



## Growing With Grace

### March 9 and 10, 2019

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

Minister of Congregational Care: Rev. Gary Nims  
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Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter at GraceDesMoines.



### 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](http://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"/> 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"/> Aug 4  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 29 |
| <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. Make check payable to Grace UMC with "altar flowers" in the memo line.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### March Sunday School Offering

All Sunday School offerings received in March will be go toward Kirby Gull's camp scholarship memorial fund.



### Soup & Sermon

Join us for this week's Soup & Sermon on Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kevin LaGree, who is a retired UMC pastor. Come for a meaningful message, and stay for a delicious lunch of homemade soup!



### 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](mailto:charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org)  
 or drop them off in the church office.

## Congratulations to AMOS!

Congratulations to the Grace UMC AMOS team, whose efforts contributed to the approval of new funding to improve the lives of thousands of people in Des Moines! This includes:

- Expansion of public library days and hours, which provides more resources for all, including people who need access to computers and a safe space.
- Four to six new rental inspectors to improve rental housing conditions.
- Creation of key mental health crisis services for children.

And much more! Thanks to AMOS for their dedication to our community!

## General Conference Debrief with Bishop Laurie

Bishop Laurie Haller will be present to debrief and answer questions about the 2019 General Conference on Saturday, March 16 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at New Hope UMC (4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines). All are welcome.



## Grace Members and Friends Art Exhibit

Grace's Fine Arts Committee is looking for artists and crafters who want to display up to three of their original works in the Annual Members and Friends Art Exhibit from May 4 through May 26. And for non-participants, make plans to attend more than once in May. Watch for the article in the April Chimes for details!

## Douglas M. Woods Challenge Hunger Campaign

Since 2013, the Douglas M. Woods Challenge Hunger Campaign has been matching gifts to the Des Moines Religious Council Food Pantry Network, thanks to benefactor and retired West Des Moines police officer Doug Woods. The campaign offers \$20,000 in matching funds, and has raised a total of more than \$350,000 for DMARC over the past four years. While in-kind food donations are still very important to DMARC's work, making a cash donation allows DMARC to purchase from two to six times the amount of food any of us could in the grocery store with the same dollar. Cash donations also save man hours because the items purchased don't have to be sorted to eliminate expired items, rusty cans, and partially used items. During the Challenge, a \$10 donation will help to purchase 40 meals. This is a great opportunity for Grace UMC to respond to the overwhelming need in our community and to help those in dealing with food insecurity. The Challenge runs from March 1 through April 30. Please make your check out to:

Des Moines Area Religious Council  
1435 Mulberry St,  
Des Moines IA 50309

Please designate your gift for the Challenge Hunger Campaign.

### Sunday, March 11, 2019

- 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
- 3 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 5 p.m. Grace Youth
- 7 p.m. Life After Death of Spouse

### Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- 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. Finance Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Free Clinic
- 7 p.m. Library Committee

### Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- 9 a.m. Quilters
- 12:10 p.m. Soup & Sermon
- 2 p.m. Mental Health Clinic
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Church & Society
- 6 p.m. Confirmation
- 6 p.m. Grace Chimers Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 14, 2019

- 6:45 a.m. Bible Study—Prayer Group
- 7 a.m. Centering Prayer

- 1:30 p.m. Art Group
- 6 p.m. The Open Table
- 7 p.m. Into the Frying Pan  
Lectionary Study

### Saturday, March 16, 2019

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

### Sunday, March 17, 2019

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 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
- 6 p.m. Open Table Dinner Church

## SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

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

Grace Diners are going to **Mandarin Grill and Sushi Bar** (1250 NW 128th St., Clive) this Sunday. Please meet outside the church office 15 minutes after the 10:15 service, or meet at the restaurant.

Today's altar flowers are given by **Jenny Joynt for JoAnn, her sisters, and brother.**

