

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

If you visit the Minnesota United Methodist Website, <http://www.minnesotaumc.org/>, you

will find the words that sum up the mission of the Annual Conference:

“Equipping churches to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world.” (Simply click the

“outreach” link and scroll to the bottom of the page). If you sat at the pastor’s desk at Grace you’d see a yellow sticky note right beside the mouse pad that repeats the phrase. I keep it there as a reminder. If the Conference’s job is to equip us for something I want to remember the “something” we are called to be about as a congregation. I want to remember every day that we are called “to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people and heal a broken world.”

Brokenness doesn’t take a vacation in summer. So, Grace has a multi-faceted plan for healing. That plan involves summer children’s ministries in the neighborhood on Sunday’s, Mondays and through VBS. Some of the plan involves Stephen Ministries continuing to actively give care and meet for mutual support. Plus, we’re serving at Churches United for the Homeless, offering food shelf support and have a possibility for becoming a satellite neighborhood distribution center for the food shelf. The Little Lending Library is still being stocked; a number of prayer shawls are completed and ready to be shared; the quilters will be donating

a quilt for auction at the New Life Center.

Further, the Neighborhood block party hosted 60+ kids—and helped us get to know a few new neighbors who had questions about Grace and worship times. The point is, Grace UMC intends to keep healing a broken world and keep reaching new people this summer. My

hope is that we’ll resume Prayer Walks as well.

I know some of you renew yourselves during the summer weekends. I ask blessing upon your time of renewal. That time is valuable. May I also ask you to keep Grace’s ministries in your thoughts and prayers as we seek to offer spiritual renewal to those who stay a bit closer to home in the summer. Your prayers and gifts do matter even if you are unable to worship at Grace on Sundays. Messages will continue to be posted on Grace’s website:

<http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org/> June’s Series is “Keep Your Hand to the Plow” and will be about remaining faithful to God’s mission in the midst of life’s challenges. Plus, I’ll keep sending out mid-week devotionals. There’s been a strong positive response to them.

If you have ideas for growing in love of God and neighbor, reaching new people and healing a broken world, I’d love to hear them. They may fit into where God is calling us to go and grow.

In Christ’s Service
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 #3 (June/Dec) TEAM coordinators are E. & A. Ybarra and L. & J. Beck

Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
Tom Collins (Eventide)
Delores Dronen (Jamestown)
Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
Jeanne Schwager (Bethany))
Clara Krook (Bethany)
Eleanor Payton (River Pointe)

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 701-293-9270—R. & L. Burkhardt
 218-236-9453—B. Hopkins
 701-540-8155—E. and A. Ybarra & Family
 218-233-3642—L. & P. Horner
 218-236-8056—P. & T. Newgard, & Family
 218-233-5836—L. Norby
 701-239-9453—J. & K. Thiseth,
 701-280-2097—J. Devine
 E. Hilgers
 218-233-6386—N. Howe
 218-236-7579—J. Oelke
 218-233-3969—R. & R. Richman
 218-342-3851—M. Swan

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
Ruth Opp Steve Hartog
Nancy Howe Bonnie Wagner
Cullen Fraundorfer

June Birthdays



1—C. Lindner
 7—J. Ladwig
 10—C. Williams
 12—T. Anderson
 14—T. Ladwig
 R. Maag
 15—A. Gumto
 16—B. Christopherson
 T. Newgard
 18— I. Beving
 R. Burkhardt
 21—L. Collins
 24— A. Monge
 26—J. Devine
 29— I. Koenning



June Anniversaries

1—C. & D. Burkhardt
 3—M. & A. Gumto
 4—S.. & L. Gedrose
 7—C. & P. Welsh
 13—B. & S. Martin
 19—J. & K. Thiseth
 25—D. & I. Smith
 26—D. & L. Larson
 27—R. & M. Wagner



DONUTS

Donuts will be make on Wednesday, June 1st , 15th and 29th. Please call 218-233-1857 to place your orders. Donuts are to be picked up between 8:30 am and noon.. The last day to place your order is the Monday. before donuts are made. There is also a sign up sheet in the Narthex



WELCOME

T. Eliason is the new choir director. He is a student at Concor- dia College.

S. Fangsrud will be the new organ- ist and music facilitator.



LET'S CELEBRATE

R. Herman had her 90th birthday on April 8th, so it is now time to celebrate with a party. Everyone is invited to attend an open house on Sunday, June 26th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. No gifts please, but if you are un- able to attend, please send her a card at 1551 Belsley Blvd. #207, Moorhead, MN 56560.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome new members J. Morlan and his daughter, Polly and L. Dick.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2016 Vacation Bible School will be held during August. We will be recruiting volunteers for VBS. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. If you have any questions, please see Stephanie or Mackenzie.



CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES

Kyle Schwartz has been the choir director this past year. We wish Kyle good luck on his future endeavors.

Cody Kreps, son of S. & D. Kreps, grandson of G. & S. Mohr, graduated from North Dakota State University with a Social Science Education degree with a minor in History.

Merri McCarthy, daughter of K. Mohr and granddaughter of G. & S. Mohr graduated from the college of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN with a Masters degree in Social Work.

Lane Engelhardt, son of C. and D. Burkhardt graduated from Fargo High School.

NEW LIFE CENTER

Pastor Roger, S. Mohr and J. Oelke attended the New Life Center Auxiliary meeting on Friday, May 20th. A wonderful lunch was served and Pastor Kayla Billings of the Glyndon Lutheran Church gave a message on Love One Another. Because the NLC has assisted men get their own apartments, a slow down of men needing beds at night has created open beds. The new thrift store is to be expected open on June 13th and there will be parking. They also plan a big sale the week of June 6th—

10th, The NLC is only short a thousand dollars from paying off the cost of a 3 million dollar project.

In October there will be a quilt auction to raise money for the Mission. Grace will give one quilt. If you have any questions, please ask J. Oelke or S. Mohr.

ON GIVING AND GETTING

British author Elizabeth Bibesco said, "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

Can we follow her advice? Do we really need to keep a mental account of our sharing? Of course, we must keep financial records for tax purposes, but why dwell on our generosity? That might cultivate the sin of arrogant pride.

Instead, keep the good feeling derived from giving. Dwell on that joy rather than on the amount or the service given. Never forget what others have done for you. A grateful heart blesses you as well as the people you help.

WHEN ON VACATION

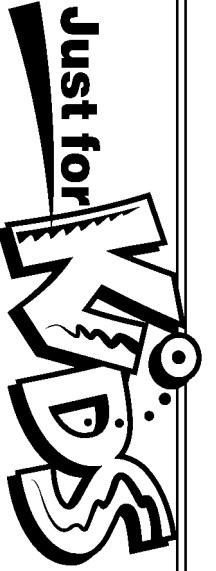
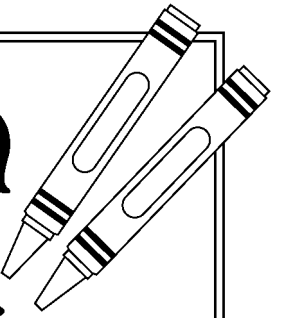
When on vacation, be with us in spirit. The rest of the summer, be with us in person.

Grace United Methodist

June 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Sermon Series "Keep Your Hand to the Plough" | | MHD Police Dept. Chaplin's Training | 1 6 AM Donut Making MN UMC Clergy Gen Conf Follow up mtg. @ St. Cloud | 2 9 AM Bulletin Deadline | 3 | 4 |
| 5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship w/ Communion - Graduate recognition Sunday "Practice Compas- sion" | 6 1 PM Quilting | 7 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Operations & Resources | 8 | 9 9 AM Bulletin Deadline | 10 | 11 |
| 12 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship "Go in Peace" Luke 7:36-8:3 | 13 1 PM Quilting | 14 Flag Day  | 15 6 AM Donut Making | 16 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9:30 am Pastor Roger Annual D.S. Consultation @ lexandri a | 17 | 18 |
| 19 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship FATHER'S DAY Camp Fire "Tell What God has done for You" Luke 8:26-39 | 20 1 PM Quilting | 21 MN UMC Annual Conference @ St. Cloud Pastor Roger, Paul and Kathy Anderson attending | 22 | 23 9 AM Bulletin Deadline | 24 | 25 |
| 26 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship 1:30 pm Reeta Herman Birthday Party "Commit to God's Future" Luke 9:51-62 | 27 1 PM Quilting | 28 | 29 6 AM Donut Making 3:30 pm Set up to serve Churches United. | 30 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living | | |

| Date | Psalm | OT | Epistle | Gospel |
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| Wed, Jun 1 | am: 119:49-72;pm: 49, 53 | Eccles 3:1-15 | Gal 2:11-21 | Matt 14:1-12 |
| Thur, Jun 2 | am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67 | Eccles 3:16-4:3 | Gal 3:1-14 | Matt 14:13-21 |
| Fri, Jun 3 | am: 40, 54, pm: 51 | Eccles 5:1-7 | Gal 3:15-22 | Matt 14:22-36 |
| Sat, Jun 4 | am: 55, pm: 138, 139 | Eccles 5:8-20 | Gal 3:23-4:11 | Matt 15:1-20 |
| Sun, Jun 5 | am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84 | Eccles 6:1-12 | Acts 10:9-23 | Luke 12:32-40 |
| Mon, Jun 6 | am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65 | Eccles 7:1-14 | Gal 4:12-20 | Matt 15:21-28 |
| Tue, Jun 7 | am: 61, 62, pm: 68 | Eccles 8:14-9:10 | Gal 4:21-31 | Matt 15:29-39 |
| Wed, Jun 8 | am: 72, pm: 119:73-96 | Eccles 9:11-18 | Gal 5:1-15 | Matt 16:1-12 |
| Thur, Jun 9 | am: 70, 71, pm: 74 | Eccles 11:1-8 | Gal 5:16-24 | Matt 16:13-20 |
| Fri, Jun 10 | am: 69, pm: 73 | Eccles 11:9-12:14 | Gal 5:25-6:10 | Matt 16:21-28 |
| Sat, Jun 11 | am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27 | Num 3:1-13 | Gal 6:11-18 | Matt 17:1-13 |
| Sun, Jun 12 | am: 93, 96, pm: 34 | Num 6:22-27 | Acts 13:1-12 | Luke 12:41-48 |
| Mon, Jun 13 | am: 80, pm: 77, 79 | Num 9:15-23, 10:29-36 | Rom 1:1-15 | Matt 17:14-21 |
| Tue, Jun 14 | am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72 | Num 11:1-23 | Rom 1:16-25 | Matt 17:22-27 |
| Wed, Jun 15 | am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82 | Num 11:24-35 | Rom 1:28-2:11 | Matt 18:1-9 |
| Thur, Jun 16 | am: 83, pm: 85, 86 | Num 12:1-16 | Rom 2:12-24 | Matt 18:10-20 |
| Fri, Jun 17 | am: 88, pm: 91, 92 | Num 13:1-3, 21-30 | Rom 2:25-3:8 | Matt 18:21-35 |
| Sat, Jun 18 | am: 87, 90, pm: 136 | Num 13:31-14:25 | Rom 3:9-20 | Matt 19:1-12 |
| Sun, Jun 19 | am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46 | Num 14:26-45 | Acts 15:1-12 | Luke 12:49-56 |
| Mon, Jun 20 | am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52 | Num 16:1-19 | Rom 3:21-31 | Matt 19:13-22 |
| Tues, Jun 21 | am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95 | Num 16:20-35 | Rom 4:1-12 | Matt 19:23-30 |
| Wed, Jun 22 | am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144 | Num 16:36-50 | Rom 4:13-25 | Matt 20:1-16 |
| Thur, Jun 23 | am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45 | Num 17:1-11 | Rom 5:1-11 | Matt 20:17-28 |
| Fri, Jun 24 | am: 102, pm: 107:1-32 | Num 20:1-13 | Rom 5:12-21 | Matt 20:29-34 |
| Sat, Jun 25 | am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33 | Num 20:14-29 | Rom 6:1-11 | Matt 21:1-11 |
| Sun, Jun 26 | am: 118, pm: 145 | Num 21:4-9, 21-35 | Acts 17:12-34 | Luke 13:10-17 |
| Mon, Jun 27 | am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48 | Num 22:1-21 | Rom 6:12-23 | Matt 21:12-22 |
| Tue, Jun 28 | am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126 | Num 22:21-38 | Rom 7:1-12 | Matt 21:23-32 |
| Wed, Jun 29 | am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130 | Num 22:42-23:12 | Rom 7:13-25 | Matt 21:33-46 |
| Thur, Jun 30 | am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135 | Num 23:11-26 | Rom 8:1-11 | Matt 22:1-14 |



Fathers of Faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God. Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

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| 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| I | their | the | am |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| children | living | doing | about |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| they | today | your | praise |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | |
| fathers | faithfulness | you | |

“ _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ ; _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .”
 _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .”
 _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .”
 _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .”

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: “The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

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