

# Light of Grace

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## Dear Friends,

Pontius Pilate is remembered for his cynical question, “What is truth?” Jesus stood in front of him, God’s truth, and Pilate was unable to recognize God’s truth. He’s not alone in his struggle with the truth. I had the opportunity to be part of the Moorhead -Citizens’ Police Academy in 2016. One of the nights half the class watched a crime unfold on a wall-sized screen. The other half of the class came in after the video and attempted to ascertain the basic facts. In the end we narrowed the get-away car down to a silver, white, grey, blue, or yellow, two door or four door, that might have been anything but a Volkswagen. The man who got into the passenger’s side of the car was a short, tall, man with a blue shirt or a red shirt, unless it was a black shirt or a grey shirt. Point is the “truth” of the situation was very difficult to determine—although one person did note the exact color and style of the shoes of two of the witnesses. Even when we “see” what is right in front of our faces, truth is often like fresh caught fish, slipping from our grasp back into the lake.

I think truth is even more difficult to discern when we ask questions like the following: “What does God want me to do with my life?” “Where is God leading me in my job search or

in my choice of medical treatment”? “What Would Jesus’ Do in this situation”? The “right” way isn’t always clear. But, there are practices that help us listen more closely to where God’s may be leading. Plus, at the start of a new year is a great time to seek to listen to God’s will for 2017 in our lives.

I invite us to listen together. Starting January 8<sup>th</sup> we’ll have a four week series of messages at Grace called “Heart Truths.” Each week we’ll explore a different aspect of “truth” and how we might discern God’s direction in our lives.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Higher Truth (Matthew 3:13-17 – the Baptism of Jesus)

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Help Truth (John 1:29-42 – John the Baptist assists Jesus)

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Home Truth (Psalm 27:1, 4-9 & Matthew 4:12-23 – God is our home)

**January 29<sup>th</sup>** – Heart Truth (Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12 – God shows us the way)

Each one of us has a gift from God. If we live into that gift a bit of God’s truth will be seen in our lives. Grace Church has been gifted with a purpose from God. As we discern that purpose and live into it God’s truth shines through us. Come and re-discover God’s “Heart Truth” in your life. Let God’s heart truth be your guide in 2017.

Happy New Year,  
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 #4 (Jan/July) TEAM Coordinators are : Dan & Jean Graning

- 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)

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**DONUTS**

The donut makers are back in business. Donuts will be made on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, by January 16th.



**January Birthdays**

- 5- J. Oelke
- B. Beck
- 7- I. Smith
- 12-L. Roppe
- 14-K. Thiseth
- 16-B. Loeks
- C. Gedrose
- 17-C. Chandler
- 19-W. Port
- 22-L. Hamm
- 25-J. Eide
- 27-D. Chandler
- 28-C. Gedrose
- 29-B. Paulson
- 31-C. Gedrose



**WOMEN OF THE YEAR**

**Congratulations** to J. Graning for receiving the Women of Grace “Woman of the Year” award.



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to those who came and sang Christmas Carols to me—R. Herman

**NEEDED**

A hospitality coordinator for the month of January is needed. If you would like to help for one month, please contact J. Graning, 233-1969.



**January Anniversaries**

- 18—S. & T. Ladwig

**CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathies to the family of Delores Dronen. Delores passed away on December 6th. Her funeral was on December 10th.



## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2017 are available in the office. If you didn't pick your envelopes up during December, they can be picked up by visiting the office. If you have any questions, please call the office. 218-233-1857



## DONUT MAKING UPDATE

December 18, 2016, the Donut Makers presented a check for \$9,000.00 for the General Fund. Many thanks to B. Krogen, A. Severson, J. Mann, T. Martin, B. Hopkins, E. Vollbrecht, J. Oelke, L. Dick, D. LeQuire, P. Murray, K. Anderson, S. and G. Mohr, S. and R. Aman for mixing, frying and packaging donuts, J. Anderson for organizing, buying supplies and setting up, L. Norby for counting and making deposits and S. Vick for taking the order.

There was a total of 19,536 donuts or 1,628 dozen donuts made. This was approximately 22% more than the number of donuts made in 2015.

The remainder of what was made will be used for supplies when donuts are made on January 18th. Call 218-233-1857 to place your order.

## BIBLE QUIZ

In John 8:12 (NRSV), Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will...."

Choose the phrase below that correctly completes this sentence.

- A. Never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
- B. Never walk alone.
- C. Be my companion always.
- D. Sit at my right hand.

Answer: A



## GET READY FOR EPIPHANY

Many Christian denominations celebrate Epiphany each year on or near January 6. "Epiphany," which means "showing forth," celebrates the visit of the magi, or wise men, to the baby Jesus. These men, also known as kings, saw the star that led them to Bethlehem.

The fact that these wise men were Gentiles, not Jews, teaches us an important theological lesson: Their search for the Savior shows that Jesus came for all people.

In 1875, Philip Bliss wrote the hymn "The Light of the World Is Jesus." The first stanza captures the meaning of Epiphany, a season of light:

The whole world was lost  
 In the darkness of sin,  
 The Light of the world is Jesus!  
 Like sunshine at noonday,  
 His glory shone in.  
 The Light of the world is Jesus!

## PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

On the edge of a new year, Lord, teach us again to order our priorities and number our days and hours. And teach us to trust — life, history, one another, You. So that even in the gray and gloomy days, when the ceiling is low, we may trust the star that enabled wise men of old to live in hope and proclaim the divine promises which call us on in Jesus Christ. Amen. —Deryl Fleming



<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 1</b>	am: 93,96, pm: 34	Isa 62:6-7, 10-12	Heb 2:10-18	Matt 1:18-25
<b>Mon, Jan 2</b>	am: 34, pm: 33	Gen 12:1-7	Heb 11:1-12	John 6:35-42, 48-51
<b>Tues, Jan 3</b>	am: 68, pm: 72	Gen 28:10-22	Heb:11:13-22	John 10:7-17
<b>Wed, Jan 4</b>	am: 85, 87, pm: 89:1-29	Exod 3:1-12	Heb 11:23-31	John 14:6-14
<b>Thur, Jan 5</b>	am: 2, 110 ,pm: 29, 98	Joshua 1:1-9,: Isa 66:18-23	Heb 11:32-12:2, Rom 15:7-13	John 15:1-6
<b>Fri, Jan 6</b>	am: 46, 97, m: 96, 100	Isa 52:7-10	Rev 21:22-27	Matt 12:14-21
<b>Sat, Jan 7</b>	am: 103, pm: 114, 115	Isa 52:3-6, Isa 61:1-9	Rev 2:1-7, Gal 3:23-29, 4:4-7	John 2:1-11
<b>Sun, Jan 8</b>	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 40:1-11	Heb 1:1-12	John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34
<b>Mon, Jan 9</b>	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Isa 40:12-23	Eph 1:1-14	Mark 1:1-13
<b>Tues, Jan 10</b>	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Isa 40:25-31	Eph 1:15-23	Mark 1:14-28
<b>Wed, Jan 11</b>	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Isa 41:1-6	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 1:29-45
<b>Thur, Jan 12</b>	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Isa 41:17-29	Eph 2:11-22	Mark 2:1-12
<b>Fri, Jan 13</b>	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Isa 42:1-17	Eph 3:1-13	Mark 2:13-22
<b>Sat, Jan 14</b>	am: 20, 21:1-14, pm: 110, 116, 117	Isa 43:1-13	Eph 3:14-21	Mark 2:23-3:6
<b>Sun, Jan 15</b>	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Isa 43:14-44:5	Heb 6:17-7:10	John 4:27-42
<b>Mon, Jan 16</b>	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Isa 44:6-8, 21-23	Eph 4:1-16	Mark 3:7-19a
<b>Tues, Jan 17</b>	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Isa 44:9-20	Eph 4:17-22	Mark 3:19b-35
<b>Wed, Jan 18</b>	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Isa 44:24-45:7	Eph 5:1-14	Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thur, Jan 19</b>	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Isa 45:5-17	Eph 5:15-33	Mark 4:21-34
<b>Fri, Jan 20</b>	am: 31, pm: 35	Isa 45:18-25	Eph 6:1-9	Mark 4:35-41
<b>Sat, Jan 21</b>	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Isa 46:1-13	Eph 6:10-24	Mark 5:1-20
<b>Sun, Jan 22</b>	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Isa 47:1-15	Heb 10:19-31	John 5:2-18
<b>Mon, Jan 23</b>	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Isa 48:1-11	Gal 1:1-17	Mark 5:21-43
<b>Tue, Jan 24</b>	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Isa 48:12-21	Gal 1:18-2:10	Mark 6:1-13
<b>Wed, Jan 25</b>	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Isa 49:1-12	Gal 2:11-21	Mark 6:13-29
<b>Thur, Jan 26</b>	am: 50, 59, pm: 60, 118	Isa 49:13-23	Gal 3:1-14	Mark 6:30-46
<b>Fri, Jan 27</b>	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Isa 50:1-11	Gal 3:15-22	Mark 6:47-56
<b>Sat, Jan 28</b>	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Isa 51:1-8	Gal 3:23-29	Mark 7:1-23
<b>Sun, Jan 29</b>	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Isa 51:9-16	Heb 11:8-16	John 7:14-31
<b>Mon, Jan 30</b>	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Isa 51:17-23	Gal 4:1-11	Mark 7:24-37
<b>Tue, Jan 31</b>	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Isa 52:1-12	Gal 4:12-20	Mark 8:1-10

# Grace United Methodist

## January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Epiphany Sunday</b>  <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>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>4</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>6:15 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>7:15 pm</b> Choir	<b>5</b>  <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>1:00 pm</b> Martha Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> Vision & Ministry Team	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 1st Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <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>9</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>6:15 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>7:15 pm</b> Choir	<b>12</b>  <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>7:00 pm</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>16</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL	<b>17</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Operations and Resources	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 am</b> Donut making <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>6:15 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>7:15 pm</b> Choir	<b>19</b>  <b>7:00 am</b> Book Study <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>7:00 pm</b> Lydia Circle	<b>20</b>  Boy Scout Set up Pine Wood Derby	<b>21</b>  Boy Scout Pine Wood Derby
<b>22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>23</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL <b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group <b>6:15 pm</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>7:15 pm</b> Choir	<b>26</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>7:00 pm</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>30</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> ERL <b>3:30 pm</b> set up to serve Churches United	<b>31</b>				



### A NEW YEAR WISH

May the New Year bring us:

Enough happiness to keep us sweet;

Enough trials to keep us strong;

Enough hope to keep us lively;

Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon

God;

Enough failure to keep us humble;

Enough success to keep us eager;

Enough friends to give us comfort;

Enough wealth to meet our needs;

Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward;

Enough faith to overcome despair;

And enough determination to use every day and situation somehow for good.



## Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

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