

Light of Grace

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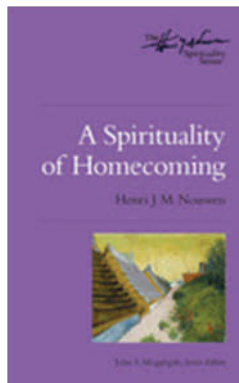
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

The Church Council has taken on some homework for the next month—as we seek to discern the need and niche that God is calling Grace specifically to fill within the cities we serve. The assignment for each of us is to ask someone “what’s the most pressing need for people within our communities?” My first person, a thirty something working behind a customer service counter, told me what I didn’t want to hear. “Some of the kindest people I know are covered in tattoos. Some of the meanest people go to church. Churches need to find a way to be kind. People need a kind word these days.” “Ouch” and “Amen” to kindness. I’m almost scared to ask another person. On the other hand, how else will I learn? I’m not sure this person’s answer helps identify a specific mission area. But, it pinpoints a modus operandi—a method, “kindness.”

The morning after my “what is the greatest need?” encounter, I read the day’s Upper Room Devotional.

“I LOVE REMBRANDT’S painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The father holds his child, touches his child, and says, “You are my beloved. I’m not going to ask you any questions. Wherever you have gone, whatever you have done, and whatever people say about you, **you’re my beloved. I hold you safe in my embrace. You can come home to me whose name is Compassionate, whose name is Love.**” Long before our father and mother, our brothers and sisters, our teachers, our church, or anyone else touched us in a loving or a wounding way—long before we were rejected by some person or praised by somebody else—that voice was there. “**I have loved you with an everlasting love**” (Jer. 31:3).” “From pp. 25-26 of *A Spirituality of Living* by Henri J. M.



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Between the prophetic words on Kindness from a non-church-goer and Nouwen’s image of a Compassionate God, I’ve a new set of lenses to look at Grace Church’s February. February 15th is a Sweet Heart Dinner and Talent Show. The invitation reminds that mom, child, friend, spouse, whomever can be our Sweetheart for the night. The Talent Show invites us to share a part of ourselves that we dare call talented (always a risk of making a mistake and being loved anyway or doing great and getting loving compliments; neither is easy in the stoic mid-west). We’ve Boy Scout Sunday on Feb. 9th. It’s a chance to show kindness toward a few of the 35 or so Cub Scouts that learn at Grace Church every Thursday night, but that don’t attend Sundays. February 16th the Gideons will share a brief moment about God’s love letter (The Bible) having the ability to welcome people home into the arms of God’s love.

Ah, then there are the homemade pies and donuts made by women’s circles—time sacrificed, sweetness shared, funds raised toward the mission of the church. Plus, it is a chance for people to be kindness and compassion for one another as they work together. While we are looking for the big mission, the Grace-sized need that God is calling our church to meet, it is wonderful to be reminded that every time we are kind, every time we are welcoming as a father to a long lost son, we are already meeting a deep need in every human heart.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Roger



Peggy Anderson	(R.E.M. House)
Elouise Brendemuhl	(Kinder Care)
Mabel Burkhardt	(Bethany)
Lois Ferguson	(Eventide)
Hyacinth Kronbeck	(Park View)
Marjorie Ladwig	(Eventide)
Tom Collins	(Eventide)
Mabel Johnson	(Fairmont)
Delores Dronen	(Fairmont)
Ruth Ann Krutz	(Elim)
Jim Johnson	(Golden Living)
Mary Jane Phillips	(Eventide)
Clara Krook	(Bethany)
Jeanne Schwager	(Sheyenne Crossings)
Vi Williams	(Bethany on 42nd)
Mary Ann Held	(Bethany)



Ministry TEAM Program...A New Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to serve at funerals, Sunday fellowship, as well as to provide ushers, greeters, the opening welcome and readers. TEAM 5 (Feb/Aug) . Ministry TEAMS Coordinator is Naomi Grow

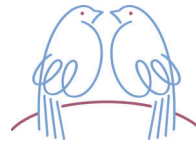
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 218-233-0255—R. & C. Grafenstein
 218-233-1875—J. Gustavson
 218-329-6199—M. & M. Hamm & Family
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 218-790-2950—S. Schindler & Family
 218-233-3947—J. Schwager
 218-498-2312—S. Simmons
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 218-236-8327—W. & W. Walseth,
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PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra	Roger Opp
Charley Bowman	Dale Smith
Joan Ostlie	Esther Vollbrecht
Lane Englehardt	Larry Possehl
Janet Wilson	Pastor Jim Jameson
Duane Enkers	Betty Jensen
Rae Offutt	

BE A LOVE BIRD

Many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day have come down through the centuries. There's no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws. Many legends are also associated with Valentine's Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples come to be called "love birds." In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed. Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine's Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus' words in John 13:34 (NRSV): "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."



February Birthdays

1—J. Denny
 2—L. Larson
 4—R. Lofgren
 5—C. Welsh
 6—C. Goldade
 8—K. Baker
 L. Gedose
 15—J. Anderson
 16—T. Weik
 17—J. Miller
 K. Beck
 19—F. Hamm
 20—L. Denny
 21—R. Shaw
 22—H. Hamm
 R. Murray
 23—N. Lofgren
 D. Burkhardt



February Anniversaries

20—J. & B. Johnson



THANK YOU

Thanks for all the prayers, food, cards, and visits. A special thanks to Pastor Roger and to M. & K. Forkner and S. Fangsrud for coming to our home and sharing their gift of music.— Betty Jensen

FINANCIAL UPDATE JANUARY

INCOME:	\$ 7,633.37
EXPENSES:	\$ 14,654.56
APPORTIONMENS	\$ 576.34





PIES

Lydia Circle will be making pies for you to enjoy on February 8th. You may order Cherry Cream or Pecan for \$12.00 each or Rhubarb, Pumpkin, or Apple for

\$10.00 each. The pies will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 9th. Orders may be placed on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or by calling P. Newgard at 701-367-0574. The last day to place your order is February 5th. Money from the pie sales have helped Churches United with sheltering the homeless in other churches; and Paula Horner with her trip and training for Stephen Ministry.



WOMEN OF GRACE

A meeting for all Women of Grace will be held on Sunday, February 2nd at 11:00 p.m. in the lounge. All women are invited to attend this meeting.

PHONE DIRECTORY



The 2014 Phone Directory is available in the Narthex. Please take one for each family. If you need additional copies, please let the office know. Please make a note that J. Gustavson's phone number is, 218-233-1875. It was left out of the directory.

DONUTS



They are back by popular demand. The ladies will be making donuts on Wednesday, February 19th beginning at 6 AM. Please place your orders with J. Anderson, 236-0183 or the Office, 233-1857 by Monday, February 17th. Orders are to be picked up by 9 AM.

NEW LIFE CENTER

The New Life Center provided lodgings for 38,838 during 2013. This created 1,579 nights of in-house overflow. During this same time they served 116,640 meals. Monday through Friday 3 meals a day are served and 2 meals are served on Saturday and Sunday. Family units served were 1,878 which were made up of 1,988 adults and 466 children. Families were provided with free clothing, furniture, household items, meals and emergency shelter and travelers aid. The Thrift Store provided 2,423 with clothing, furniture and other household essentials. The New Life Center also has a free morning clinic, and morning devotions. The total of individuals served in 2013 was 3,209.



SWEET HEART DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

The dinner and talent show will be on Saturday, February 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The dinner will cost \$10.00 with children 6th grade and under FREE.

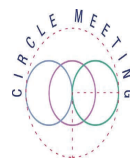
The show is \$3.00 with children 6th grade and under FREE. If you have a talent to share, please e-mail Pastor Roger with your name, talent, and number of minutes of your performance. Pastor Roger's e-mail is:



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MOVING

Martha Circle is moving their meeting date from the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. to the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.



OFFERING STATEMENTS

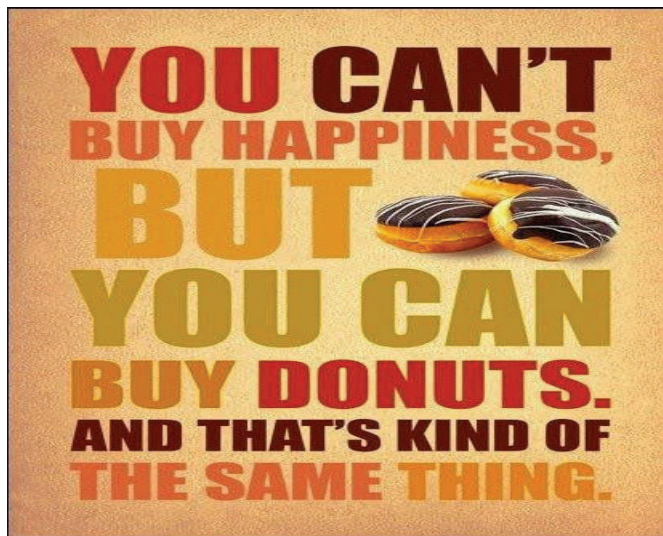
The offering statement for 2013 have been mailed. If you have not received your statement or there is an error on the statement, please call the office, so the appropriate action can be taken.

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sat, Feb 1	am: 55; pm: 138, 139	Gen 18:1-16	Heb 10:26-39	John 6:16-27
Sun, Feb 2	am: 24, 29; pm: 8, 84	Gen 18:16-33	Gal 5:13-25	Mark 8:22-30
Mon, Feb 3	am: 56, 57, 58; pm: 64, 65	Gen 19:1-29	Heb 11:1-12	John 6:27-40
Tue, Feb 4	am: 61, 62; pm: 68	Gen 21:1-21	Heb 11:13-22	John 6:41-51
Wed, Feb 5	am: 72; pm: 119:73-96	Gen 22:1-18	Heb 11:23-31	John 6:52-59
Thur, Feb 6	am: 70, 71; pm: 74	Gen 23:1-20	Heb 11:32-12:2	John 6:60-71
Fri, Feb 7	am: 69; pm: 73	Gen 24:1-27	Heb 12:3-11	John 7:1-13
Sat, Feb 8	am: 75, 76; pm: 23, 27	Gen 24:28-38, 49-51	Heb 12:12-29	John 7:14-36
Sun, Feb 9	am: 93, 96; pm: 34	Gen 24:50-67	2 Tim 2:14-21	Mark 10:13-22
Mon, Feb 10	am: 80; pm: 77, 79	Gen 25:19-34	Heb 13:1-16	John 7:37-52
Tue, Feb 11	am: 78:1-39; pm: 78:40-72	Gen 26:1-6, 12-33	Heb 13:17-25	John 7:53-8:11
Wed, Feb 12	am: 119:97-120; pm: 81, 82	Gen 27:1-29	Rom 12:1-8	John 8:12-20
Thur, Feb 13	am: 146, 147; pm: 83, 85, 86	Gen 27:30-45	Rom 12:9-21	John 8:21-32
Fri, Feb 14	am: 88; pm: 91, 92	Gen 27:46-28:4, 10-22	Rom 13:1-14	John 8:33-47
Sat, Feb 15	am: 87, 90; pm: 136	Gen 29:1-20	Rom 14:1-23	John 8:47-59
Sun, Feb 16	am: 66, 67; pm: 19, 46	Gen 29:20-35	1 Tim 3:14-4:10	Mark 10:23-31
Mon, Feb 17	am: 89:1-18; pm: 89:19-52	Gen 30:1-24	1 John 1:1-10	John 9:1-17
Tue, Feb 18	am: 97, 99, 100; pm: 94, 95	Gen 31:1-24	1 John 2:1-11	John 9:18-41
Wed, Feb 19	am: 101, 109:1-30; pm: 119:121-144	Gen 31:15-50	1 John 2:12-17	John 10:1-18
Thur, Feb 20	am: 105:1-22; pm: 105:23-45	Gen 32:3-21	1 John 2:18-29	John 10:19-30
Fri, Feb 21	am: 102; pm: 107:1-32	Gen 32:22-33:17	1 John 3:1-10	John 10:31-42
Sat, Feb 22	am: 107:33-43, 108; pm: 33	Gen 35:1-20	1 John 3:11-18	John 11:1-16
Sun, Feb 23	am: 118; pm: 145	Prov 1:20-33	2 Cor 5:11-21	Mark 10:35-45
Mon, Feb 24	am: 106:1-18; pm: 106:19-48	Prov 3:11-20	1 John 3:18-4:6	John 11:17-29
Tues, Feb 25	am: 120-123; pm: 124-127	Prov 4:1-27	1 John 4:7-21	John 11:30-44
Wed, Feb 26	am: 119:145-176; pm: 128, 129, 130	Prov 6:1-19	1 John 5:1-12	John 11:45-54
Thus, Feb 27	am: 131, 132, 133; pm: 134, 135	Prov 7:1-27	1 John 5:13-21	John 11:55-12:8
Fri, Feb 28	am: 140, 142; pm: 141, 143:1-12	Prov 8:1-21	Philemon 1-25	John 12:9-19

Grace United Methodist

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship w/Communion 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School 11:00 AM Women of Grace—Lounge	3 1 PM Quilters	4	5 1:30 PM Martha Circle 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	6 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry No Scouts	7	8 9 AM Pie Making
9 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School Boy Scout Sunday  † Boy Scout Sunday †	10 1 PM Quilters	11	12 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	13 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7 PM Scouts	14 	15 5:30—8:30 PM Sweet Heart Dinner and Talent Show
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship w/ Gideon Moments 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School	17 1 PM Quilters	18 6 PM Trustees 7 PM Church Council	19 6:00 AM Donut Making 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	20 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7 PM Scouts Set up for Banquet	21 6:00 PM Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet	22
23 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School	24 1 PM Quilters	25 7:30 PM Finance Com- mittee	26 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir	27 Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Park View Terrace 10 AM Golden Living 2 PM River Pointe 7 PM Scouts	28	ASH Wednesday March 5th Services at 7:00 PM



DONUT SALES

The last years donut sales have gone toward Grace's first-mile mission giving—Apportionments. The group is averaging approximately \$4,000.00 per year for missions.



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WEB SITE

Have you checked out the new web site design? The web site address is the same:

www.graceumcmoorhead.org.

Anyone wishing to donate for a month or more, the cost is \$30 per month. Please designate “website” on your donations.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

When young Kelli said her prayers each night, she would bless every family member, every friend and every pet (current or past). Toward the end of her prayers, she'd say, “And all girls.”

One night her father asked his daughter why she always, ended that way.

“Because,” she replied, “everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, ‘all men.’”

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