

# Light of Grace

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## Dear Friends,

I find myself thinking about second - chances as we near Easter. Jesus' first attempt to get his message across didn't succeed. Bluntly, Jesus was battered, beaten and bloodied. His closest followers bore his wounds in their regrets. Their memories were stained with his blood—as much as the cross he was nailed to. When the tomb closed hope was locked away.

My grandparent's farm had a gravel pile and one summer I was obsessed with the thought of jumping my bicycle over it. That dream lay in two pieces after my first attempt. Not only did I land in a painful way, my bicycle became two non-functioning unicycles. My uncle saw the wreckage and, after making sure I would survive, said he'd weld my bike back together again if I promised not to jump the gravel pile.

The next time I lay on the gravel pile with two unicycles we had a longer talk—and a longer wait before he would weld my bicycle back together again. The final time—my 3<sup>rd</sup> second chance we had a really long talk where he did all the talking. This was the last time he'd fix my bicycle if it was even possible and he'd have to think a while about how to do it. It took me three second-chances to stop jumping the gravel pile—and a whole lot of grace on my Uncle's part. I've a hunch I'm not alone in needing 1<sup>st</sup> second chances, and 2<sup>nd</sup> second chances, and even 3<sup>rd</sup> second chances.



I believe **the church's mission is to provide a place where people can believe in second-chances and live into them.** United Methodists proclaim **our mission is “to make followers of Christ for the transformation of the world.”** And, there's absolutely no way to make a follower of Christ without helping one another through our mistakes and failings. There's no way of transforming the world without failed attempts, stumbles and falls along the way.

**Those first followers of Christ after Jesus' crucifixion needed a second-chance: an opportunity to be forgiven and begin again.** They also needed to grow into hope again. God could have raised Jesus to new life and Jesus could have said, “I've had it!” “They failed me!” Instead, he made some quick stops in their lives to say, “Don't be afraid.” “I am trusting you to carry on with my hopes and dreams.”

Maybe you're feeling the need for a second chance in a part of your own life—or grateful for a second chance you've already been given. Perhaps you know someone that needs to hear, “Don't be afraid.” Spread the word: **April 9 – 30<sup>th</sup> is second-chance month at Grace Church. Invite a friend or acquaintance to receive the gift of a new beginning.**

God's Peace,  
Pastor Roger



Ministry TEAM Program.. A Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation . TEAM # 1 (Apr/Oct) TEAM Coordinators are: T. & P. Newgard and P. and K. Anderson

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
- Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
- Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
- Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
- Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
- Tom Collins (Eventide)
- Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany))
- Clara Krook (Bethany)
- Eleanor Payton (River Pointe)
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
- Cleo Williams (Eventide)

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- 218-329-2837—J. & J. Eide,
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- 218-236-7319—C. & R. Goldade
- 218-233-1969—D. & J. Graning
- 218-233-6411—B. & C. Krogen
- 218-790-1162—N. McCaskell
- 218-233-1409—B. Paulson
- 218-790-6829—B. Rowland
- 701-540-7034—J. Stuart
- B. Wagner
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- 701-205-3636—E. Elliott
- 218-236-1643—I. Koenning
- 701-478-3928—C.. Krook
- 218-287-4316—B. & S. Martin
- 218-236-7136— E. Payton
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- 701-364-3950—P. & D. Walter
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**PRAYER LIST at Home**

- Vicky Westra Ruth Opp
- JoAnn Oelker David Reed
- Cullen Fraundorfer Shirley Mohr
- Myrna Swan Tami Enkers
- Roger Helland



**APRIL Birthdays**

- 3— E. Fangsrud
- 8—R. Herman
- 11—S. Gedrose
- J.. Burkhardt
- 17—M. Borgen
- 23—E. Thiseth
- 25—A. Severson



**DONUTS**

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, April 12th and 26th, 2017, to place you order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, the Monday prior to the day donuts are made. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**THANK YOU**

To everyone who donated a pan of bars and to B. Hanna for the pies during the Lenten season. Also a big thank you to I. Smith for cooking the soup and all the ladies that helped prepare and serve the evening meal.



**APRIL**

**Anniversaries**

- 11—J. & B. Fraundorfer
- 15—S. & N. Grow
- 29—L. & S. Simmons



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Martha Circle and other Women of Grace members for their generous donations to the Fellowship Carpet Fund. The installation of the new carpet will begin as soon as it can be scheduled.



## RECEIVING AND GIVING GRACE

by Del Larson, CLM

Luann and I went to the movie *"The Shack"* a couple weeks ago. **If you haven't seen it, GO!** I won't give it away, but if you have questions about God you might find some of the answers to them in this movie. For example, do you ever wonder where God is when you need him the most? Perhaps you have felt abandoned and deserted by God, Maybe you have been hurt by someone who was a friend, a member of the church, or even a stranger? Can you forgive them and get that terrible feeling out of your stomach and heart?

I am fairly certain that at sometime in our lives we all have faced those times of anger, frustration, or worry. Too often we hold those grudges far too long. It is fine and dandy that we accept Christ who died for our sins and forgives us, but we struggle with forgiveness to others, even though God has given them His Grace. I have had a few experiences of being angry at God, but down deep, I knew he cared.

When I was in elementary school, I lost my father to cancer. I remember how hurt and angry my older brother was. I too wondered, how can God do this to our family. I can still see my mother, surrounded by relatives, sitting in the chair by the front door sobbing while trying to tell my little 5-year-old sister and myself that our dad had died. God's Grace was there. In sixth grade, I was responsible, along with a couple of friends, for ending the tradition of getting to ride your bike to the city track meet. It is amazing how God works in our lives. Six years later when I was just starting college, I went to work at my old elementary school, George Washington. Fortunately it was a different principal, who didn't know of my past. While working there, he encouraged me to go into education. Ten years later, I became a respected teacher at that same school in north Moorhead, where I also developed my leadership skills. God put this principal into my life so that I could make a difference in the lives of others.

In the movie, God showed the struggling man there is forgiveness if we ask for it. God is filled with Grace that he wants to give you. God is serious about having a good relationship with us, that is why he sent his son to pay the debt for our sins.

You have probably heard of, if not been told by your parents when struggling with your children, "What goes around, comes around." We now laugh when our children tell us what their children are doing. We remind them about their childhood. God doesn't command problems for parents with children, that's temptation. We had struggles with our children.



Do we chalk it up to "What goes around, comes around?" No! Without God in our lives, I don't think we could have managed raising children. There were times that we were not only sad, but also hurt and frustrated. They did things that didn't make us proud. Yet, I remember how supportive our church family was in cleaning up the messes and encouraging us with prayers and actions. Many parents would have given up, but we forgave them, because that is what God did for all my stupid stuff. God, through his son Jesus Christ, has given us the Grace we need. We have done the same. We forgave our children, continued to love them like Jesus loves us unconditionally. We all must do the same. Hanging on to grudges or anger is not healthy and definitely not Christian.

We are proud of our children as they have finally become responsible adults. They are going through some struggles raising their children, but like us they are learning about God's Grace. Many people would have turned their backs on God, like that man in the movie did when he lost his daughter. I lost my way for a few months when my daughter went to prison. I was angry with God, but Jim Jameson helped me realize that God had big shoulders and could handle my anger. God is patient and loving, and slowly He helps us rebuild our relationship with Him. God put Pastor Jim in my life one Sunday morning when I really needed it. Perhaps God has put someone in your life at the right time to help guide you over the bumps and storms of life.

Christians who love God and have experienced God's Grace, forget they need to do the same for others. Doesn't it feel great to receive God's Grace. It feels just as great to give Grace to others. God puts people in places to help others. Who do you know that needs God's Grace shared with them?

## NEW LIFE CENTER



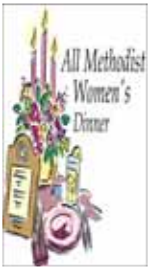
The New Life Center Auxiliary presents the 40th Annual Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, April 20th at 9:30 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo. If you are unable to attend the breakfast, a movie will take place that evening at 6:30 pm at the Fargo Theatre. The guest speakers for both events are Kim & Krickitt Carpenter. The Carpenter's are authors of "The Vow" their story of how after a car accident Krickitt didn't recognize her husband and how they fell in love all over again. Tickets are \$22 for the breakfast and \$12 for the Movie and can be purchased at [www.fargonlc.org](http://www.fargonlc.org) or by calling 701-235-4453.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sat, Apr 1	am: 102, 108, pm: 33	Jere 23:9-15	Rom 9:1-18	John 6:60-71
Sun, Apr 2	am: 118, pm: 145	Jere 23:16-32	1 Cor 9:19-27	Mark 8:31-9:1
Mon, Apr 3	am: 31, pm: 35	Jere 24:1-10	Rom 9:19-33	John 9:1-17
Tues, Apr 4	am:121,122,123, pm: 124, 125, 126	Jere 25:8-17	Rom 10:1-13	John 9:18-41
Wed, Apr 5	am:119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Jere 25:30-38	Rom 10:14-21	John 10:1-18
Thur, Apr 6	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 140, 142	Jere 26:1-16	Rom 11:1-12	John 10:19-42
Fri, Apr 7	am: 22, pm: 141, 143	Jere 29:1, 4-13	Rom 11:13-24	John 11:1-27 or 12:1-10
Sat, Apr 8	am: 137, 144, pm: 42, 43	Jere 31:27-34	Rom 11:25-36	John 11:28-44 or 12:37-50
Sun, Apr 9	am: 24, 29, pm: 103	am: Zech 9:9-12 pm: Zech 12:9-13:9	1 Tim 6:12-16	Matt 21:12-17
Mon, Apr 10	am: 51, pm: 69:1-23	Jer 12:1-16	Phil 3:1-14	John 12:9-19
Tues, Apr 11	am: 6, pm: 94	Jer 15:10-21	Phil 3:15-21	John 12:20-26
Wed, Apr 12	am: 55, pm: 74	Jer 17:5-10, 14-17	Phil 4:1-13	John 12:27-36
Thur, Apr 13	am: 102, pm: 142, 143	Jer 20:7-11	1 Cor 10:14-17, 11:27-32	John 17
Fri, Apr 14	am: 95, 22, pm: 40, 54	Gen 22:1-14	1 Pet 1:10-20	am: Jn 13:36-38, pm: Jn 19:38-42
Sat, Apr 15	am: 95, 88, pm 27	Job 19:21-27a	am: Heb 4:1-16 pm: Rom 8:1-11	
Sun, Apr 16	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 113, 114	am: Exod 12:1-14 pm: Isa 51:9-11		am: John 1:1-18, pm: John 20:19-23
Mon Apr 17	am: 93, 98, pm: 66	Jon 2:1-9	Acts 2:14, 22-32	John 14:1-14
Tues, Apr 18	am: 103, pm: 111, 114	Isa 30:18-21	Acts 2:26-47	John 14:15-31
Wed, Apr 19	am: 97, 99, pm: 115	Mic 7:7-15a	Acts 3:1-10	John 15:1-11
Thur, Apr 20	am: 146, 147, pm: 148, 149	Eze 37:1-14	Acts 3:11-26	John 15:12-27
Fri, Apr 21	am: 136, pm: 118	Dan 12:1-4, 13	Acts 4:1-12	John 16:1-15
Sat, Apr 22	am: 145, pm: 104	Isa 25:1-9	Acts 4:13-31	John 16:16-33
Sun, Apr 23	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 43:8-13	1 Pet 2:2-10	John 14:1-7
Mon, Apr 24	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Dan 1:1-21	1 Jn 1:1-10	John 17:1-11
Tues, Apr 25	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Dan 2:1-16	1 Jn 2:1-11	John 17:12-19
Wed, Apr 26	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Dan 2:17-30	1 Jn 2:12-17	John 17:20-26
Thur, Apr 27	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Dan 2:31-49	1 Jn 2:18-29	Luke 3:1-14
Fri, Apr 28	am: 16, 17, pm: 134, 135	Dan 3:1-18	1 Jn 3:1-10	Luke 3:15-22
Sat, Apr 29	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Dan 3:19-30	1 Jn 3:11-18	Luke 4:1-13
Sun, Apr 30	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Dan 4:1-18	1 Pet 4:7-11	John 21:15-25

# Grace United Methodist

## APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 5th Sunday in Lent <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>5</b> <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>5:45 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Services <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>1:30 pm</b> Martha Circle	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>10</b> <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Balcony Team <b>7:00 pm</b> Operating and Resources	<b>12</b> <b>6:am</b> Donut making <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>5:45 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>7:00 pm</b> Holy Thursday Communion	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Good Friday Service	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Easter Sunday <b>8:30 am</b> Sunrise Easter Worship <b>9:00 am</b> NO Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> NO Children's Sunday School	<b>17</b> <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>6:15 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>7:15 pm</b> Choir	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>7:00 pm</b> NO Lydia Circle	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 1st Sunday after Easter <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 am</b> ELR <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Vision and Ministry Team	<b>26</b> <b>6:am</b> Donut making <b>8:00 am</b> ELR <b>6:15 pm</b> Hand Choir <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>7:15 pm</b> Choir	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>9:00 am</b> Park View Terrace <b>10:00 am</b> Golden Living	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 2nd Sunday after Easter <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School						



## ALL WOMEN OF GRACE

The All Women's United Methodist Fellowship Dinner is Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Faith United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with dinner and a program. A free-will donation will be taken to cover expenses. Reservations are due by Wed., April 12, 2017, so please call the church office at 218-233-1857 between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. if you plan on attending. You may also contact members of Martha Circle, Lydia Circle, or P. Murray (218-236-0141), for questions. Come join us!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 9—16th**

Palm Sunday Worship Service....10:00 am  
Holy Thursday Communion .....7:00 pm  
Good Friday Remembrance.....7:00 pm  
Easter Sunrise Service .....8:30 am  
Easter Worship Service.....10:00 am



## OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2017 Offutt Scholarship are now available.

These scholarships are available to members of Grace UMC and their families for post-secondary education for the coming academic year. Applications are due in the office by June 1, 2017. These funds are generated by a generous gift from the Ron and Lidia Offutt family to the Grace UMC Endowment Fund. The applications are available in the Church officer and at the Church website:

[www.graceumcmoorhead.org](http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org). under forms. If you have any questions about the Scholarships or about the Grace UMC Endowment and its activities, please contact P. Anderson.



The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.—

Mohandas Gandhi

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