



Growing With Grace

June 2 and 3, 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"/> Jul 1 | <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 28 | <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)

Free Medical Clinic and Meal

The Free Medical Clinic and Free Meal continue all summer. Have you had the opportunity to enjoy the meal and witness how people are welcomed? Pastor Gary expects to be there at 5 p.m. the next two Tuesdays (June 5 and 12). Join him to experience and learn more about these ministries. Call Gary at 515.422.2070 or contact him via email at gary.nims@gmail.com if you have any questions..

Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor our altar flowers this summer, there are several weeks available. Please mark the week you would like to provide the flowers in the section to the left, and place the form, along with your payment, in the offering plate. You may also leave it in the church office.

Stock Up on Coffee!

Today will be your last chance to order Don Justo coffee until October, so be sure to stock up so that you have enough to get through the summer! Look for the separate order form in your bulletin.

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.





Register for Rolling River Rampage Today!!

Our Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School is now open for registration! Join us for a week of experiencing God through Bible stories, mission activities, science, crafts, and music. VBS will be held Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28 from 5:15 to 7:45 p.m. with dinner provided each night. Those who are in preschool (and using the potty) through 5th grade during the 2017-18 school year are encouraged to sign up. Registration forms are on the Christian Education bulletin board near the entryway or you can register

online by going to www.gracedesmoines.org. Contact Coreen Witke for more information at 515.255.6400 ext. 230 or coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org.

How Can Our Church Be More Welcoming?

Pastor Gary will be leading a six week adult Sunday School class this summer. The class begins on July 1 at 9 a.m. in the church library. The discussion will be based on the book *A Bigger Table* by popular blogger John Pavlovitz. We will explore ways to extend unconditional welcome and acceptance in a world increasingly marked by bigotry, fear, and exclusion. There is no charge; donations will be accepted. Contact Pastor Gary at 515.422.2070 or gary.nims@gmail.com to reserve a book or for more information.

The Open Table

The Open Table will welcome a popular speaker Sunday evening. Josh Steward will be speaking about "The Bible and Politics". We hope this topic will resonate with you enough to come to the Wesley House at 2718 University Avenue in Des Moines. All ages are welcome! Please join us at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Program

We kickoff our Summer Reading Program for children and youth this weekend! Here's how it will work:

1. Stop by the Summer Reading Program Little Library (the one with the red door) by the Christian Education Office.
2. Pick up a tracking sheet and an information sheet from the folder inside the little library.
3. Sign out a book or two to read at home.
4. Return books to the Little Library when you finish reading them.
5. Earn a small prize for reading TWO books from each category. Categories include Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. These categories and the books are from the UMW reading program.
6. When you have completed a category, contact Coreen Witke to claim your prize (coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org or 515.255.6400 ext. 230).
7. Those who complete ALL five levels will get to vote on an end of summer celebration! (Think pizza party, or some other fun outing!)

Contact Coreen at the e mail or phone number above for additional information!

Sunday, June 3, 2018

8 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
11:30 a.m. Grace Diners
6:30 p.m. The Open Table

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

2:30 p.m. Free Clinic Prep
5 p.m. Free Clinic Meal & Registration
5:30 p.m. Free Clinic
7 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

9 a.m. Quilters
2 p.m. Mental Health Clinic

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7 a.m. Centering Prayer
11 a.m. UMW Salad Luncheon
1:30 p.m. Art Group
6 p.m. AMOS—DMPS Mental Health
7 p.m. SPRC

Friday, June 8, 2018

4:45 p.m. Grace Youth—Iowa Cubs Concessions

Saturday, June 9, 2018

4:45 p.m. Grace Youth—Iowa Cubs Concessions

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

Sunday, June 10, 2018

8 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
11:30 a.m. Grace Diners
11:30 a.m. Open Table Lunch
3 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m. The Open Table
7 p.m. Life After Death of Spouse

SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

Please join us for Hospitality Time immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall. Our thanks to Kathleen Clark and Jean Kerber for hosting today.

Today's altar flowers are given by Kathy Denny in celebration of her birthday.

Grace Diners are going to the HyVee Market Grille (420 Court Ave., DM) on Sunday. Meet outside the church office 15 minutes after the 10:15 service, or meet at the restaurant.

The Open Table will meet at Wesley House (2718 University Ave., DM) at 6:30 Sunday evening.

2018 IOWA CONFERENCE
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June 9-11, 2018
Clergy and Laity Sessions
on Friday June 8
Hy-Vee Hall
Des Moines, IA

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