

Light of Grace

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

The best moments in life are unscripted. We're currently blessed at Grace to be in a time of learning names of those new to Grace. So, if you were at the October 25th service of worship you may want to know it was E. Beck who melted more than a few hearts. E. is the daughter of J. and R. Beck. She's the sister of F. and O.. D. asked the kids to share something that filled their hearts with a good feeling. **E. said, "My baby brother. I love the way he smells." Hearts melted.**

The moment wasn't scripted, rehearsed or planned. However, if the question had been, "will you share something that fills your heart with angry feelings?" the responses would have been different. **How we structure something matters.** If you're one of those reading "Unbinding Your Heart" recall chapter four about what people come to church hoping to find in 2015. People aren't coming to have one more thing to do, join a committee, or to hear what's wrong with the world. They aren't coming to find a friendly group of people, though they're open to new friends. **Guests are looking for transformed lives.**

They bring questions like: "How can I be a better parent?" "What does God want me to do to help my aging parent?" "Where can I find joy—especially after loss?" "How can I be a person that makes a positive difference in this world?" "How do I become a person who is patient and loving?" What more could the church ask than to have a segment of the population that simply wants help growing into better people?

To free Grace UMC up to offer opportunities for transformation and spiritual growth, the Healthy Church Initiative recommendation is to streamline our church decision-making structure. We will be creating two leadership teams. Team #1 – Operations will combine the Trustees, SRPC and Finance functions into one. Operations will care for all the resources and tend to the day to day operations of Grace. Team #2 – Implementation will implement

the Healthy Church Recommendations and Practices.

The Implementation team is up and working on: a) Transforming Grace into the Church of the Neighborhood, b) Providing Whole Church Opportunities for Spiritual Growth, c) Experimenting with Worship, d) Developing Leaders, and e) Making Grace's space more inviting

When I ask, "What energizes you spiritually?" many respond with the type of stuff Team #2 (HCI Implementation) is doing. When I ask, "what drains you spiritually?" most respond SPRC, Trustees and Finance stuff. Creating Team #1 for Operations means we'll need 10 people instead of 30. It means we'll all meet together so a decision doesn't have to be passed from group to group until months later: folks are tired, miscommunication reigns, details are forgotten, frustration builds, and the church laments "nothing gets done."

We can't script how God might work among us through a streamlined structure. But, **we hope the new structure will allow us to focus more on relationships, spiritual transformation, and the things that lead to God-moments.** Jesus said, I came that you may have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10) E. already gets it; life is meant to fill our hearts with gratitude. "My little brother, I love the way he smells." **I invite you to pray with me, "May God-moments abound as we live into Healthy Church changes."**



IN GOD-MOMENTS

Blessings,
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 (Bethany)
 Delores Dronen (Jamestown)
 Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
 Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)
 Clara Krook (Bethany)
 Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
 Linda Collins Ruth Opp

If you have any prayer concerns, call P. Horner, 218-790-2141.



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 #2 (Nov/May) TEAM Coordinators are W. Walseth, D. Stead and P. Murray.

701-237-6738—C. Anderson
 218-233-5347—G. & T. Anderson,
 218-236-5753—P. & K. Anderson
 218-287-1676—I. Beving
 218-359-9000—E. Brendemuhl
 218-233-8038—G. Clifton
 218-287-1969—B. & J. Fraundorfer & Family
 701-541-2490—S. & L. Gedrose & Family
 701-238-5025—L. Jensen
 218-233-8746—B. Johnson,
 218-236-4814—M. Johnson
 218-236-1747—J. & C. Ladwig
 218-287-2639—D. LeQuire
 701-205-1645—R. Opp
 218-236-5746—J. Ostlie
 218-233-3888—E. Volbrecht
 218-233-5392—C. & D. Williams



November Birthdays

5—S. Burkhardt
 8—J. Alveshere
 10—B. Beck
 12—J. Thiessen
 19—C. Krook
 M. Akin
 28—R. Christopherson
 S. Mohr
 C. Borgen
 A. Loeks
 29—D. Williams
 J. Thiseth
 30—D. Horn

Happy Anniversary!



November Anniversaries

18—L. & A. Monge



DONUTS

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, November 11th. Beginning at 6:00 AM. Please place your orders with the office, 218-233-1857. The last time to order donuts until February 2016. is Monday, November 9th.



CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM, on December 31, 2015 to be counted as a 2015 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2016 contribution. Grace is not responsible to count your contribution for 2015 if it is lost in the mail.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Pastor Roger and my church friends for the many prayers, cards, telephone calls and visit during my recent surgery and recovery.—L. Norby



FINANCIAL UPDATE

October

INCOME: \$ 8,848.90
 EXPENSES: \$14,575.77
 APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 420.65



KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

by Del Larson, CLM

Luann and I finished our book study of Max Lucado's book, *You'll Get Through This*. With God by our side, how can we not get through the rough spots, and I am including death, and financial despair. Like previous newsletter articles about this book, the last chapters continued to be inspiring. In the chapter "Keep Calm and Carry On," Max shares the story of California fires that destroyed homes with massive losses. We still see today the struggles people have when they lose everything. Our Bible story continues with Joseph, who was faced with a seven-year worldwide famine as a leader in Egypt. Fortunately, he had a God-given plan to feed his country and those around them.

God gave him a recipe card with simple directions to follow. "Save grain for seven years. Distribute for seven years. Manage carefully." God had a similar message for Great Britain before WWII. They created posters to inspire the people as they prepared for war. Short and to the point, what the country needed to do to survive the evil Nazis. Later, another poster was displayed when the air-raids on England began, that cried, "Freedom Is In Peril Defend It With All Your Might." However, there was another poster that was printed, but never used. "KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON." This poster was to be shared if Germany invaded their island. Fortunately, that never happened, but this same poster could be used in the catastrophes we face throughout our lives. Just like Joseph, we too can get through anything with God's help if we KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON! The secret to this is God's recipe.

When you feel overwhelmed because of divorce, death, finances, job, or not making the team, grab a small card, sit down, and have a talk with God. Seek the directions that God has for you to get through this situation, or anything. Now, I know you are thinking this sounds too easy, but you really need to be committed to that conversation with God AND actually write down 3-5 steps of what He whispers to you. If you are having problems hearing God, find a quiet place with nothing to distract you and take it to him in prayer. God doesn't promise to make it all better with a kiss. Rather it might take some time, and it won't be easy (nothing is easy in this world), and there may be some pain, but God's Good always wins over evil. Evil loses, it always fails. God's Good was promised to you by His son. Evil tempts everyone, but we have heard the stories of Joseph, Job, Moses, and His only son, Jesus and how they listened to God.

God's Good has won every battle and you know it. Just think of how the bad things in your life turned out good. I think about 1981 and losing my teaching job because of cuts. We went to South Dakota to run a hardware store. I loved teaching and the family we left behind, but those two years made me a better teacher. I grew because of God's Good. If you say you can't find good, then it is time for you to sit down and talk with God. Remember: KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON. YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS. Amen

FALL FESTIVAL



The Women of Grace Fall Festival will be held on Sat., Nov. 7. Doors will be opened from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch of homemade soup, sandwich, and dessert will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Left over soup will be sold by the quart and pint after 1 p.m. to those who place their names on a sign-up sheet. We need your support and donations of craft items, bake sale goods, desserts and Country Store used items. Join in the fellowship by helping with this event. Sign-up sheets will be on the narthex table. Contacts: J. Anderson, P. Murray, or J. Graning.

NEW LIFE CENTER

On September 30, 2015 the New Life Center purchased an old warehouse building that will be converted into the store with a parking lot. Plans are to be moved by the first of 2016. November gifts are pumpkin pies and #10 cans of vegetables. Please place your contributions in the box next to the food cart. The gifts for December are men's underwear shirts, stocking caps, gloves, sweat shirts and heavy tube socks in various sizes and four (4) dozen cookies. A recipe book is planned and if you have a recipe you would like to share, please give it to J. Oelke or S. Mohr.

| Date | Psalms | OT | Epistle | Gospel |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sun, Nov 1 | am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84 | Neh 5:1-19 | Acts 20:7012 | Luke 12:22-31 |
| Mon, Nov 2 | am: 56, 57, 58,pm: 64, 65 | Neh 6:1-19 | Rev 10:1-11 | Matt 13:36-43 |
| Tue, Nov 3 | am: 61, 62,pm: 68 | Neh 12:27-31a, 42b-47 | Rev 11:1-19 | Matt 13:44-52 |
| Wed, Nov 4 | am: 72,pm: 119:73-96 | Neh 13:4-22 | Rev 12:1-12 | Matt 13:53-58 |
| Thur, Nov 5 | am: 70, 71,pm: 74 | Ezra 7:1-16 | Rev 14:1-13 | Matt 14:1-12 |
| Fri, Nov 6 | am: 69,pm: 73 | Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36 | Rev 15:1-18 | Matt 14:13-21 |
| Sat, Nov 7 | am: 75, 76,pm: 23, 27 | Ezra 9:1-15 | Rev 17:1-14 | Matt 14:22-36 |
| Sun, Nov 8 | am: 93, 96,pm: 34 | Ezra 10:1-17 | Acts 24:10-21 | Luke 14:12-24 |
| Mon, Nov 9 | am: 80,pm: 77, 19 | Neh 9:1-15 | Rev 18:1-8 | Matt 15:1-20 |
| Tue, Nov 10 | am: 78:1-39,pm: 78:40-72 | Neh 9:26-38 | Rev 18:9-20 | Matt 15:21-28 |
| Wed, Nov 11 | am: 119:97-120,pm: 81, 82 | Neh 7:73b-8:3, 5-18 | Rev 18:21-24 | Matt 15:29-39 |
| Thur, Nov 12 | am: 83,pm: 85, 86 | 1 Chron 10:1-14 | Rev 19:1-10 | Matt 16:1-12 |
| Fri, Nov 13 | am: 88,pm: 91, 92 | 1 Chron 11:1-25 | Rev 19:11-16 | Matt 16:13-20 |
| Sat, Nov 14 | am: 87, 90,pm: 136 | 1 Chron 13:1-14 | Rev 20:1-6 | Matt 16:21-28 |
| Sun, Nov 15 | am: 66, 67,pm: 19, 46 | 1 Chron 14:1-17 | Acts 28:14b-23 | Luke 16:1-13 |
| Mon, Nov 16 | am: 89:1-18,pm: 89:19-52 | 1 Chron 15:1-29 | Rev 20:7-15 | Matt 17:1-13 |
| Tue, Nov 17 | am: 97, 99, 100,pm: 94, 95 | 1 Chron 16:7-36 | Rev 21:1-8 | Matt 17:14-21 |
| Wed, Nov 18 | am: 101, 109,pm: 119:121-144 | 1 Chron 20:1-8 | Rev 21:9-21 | Matt 17:22-27 |
| Thur, Nov 19 | am: 105:1-22,pm: 105:23-45 | 1 Chron 21:1-27 | Rev 21:22-22:5 | Matt 18:1-9 |
| Fri, Nov 20 | am: 102,pm: 107:1-32 | 1 Chron 22:1-19 | Rev 22:6-13 | Matt 18:10-20 |
| Sat, Nov 21 | am: 107:33-43, 108,pm: 33 | Isa 65:17-25 | Rev 22:14-21 | Matt 18:21-35 |
| Sun, Nov 22 | am: 118,pm: 145 | Isa 19:19-25 | Rom 15:5-13 | Luke 19:11-27 |
| Mon, Nov 23 | am: 106:1-18,pm: 106:19-48 | Joel 3:1-2, 9-17 | 1 Pet 1:1-12 | Matt 19:1-12 |
| Tue, Nov 24 | am: 121, 122, 123,pm: 124, 125, 126 | Nahum 1:1-13 | 1 Pet 1:13-25 | Matt 19:13-22 |
| Wed, Nov 25 | am: 119:145-176,pm: 128, 129, 130 | Obad 15-21 | 1 Pet 2:1-10 | Matt 19:23-30 |
| Thur, Nov 26 | am: 131, 132, 133,pm: 134, 135 | Zeph 3:1-13 | 1 Pet 2:11-25 | Matt 20:1-16 |
| Fri, Nov 27 | am: 140, 142,pm: 141, 143 | Isa 24:14-23 | 1 Pet 3:13-4:6 | Matt 20:17-28 |
| Sat, Nov 28 | am: 137, 144,pm: 104 | Mic 7:11-20 | 1 Pet 4:7-19 | Matt 20:29-34 |
| Sun, Nov 29 | Am; 146,147, pm: 111,112,113 | Amos 1:1-5,13-2:8 | 1 Thess 5:1-11 | Luke 21:5-19 |
| Mon, Nov 30 | Am; 1,2,3; pm; 4,7 | Amos 2:6-16 | 2 Peter 1:1-11 | Matt 21:1-11 |

GRACE UNITED METHODIST November 2015



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 All Saints' Day 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Unbinding the Heart Study 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am SPRC & Council 7:30 pm Unbinding your Heart Study | 2 8:00 am ERL 1:00 pm NO Quilting | 3 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class | 4 8:00 am ERL 6:00 pm Trustees 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:15 pm Choir | 5 DC OM @Hubbard 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 4:00 -6:00 pm MN Health Insurance 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry | 6 Youth Retreat at Cragun Lodge in Brainard, MN | 7 9:30 am Unbinding your Heart Study 10:00 am Fall Festival |
| 8 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Unbinding your Heart Study 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am SPRC & Council 7:30 pm Unbinding your Heart Study | 9 8:00 am ERL 1:00 pm Quilting | 10 2:00 pm IRB @ MSUM 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class 7:30 pm Finance Committee | 11 8:00 am ERL 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:15 pm Choir | 12 2:00 pm HCI Pastor's Coaching 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry | 13 | 14 9:30 am Unbinding your Heart Study |
| 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Unbinding your Heart Study 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 7:30 pm Unbinding your Heart Study | 16 8:00 am ERL 1:00 pm Quilting | 17 6:00 pm HCI 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class | 18 8:00 am ERL 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:15 pm Choir | 19 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 11:30 pm FM-UM Clergy @ Grace 7:00 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervisor Class | 20 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal | 21 9:30 am Unbinding your Heart Study M.Larson Benefit Fund raiser |
| 22 Last Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Unbinding your Heart Study 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 7:30 pm Unbinding your Heart Study | 23 8:00 am ERL 1:00 pm Quilting | 24 7:00 pm NO Stephen Ministry Training Class | 25 8:00 am ERL 6:00 pm No Youth Group 6:15 pm No Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm No AWANA 7:15 pm No Choir | 26  Thanksgiving Office Closed | 27 | 28 |
| 29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 am NO Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am NO Children's Sunday School | 30 8:00 am ERL 1:00 pm Quilting | | REMINDER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2:00 AM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST. REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT. | REMINDER | | |

SAVE THE DATES



On Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 am. In the Fellowship Hall the Women of Grace, Friends and Neighbors

will gather for the annual Advent Luncheon, Fellowship and Special Music. Watch for the date tickets will go on sale.

On Saturday, December 12th the District Supervisor will visit Grace UMC

CHARGE CONFERENCE



The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, December 6th following Worship Services. All reports are due in the office by Monday, November 16th.



NEW DIRECTORY

The new address and phone directory for 2016 will be printed in January. If you have moved, or changed phone numbers, please let the office know so your correct information will be available.

THANK YOU



Many Thanks to the Women of Grace. As A. and M. wrap up addressing the personal Thank You's, C. and I (Grandma and Grandpa to be) offer our gratitude to each of you who were part of a wonderful baby shower for M. and A.. Little Aubrey is due Nov. 11th. Your thoughtful generosity warmed our hearts. What better way for a baby to enter the world--wrapped in prayers, love and kindnesses. Thank you, Pastor Roger and Chele

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