



## Growing With Grace April 28 and 29, 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"/> May 6  | <input type="checkbox"/> May 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 5  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nov 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 30 |                                 |

Cost is \$40 per week.

Dedication:

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- 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)

### Attention Artists & Crafters!

This week is the deadline for entries for the Annual Members and Friends Art exhibit sponsored by the Fine Art Committee. Entry forms must be returned to the church office by Thursday, May 3. Artwork needs to be here by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4. The opening of the show is Saturday, May 5, with an artists' reception in the Grace Gallery (Activity Center) on Sunday, May 6. Please join us! And come see the show whenever the church is open in May.

### Help Wanted

I am looking for someone who enjoys working with silk flowers to take over the creation of multiple arrangements on a monthly basis. The project takes about one hour a month. You must be able to handle steps, as the flowers are stored in a location that has no elevator access. If you are willing and able to help, please call me at 515.270.0500 or see me at church before April 30. (Sooner would be best.) Thank you!

-Betty Blackburn

### 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





### Fifth Sunday Offering

The Mission Committee voted to designate the Fifth Sunday Offering in April to Hawthorn Hill-New Directions Shelter.

The New Direction Shelter has provided free, temporary, emergency shelter and services for Iowa's homeless parents and their children since 1990. The shelter is located at 3001 Grand Avenue in Des Moines, and is a mission project of United Methodist Women. The shelter's director is Tim Shanahan, who is also the director at Bidwell Riverside.

In 2017 the program provided assistance to 119 homeless families, including 304 children, through two programs: New Directions Shelter and The Home Connections. The programs helped 55% of the families to acquire permanent housing, and 80% of the adults to get employment. Seventy-five percent of the families that completed the Home Connection Program transitioned into market-based rental housing, and 25% purchased their own home.

### The Open Table

**A group committed to the open and honest conversation on faith, spirituality and the human experience.**

Sunday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m., Wesley House. BE THERE!!!

This Sunday Night is going to be great! Mary VanHeukelom (bio on @GraceDMMillennials) and her daughter Anna, who started a meditation club at Roosevelt High School, will be coming to the Open Table on Sunday evening at 6:30 to introduce us to their world with the benefits, both mental and physical, of meditation woven into it. You'll feel more zen by 7:30. Please come to the Wesley House - Drake University and welcome them. It's going to be amazing. In addition to her bio, you can check out a link to the non-profit she works for called Above and Beyond Cancer. <https://aboveandbeyondcancer.org/>

### 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](http://www.gracedesmoines.org) or pick up forms in the entryway to register. Contact Coreen Witke at [coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org](mailto:coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org) or 515.255.6400 ext. 230 for details.

#### Sunday, April 29, 2018

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Chorister Choir Rehearsal
- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 9 a.m. Emerging Issues
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
- 11:30 a.m. Grace Diners
- 4 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 5 p.m. UMYF/Open Table
- 6:30 p.m. Open Table

#### Monday, April 30, 2018

- 5:30 p.m. Renovation Committee

#### Tuesday, May 1, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Open Table Planning
- 2:30 p.m. Free Clinic Prep
- 4 p.m. Shelter Meal
- 5 p.m. Free Clinic Meal & Registration
- 5:30 p.m. Free Clinic
- 7 p.m. Worship Committee

#### Wednesday, May 2, 2018

- 9 a.m. Quilters
- 2 p.m. Mental Health Clinic
- 6 p.m. Grace Chimers Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 3, 2018

- 6:45 a.m. Bible Study-Prayer Group
- 7 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 9:30 p.m. UMW Monthly Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Art Group
- 6 p.m. AMOS—Mental Health

- 7 p.m. SPRC
- 7 p.m. Into the Frying Pan
- Lectionary Study

#### Friday, May 4, 2018

- 11:15 a.m. Out to Lunch Bunch

#### Saturday, May 5, 2018

- 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 9 a.m. Art Show Set Up
- 10:30 a.m. James Caster Memorial Service
- 5 p.m. Worship
- 6 p.m. Hospitality Time

#### Sunday, May 6, 2018

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Chorister Choir Rehearsal
- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
- 11:30 a.m. Grace Diners
- 4 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 5 p.m. UMYF
- 6:30 p.m. The Open Table

### SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

Please join us for Hospitality Time immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall.

Grace Diners are going to Ruby Tuesday (4900 86th St., Urbandale) on Sunday. Meet outside the church office 15 minutes after the 10:15 service, or meet at the restaurant

### Power Outage

Grace had a major power outage Friday afternoon due to a problem with our transformers. A few light bulbs were blown out in the entryway and narthex, and one of our security cameras is not operational (don't worry, the other twelve are fine!), but everything else appears to be working. If you notice any other electrical issues this weekend, please either report them to a staff member, or leave a note in the church office.

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