



Grace Notes

May 2011

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Saturday Worship:
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship:
9 & 11 a.m.

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Easter Promises

Following Easter the risen Christ promises to be with the disciples until the end of the age (Mt. 28:20). Again and again, we read how the resurrected Jesus stands among the disciples sharing words of hope and comfort (Jn. 21). The tragedy of Good Friday has moved to the triumph of Easter Sunday.

May is the month we will focus on the promises of Easter. Throughout the month we will look at how this special season ignites in us the joyful obedience to which God calls each of us, exploring how God is working to restore the whole creation, not just our individual lives; investigating how the Lord promises to be with us even in the most difficult times; understanding more fully how the church can be a community of promise in the world; noting how we all need the spiritual food of the gospel; and looking to the future in hope. All of these themes we will lift up.

May is typically known as a transition month – so much so that we find ourselves coming and going with things like graduations, Mother's Day activities, school events, the making of summer, picnics on Memorial Day, and more. The list is not short by any means!

And yet, according to the Christian calendar, May is a time to celebrate the presence of the risen Christ in our lives. God has given us hope in raising Jesus from the dead. That's what Easter promises!

Those promises we now share with the world and with one another.

We look forward to sharing them with you!

Pastors Andy and Bob

April Services Topics & Sermons

April 29th & May 1st
"Promise of Restoration"
Luke 24:13-33
Holy Communion

May 8th & 9th
"Promise of Women"
Luke 24:9-11
Family/Mother's Day

May 15th & 16th
"Marks of Promise"
Acts 2:42-47
Faith-Promise Missions

May 22nd & 23rd
"God Milk?"
1 Peter 2:2-10
Graduates Recognition

May 29th & 30th
"REMEMBERING—
(The Good—The Bad—
And The Transformed)"
John 14:15-21
Memorial Weekend

Sermon Copies

Copies of the sermons are available in written form outside the Sanctuary.

Audio and Video Copies of the services are also available upon request. Speak with Sandy Adams in the Church Office at 736-7962.

Stewardship Update

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E-giving now available

Utilize E-giving for your contributions to Grace. Go to our web site at www.franklingrace.org and click on E-Giving.



YTD Financial Summary - as of 03/31/2011:

GENERAL FUND

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CURRENT EXPENSE MINISTRY:	\$173,262
OTHER RECEIPTS:	\$12,769

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MORTGAGE:	\$20,241
CONTRIBUTION TO PRINCIPAL FROM HAND IN HAND	\$50,000
HAND IN HAND SALARY DESIGNATION:	\$2,667

TOTAL BUDGET INCOME:	\$258,938
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OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$263,848
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includes Tithe +1.6% to Conference in the amount of: \$20,248.86
Mortgage Principal paid of \$11,538.07 + \$50,000 from Hand in Hand
Mortgage interest paid of \$11,538.07.

INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	-\$4,910
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FAITH PROMISE

Faith Promise Contributions:	\$12,801
Faith Promise Expenditures:	\$16,240

Sunday School Classes

Remember to take advantage of the following **Sunday School Classes** between the two worship services:

- Crusaders Class (A101) - Isaiah & Gospel of Mark
- Seekers Class (A105) - One God: Three Faiths
- Faith-Sharing Class (ARC) - Meeting Jesus Again
- Meet & Greet Class (A104) - Letter of James
- Parenting (Wesley) - Real Parenting

Parenting Sunday School Class

Persons are welcome to attend a new short-term Sunday School Class: *Real World Parents*. The class will explore how to be proactive rather than reactive in the raising of children with Christian faith and values. The class will begin to meet on Sunday, May 1st, at 10:15 a.m. in the Wesley Room (across from the Church Office). See Pastor Jenothy for more info. Books are \$10.00.

Wonderful Wednesday

The Adult Discipleship Team wants to thank all the persons who have helped with the Wonderful Wednesday ministry at Grace Church, especially those who worked in the kitchen. Many blessings! Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, at 5:30 p.m. Watch for new groups and classes.

Men's Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study is now studying the Letter of James. The Study meets in the Wesley Room on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. All men are encouraged and invited to attend. Pastor Andy is the leader/teacher.

Relay for Life Team

Interested in helping with and walking for a Relay for Life Team at Grace Church? If so, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Lobby or speak with Holly Miller. Join the Scrap Pink/Grace Team by going to www.relayforlife.org/franklin. The Relay for Life in Franklin is set for May 14th and May 15th. For more details contact Holly Miller at 696-7033.

Good Samaritan Request

The Good Samaritan Ministry at Grace Church helps local persons in need. Please remember to give toward this fund from time to time. Mark Check: "Good Sam".

Habitat Work Schedule/T-Shirts

Pick up copies of the work schedule for the building of the Lyons Home in the Lobby. Work has begun. Also: pick up T-Shirts at the Habitat Table in the Lobby.

Bright Horizon Counseling

Remember that Bright Horizon Counseling helps to serve people here in the congregation and throughout Johnson County. As one of the partnerships at Grace Church, Bright Horizon is here to offer hope and comfort. For more information, please contact Jana Craggs at 317-696-4910.

Remember Troops: Operation Hygiene

The following hygiene items are needed for troops at Camp Atterbury: soap, deodorant, toothpaste, washcloths. Please bring items to Price Hall and place in the Missions Corner in appropriate drawer. Thanks.

**Faith-Promise Missions Giving
Pledge Weekend
May 14th & May 15th**

***Promising in faith to give to God's mission
here and around the world...***

The Missions team wants to invite everyone to pray about what kind of pledge they may make to support mission work here and around the world. Pledge cards will be forthcoming. Please see the insert about Faith-Promise in this current Newsletter.

Update on Missions Giving

The Missions Team would like to share the following information about the projects Grace Church is supporting through Faith-Promise Missions Giving. Thank you!

\$2,000.00	— Humble School in Uganda
\$1,000.00	— Henderson Settlement in Kentucky
\$ 600.00	— Native American Offering
\$1,000.00	— Good Samaritan Ministry at Grace Church

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Missions Team would like to report the following amount given to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on April 2nd and 3rd. \$2000.00 (Offering), \$1000.00 (Faith Promise). Total: \$3,000.00. Thank you!

Update on Current Missions Projects

The following represents the total given thus far to the Beck Mission House Project in Kigoma, Tanzania: \$14,000! Many thanks for the support. Please mark memo: Beck House.

Alaska Mission Trip

Plans are underway to send a work team to Alaska in July. Contact Glen Carlstrand at 736-8466 for more information.

Henderson Settlement Work Team

Please keep the following persons in prayer as they represent Grace Church at the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky the first week in May: Pastor Andy, Lex Gill, Barb Irving, Patti Mullins, Shirley Tanksley, and Ken Woods. The Team will be doing repair work and painting as part of the trip.

To Gaza with Love!

Persons wanting to write letters to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip may pick up Post Cards at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. The Committee on Church & Society is inviting persons to write letters to families in Gaza as a sign of solidarity and support, and to make a human connection that communicates hope in the midst of the Israeli blockade. Letters or notes can be as simple as "Praying for you". Persons can be creative. For more information, see Rev. John Elliott or Joann Hoadley.

UMC on Divestment

The Book of Discipline of the UMC contains the following stance with respect to discouraging investments in companies that directly or indirectly support the violation of human rights: The United Methodist Church "shall make a conscious effort to invest in companies, institutions, and corporations whose practices are consistent with the goals outlined in *The Social Principles*; and shall endeavor to avoid investments that appear likely, directly or indirectly, to support racial discrimination, violation of human rights, sweatshops or forced labor, gambling, or the production of nuclear arms, alcoholic beverages or tobacco, or companies dealing in pornography" (Paragraph 7166).

Praying for Peace

The Committee on Church & Society invites the congregation to pray for peace at noon every day. Please pray for peace in our families, schools, and nation, as well as around the world.

Peace Candle

Please remember the Prayer Candle for Peace in the sanctuary near the altar. It is a reminder to us all to pray for peace.



UMW MEETINGS

Circles meet each month as follows:

Executive Committee

1st Thursday
7 p.m.

Friendship Circle

2nd Tuesday
6 p.m.

Joanna Circle

3rd Tuesday
1:30 p.m.

Mary Circle

To be announced

Naomi Circle

3rd Wednesday
2 p.m.

Priscilla Circle

2nd Thursday
10 a.m.

Susannah Circle

2nd Tuesday
1:30p.m.

You are invited to attend any Circle. Call the church office to find out meeting locations.

2011 Women's Fall Retreat

Save the Date

Friday and Saturday September 16 & 17. More information and details to come!

Bring your paper to church day

Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st, Mary Circle will be collecting paper items in the green recycling bin in the northeast corner of the parking lot. All money collected will be used to assist women and children in need.

UMW at Work

The Susannah Wesley Community Center, A United Methodist Women-affiliated mission, played a major role in helping the victims of the largest human trafficking case in U.S. History find legal support. The Center continues service with ongoing aid. The U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Person Report 2010 estimates that 12.3 million people are trafficked around the world. It generates more than \$32 billion worldwide each year, making it second only to the drug trade. Human trafficking includes sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude cases. Sometimes workers are housed in shipping containers that are crowded and lacking toilets, running water or electricity. Workers sometimes are stripped of their visas and passports and threatened with deportation. With your work and monies given to your local United Methodist Women, you are part of the answer to a national and global problem.

Spring Banquet

The United Methodist Women invite you to our annual spring banquet on Saturday May 14 at 10:00am in Price Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase tickets from the Welcome Center or church office by May 8. Entertainment will be provided by the Franklin College Women's Chorus.

Sympathies

To:

Jim Rosentreter
at the death of
his sister

Wilma Bingham
and **Gary Bingham**
and family
at the death of
Willard Bingham

Barbara Bechman & family
at the death of her
husband,
Charles

Congratulations To:

The Harris family,
Dirk, Erin,
Denver & Brynn
on Brynn's baptism Sunday,
April 17, 2011.

Focus on Aging continues on May 1

Would you know where to turn if you or a loved one became disabled because of age or injury? Learn how to prepare for the expected and unexpected aspects of aging at the next session of the four-part Forum on Aging.

Cathy Liddle, MSW, will present "Levels of Care" and Kate Kunk, RN, will present "Community Resources" on May 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 in Schrader Youth Center. The programs are free and open to the public, but reservations are encouraged. Reserve your spot by registering at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office at 736-7962.

Cathy, a licensed social worker, worked for many years as a medical social worker with experience in oncology, hospice, pediatrics, hospitals, and discharge planning/case management. She also has experience in child welfare and counseling, support and bereavement. As part of her work she addressed the psychosocial needs of patients in a hospital environment, primarily dealing with discharge needs/level-of-care changes, resources for patients and families, and assistance for end-of-life decisions.

Kate, options counselor for CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions, is a licensed professional Registered Nurse, holding degrees in both nursing (State University of New York) and sociology (Thomas Edison State College). She has been an adult case manager and strong advocate for a variety of populations and in several locations, including homeless shelters in New York City and Virginia, a psychiatric clinic in Tennessee, and the Area 8 Agency on Aging in Indiana. In addition, Kate writes and develops educational materials for McGraw-Hill, Inc., and Prentice Hall, Inc.

The four-part Forum on Aging is co-sponsored by the Senior Ministries and Health Ministries committees at Grace. Kate Kunk will present "Caregiving" on June 12.

Life Line Screening

Grace will host health screenings on May 4th. Help protect yourself with early detection of vascular disease, detect stroke risk and measure bone density. For more information and to register, call 1-888-653-6441 or www.livelinescreening.com

If you have a prayer request

or praise to share, please contact:

Marilynn Hamilton (736.1286); Mabel Ann Thompson (736.1502 or 809.8869); or Amanda Ott a_crecelius@yahoo.com

In addition to the Prayer Chain, you may also:

1. Write your prayer request on a card & submit it to the church office or prayer box in the Lobby.

2. Prayer-O-Grams (available at the Welcome Center) may be fill out and left in the office. We will mail them out for you.

Historic Stream Cliff Herb Farm Trip

Beautiful flower gardens, delicious lunch, variety of herbs and flowers for sale are just some of the opportunities in our 2nd trip sponsored by Senior Ministry. Thursday, June 2nd, we will visit the Stream Cliff Herb Farm in Comiskey, Indiana. The bus, driven by John Eley, will load at Franklin United Methodist Community at 9:30 and at Grace at 9:45. We will arrive in time to have lunch at 11:00 and allow enough time to enjoy the flower gardens, gift shop etc. Some walking on uneven ground is involved if you choose to visit the various gardens. You will determine the amount of walking and places to see.

Sign-up is at the Welcome Center the 1st Sunday in May. The cost of the transportation, yet to be determined, will be paid when you sign-up for the trip. You will be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

Computer Classes

John Waggoner will again be offering computer classes in the fall. As part of the series Joe Stanford, Direct of Youth ministries, will offer a class on how to set up a "Face Book" page. Watch for more information in August newsletter.

Tickets for the Colemans' Retirement Dinner will be sold before/after the church services beginning on Saturday, April 30th. The dinner is scheduled for Friday, June 17th, at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Adult tickets are \$16.00. Child (10 and under) tickets are \$8.00. Please be aware that there is limited seating so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. If you cannot make the dinner, please join us for the program at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Below is a schedule of events honoring Bob and Joyce. You are invited to attend any of the following:

Friday, June 17 th	6:00 p.m.	Retirement Dinner in Price Hall
Friday, June 17 th	7:30 p.m.	Program in the Sanctuary
Monday, June 20 th	2:00 p.m.	Reception at the Franklin United Methodist Home Community Center
Saturday, June 25 th	6:30 p.m.	Reception following Worship Service in Church Lobby
Sunday, June 26 th	10:00 a.m.	Reception between Services in Price Hall

As a congregation, we will also be presenting a love gift to the Colemans. If you and your family would like to participate and give toward this gift, or give toward covering pending expenses for the events above, please mark contributions "Coleman Love Gift" and bring or mail to the Church Office.

We look forward to this time of celebration in the life of our church. We are always grateful for the opportunities to share in our common ministry together and for those who have been faithful to responding to the love and grace Christ.

The following prayer is taken from a collection called *Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim* by Edward Hays. May it help us reflect on the simple beauty, gentle power and quiet persistence of God, which beckons us out of our emotional and spiritual winter and into new life!

(As one lights a candle...)

*Great and generous are you, my God, Who has given us
the rich variety of ever-changing seasons.*

*Listen, all you seeds in the earth,
buried in your dark earthen tombs.*

*As this flame of spring penetrates the darkness,
may your young tender stems pierce the earth
to dance in wind and rain just as this flame, like a tiny sun,
now dances before me.*

*Father of fire, Mother of mystery,
Teach me the lesson of spring as all creation comes alive;
tree and bush, flower and plant— in the alleluia richness
of the resurrection of creation.*

Grant me the gift, O God to do the same.

*Teach me the lesson that nothing dies completely.
At the death of my body help me to know that I have not
entered an endless winter, but simply a stage
in the unfolding mystery whose name is Life.*

*On this feast of spring
may I taste with delight, the freshness and vitality
of new birth and come forth from the womb of winter,
youthful with hope
and fully alive
in the presence of my God.*

-Amen

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The growing signs of spring!
- His faithfulness.
- Our growing Preschool.
- Warmer days so the kids can be outside!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The leadership and movement of the Holy Spirit in our church.
- Staff changes and transitions.
- New Confirmation class that starts this month.

Can YOU help the PRESCHOOL? All

God's Children Preschool is in need of substitute teachers! If you are interested, please contact Director Lisa Duckworth at 736-7962.



“And he took the children
in his arms, put his hands
on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:16

CHECK THE DATES:

May 6 First Friday Event (5th/6th grade) 6:30

May 7 Preschool Mother's Day Brunch 10:30

May 20 Preschool Graduation Program 6:30

Sneak Peak to SUMMER 2011

June 6–23 “Bee-Attitude Beach” Day Camp Experience!

June 10 Sprouts Lock In

June 24 VBS in the Park 1

July 8 VBS in the Park 2

July 16 Johnson Co. Parade—church float!

July 17–23 Fair Week

July 25–28 Vacation Bible School 9–11:30 a.m.

August 14 Sunday School Promotion

August 28 Church Picnic

CHILDREN'S SUMMER DAY CAMP:

The 2 and 3 year old classes are now FULL! Other classes still have room, but hurry, its filling fast! Registration forms available at the Children & Youth Welcome tables. Contact Pastor Jenothy if you have any questions.

Publication deadlines

Articles for the weekly bulletin are due in the office by Tuesday morning. Newsletter articles are due the morning of the 20th of the month.

Reserving rooms

To reserve a room at Grace, please contact Sandy in the church office at 736.7962 or grace@franklingrace.org.

Sprouts Sunday School

Remember that on Sunday mornings the 5th & 6th Graders meet in Room C105 of the Children's Wing at **10:10 a.m. for Sunday school.**

First Fridays in May

First Fridays for 5th and 6th Graders is set for **Friday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Schrader Youth Center. Kids are encouraged to bring friends for games, devotions music, and more. For more information, please speak with Christa or Carlos Intriago.

May Cook Out

The Sprouts will have a Cook Out and Games Day on Sunday, May 22nd, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Sprouts will go to the parsonage and then have time for games, devotions, and more. Please speak with Pastor Andy for more information. We look forward to seeing the youth at this event.

June Lock-In!

The 5th & 6th Graders will be having a Lock-In on Friday, June 10th, beginning at 9:00 p.m. in the Schrader Youth Center. Pick up time will be at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Two women chaperones are needed. Youth will need to bring bed rolls and pillows, along with sleep wear. Boys and Girls are to bring \$5.00 for pizza. Speak with Joe P. Sanford for more info.

Week of May 1st

Sunday:

GraceLand: 9:30-11:30a

White Water Rafting

Meeting: 4-5pm

Band Practice: 5-6pm

Roots: 6-8pm

Tuesday:

Youth Committee

Meeting: 6:30p

Week of May 8th

Sunday:

GraceLand: 9:30-11:30a

Band Practice: 5-6pm

Roots: 6-8pm

Week of May 15th

Sunday:

GraceLand: 9:30-11:30a

Week of May 22nd

Sunday:

GraceLand: 9:30-11:30a

Week of May 29th

Sunday:

GraceLand: 9:30-11:30a

Tuesday-Thursday

White Water Rafting

Gaceland in Schrader Center

Sr. & Jr. High Youth worship and have break out groups at 10:00 a.m. in the Schrader Youth Center.

Roots

Sr. & Jr. High Youth meet on Sundays for a meal, activities, and Bible study from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Band Practice is from 5 to 6 p.m.

God Squad

Monthly mission projects providing an opportunity for youth to reach out. These mission opportunities are not for fundraising or any other purpose than to simply extend a bridge to our community. Those who participate in the determined amount of activities are invited on our celebration trip next spring.

Summer Mission Trips

Mission trips are a highlight of our year. We've traveled to Belize, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, New Orleans, Minnesota, Kentucky and more. Experiencing the world beyond our norm is crucial for faith development. This summer's destination is Maytown, Kentucky. June 25th to July 7th. For more info, contact Joe at 644-9264.

Camp Scholarships

Did you know that it costs between \$195 to \$395 to go to Camp. Even a small contribution to the Camp Scholarship Fund will help and be very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation and help send our youth and children to camp, please do so by marking your contribution "Camp Scholarship".

Invitation

The Ministry of Confirmation for Young People currently in 7th Grade will start on Wednesday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Schrader Youth Center with a meal and orientation for parents and youth. Persons who would like to inquire more will need to speak with Pastors Andy, Jenothy, or Joe P. Sanford. The purpose of confirmation is to equip and ground young persons in the Christian faith, inviting them to grow in grace and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Local Recycle Needs

Take a moment to bring used cell phones, Blackberry's, MP 3's, and PDA's to the Recycle Container in Price Hall (Missions Corner). Proceeds will help Special Olympics in Johnson County.

Sports & Recreation

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Softball Team Sign Ups

Persons who want to play on the Grace Church Softball Team can begin to sign up at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. The Team is open to women and men. The season goes from June to August. See Pastor Andy or Chuck Rairdon for more info.

Spring Golf Outing

Calling all golfers! Begin signing up now for the Spring Golf Outing at Deer Valley Golf Course, south of Franklin, on Saturday, May 28th, with a semi-shotgun start on holes 1-2-8-9. The Outing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$16.00 for nine holes. Open to both women and men. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. For more information, please contact Rich Valeta. The Golf Outing will also serve as a fundraiser for our Good Samaritan Ministry.

DID YOU KNOW?

Media Ministry

We are now offering DVD copies of the Sunday services. If you are not able to come to church & would like a copy, just call the office, 736-7962. We have DVD players to loan out if you need one.

Receive Grace Notes by e-mail

Contact Sandy in the church office at 736.7962 or grace@franklingrace.org. This is one way to go green for Grace.

Serving at Grace Church

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May Coffee Hour Needs

Servants are needed to help with the Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. Please contact Nina Miller at 417-2703 for more information on how you or your class may help.

Gardeners Needed

Do you like to garden and work with flowers? If so, please contact Joella Patterson at 738-3127 or Judy Waggoner at 736-4263 to learn more and arrange a section of flowers to care for at the church.

Grace Cutters

Servants are needed to help cut the grass at Grace Church this spring, summer, and fall. Persons should contact Tom Gilmore at 738-4267 or Bill Hebert at 850-7726. Training is required.

Guitar Lessons at Grace

Want to learn how to play the guitar? If so, please contact Carlos Intriago at 346-7151 to set up an appointment. Carlos will be holding lessons at Grace Church during the week.

Faith-Promise Missions Giving

May 2011

Invitation to Faith-Promise

There is an old saying that rings true even today: *Christ accepted makes you a Christian; Christ obeyed makes you a missionary.*

That message rings true today more than ever: We all are missionaries of Jesus Christ. There are many ways we can accept and obey Christ, but we all are called to give by serving the present age and going into the world to proclaim the gospel!

What is Faith-Promise?

The Faith-Promise Missions Commitment is a personal commitment *to give to missions beyond* our weekly or monthly tithes and offerings: It is a commitment that depends solely on God's grace to fulfill and on our promise to respond faithfully. Each of us will be given the opportunity to make a commitment. If you have already made one, we thank you in advance.

Prayer as Basis

The first step in giving toward mission is to pray. We invite you to pray about the kind of commitment God wants made through you. An example may help:

O Lord, teach me how I may fulfill the call and challenge to
share resources that will help others here and around the world.
Help me to trust in your grace so that I may make a commitment
to our Faith-Promise Missions Program. Grant me the peace to
give, the faith to risk, and the courage to share out of the abundance
of God's love. Amen.

Receiving Commitments

Faith-Promise Commitments will be received at all three services of worship on May 14th and 15th.

God's blessings and thanksgivings!