

Light of Grace

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Dear Friends,

We've reached July and I'm not even sure where June went. In theory summer is a slow down time at Grace. Indeed, sparse summer worship attendance indicates a good many of us are out and about on week-ends. But, I'm not sure things have slowed down.



>On Monday's kids gather for lunch and learning.

>On Wednesday's kids 5th grade older are part of a service ministry doing work around the church and at members' homes. (If you have a project in need of a few eager hands call MacKenzie Hamm).

>Every window frame at church is being scraped, primed, painted and caulked. Personally, I'm amazed at how fast it's moving thanks to some faithful folks with a can-do attitude and a love for their church.

>VBS plans are well under way. Curriculum is picked, Safe Sanctuary details are being tended to, Northern Pines camp is reserved, and the wrap up celebration with lunch when the campers return Sunday noon is being planned. (VBS is a big deal with committed passionate leaders).

>A Grace Kids Ministry brochure is being created to be handed out at the fall Block party/carnival. (Now that we've a lot of kids, pre-planning is essential).

>Indoor signage to help visitors feel welcome is in the works to be in place by fall.

>We've talked with MHD PD and they'll come to share about creating safe space for all ages. We've talked with Lost and Found Ministries to teach those who work with the kids ministries some techniques for being more effective. We'll let you know presentation dates as they come into place.

>We also have weekly worship outreach at One Oak Place and Bible Study at Riverpointe being led by Del Larson.

There's a lot of behind the scenes ministry happening this summer and I share it to help us stay connected in summer's comings and goings. I'm grateful for all the passionate leadership that makes it possible.



I'd like to offer you a way that might feed your soul and keep you connected to the heartbeat of God at Grace this summer. July 12th we will have a Berry Good Communion & Campfire Gathering. Angel Food Cake, Strawberries, a few songs, Prayer and Communion. Weather-permitting we'll have an outdoor campfire as well. Wed. July 12th at 7 PM. If you'd like to be part of providing cake or berries let me know. Invite a friend if you wish. We'll be putting a sign out to invite the neighborhood as well.

God's Summer Blessings,

Pastor Roger



PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

- 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)
- Reeta Herman (Fairmont)
- Pat Walter (Elim)
- Myrna Swan (Elim)
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)



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 #3 (July/Jan) TEAM coordinators are J. Mann and J. Anderson

- 701-293-3260—J. & O. Alveshere
- 701-893-5350—K. Baker
- 701-367-0371—C. & D. Borgen & Family
- 218-227-5942—R. & B. Christopherson
- 218-233-0442—T. & L. Collins
- 218-287-1002—R. Helland
- 218-233-5110—R. Herman
- 218-233-6557—J. Mann
- 218-236-0141—R. & P. Murray
- 218-287-3817—A. Severson
- 218-233-7474—S. & P. Struble

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra Ruth Opp
- JoAnn Oelke Cullen Fraundorfer
- Shirley Mohr Linda Collins
- Roger Helland Al Maksymchuk
- Grant Mohr



July Birthdays

- 2—C. Ladwig
- 7—S. Anderson
- 9—G. Anderson
- 11—R. Goldade
- 15—M. Swan
- M. Hanna
- 18—J. Ostlie
- 20—J. Enkers
- S. Martin
- 21—S. Fangsrud
- 22—B. Wagner
- 23—D. Enkers
- 30— G..Hamm



July Anniversaries

- 3—D. & P. Walter
- 12—T. & G. Anderson
- 15—D. & C. William
- 20—R. & L. Burkhardt
- 27—J. & J. Eide
- R. & P. Murray
- 28—L. & P. Horner

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to C. Williams who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 10th with a family Celebration.



DONUTS

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on Wednesday, July 12th and 26th, 2017. To place your 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



Words Cannot express the sadness I feel of the loss of my daughter-in-law, Tami Enkers. She was the wife of my son, Jeff. The Enkers family appreciated all the prayers, special thoughts, cards, memorials, and support given to us at this difficult time. Thank you for your kindness, - D. Enkers



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for Vacation Bible School 2017 are Tuesday, August 8th thru Friday, August 11th from 6:30—8:00 pm. VBS will conclude with an overnight camp

out on Saturday, August 12th at Northern Pines, returning on Sunday, August 13th about 12:00 noon. If you have any questions, please see S, Grow or M, Hamm.

QUILTERS

The quilters are taking a break for the Summer, and will resume quilting on Monday, September 11th at 1:00 pm.



The Quilters dispersed 24 quilts; four quilts each to

Ronald McDonald House, Rape and Abuse Center, Youth Works, Salvation Army, Churches United and New Life Center. There are 3 quilts left. Thank you to all of the quilter for the great job and service. There is a lot of fabric to sew and anyone who is interested in helping, please come and join us. This is great fellowship with fun for all.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

The Operations and Resources Committee has determined the funds donated during the fellowship coffee time are to be directed to the following charities:

- 1st Sunday—Churches United
- 2nd Sunday—New Life Center
- 3rd Sunday—Food Pantry
- 4th Sunday—Education & Youth
- 5th Sunday—Apportionments

It does not matter what is written on the sign on the refreshment table, the above list is where the funds will be donated. This can be changed only when a directive is received in the office from the Operations and Resources Committee. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Committee.

RUBY'S PANTRY

First Congregational UCC Moorhead and Minnesota State Community and Technical College are proud to announce that on Tuesday July 25th we will begin hosting a Ruby's Pantry food distribution event. This distribution will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning in July and will provide nutritional items for up to 500 households. It will be held on the MState campus on those days from 5pm to 7pm, with registration beginning at 4:30pm.

There are no residency or income guidelines to attend this event and receive food (all of which is provided by Ruby's Pantry). The suggested donation for a share of food (2 laundry baskets full) is \$20. The donations cover the cost of storing and distributing food and also provide a small benevolence fund which will be distributed each month through First Congregational UCC Moorhead.

A volunteer training will take place at Minnesota State Community and Technical College on July 11th from 7pm to 9pm in room A117. Enter through door S1 or W1. Please bring a completed volunteer application with you. This one time training is essential in successfully volunteering at these events and helping them to go smoothly and safely. Please come to the training if you might volunteer once.

If you have any questions regarding this event, you may also call Marissa Gonzalez, who is our MState contact and the other site leader for this event, at 218-299-6839.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:3.

More information about Ruby's Pantry <https://www.rubyspantry.org/our-history-heritage/>

"AMERICA"



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Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist pastor, wrote the hymn "America" in 1831. Smith was studying a tune he had never heard, although he knew the British used it for the hymn "God Save the King."

The British had borrowed the tune from the Germans, who gave it patriotic lyrics. Smith described what happened as he contemplated the tune: "I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America,' as it is now known everywhere." Smith's friend and classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes once told him, "Your name and fame will live when I and my works are forgotten."

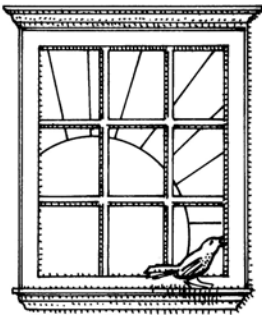
Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sat, Jul 1	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	1 Sam 9:15-10:1	Acts 7:30-43	Luke 22:39-51
Sun, Jul 2	am: 118, pm: 145	1 Sam 10:1-16	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 21:23-32
Mon, Jul 3	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	2 Sam 10:17-27	Acts 7:44-8:1a	Luke 22:52-62
Tue, Jul 4	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	1 Sam 11:1-15	Acts 8:1-13	Luke 22:63-71
Wed, Jul 5	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	1 Sam 12:1-16, 16-25	Acts 8:14-25	Luke 23:1-12
Thur, Jul 6	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	1 Sam 13:5-18	Acts 8:26-40	Luke 23:13-25
Fri, Jul 7	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	1 Sam 13:19-14:15	Acts 9:1-9	Luke 23:26-31
Sat, Jul 8	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	1 Sam 14:16-30	Acts 9:10-19a	Luke 23:32-43
Sun, Jul 9	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	1 Sam 14:36-45	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 22:1-14
Mon, Jul 10	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	1 Sam 15:1-3, 7-23	Acts 9:19b-31	Luke 23:44-56
Tues, Jul 11	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	1 Sam 15:24-35	Acts 9:32-43	Luke 23:56-24:11
Wed, Jul 12	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Sam 16:1-13	Acts 10:1-6	Luke 24:12-35
Thur, Jul 13	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	1 Sam 16:14-17:11	Acts 10:17-33	Luke 24:36-53
Fri, Jul 14	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	1 Sam 17:17-30	Acts 10:34-48	Mark 1:1-13
Sat, Jul 15	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Sam 17:31-49	Acts 11:1-18	Mark 1:14-28
Sun, Jul 16	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	1 Sam 17:50-18:4	Rom 10:4-17	Matt 23:29-39
Mon, Jul 17	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	1 Sam 18:5-16, 27b-30	Acts 11:19-30	Mark 1:29-45
Tue, Jul 18	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	1 Sam 19:1-18	Acts 12:1-17	Mark 2:1-12
Wed, Jul 19	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	1 Sam 20:1-23	Acts 12:18-25	Mark 2:13-22
Thur, Jul 20	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	1 Sam 20:24-42	Acts 13:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Fri, Jul 21	am: 31, pm: 35	1 Sam 21:1-15	Acts 13:13-25	Mark 3:7-19a
Sat, Jul 22	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	1 Sam 22:1-23	Acts 13:26-43	Mark 3:19b-35
Sun, Jul 23	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	1 Sam 23:7-18	Rom 11:33-12:2	Matt 24:14-30
Mon, Jul 24	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	1 Sam 24:1-22	Acts 13:44-52	Mark 4:1-20
Tue, Jul 25	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	1 Sam 25:1-22	Acts 14:1-18	Mark 4:21-34
Wed, Jul 26	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	1 Sam 25:23-44	Acts 14:19-28	Mark 4:35-41
Thu, Jul 27	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	1 Sam 28:3-20	Acts 15:1-11	Mark 5:1-20
Fri, Jul 28	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	1 Sam 31:1-13	Acts 15:12-21	Mark 5:21-43
Sat, Jul 29	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	2 Sam 1:1-16	Acts 15:22-35	Mark 6:1-13
Sun, Jul 30	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	2 Sam 1:17-27	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 25:31-46
Mon, Jul 31	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	2 Sam 2:1-11	Acts 15:36-16:5	Mark 6:14-29

Grace United Methodist

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	3 11:30 am NO Kids Play Time	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 9 am Bulletin Deadline	7	8
9 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	10 11:30 am Kids Play Time	11 7:00 pm Operations and Resources	12 6:00 am Donut making 2:30 pm Youth Community Service Projects 7:00 pm Berry Good Communion & Campfire	13 9 am Bulletin Deadline Baby Shower	14	15
16 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	17 11:30 am Kids Play Time	18	19 2:30 pm Youth Community Service Projects	20 9 am Bulletin Deadline	21	22
23 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	24 11:30 am Kids Play Time 6:30 pm Vision and Ministry	25 4:30 pm Pastor at Annual Mtg at District Office	26 6:00 am Donut making 2:30 pm Youth Community Service Projects	27 9 am Bulletin Deadline	28	29
30 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	31 11:30 am Kids Play Time 3:30 pm Set up To Serve Churches United					

Pastor Roger On Vacation—July 26—August 7th



HELP!

Grace needs your helping hands! It's come time to scrape, glaze/caulk and paint the windows of the church. If you're not able to provide hands-on help--donations to-

ward supplies will help. Right now we're building the list of "hands-on helpers & donors." (Scraping/prep-work is the immediate need and can start anytime). We want to be finished by July 31st. If you're able to help please add your name to the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.. If you just can't wait to go out and scrape...feel free.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Monday's will be programming for all ages as a one room curriculum called "Deep Blue"! we will do a quick story and craft and then end with park play and lunch. Moorhead Public Schools is providing lunch at 12:45 at Romkey Park. Our programming will be from 11:30 - 1 pm. It would be nice for parents to stay and participate, but if you are unable to stay, please pick your child up from the park at 1:00 pm. Please let M, Hamm know if you plan on attending.

Wednesday's - youth entering 5th grade and older who are interested in doing various service projects for members of our church and the community please contact M,Hamm. We will meet at the church from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm to discuss what type of jobs and projects we feel comfortable doing. Parents, grandparents, and friends please let Mackenzie know if you would be willing to help on either Mondays or Wednesdays.

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