



Growing With Grace December 22 and 23, 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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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

I would like to receive the monthly Chimes Newsletter:

- via US postal service via email

Subscribe to the Beyond the Red Doors weekly email for information on upcoming events by going to our website at www.gracedesmoines.org. Scroll toward the bottom of the page until you see the “Beyond the Red Doors” section and follow the instructions to subscribe.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019

I/we will provide altar flowers on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Feb 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Feb 17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mar 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mar 24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mar 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Apr 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov 24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 29 | |

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)



Christmas Eve Worship

The 3:00 p.m. communion service will have special music provided by our choir directors and other soloists. Our choirs and strings will be featured at the 7:30 p.m. service. Both services will conclude with the singing of “Silent Night” by candlelight. Please join us!

Pipe Organ Concert

Trinity Las Americas (1548 8th St.) is excited to announce our long-awaited Christmas concert on Sunday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m., featuring our newly restored, historic pipe organ. The concert will be in our beautiful sanctuary, and we are pleased that accomplished Iowa organist Carl Gravander will perform. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.

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 each card and leave them in the church office.



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.

Last Chance to Make a Gift to Heifer International

You still have time to add to what other Grace members have contributed! So far, donations which will help alleviate poverty have been designated for:

- 2 llamas which provide wool and transportation
- 2 flocks of chickens - a good hen provides 200 eggs a year—protein for family plus income from selling eggs
- 3 gifts of honeybees which provide honey to sell for income as well as pollinators to help crops
- a Hope Basket with rabbits and chickens—quickly reproducing and going on to another family
- 2 biogas stoves help save the environment by reducing the need for fire wood and by eliminating harmful smoke fumes
- tree seedlings that help renew the soil as well as provide fruit or nuts for food or to sell

PLUS: another \$1,000 has been donated for the “most needed” which can be as varied as helping a girl go to school, providing clear water for a village, or giving a family a goat which offers milk for cheese or yogurt or to give children a source of nutrition. Your gift can help us reach out to others around the world so others less fortunate than we can make their way out of poverty.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN SO FAR, WHETHER THROUGH THIS PROJECT OR BY YOUR OWN DONATION TO HEIFER WHICH MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED DOUBLE OR TRIPLE MATCH!

Sunday, December 23, 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
- 1 p.m. Anugrah Church Worship
- 1 p.m. Anugrah Church Sunday School
- 4 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 24, 2018

- 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

- 10 a.m. Anugrah Church Worship

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

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

Thursday, December 27, 2018

- 7 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 1:30 p.m. Art Group
- 5 p.m. Dinner Drama Auditions
- 7 p.m. AMOS—Juvenile Justice

Saturday, December 29, 2018

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

Sunday, December 30, 2018

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 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
- 5 p.m. Dinner Drama Auditions

SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

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

Grace Diners are going to **Ruby Tuesday** (4900 86th St., Urbandale) this Sunday. Please meet outside the church office 15 minutes after the 10:15 service, or meet at the restau-

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