



Grace Preschool Returns for Fall

Grace Preschool reopened August 24, 2020 with less than 50 percent enrollment in order to allow enough space for social distancing. We were all happy to welcome back the students, families, and teachers with open hearts. This year looks a little different with health checks, face masks when indoors, outdoor learning, social distancing, and new additional cleaning regiments. Even with these changes, we are still able to provide our community of learners with a high quality early childhood education that will prepare the children of our community for a lifetime of opportunities. Thank you, Grace, for your support and assistance during our most challenging of times!



Christian Education and Faith Formation Updates

Confirmation Class Begins

Confirmation class began recently with a few changes from previous years. Most of our classes are held via Zoom, but once a month we meet in person. We discussed how we present ourselves as Christians at our recent in-person class. One activity was making collages of what a “true Christian” looks like. We discovered that it is sometimes difficult to tell who is and is not a Christian just by looking at a person.



Small Group Gatherings for Adults

There are a number of classes that are gathering via Zoom this fall. Anyone who wishes to join a group or start a new group should contact Coreen Witke for details on these groups. Also, we are planning a church-wide study during Advent. Contact Coreen at coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org or 515-255-6400 ext. 230 for more information.

(Please note that the Ikono/Odyssey class is now meeting Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.)

Fundraising for Grace Youth

Take me out to the ballgame!!!
Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks!

Grace Youth missed out on the biggest fundraiser of the summer due to COVID-19, so we're giving you the chance to participate in a Virtual Concession Stand in October-hopefully during the baseball playoffs-that will knock your Sox off.

The Grace Youth Wrapping Paper Fundraiser is also underway. This is a 3 week fundraising effort, and we will close sales on Sunday, October 3rd, 2020. Use the following link to place orders and support Grace Youth – www.charlestonwrapstore.com/schoolcodeinput.php Organization ID: 11519. Order wrapping paper as well as housewares, gourmet food, chocolates, holiday cards, magazines and many personalized gifts. Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME CUB'S CLASSIC VIRTUAL CONCESSIONS

Grace Youth is asking for your help, more or less
To make our virtual concession stand a big success
Just send us the money, if you please
That it would cost to purchase a pretzel with cheese
Or a cubby dog and a ballpark beer
We are giving the cubs a virtual cheer
Send in the money it takes to buy
Tickets close enough to catch a pop fly
We know you will help us if you can
Because you are a Baseball and Grace Youth Fan!



CONCESSIONS MENU (prices may appear larger than average)	
___ Candy (Red Vine, M&M's, etc.) \$25	___ Giant Ballpark Beer \$90
___ Hot Pretzel with Cheese \$35	___ I-Cubs Face Mask \$100
___ Kids Cubby Meal \$40	___ Colossal dog prepared by the Beckers \$125
___ Nachos with Cheese \$45	___ Picture with Cubbie Bear \$250
___ Popcorn \$50	___ Run the bases with Meg Malone-Titus \$500
___ Cherry or Blue Raspberry Slushie \$50	___ Weiner Cannon ride with the Goodes \$750
___ Peanuts roasted by Shawn Mullen \$85	___ Skybox Rental with Guest Bartenders: Chris Heilskov & Jacob Naumann

Submit your donation in one of the following ways:

Online - gracedesmoines.org > Giving > Make a Donation > Enter the amount you would like to contribute in the Grace Youth Fundraising row.

USPS – Grace United Methodist Church (3700 Cottage Grove Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311). Make checks payable to Grace Youth.

Venmo - @Grace-Youth-2 (Todd Witke) – indicate virtual concession as the reason



ATTENTION! Please REGISTER NOW for Grace Youth Des Moines-Grace UMC's fundraiser!

It's super easy! Please help support our fundraiser by following the steps below to register online today. When you register, we'll know you're committed to supporting our fundraiser and helping us reach our goals. To help our organization even more, send 10 email invitations to friends & family and spread the word about our need for help. With over 2,500 gift ideas, supporters can shop and check-off their holiday gift-list, all while supporting our important cause.

Will you follow the instructions below and register today? It's easy, it's simple, and it's important!

Here's how to register today and help us spread the word!

Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town), online orders ship directly to the purchaser!

Organization ID:
11519

Step 1: REGISTER at www.charlestonwrapstore.com (use organization ID to the left)

Step 2: Use our Email-Invite Generator to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support! Plus, share your unique invite links via text and social media.



Participant Registration



Charleston Wrap
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

Orders may be placed through November 16th. Orders will be available for pick up at Grace on Saturday, November 21st.

<input type="checkbox"/> I will pick up my order	<input type="checkbox"/> Please deliver my order	Price	Quantity	Total
22 in. Wreath		\$ 22.00	_____	_____
36 in. Wreath		\$ 38.00	_____	_____
12 in. Door Swag		\$ 19.00	_____	_____
25 ft. Balsam garland		\$ 32.00	_____	_____
Cemetery wreath holders		\$ 6.00	_____	_____
	Total		_____	_____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
E-mail: _____
Notes: _____



Grace UMYF Wreath Sale

The Grace United Methodist Youth is selling wreaths & greenery. The proceeds from the sale will be used to support youth activities, including the Wesley Heritage/Choir Trip to Europe next year.

Wreaths and greenery may be ordered by:

- Printing the form and mailing it with your payment to:
Grace Youth
c/o GRACE WREATH SALE
3700 Cottage Grove Ave., Des Moines, IA, 50311
- Printing the form and dropping it off with your check in the church office.
- Contacting a Grace Youth Group member or Kari & John Walker at 515-210-7367 or johnwalker3000@gmail.com.

www.gracedesmoines.org



Celebrations of Grace

by Rev. Nate Nims, Senior Pastor
natenims@gracedesmoines.org

Dear Grace family,

Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, the Grace Administrative Council approved a motion in July stating that we would move forward for the remainder of 2020 assuming that we will not have in-person, indoor worship. While our sanctuary is spacious, the primary concern that we have for in-person gatherings is the lack of social distancing available at entrances, exits, hallways, and bathrooms during worship. The last six months have required a lot of patience, grace, and peace as we've transitioned into a new normal as a church and community. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. I miss being with you in our sanctuary, and I know you miss it, too.

This fall, we will begin to take some small steps towards reopening our church in different ways. Plans are taking shape to restart our Tuesday Free Medical Clinic, and if all goes well, the clinic should be up and running in early October. We are also planning to restart the Grace Free Mental Health Clinic, likely in November. In addition to these ministries, we've developed a new relationship with Lucky Horse in the Drake neighborhood to provide free meals to our community. If you need a free meal or know others that do, please contact the church office and we will give you a card that can be redeemed for a free meal at Lucky Horse.

Our Youth Group has been able to meet safely and socially distanced with masks outside. As weather permits, we will be exploring other safe, masked, and socially distanced gatherings this fall. If your Sunday school class, UMW Circle, small group, or ministry team would like to host and or plan an outdoor event at Grace, please let me know.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued prayers, support, and patience during the last six months and in the months to come. While worship online is not the same as in the sanctuary, every week with Grace Online we are joined by folks from around the U.S., and reaching more persons than we could have imagined before. If you do not have internet access and would like to be added to our worship mailing list, let me know. We want to make sure that everyone stays connected to our church during this time.

Grace + peace,
Nate Nims

Kathleen Clark Receives Award

Congratulations to Rev. Kathleen Clark, who received the Social Action Award from the Iowa Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. Go to mfsaiowa.org/sqb for details.

Happy Birthday!

Ione Shadduck will celebrate her 97th birthday on October 28. Birthday greetings may be sent to Ione at 3431 Brookview, West Des Moines, IA 50265.

Heifer Marketplace 2020

Advent begins November 29. Usually that would be your first opportunity to participate in a long tradition at Grace UMC: helping provide an animal that changes the lives of families around the world. Obviously, there will be no table in the narthex this year. Heifer Program people are working on a "Digital Marketplace". The initial page looks pretty straightforward and easy to access. It will mean using a credit card to make your gift. I am working with them to make it specific to Grace. If you receive email from Heifer, it would help me to know that. If you are interested in receiving their mail, I would like to know that as well. New situations call for new ways to make it work. I would be happy to talk with you about your gift for this year.

Sue Sonner (515.822.1355; lssonner@aol.com; contact information is also in the church directory)

Please Join Us!

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

AMOS Action with Congressional and Senate Candidates

HEAR REAL STORIES FROM
CENTRAL IOWANS

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND GAIN
NEW CONNECTIONS

MOVE INTO ACTION TOGETHER

October 4th, 2020 Via Zoom | 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Please Register in Advance at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAscu-hqDopGdJnr-dTkEYzVbbWTn6C5QPn>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you have any questions or did not receive the registration email, please email amosiowa@gmail.com

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Worship: Sunday—10:15 am on Facebook, YouTube, and GraceDesMoines.com

Chimes Deadline

Submit complete articles for the next issue by the 15th of each month. Please send them to Charlene Hjort at charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org.

View the Chimes on line and in color on our web site at:
www.gracedesmoines.org/newsletter.

Our Mission

Grace United Methodist is a community in Christ where a cross section of metropolitan Des Moines gathers for worship, study and service. At the core of our existence is Christ's vision for the world and the church. We are a servant people striving to live our lives so as to increase the Love for God and neighbor in the world. We are called:

- To tell God's story in fresh new ways through preaching and teaching.
- To practice uncommon hospitality.
- To equip and send servants into the larger community for Service.

Our Welcoming Statement

Each of us is a child of God worthy of God's love. In our diversity, we are created in God's image. In celebration of that good news, everyone is invited to join in worship and fellowship. This invitation is extended to all—people of all races, all ethnic backgrounds, all generations, all physical and mental abilities, all economic conditions, all sexual orientations—honoring the diversity of our faith journeys. We invite you to bless this church with your presence as God's grace is present in all creation.

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