



Growing With Grace

January 6-7, 2018

Please take this insert with you as a reference during the week.

OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

"God's love is for all and God's grace is present in all creation. God's spirit draws us into community. We are filled with genuine care and love for one another. Honoring the diversity of our faith journeys, our welcome is extended to all—people of all races, sexes, ethnic backgrounds, generations, physical and mental abilities, economic conditions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. No matter who you are, no matter where you are in your life, you are welcome here. We are all invited to bless this church with our love, our presence, and our participation."

Welcome to worship at Grace, a church seeking to:

- PROCLAIM the good news of Jesus Christ;
- PRACTICE uncommon hospitality; and
- PREPARE disciples to serve in the world.

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5 p.m., Sunday @ 8 a.m., & Sunday @ 10:15 a.m.

Hospitality Time follows the Saturday service and the 10:15 Sunday service. Our 10:15 services are signed for the hearing impaired.

Nursery care for children 3 years and younger is provided each Sunday from 7:45-11:30 a.m.

Worship Activity Bags in the gathering space outside the sanctuary are filled with quiet activities intended to complement a child's worship experience.

Please return them to the container next to the bag tree after worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday September through May.

PASTORS and CONTACT INFORMATION

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. David Swinton

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

For more information on these opportunities, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

I would like to receive the following:

☐ Beyond the Red Doors (weekly email with upcoming events)

☐ Chimes Newsletter (sent monthly via postal service or email)

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2018

____ I/we will provide altar flowers on

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Feb 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Feb 11 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apr 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Apr 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Apr 29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 20 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 30 | |

Cost is \$40 per week.

Dedication:

☐ I would like to volunteer in the office

☐ I would like to host Hospitality Time following the 10:15 a.m. Sunday service

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(please print clearly)

January Sunday School Offering

Children & Family Urban Movement

Our January Sunday School offering will support Children & Family Urban Movement (CFUM). The mission of CFUM is to create a community that supports the potential of children, youth, and families through educational success, healthy living, and community engagement.



Publication Deadlines

Articles for the Growing with Grace bulletin insert and Beyond the Red Doors email are due Wednesdays at noon.

Articles for the Chimes Newsletter are due the 15th of each month.

Please send complete articles for all of the publications to Charlene Hjort at

charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org or drop them off in the church office.



United Methodist Legislative Advocacy Day January 18

You are invited to participate in the **Iowa Annual Conference Legislative Advocacy Day on Thursday, January 18**. Pastor Gary is on the Annual Conference Legislative Advocacy Team.

The day begins at Wesley United Methodist Church (near the Capitol). From there people will be transported to the State Capitol to talk with their legislators about an issue of personal concern, providing a perspective grounded in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.

We'll return to Wesley Church for a noon meal (free will offering) and to hear from a couple of state legislators. There will also be informational presentations about vital topics in the legislature this year. Watch for additional information in future bulletin inserts and Beyond the Red Doors emails.

3rd-6th Grade Acolytes Needed

It's time to restart our acolyte program at Grace. Acolytes are our **third through sixth graders who bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary** at the beginning of the 10:15 a.m. worship service. If your child is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Coreen Witke (coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org or 515.255.6400 ext. 230) to set up a short, but important, preparatory meeting.

Mittens & Gloves Needed

In this bitterly cold weather, the Free Clinic is in need of **donations of mittens and gloves in any size for men, women, and children** who are our guests on Tuesday evenings. New items are always appreciated, but used items that are clean and in good condition are also welcome. Please place your donation in the marked boxes in the narthex or near the church office throughout the month of January. Thank you!

Special Offering Next Week

We will take our first special offering of the year next weekend in recognition of **Human Relations Sunday**. This offering is collected the weekend before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.



2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes are here and **ready to be picked up in the Narthex** at all three services this weekend. If you have not used envelopes in the past, but would like to start, please contact Charlene in the church office at 515.255.2131.

Readers Needed for Worship

Grace is seeking individuals who are interested in **serving as scripture readers during our regular worship services**. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Coreen Witke at 515.255.6400 ext. 230 or coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org.

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
11:30 a.m. Grace Dinners
5:00 p.m. UMYF Parent Youth Pot-luck

Monday, January 8, 2018

6 p.m. Dinner Drama Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9 a.m. Open Table Planning
2:30 p.m. Free Clinic Prep
5 p.m. Free Clinic Meal
5:30 p.m. Free Clinic
5:30 p.m. AMOS Research Action Training
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

9 a.m. Quilters
2 p.m. Free Mental Health Clinic
5:30 p.m. Trustees Committee
6 p.m. Confirmation
6 p.m. Grace Chimers Rehearsal
6 p.m. Dinner Drama Rehearsal
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11, 2018

6:45 a.m. Bible Study-Prayer Group
7 a.m. Centering Prayer
1:30 p.m. Art Group
6 p.m. Dinner Drama Rehearsal
7 p.m. Into the Frying Pan Class

Friday, January 12, 2018

5:30 p.m. Preschool Family Night
Open House

Saturday, January 13, 2018

5 p.m. Worship
6 p.m. Hospitality Time

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
11:30 a.m. Grace Dinners
11:30 a.m. Open Table Lunch
3 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
5 p.m. UMYF
7 p.m. Life After Death of Spouse

SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

Grace Dinners are going to Cool Basil (1250 86th St., Clive) this Sunday. Please meet outside the church office 15 minutes after the 10:15 service, or meet at the restaurant.

Please join us for **Hospitality Time** immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall directly across the hall from the Sanctuary. Thanks to Cathryn Lang and Wendy Cooley for hosting this Sunday.

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