acceptance of this covenant or, having revised it through congregational discernment, we accept a revised version:

Grace Covenant 2010: "We commit to the future of Grace Church as a church of social action, a church that is inclusive, and a church that encourages new ministries for which we have the necessary partners, passion and spiritual gifts. We further commit to support and participate in the redevelopment of our church with our time, talent and treasure, understanding that this work is critical to the future of our faith community."

*Unanimous approval*

Moderator Linda Dunbrack says: "Please let me know if you have an interest in being on the new team being formed for the purpose of coordinating the development of preliminary plans for options for expanding and improving the usability of our current building space and property, including hiring professionals. I have heard from a couple of people already, but a diversity of gifts would benefit the team. Part of the charge of the team is to collaborate with the congregation in the development of the plans, so everyone will have some input, regardless of whether or not you sign up for this particular team."

**July 4**

**Independence Day**

**10:00 AM - Worship**

**"Season of Sharing"**

**Framingham Centre Common**

Join with our friends from  
Plymouth and Edwards for a  
special service

# Styrofoam Collection

and Plastic Flatware that has been rinsed and packed in separate containers



**Saturday, July 24**  
**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Please remove all tape, labels & food particles from your styrofoam

**Volunteers needed throughout the day**

## Friday, July 9 "Stone Soup" and Movie Night

Sponsored by the Earth-Care Education Group from Grace and Edwards churches.

Join us for a light dinner -  
- soup with fresh veggies from Stearns Farm - and a "heavy" movie - "Food, Inc," here at Grace Church. Alternate movie for the kids. Dinner at 6 p.m. movie at 7. Bring an appetizer, bread, or dessert to share, your appetite, and your curiosity about where your food REALLY comes from. Expect a healthy dinner, a good movie, and some lively discussion. See you there!

### Calendar - July

July 3	8:00 AM	Men's Group
July 4	Independence Day 10:00 AM	Worship "Season of Sharing at Framingham Centre Common No Sunday School
		
July 9	6:00 PM	Stone Soup and Movie Night
July 11	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Worship Camp Grace
July 16	7:30 PM	Stewards
July 18	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Singers Worship Camp Grace Benefit Concert for Casitas for Chile at UCC Conference Center
July 24	10:00 AM	Styrofoam Recycling
July 25	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Singers Worship Camp Grace

*Cans for Communion will be back in August!*

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