

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

A question looms large in the Southwest corner of the Grace Church fellowship hall. It's a Healthy Church Initiative open-ended statement awaiting your response: **The Ministry Outreach Grace UMC Is Known for Is...** How would you complete that thought here and now in March 2015? How would you hope to complete that statement five years from now in March 2020? How do you think God hopes Grace will be in ministry in March 2020?

I hope you'll carry the ministry outreach question into your thoughts and prayers. In fact, the Healthy Church team hopes you'll write down your thoughts at the interactive display in the fellowship hall. If you have a picture of your ministry group in action, we hope you'll bring it for posting at the display. We want to celebrate the ministries that are already happening. Food shelf gifts, prayer shawls quietly given, quilts donated to residents at the New Life center, meals served at Churches United for the Homeless are all things worth celebrating. Plus, when people learn of things happening that they didn't know were happening, they may also wish to become involved. Celebration is sometimes another word for invitation.

The Healthy Church team will also be spending some time working through what's called a Mission/Ministry Audit. Churches usually do things for one of four reasons: To 1) **entertain** or 2) **edify** (offer personal growth

opportunities) for their own or to 1) entertain or 2) edify people from the wider community. Churches also offer ministries that 3) **equip** or 4) **evangelize** within the church or beyond the church doors. All four types of ministries are important to the life of the church. The most important ministry is to equip followers of Jesus to lead the church into the world. A ministry by definition must directly be part of "Making Followers of Christ for the Transformation of the World." In other words, **ministries change people from the inside out so they feel loved by Jesus and live more like Jesus. Feeling loved by Jesus they desire to help others feel loved by Jesus and live more like Jesus.**

Look around Moorhead and Fargo. Look around the Grace neighborhood. Who seems to most need to hear the message of Jesus' love? In the year 2020 what ministry does God hope Grace will be known for? While S. Fangsrud was talking with me and arranging the Healthy Church display letters, they fell into the same order—but a different spacing. The letters on the table were a prayer to God and God's command to us. Instead of "Healthy Church" they said, **HEAL THY CHURCH.** Whose hearts and lives is God calling us to be part of healing? It's a great question and an honor to be chosen by God for such a mission.

God's Peace,
Pastor Roger





PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

- 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)
- Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossings)
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)
- Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)
- Mary Ann Held (Bethany)
- Myrna Swan (Perham Memorial)

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Dale Smith Vicky Westra
- Rae Offutt Eddie Ybarra
- Dennis Christopherson



Ministry TEAM Program... The 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
- 701-205-7268—S. Grow & Family
- 701-306-4382—T. Grow
- 701-403-9063—T. & D. Grow
- 701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow
- 218-236-5031—D. & L. Larson
- 701-212-3587—A. Loeks
- 218-233-3405—C. & B. Naasz
- 218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe
- 218-236-7848—D. & I. Smith & Family
- 701-412-3833—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
- V. Williams



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
- 22- E. Elliott
- C. Grafenstein
- D. Walseth
- 24- D. Nix
- 25- S. Grow
- 28- B. Fangsrud
- 29- E. Payton
- 31—R. Abel

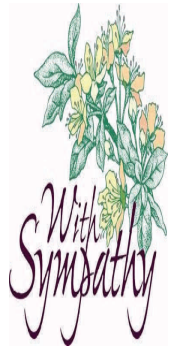


March Anniversaries
3- W. & M. Port



SYMPATHIES

Our Sympathies to D. Graning and family on the death of J. mother, Marion.
J. Oelke and family on the death of J.'s sister, Jean Sampson.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and birthday wishes to help celebrate my birthday. Also thank you to Pastor Roger for coming to my birthday party.— D. Dronen

FINANCIAL UPDATE FEBRURY	
INCOME:	\$ 16,387.00
EXPENSES:	\$149939.66
APPORTIONMENTS:	\$ 687.95



LENT

The theme for this years Lent is “24 Hours that Changed the World” Soup and sandwiches are served beginning at 5:00 pm. If you would like to donate a pan of bars there is a sign up sheet on the Kiosk.

Wednesday Night Schedule

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 2015 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, 2015.

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 P. Anderson.

HOMEMADE PIE

On March 21st Lydia Circle will be making pies for you to enjoy! 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, March 22nd**. Starting **March 8th**, we will be taking orders by sign up sheet in the Narthex or by calling L. Davis at 236-8502. The last day to place an order will be **March 19th**.



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 \$19,507 or \$104.31 each member. Generous givers for 2015 have given \$.1,073.60 towards our goal.

NEW LIFE CENTER

2014 Service Statistics

Lodging and Shelter was provided to 31,733 individuals with an average of 87 nightly. This is a 15% increase over 2013. In the Transitional Housing Program 51 men participated with 58% completing the program and moved into long-term housing.

Monday through Friday 3 meals a day are served and 2 meals are served on Saturday and Sunday.

The Thrift Store provided 2119 individuals with clothing, furniture and other household essentials at no cost.

Other individuals served staying in the New Life Center’s residential program were 1459 adults and 660 children.

Traveler’s aid assisted 57 individuals and 628 shelter guest received medical attention.

Volunteers donated 2,701 hours of service to the kitchen, Chapel, Facilities, Thrift Store and Auxiliary for a financial value of \$64,608.

Christian Growth Opportunities are weekday morning devotions bible study at 8:00 am, Saturday Bible Study at 5:30 pm, Sunday Chapel at 5:30 pm, and job search and money management with a Christian couple on Mondays at 6:00 pm.

A total of 4,109 were served in 2014. For more information, call (701)235-4453 or visit www.fargonlc.org.

DONUTS



Donut will be made on Wednesday, March 4th beginning at 6 am. To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, by March 2nd. Donuts will also be made on March 18th with the last day to order is March 16th.

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Mar 1	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Jere 1:1-10	1 Cor 3:11-23	Mark 3:31-4:9
Mon, Mar 2	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Jere 1:11-19	Rom 1:1-15	John 4:27-42
Tues, Mar 3	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Jere 2:1-13	Rom 1:16-25	John 4:43-54
Wed, Mar 4	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Jere 3:6-18	Rom 1:28-2:11	John 5:1-18
Thur, Mar 5	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Jere 4:9-10, 19-28	Rom 2:12-24	John 5:19-29
Fri, Mar 6	am: 69, pm: 73	Jere 5:1-9	Rom 2:25-3:18	John 5:30-47
Sat, Mar 7	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Jere 5:20-31	Rom 3:19-31	John 7:1-13
Sun, Mar 8	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Jere 6:9-15	1 Cor 6:12-20	Mark 5:1-20
Mon, Mar 9	am: 80, pm: 77, 79	Jere 7:1-15	Rom 4:1-12	John 7:14-36
Tue, Mar 10	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Jere 7:21-34	Rom 4:13-25	John 7:37-52
Wed, Mar 11	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Jere 8:18-9:6	Rom 5:1-11	John 8:12-20
Thur, Mar 12	am: 42, 43, pm: 85, 86	Jere 10:11-24	Rom 5:12-21	John 8:21-32
Fri, Mar 13	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Jere 11:1-8, 14-20	Rom 6:1-11	John 8:33-47
Sat, Mar 14	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Jere 13:1-11	Rom 6:12-23	John 8:47-59
Sun, Mar 15	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Jere 14:1-9, 17-22	Gal 4:21-5:1	Mark 8:11-21
Mon, Mar 16	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Jere 16:10-21	Rom 7:1-12	John 6:1-15
Tue, Mar 17	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	Jere 17:19-27	Rom 7:13-25	John 6:16-27
Wed, Mar 18	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	Jere 18:1-11	Rom 8:1-11	John 6:27-40
Thur, Mar 19	am: 69, pm: 73	Jere 22:13-23	Rom 8:12-27	John 6:41-51
Fri, Mar 20	am: 107:1-32, pm: 107:33-43	Jere 23:1-8	Rom 8:28-39	John 6:52-59
Sat, Mar 21	am: 102, 108, pm: 33	Jere 23:9-15	Rom 9:1-18	John 6:60-71
Sun, Mar 22	am: 118, pm: 145	Jere 23:16-32	1 Cor 9:19-27	Mark 8:31-9:1
Mon, Mar 23	am: 31, pm: 35	Jere 24:1-10	Rom 9:19-33	John 9:1-17
Tues, Mar 24	am:121,122,123, pm: 124, 125, 126	Jere 25:8-17	Rom 10:1-13	John 9:18-41
Wed, Mar 25	am:119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Jere 25:30-38	Rom 10:14-21	John 10:1-18
Thur, Mar 26	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 140, 142	Jere 26:1-16	Rom 11:1-12	John 10:19-42
Fri, Mar 27	am: 22, pm: 141, 143	Jere 29:1, 4-13	Rom 11:13-24	John 11:1-27 or 12:1-10
Sat, Mar 28	am: 137, 144, pm: 42, 43	Jere 31:27-34	Rom 11:25-36	John 11:28-44 or 12:37-50
Sun, Mar 29	am: 24, 29, pm: 103	am: Zech 9:9-12 pm: Zech 12:9-13:9	1 Tim 6:12-16	Matt 21:12-17
Mon, Mar 30	am: 51, pm: 69:1-23	Jer 12:1-16	Phil 3:1-14	John 12:9-19
Tues, Mar 31	am: 6, pm: 94	Jer 15:10-21	Phil 3:15-21	John 12:20-26

Grace UMC—March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am HCI Prayer Team 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School R.S. Chocolate Truffles for Children 11:00 am Charge Conference	2	3 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 6:00 am Donut Making 5:00 pm Soup Supper 5:45 pm HCI 6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Service 7:30 pm Choir	5 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	6	7
8 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am HCI Prayer Team 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School Pie Orders begin Daylight Savings Time Girl Scout Sunday	9	10 6:00 pm HCI Consultant Mtg.	11 5:00 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Service 7:30 pm Choir	12 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	13	14
15 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am HCI Prayer Team 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	16	17 6:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Finance Com- mittee	18 6:00 am Donut Making 5:00 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Service 7:30 pm Choir	19 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Lydia Cir- cle Last Day to Order pies	20	21 Lydia Circle- Pie Baking
22 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am HCI Prayer Team 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:30 am Church Leaders fund raising brain storm- ing Potluck Pie Delivery	23	24	25 5:00 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Service 7:30 pm Choir	26 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living 2:00 pm River Pointe 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am HCI Prayer Team 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 12:45 pm Reach, Renew, Rejoice presentation @ Breckenridge	30	31				

Food Shelf



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.

LENTEN HOPE

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ...into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

—C Neil Straight

PROJECTS

Donations are still being accepted for the “new boiler” and “carpet”. Please note what your contribution is for on your check. Every penny helps.

HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is Sunday, March 15th. This is the backbone of the funding for our world wide United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Many United Methodist’s are unaware that UMCOR is a major disaster recovery, much like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army) except UMCOR stays 3-5 years helping those who fall through the cracks.

For more information on UMCOR go to www.graceumcmoorhead.org and click on “Links”; Then click on the UMCOR link. For more information on One Great Hour of Sharing go to www.onegreathourofsharing.org.

Jesus, as you showed the disciples your glory at your Transfiguration, show us too. Help us seek your glory not only in Sabbath worship but in our everyday lives



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