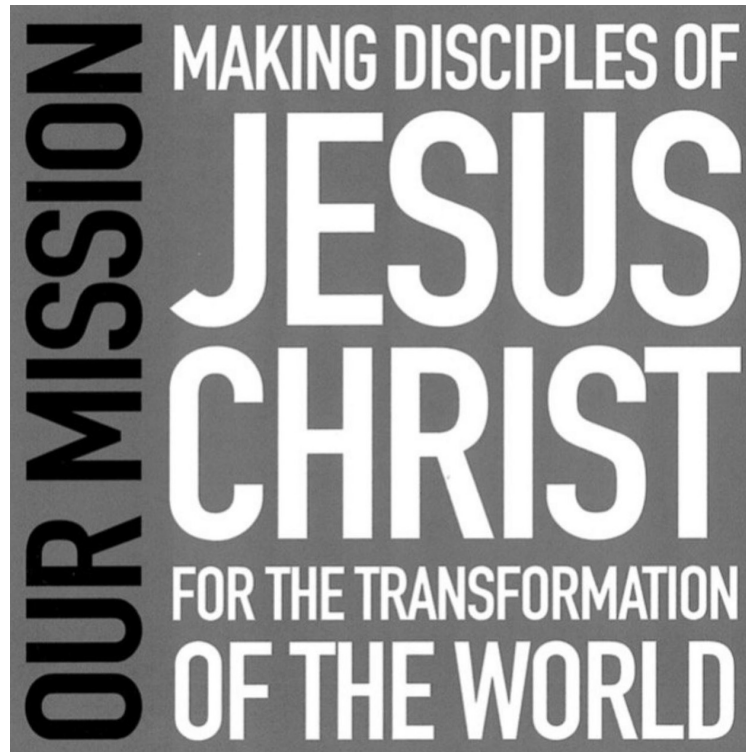


# Grace United Methodist Church

October 2, 2022



## OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status.

We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

We are all invited to bless this church with our love, our presence, and our participation.



[gracedesmoines.org](http://gracedesmoines.org)  
[facebook.com/DesMoinesGrace](https://facebook.com/DesMoinesGrace)  
[instagram.com/gracedesmoines](https://instagram.com/gracedesmoines)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** "Communion Meditations" arr. Lani Smith

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town,  
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**God's people are called to community,  
where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status;  
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with  
overflowing hearts:

**God's people are called to witness to God's  
hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "We, Thy People, Praise Thee"  
UMH No. 67 (red hymnal)

### \*Opening Prayer

**God of our lives, your Word is one of communion, not division. Your gifts are gifts of abundance, peace, and freedom, not scarcity, violence, and oppression. We thank you that in Christ you have given us the greatest gift: you gave us yourself. As we gather today, may your gifts and your presence be received with joy and humility. Amen.**

**Anthem** "How Beautiful" Twila Paris/arr. Benjamin Harlan Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading** Luke 14:7-15 Common English Bible

**Sermon** "The Family Table" Christine Anders

**Communion** The Great Thanksgiving, UMH pp. 9-11  
Communion Musical Responses: The Faith We Sing,  
#2257-a (black hymnal)

**\*Closing Hymn** "One Bread, One Body" UMH No. 620

### Benediction

**Postlude** "Voluntary on 'Let Us Break Bread Together'" Franklin Ashdown

# WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship. Together, we will join in liturgy, hymns, prayers, and a message to connect with God and one another. Our service today is led by **Christine Anders, guest preacher; Rev. Judy Wadding, communion celebrant; Ann Gerdorn, Director of Music and Organist; Michael Gookin, Chancel Choir Director; Shawn Mullen, liturgist.** In hymns, prayers, and liturgies, feel free to use language that makes worship meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.

# IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Grace member, **June Mauk**, who died on Tuesday, September 27. Her visitation will be held on **Sunday, October 2** from 1 to 3 p.m. at McLaren's Resthaven Chapel. Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on **Monday, October 3 at McLaren's.**

Former Grace member, **Ferne Michael**, died recently. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 1.

If you would like to have a prayer added to this list, contact the church office at [info@gracedesmoines.org](mailto:info@gracedesmoines.org) or call 515-255-2131.

**NURSERY CARE** is available during the service for children 3 and under. Children are always welcome in the service, too! Activity bags for kids are available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary.

# GIVE TO GRACE

You can give to Grace by placing your offering in one of the baskets by the sanctuary doors, online at [www.gracedesmoines.org](http://www.gracedesmoines.org), or mail your offering to Grace at 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA, 50311.

# ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers were given by **Lori Ann Haight** in memory of her parents, **Dale & Patty Haight.**

# ATTENDANCE and GIVING

## Sunday, September 26

Attendance - 151

In Person - 98

Online - 53

## Total Giving\* - \$4,104.00

General Budget - \$2,155.00

Other - \$1,949.00

\*not including EFTs



United  
Women  
in Faith

The **Grace United Women in Faith** will meet **Thursday, October 6 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall**. Hope to see many smiling faces!

## UWF Nut Sale Going on Now!



The United Women in Faith Nut sale is going on now. All orders must be turned in to the church office no later than **Tuesday, October 4**. See the order form in this bulletin for more information.



**CHURCH & SOCIETY**

The United Methodist Church

Living FAITH Seeking JUSTICE Pursuing PEACE

## Education Listening Session on Wednesday

Church & Society appreciates all of the great input received through the congregational survey they did last spring. Based on the social issues you recommended, they have identified five areas of focus:

- Education
- Gender Rights
- Climate Change/Global Warming
- Social Justice/Racial Equality
- Immigration

The committee will be hosting **Listening Sessions** over the next few months to help develop action steps in these areas. If you have a passion for change in any of these areas, we invite your participation! Each session will run just an hour and a half and will be held in person in Fellowship Hall (sorry zoom option is not available). The first ones scheduled are listed below:

**EDUCATION** - Wednesday, October 5 from 5 - 6:30 pm

**GENDER RIGHTS/LGBTQ** - Sunday, October 9 from Noon - 1:30 pm

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Binnie LeHew at [lehew27@msn.com](mailto:lehew27@msn.com) or Laura Sands at [laurasands@mchsi.com](mailto:laurasands@mchsi.com)

## Youth Group

Youth Group will not meet tonight, but will resume next Sunday.

Youth Group is for youth who are currently in **6th through 12th Grade**. We typically meet from **5 to 6:30 p.m.** in the Activity Center at Grace. For additional information or to be added to our email list, please send an email to [graceyouthdesmoines@gmail.com](mailto:graceyouthdesmoines@gmail.com).



## Kitchen Cleaning Night

The **Kitchen Committee** is in need of volunteers to help with **Kitchen Cleaning Night**. We need folks to help clean and reorganize the Activity Center Kitchen on **Monday, October 3 from 6 pm** until it's finished. Many hands make light work!!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday

**11:30 am** Hospitality Time

**3 pm** Prayer Shawl

### Monday, October 3

**11 am** June Mauk's funeral service at McLaren's

**6 pm** Activity Center Kitchen Cleaning

**6:30 pm** The Bible Year

### Tuesday, October 4

**5 pm** Grace Free Medical Clinic and Meal

**5 pm** Low Cost Mental Health Clinic

### Wednesday, October 5

**9 am** Grace Quilters

**5 pm** Listening Session on Education

**6:30 pm** Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 6

**7 am** The Bible Year

**9:30 am** Women United in Faith

**5 pm** Staff Parrish Relations Meeting

**6 pm** The Open Table

### Friday, October 7

**7:30 pm** New Beginnings (NA)

### Sunday, October 9

**Noon** Listening Session on Gender Rights & LGBTQ+

## Altar Flowers

**NEW CONTACT INFO:** Betsy Pokorny is now handling altar flower reservations. While we will still use this form for flower requests, you can also make reservations by contacting Betsy directly at [betsypokorny60@qwestoffice.net](mailto:betsypokorny60@qwestoffice.net) or by calling 515.321.2646.

I/We will provide altar flowers on:

☐ Oct 9 ☐ Oct 16 ☐ Nov 20 ☐ Dec 4 ☐ Dec 11

Cost is \$40 per week. Please submit payment with your request.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly. This form may be placed in the offering plate, turned in at the church office, or you can contact Betsy.

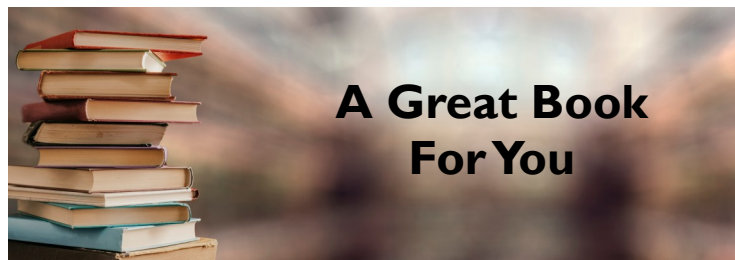
## Help Needed with Parking & Welcome Signs

We need volunteers to help put out our A-frame parking and welcome signs on Sunday mornings. These signs need to be out by 9:30 a.m. but they can be set up as early as 7 a.m. While the signs are fairly light they are a bit awkward. There is a two wheeler available to move the signs to their correct spots. There are a total of seven signs and instructions will be provided.



## Altar Flower Liners

We are looking for the plastic inserts that hold the altar flower arrangements. They are usually dark green or white. The flowers are arranged in these liners and then the liner is put into the brass vase on the altar. If you happen to have any at home, please return them to the church.



"When Bad Things Happen To Good People" by Harold S. Kushner has just arrived in the church library.

It is "A touching, heartwarming book for all those who must contend with suffering, and that, of course, is all of us" -Andrew M. Greeley

Thank You from



United  
Women  
in Faith

Grace United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt Thank YOU for donating to our Bakeless Bake Sale.

In your generosity \$1,310.00 was given.

ALL proceeds go toward helping support UWF missions locally, nationally, and worldwide.

UWF's vision is 'turning faith, home and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.'



## Volunteer Interest Form

One outcome of the **Congregational Coffee** sessions was the creation of the "**My Volunteer Interests 2022**" form. Please fill one out and return it to the church office at your convenience. Forms are included in this bulletin and will also be available in the church entryway, and on our website.

## Time to Order Christmas Greenery

The Grace Youth Group is ready to accept orders for Christmas greenery. There are new options this year, so look for the order form included with this bulletin.





## Grace Youth Wreath Sale

The Grace United Methodist Youth are selling wreaths & greenery. The proceeds from the sale will be used to support youth activities, including the Wesley Heritage/Choir Trip to Europe in 2024.

Wreaths and greenery may be ordered by:

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

Orders may be placed through **Monday, November 14**. Orders will be available for pick up at Grace on **Saturday, November 19**.

☐ I will pick up my order

☐ Please deliver my order

	Price	Quantity	Total
22 in. Wreath	\$ 28.00	_____	_____
36 in. Wreath	\$ 45.00	_____	_____
12 in. Door Swag	\$ 22.00	_____	_____
25 ft. Balsam garland	\$ 40.00	_____	_____
42 in. Cane	\$ 40.00	_____	_____
44 in. Cross	\$ 40.00	_____	_____
Wreath easel	\$ 10.00	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>			_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Volunteer Interests 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Something(s) I can do that I'm willing to share with the church:**

*(This could be anything from teaching kids to gardening to office work to mission projects, to cooking, singing, a book study, driving, etc....)*

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**Some skills, hobbies, professional interests or talents:**

*(These can vary in range. Who knows? Maybe there will be ways these things could be utilized.)*

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**If I was going to help with a "committee" or "team" it might be related to:**

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**I'd be interested in:**

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**Return to:**

Grace UMC 3700 Cottage Grove Ave., Des Moines IA 50311