



Growing With Grace November 24 and 25, 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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Student Day Special Offering This Weekend

United Methodist Student Sunday is November 25. There are young people who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or for some, any school at all, who have been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Sunday. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

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

All of the altar flower slots for 2018 have been filled. Watch this space for the opportunity to provide flowers in 2019.

- 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)



Festival of Trees

Grace Youth are hosting the 3rd Annual "Festival of Trees-Grace Youth Style" following the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 2. Please join the youth in the Activity Center for a festive, fun-filled hour of Christmas joy! Walk through our decorated tree wonderland; some of the trees will be up for auction. Snacks and drinks will be provided, so be sure not to miss this lovely event!



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.

Messiah Sing-a-Long

Join the Des Moines Community Orchestra next Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m. as they present their annual Messiah Sing-a-long in the Grace Sanctuary. A pre-concert talk will begin at 1 p.m., and there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the concert. A limited number of scores will be available. If you want to sing along, you may want to bring your own copy.



Christmas Giving

As Christians, we like to think of this time of the year as a time to think beyond ourselves. Many organizations do worthy work. This season we hope you will consider one or more of the following opportunities, all of which our church supports.

The Angel Tree: Located in the narthex, the Angel Tree will be covered with angel tags. Pick one or more, and it will direct you to purchase gift cards for \$5 or \$10 from Walmart, Target, HyVee, Fareway or Aldi. Once you've purchased the cards, please note the amount that is loaded onto the card and leave them in the church office.

Heifer International: Please visit Sue Sonner at the Heifer International table in the narthex. She will gladly walk you through the available options.

Christmas Offering: This year the Christmas Offering will be divided equally between Hawthorne Hill-New Direction Shelter, Bidwell Riverside, Children and Family Urban Movement, and DMARC. Look for envelopes in the bulletin or indicate your preference on the memo line of your check.

Also, DMARC would like to provide 100 holiday baskets to school-age children and their families in partnership with Des Moines Public Schools. You can help by donating \$20 at dmarcunited.org/donate/holiday_baskets.

Thank you for your generosity in this season of giving.

Nuts for Holiday Baking and Gift Giving

Nuts are still available for holiday baking, gifting, or just enjoying. They make great host or hostess gifts. They will be available for purchase outside the church office on Sunday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. All proceeds go to missions through the United Methodist Women.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Mini-Bazaar

Saturday, December 1 and
Sunday, December 2

Be sure to see the great selection of hand-crafted items that have been carefully and lovingly made for your gift-giving or personal enjoyment and use. The tables will be filled with colorful scarves, warm hats, snuggly mittens, cuddly baby blankets and sweaters, stylish clothes for the American Girl doll, clever aprons, useful kitchen towels that button on, dishcloths with built-in scrubbers, stocking stuffers, and so much more. Everything will be set up outside the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated. Sponsored by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Sunday, November 25, 2018

8 a.m. Worship
8:30 a.m. Chorister Choir Rehearsal
9 a.m. Sunday School
9 a.m. Advent Preparation Event
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time
11:30 a.m. Grace Diners
1 p.m. Anugrah Church Worship
1 p.m. Anugrah Church Sunday School
4 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
5 p.m. Grace Youth-High School Movie Night

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

9:30 a.m. Open Table Planning
2:30 p.m. Free Clinic Prep
5 p.m. Free Clinic Meal & Registration
5:30 p.m. Free Clinic

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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

Thursday, November 29, 2018

1:30 p.m. Art Group
7 p.m. Into the Frying Pan
Lectionary Study

Saturday, December 1, 2018

8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 a.m. Festival of Trees set up
1 p.m. Anugrah Church Youth Group
4 p.m. Shelter Meal
5 p.m. Worship
6 p.m. Hospitality Time

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11:15 a.m. Festival of Trees

11:30 a.m. Grace Diners
1 p.m. "Messiah" pre-concert talk
2 p.m. "Messiah" Sing-a-Long
4 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
5 p.m. Grace Youth
6:30 p.m. The Open Table

SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

Please join us for **Hospitality Time** in **Fellowship Hall** immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Thanks to **Melissa and Clint Martin** for hosting today.

Today's altar flowers are given by **Kathryn Barnhill** for the glory of God.

Grace Diners are going to **Hessen Haus** (101 4th St., DM) this Sunday. Please meet outside the church office 15 minutes after the 10:15 service, or meet at the restaurant.

Christmas Decorating

We will decorate the church for the Advent season Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. If you would like to help, or if you have decorating suggestions, please contact Jody Off at 515.865.0864 or by email at jodyoff68@gmail.com.

Glass Baby Food Jars

The Sunday School program is in need of baby food jars for an Advent project. If you have any glass baby food jars (4 ounces or larger), please consider donating them to the church. Most manufacturers no longer use glass jars, so they are in short supply! Contact Coreen Witke (515.255.6400 ext. 230 or coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org) if you have questions.