



Chimes



Grace
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A monthly newsletter from Grace United Methodist Church

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He is RISEN...
and we are



Alive!
IN CHRIST

See page 2 for Holy Week details!



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™



Holy Week Schedule of Events

Holy Thursday—March 29

Service begins at 7 p.m., and will include the Sacrament of Communion. The Confirmation Class will assist with the service.

Good Friday—March 30

Service begins at 7 p.m.

Easter Saturday and Sunday

We will rejoice in Christ's resurrection at all three services Easter Weekend.

Saturday worship begins at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday services are at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The 10:15 service will feature the Flowering of the Cross during the Children's sermon time, with music from the Chancel Choir, the Grace Chimers, and orchestra.

Flowering of the Cross

This annual tradition transforms the old rugged cross into a living and beautiful symbol of Christ. During the 10:15 a.m. children's sermon, the children of Grace will attach flowers to the cross. Then, as the congregations sings Easter hymns, the cross is raised in the sanctuary as a symbol of Christ's eternal life. It is a powerful moment in the service. All children are encouraged to come forward for the Flowering of the Cross.

3rd Grade Lent Collection

The 3rd grade class will conclude their travel-sized toiletry collection on Sunday, April 8. Please drop your contribution of any of the following items in the collection boxes in the Narthex, on the second floor of the Education Wing, or outside room 303 in the Education Wing. :

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Washcloths
- Combs or brushes

Grants for Campers & Kirby Gull Memorial Scholarships

Grace UMC has a couple of important announcements for those who plan to attend church camp this summer. Our Grants for Campers program offers to pay \$200 or half the cost of the camp (whichever is less) to ANYONE attending a United Methodist Camp in Iowa. The Kirby Gull Memorial Scholarship is designed to remove financial barriers for anyone attending a church camp this summer. Visit www.gracedesmoines.org or pick up forms in the entryway to register. Contact Coreen Witke at 515.255.6400 ext. 230 or coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org for details.

Easter Offering to Support Kies' Missionary Work

The Mission Committee has designated the Easter offering for the Kies' Missionary work in Zimbabwe, Africa. Some of you may know Larry and Jane Kies, who have been serving the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries at African University in Zimbabwe. Grace has supported their mission efforts for many years. Our commitment to their work is \$4,000 a year.

Envelopes for your contribution will be in the bulletins for our Holy Week services.

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Camp Sunday April 15 (rescheduled from March)

Get ready for summer on Sunday, April 15 as we celebrate Camp Sunday! Bryan Johnson, Leadership Development Minister for Camping and Christian Formation for the Iowa Annual Conference, will be here that morning telling us about the UMC camping opportunities in Iowa. During worship a special offering will be collected for our Grants for Campers program that helps pay for camp for anyone attending a UMC camp. Camp catalogs are now available on the entryway table.

Out to Lunch Bunch

The Out to Lunch Bunch is going to Red Robin (6255 Mills Civic Pkwy., WDM) on Friday, April 13 (please note the change to the second Friday for April). Call the church office at 515.255.2131 to reserve your seat on the bus. Departure time is 11:15 a.m.

Spring Clean Up

The annual Spring Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 7 at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the church property for about two hours.

Grace Youth Updates

Thank you to all who attended ER Dinner Drama. UMYF appreciates your support!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser runs Sunday, March 18 through Sunday, April 8. Check with your favorite UMYF member to order!

Palm Sunday Brunch—Sunday, March 25 Lots of delicious food will be served in the Activity Center immediately following the 10:15 service. A free-will offering will be taken.

Easter Bake Sale—Sunday, April 1 Grab your favorite Easter treats in the Narthex!

April Emerging Issues

The next Emerging Issues session will be Sunday, April 29 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The topic will be Compassion and Choice: For Every Season. Please plan to attend.

Bishop Laurie Haller's Report on the Commission on a Way Forward

April 15, 2-4:30 p.m. at New Hope UMC in Des Moines

Bishop Laurie Haller and members of the Iowa Conference Delegation to the Special Session of General Conference will lead a special presentation and conversation regarding the Commission on a Way Forward proposals, which address the ways in which we might maintain church unity concerning human sexuality issues.

With deepest sympathy

We prayerfully remember those who have recently passed.

Howard Heinzl
August 21, 2017

Gladys Maynard
February 14, 2018

Janet Wilson
September 12, 2017

Ralph Childers
February 17, 2018

JoAnne Beasley
February 11, 2018

Glen Baker
March 16, 2018



United Methodist Women Unit Meeting
Thursday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Potluck Salad Smackdown

Our Bar-Cookie Bake-Off was a smash! Congrats to Theresa Sens, Mary Ann Bousfield, and Kay Braley, who took first, second and third place prizes, respectively. And a big thanks to everyone who brought bars to the event. Next up in our Grace Cooks Recipe Challenge: The Potluck Salad Smackdown!

Please join us! Simply make your best potluck salad (at least eight servings, please), and bring it to the Activity Center before the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, April 8. We'll have a local food pro judge the contest during worship. Afterwards, the winners will be announced, prizes awarded, and the salads served—along with Lori Hoffman's famed loose-meat sandwiches—at a luncheon following the service. Everyone's invited to the luncheon, whether you bring a salad or not! We hope you will join us for lunch. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Any kind of side-dish salad is eligible: coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, vegetable salads—you name it! Just bring your best.

Please call (515.255.2131) or email (info@gracedesmoines.org) the church office to let us know:

- If you plan to bring a salad (so that we can be sure to have enough salad for our lunch).
- If you plan to attend the lunch (so that we can be sure to have enough sandwiches and dessert prepared).

You may also complete the following form and leave it in the offering plate:

___ Yes! I will make a potluck salad for the April 8 Potluck Salad Smackdown.

___ Yes! I plan to attend the April 8 luncheon following the 10:15 worship service.

There will be ___ in my party. Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**April Sunday School Offerings will support this summer's
Vacation Bible School.**



Annual Spring Member/Friend Art Show

The annual Grace Members and Friends Art Exhibit runs from Saturday, May 5 through Sunday, May 27 in the Grace Gallery on the lower level of the church. The exhibit is available for viewing whenever the church is open. Invite your friends and neighbors so they, too, may enjoy this exhibit. Grace's Fine Arts Committee members will set up the exhibit Saturday morning, May 5.

In place of the after church Fellowship Coffee, the Hospitality Committee will serve an artists' reception from 11:15 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 6 in the Grace Gallery. Everyone is invited. Meet and visit with your friends and neighbors who are displaying their creative efforts.

Many types of original art will be displayed. We have had prints, drawings, paintings, textiles, ceramics, photographs, woodcarvings, stained glass, and more in past exhibits.

We have space for more artists and crafters who would like to enter up to three items of their own original work. Entry forms and additional information are available in the church office. Completed entry forms must be returned to the church office no later than Thursday, May 3.



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Worship: Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Chimes Deadline

Submit complete articles for the next issue by the 15th of each month. Please send them to Charlene Hjort at charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org.

View the Chimes on line and in color on our web site at:
www.gracedesmoines.org/newsletter.

Our Mission

Grace United Methodist is a community in Christ where a cross section of metropolitan Des Moines gathers for worship, study and service. At the core of our existence is Christ's vision for the world and the church. We are a servant people striving to live our lives so as to increase the Love for God and neighbor in the world. We are called:

- To tell God's story in fresh new ways through preaching and teaching.
- To practice uncommon hospitality.
- To equip and send servants into the larger community for Service.

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.

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