

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

Within the United Methodist Church there are certain contemporary legends. One legend is a pastor by the name of Mike Slaughter. In 1979 Pastor Mike was appointed to a small, rural United Methodist church in Ohio. First, it is helpful to note the term rural means something different in Ohio than it does in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ohio has two UM Annual Conferences, more conference staff than Grace has at worship on Sundays, two UM seminaries, at least four UM colleges and universities, two United Methodist Hospitals just in the state capitol of Columbus, several clinics, and a social services agency to serve all of West Ohio. Pastor Mike was appointed to the rural Ginghamburg church in 1979. The church was just over 100 members—had a long history of being part of a four point charge, was rural, but was within 13 miles of Dayton, Ohio.

A better description of Ginghamburg would be a community with rural roots transitioning into a metro area.

That's a fair description of Moorhead, MN—a community that started out rural and is now one of the largest cities in the state of MN. Combined with Fargo, West Fargo, Dilworth, etc. we are Minnesota's second largest metro and North Dakota's largest metro area.

Upon his arrival as Ginghamburg's first full-time pastor Mike sat outside the church in his car and prayed. He prayed for the Lord to open his eyes to God-sized dreams. He also believed the notion that he wasn't appointed to the church, but the entire community the church was situated in. The time was right. God had grand dreams. Many members were ready to make radical changes. Now, the church is made up of multiple sites together worshipping over 5,000/week. They are a single church-community that has scores of ways for people to love and serve God—including one \$6,000,000/year mission outreach.

How did they grow? Yes, they identified a vision: **“Serving the Lost & Setting the Oppressed Free.”** Yes, they grew into a corporate-style-mega-church but abandoned that model. In fact Mike is the author of the book, “Unlearning Church.” Now Mike basically says, “Healthy organisms grow. Church health leads to growth—in spiritual maturity and/or numbers.” **Spiritual maturity is living aware of the fact, “God has chosen you, called you, gifted you, and promised a fulfillment of your life mission. God would not create you for failure. Your success is based on your willingness to risk stepping out and obediently following God.”**

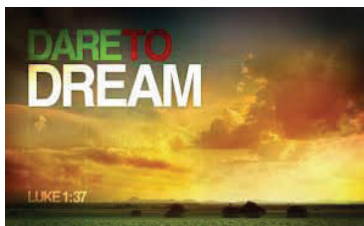
This Lent we will share in a journey called “Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission for Life” and Church.

Ash Wednesday will be a traditional service of the ashes. Then, starting March 12th, each Wednesday at 7 PM we'll reflect on a 10 minute meditation from Mike Slaughter's Dare to Dream video. We'll dare to ask what God wants for and from

us during our days on earth. **During Lent we'll explore the possible ways God might use us to transform the world: to “heal the world, one life at a time”** (words from a recent Church Council Meeting); or to **“serve the lost and set the oppressed free”** (Ginghamburg's dream); or in the words of Jesus' vision, **“I have come that all may have life and have it abundantly”** (John 10:10).

Please join us. Soup will be served from 5 – 6:30 PM before our gatherings. May this Lent be an abundant season hope and life and identifying God's dream for you—and for the Grace Church family.

God's Peace,
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)
- Clara Krook** (Bethany)
- Delores Dronen** (Fairmont)
- Ruth Ann Krutz** (Elim)
- Jim Johnson** (Golden Living)
- Mary Jane Phillips** (Eventide)
- Jeanne Schwager** (Sheyenne Crossings)
- Vi Williams** (Bethany on 42nd)
- Mary Ann Held** (Bethany)

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Dale Smith** **Charlie Bowman**
- Vicky Westra** **Esther Vollbrecht**
- Janet Wilson** **Lane Englehardt**
- Roger Opp** **Betty Jensen**
- Larry Possehl** **Duane Enkers**
- Rae Offutt**
- Gertrude (Mackenzie's Grandma)**



Ministry TEAM Program... The S TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation as well. TEAM #6 (Mar/Sept). Ministry TEAMS Coordinator is N. Grow, 541-4136.

- 218-512-0395—L. & J. Beck
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- 701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow
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- 701-212-3587—A. Loeks
- 218-233-3405—C. & B. Naasz
- 218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe
- 218-236-7848—D. & I. Smith & Family
- 701-426-9206—C. Holden
- 701-412-3833—A. Larson & Family
- 701-237-9055—N. & R. Lofgren
- 218-233-3917—C. & B. Miller
- 218-329-1835—J. Miller
- 218-233-3917—J. Miller
- 701-306-1705—L. Smith
- 218-236-8773—T. Weik
- V. Williams
- 218-227-5723—J. & T. Wilson



March Birthdays

- 2- R. Wagner
- J. Beck
- 5- W. Walseth
- 6- L. Norby
- 8- B. Fraundorfer
- 9- M. Grow
- 11- D. Larson
- 15- L. Burkhardt
- 18- N. Schindler
- 19- M. Wagner
- 21- L. Simmons
- C. Church
- 22- E. Elliott
- C. Grafenstein
- D. Walseth
- 24- D. Nix
- 25- S. Grow
- 28- B. Fangsrud
- 29- E. Payton
- 31—R. Abel



March Anniversaries
3- W. & M. Port



Everyone is invited to a bridal shower for J. Fowler, on Saturday, March 22nd from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. She is the bride-to-be of J. Bennett and the daughter of R. and P. Murray.

SYMPATHIES

Our Sympathies to J Ostlie and family. Joan passed away on Monday, February 24th. A memorial service will be held on March 8th. at Grace

BRIDAL SHOWER

| FINANCIAL UPDATE FEBRURY | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME: | \$ 9,421.00 |
| EXPENSES: | \$13,497.33 |
| APPORTIONMENTS: | \$ 845.75 |



LENT

Ash Wednesday is March 5th with services at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this years Lent is “**Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission for Life**” Soup and sandwiches are served beginning at 5:00 pm. on March 12th. If you would like to donate a pan of bars there is a sign up sheet on the Kiosk.

Wednesday Night Schedule beginning March 12th

Soup Supper.....5:00 PM
Bell Choir..... 6:00 PM
AWANA's..... 6:30 PM
Lent Service.....7:00 PM
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM



OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2014 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 May 1, 2014.

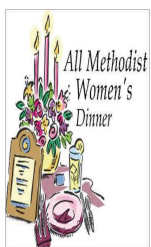
These funds are generated by a generous gift from the Ron and Lidia Offutt family to the Grace UMC Endowment Fund. The applications are available in the Church officer and at the Church website:

www.graceumcmoorhead.org. under forms.

If you have any questions about the Scholarships or about the Grace UMC Endowment and its activities, please contact Paul Anderson.

ALL METHODIST WOMEN

The Women of Grace will have a meeting on Sunday, March 2nd at 11:00 AM in the Lounge. This meeting will focus on preparations for hosting the All Methodist Women's dinner on Tuesday, April 22nd , at 6:00 pm.



FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: ‘A Portion Meant’ for mission. Grace’s 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,277 or \$106.38 each member. Generous givers for 2014 have given \$1,227.68. towards our goal.

NEW LIFE CENTER BREAKFAST/ DESSERT

The 37th Annual Prayer Breakfast is at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, April 10th and the 15th Annual Evening Dessert is from 7:30—9:00 p.m. also on Thursday, April 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn. The speaker for both events is Marie Monville, the wife of the man who took 10 girls hostage, killing five and then himself, at an Amish school in Pennsylvania in October 2006. Tickets for the event are \$20 for the breakfast and \$15 for the dessert. For more information and tickets go to: www.fargonlc.org or call (701)235-4453.

FUND RAISER




Stephen Ministry is having a fund raiser beginning on Sunday, March 2nd. They will have hand made ruffled scarves for sale in various colors. The scarves will sell for \$10.00 each. The fund raiser will continue during the month of March.

ACCEPTANCE

Whatever you send me, Lord, I will accept. My response may be clumsy, or even inept. But I know you want only the best for me, too. So with your help, I'll do what you want me to do.—Peggy Ferrell

| Date | Psalms | OT | Epistle | Gospel |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Sat, Mar 1 | am: 137, 144, pm: 104 | Prov 8:22-36 | 2 Tim 1:1-14 | John 12:20-26 |
| Sun, Mar 2 | am: 148, 149, 150; pm: 114, 115 | Prov 26:1-23 | 2 Cor 3:7-18 | Luke 9:18-27 |
| Mon, Mar 3 | am: 25; pm: 9, 15 | Prov 27:1-6, 10-12 | Phil 2:1-13 | John 18:15-18, 25-27 |
| Tues, Mar 4 | am: 26, 28; pm: 36, 39 | Prov 30:1-4, 24-33 | Phil 3:1-11 | John 18:28-38 |
| Wed, Mar 5 | am: 95, 32, 143; pm: 102, 130 | Amos 5:6-15 | Heb 12:1-14 | Luke 18:9-14 |
| Thur, Mar 6 | am: 37:1-18; pm: 37:19-42 | Hab 3:1-18 | Phil 3:12-21 | John 17:1-8 |
| Fri, Mar 7 | am: 95, 31; pm: 35 | Eze 18:1-4, 25-32 | Phil 4:1-9 | John 17:9-19 |
| Sat, Mar 8 | am: 30, 32; pm: 42, 43 | Eze 39:21-29 | Phil 4:10-20 | John 17:20-26 |
| Sun, Mar 9 | am: 63, 98; pm: 103 | Dan 9:3-10 | Heb 2:10-18 | John 12:44-50 |
| Mon, Mar 10 | am: 41, 52; pm: 44 | Gen 37:1-11 | 1 Cor 1:1-19 | Mark 1:1-13 |
| Tues, Mar 11 | am: 45; pm: 47, 48 | Gen 37:12-24 | 1 Cor 1:20-31 | Mark 1:14-28 |
| Wed, Mar 12 | am: 119:49-72; pm: 49, 53 | Gen 37:25-36 | 1 Cor 2:1-13 | Mark 1:29-45 |
| Thur, Mar 13 | am: 50, 59, 60; pm: 19, 46 | Gen 39:1-23 | 1 Cor 2:14-3:15 | Mark 2:1-12 |
| Fri, Mar 14 | am: 40, 54; pm: 51 | Gen 40:1-23 | 1 Cor 3:16-23 | Mark 2:13-22 |
| Sat, Mar 15 | am: 55; pm: 138, 139 | Gen 41:1-13 | 1 Cor 4:1-7 | Mark 2:23-3:6 |
| Sun, Mar 16 | am: 24, 29; pm: 8, 84 | Gen 41:14-45 | Rom 6:3-14 | John 5:19-24 |
| Mon, Mar 17 | am: 56, 57, 58; pm: 64, 65 | Gen 41:46-57 | 1 Cor 4:8-21 | Mark 3:7-19a |
| Tues, Mar 18 | am: 61, 62; pm: 68 | Gen 42:1-17 | 1 Cor 5:1-8 | Mark 3:19b-35 |
| Wed, Mar 19 | am: 72; pm: 119:73-96 | Gen 42:18-28 | 1 Cor 5:6-6:8 | Mark 4:1-20 |
| Thur, Mar 20 | am: 70, 71; pm: 74 | Gen 42:29-38 | 1 Cor 6:12-30 | Mark 4:21-34 |
| Fri, Mar 21 | am: 69; pm: 73 | Gen 43:1-15 | 1 Cor 7:1-9 | Mark 4:35-41 |
| Sat, Mar 22 | am: 75, 76; pm: 23, 27 | Gen 43:16-34 | 1 Cor 7:10-24 | Mark 5:1-20 |
| Sun, Mar 23 | am: 93, 96; pm: 34 | Gen 44:1-17 | Rom 8:1-10 | John 5:25-29 |
| Mon, Mar 24 | am: 80; pm: 77, 79 | Gen 44:18-34 | 1 Cor 7:25-31 | Mark 5:21-43 |
| Tue, Mar 25 | am: 78:1-39; pm: 78:40-72 | Gen 45:1-15 | 1 Cor 7:32-40 | Mark 6:1-13 |
| Wed, Mar 26 | am: 119:97-120; pm: 81, 82 | Gen 45:16-28 | 1 Cor 8:1-13 | Mark 6:13-29 |
| Thur, Mar 27 | am: 42, 43; pm: 85, 86 | Gen 46:1-7, 28-34 | 1 Cor 9:1-15 | Mark 6:30-46 |
| Fri, Mar 28 | am: 88; pm: 91, 92 | Gen 47:1-26 | 1 Cor 9:16-27 | Mark 6:47-56 |
| Sat, Mar 29 | am: 87, 90; pm: 136 | Gen 47:27-48:7 | 1 Cor 10:1-13 | Mark 7:1-23 |
| Sun, Mar 30 | am: 66, 67; pm: 19, 46 | Gen 48:8-22 | Rom 8:11-25 | John 6:27-40 |
| Mon, Mar 31 | am: 89:1-18; pm: 89:19-52 | Gen 49:1-28 | 1 Cor 10:14-11:1 | Mark 7:24-37 |

Grace UMC—March 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Transfiguration of the Lord 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 Ash Wednesday 1:30 PM Martha Circle 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Services 7:30 PM Choir  | 6 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7 PM NO Prayer Shawl Ministry No Scouts | 7 | 8 Ostlie Memorial Services |
| 9 2nd Sunday in Lent 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School | 10 1 PM Quilters | 11 | 12 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Services 7:30 PM Choir | 13 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Scouts | 14 | 15 |
| 16 3rd Sunday in Lent 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School | 17 1 PM Quilters | 18 | 19 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Services 7:30 PM Choir | 20 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Scouts | 21 | 22 1:30 PM Fowler Bridal Shower |
| 23 4th Sunday in Lent 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School | 24 1 PM Quilters | 25 6 PM Trustees 7 PM Church Council | 26 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Services 7:30 PM Choir | 27 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Park View Terrace 10 AM Golden Living 2 PM River Pointe 7:00 PM Scouts | 28 | 29 |
| 30 5th Sunday in Lent 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School | 31 1 PM Quilters | | | | |  |



FOOD PANTRY

March is "Food Shelf Month". Please bring non-perishable food items and place in and around the food donation cart located in the

Narthex. All items will be taken to the food pantry.

POP MACHINE

What happened to the pop machine? The Trustees voted to try something new — keeping a few cans of coke, diet coke, moun-



Pop Machine

dew in the honor system of used after drinkers. Do-

Worship for soda nations of cans of

pop are welcome. Needed: a person to volunteer to tend the pop.



SHARE AN EASTER LILY WITH GRACE



To help decorate the altar area, fill out this form (PLEASE PRINT) and place in the offering plate by Sunday, April 13th.

Cost: \$8.50 each

Your Name:

In Honor of

In Memory of:

Attached is \$_____ for

_____ Easter Lilies @ \$8.50



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