

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

I was greeted by “it didn’t have to be this way” at the church door this morning. Right where I usually step was a golden whisper of one of life’s truths. A saucer-sized, red-veined golden-maple leaf lay at my feet. Its stem was still attached. Its condition was good. As I said, “it didn’t have to be this way.” It didn’t have to land where I was about to walk. It didn’t have to be that fall folds into winter with glorious foliage each year.



Pictured is the leaf resting on a Bible—the book that begins with the idea of a magnificent mind creating light and dark, flora and fauna, soul and free will. Scripture says, “And God saw it was good.” It didn’t have to be this way—that creation was beautiful.

In the picture (if you receive the online newsletter) you may notice the beautiful woodgrain of the table the Bible is resting on. It’s not just the leaves of trees that are gorgeous

in fall; even the insides of trees are beautiful. Ponder the Bible and we are quickly reminded that each page was also once part of a tree. Divine wisdom meets human technology and trees tell God’s story in another way. Amazing!

November is traditionally the month of giving thanks for all the good things that “didn’t have to be.” To life God added love. To trees God added beauty. Within the seed God planted the fullness of the harvest.

During the month of November at Grace we will be giving thanks. November 6th (All Saints Sunday) we will give thanks for the promise of heaven and those who have gone on before us. November 13th (Our District Superintendent Will Preach) we will give thanks for the United Methodist Church making followers of Jesus and transforming the world. November 20th (Thanksgiving Sunday) we will pause to thank God for the blessings of this past year. November 27th (Hanging the Greens Sunday) we will thank God for the hope and strength God gives the human heart when we wait for prayers to be answered.

Please take the time to give thanks for the good in life. Please live so that others will think of the good in life when they see you.

Blessings,

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 #5 (Nov/May) Ministry TEAM coordinators are: R. & P. Murray, W. Walseth and D. Stead

- 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)
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)

- 701-237-6738—C. Anderson
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- 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,
- 218-236-1747—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

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
- Ruth Opp JoAnn Oelker
- Cullen Fraundorfer Shirley Mohr



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



DONUTS

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, November 2nd and 16th. Please call 218-233-1857 to place your orders. Donuts can be picked up between 8:00 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.
NOVEMBER 16TH IS THE LAST TIME DONUTS WILL BE MADE UNTIL JANUARY 18, 2017.

THANK YOU



Thank you to all of my church family, for all of the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers and plants. A special Thank you to Pastor Roger, for following me from place to place. Prayers for you all. I am on the mend, but it will be a while I know, My love and prayers for all of you. - J, Oelke

MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 1:30 pm in the Lounge. Everyone is invited to attend.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 pm. We would love for you to attend and become a part of our circle of friends.



CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2016 to be counted as a 2016 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2017 contribution. Grace is not responsible to count your contribution for 2016 if it is lost in the mail.



FALL FESTIVAL

The Women of Grace Fall Festival will be held on Sat., Nov. 5th. 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. 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, J. Graning.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to J. and R. Johnson on the birth of their son, Duke Henry

Johnson, on October 17th. He weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz., and was 20 3/4 inches long, Grandparents are D. and K. Tretter, great grandmas, Carol Tretter, Larimore, ND, and J. Oelke, Grandparents are in Cape Coral, Fl. spoiling the little guy.

WANTED

A facebook, twitter and web page guru to take Grace UMC to the next level of our online presence in our community is needed. If you are a computer person, and can help with this project, please contact Pastor Roger.

NEW LIFE CENTER NEWS

We are collecting the following Christmas gifts items for The New Life Center shelter residents.

Stocking caps

Work gloves and ski gloves

Socks (white and colored crew socks - not tube socks)

White undershirts - various sizes

Underwear - various sizes briefs or boxers

Thermal underwear - tops and bottoms in various sizes

Please place unwrapped gifts in the labeled bin in the narthex by December 8th. If you have any questions, please call K. Anderson, 218-329-6477.

CHARGE CONFERENCE




The annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 13th following Worship Services. District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Miller will give the message. Bob Hanna will be sharing financial update on the remaining cost of carpet and bathroom projects.

And weekly income needed to sustain Grace ministries. SPRC will meet with D.S. Miller at noon.

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Tue, Nov 1	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Ezek 24:1-14*	Rev 14:14-15:8	Luke 13:1-9
All Saints, Nov 1	am: 111, 112, pm: 148, 150	Neh 4:1-23	am: Heb 11:32-12:2, pm: Rev 21:1-4, 22-22:5	
Wed, Nov 2	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Ezek 26:1-14*	Rev 16:1-11	Luke 13:10-17
Thur, Nov 3	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Ezek 29:17-21*	Rev 16:12-21	Luke 14:18-30
Fri, Nov 4	am: 69, pm: 73	Ezek 12:12-28*	Rev 17:1-18	Luke 13:31-35
Sat, Nov 5	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Ezek 13:1-16*	Rev 18:1-14	Luke 14:1-11
Sun, Nov 6	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Ezek 14:1-14*	1 Cor 14:1-12	Matt 20:1-16
Mon, Nov 7	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	Joel 1:1-13	Rev 18:15-24	Luke 14:12-24
Tue, Nov 8	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Joel 1:15-2:11	Rev 19:1-10	Luke 14:25-35
Wed, Nov 9	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Joel 2:12-19	Rev 19:11-21	Luke 15:1-10
Thur, Nov 10	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	Joel 2:21-27	Jam 1:1-15	Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
Fri, Nov 11	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Joel 2:28-3:8	Jam 1:16-27	Luke 16:1-9
Sat, Nov 12	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Joel 3:9-17	Jam 2:1-13	Luke 16:10-18
Sun, Nov 13	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Hab 1:1-2:1	Phil 3:13-4:1	Matt 23:13-24
Mon, Nov 14	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Hab 2:1-4, 9-20	Jam 2:14-26	Luke 16:19-31
Tue, Nov 15	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	Hab 3:2-19	Jam 3:1-12	Luke 17:1-10
Wed, Nov 16	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	Mal 1:1, 6-14	Jam 3:13-4:12	Luke 17:11-19
Thur, Nov 17	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Mal 2:1-16	Jam 4:13-5:6	Luke 17:20-37
Fri, Nov 18	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Mal 3:1-12	Jam 5:7-12	Luke 18:1-8
Sat, Nov 19	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	Mal 3:13-4:6	Jam 5:13-20	Luke 18:9-14
Sun, Nov 20	am: 118, pm: 145	Zech 9:9-16	1 Pet 3:13-22	Matt 21:1-13
Mon, Nov 21	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Zech 10:1-12	Gal 6:1-10	Luke 18:15-30
Tue, Nov 22	am: 120-123, pm: 124, 125, 126	Zech 11:4-17	1 Cor 3:10-23	Luke 18:31-43
Wed, Nov 23	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Zech 12:1-10	Eph 1:3-14	Luke 19:1-10
Thur, Nov 24	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	Zech 13:1-9	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 19:11-27
Fri, Nov 25	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	Zech 14:1-11	Rom 15:7-13	Luke 19:28-40
Sat, Nov 26	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	Zech 14:12-21	Phil 2:1-11	Luke 19:41-48
Sun, Nov 27	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 1:1-9	2 Pet 3:1-10	Matt 25:1-13
Mon, Nov 28	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Isa 1:10-20	1 Thes 1:1-10	Luke 20:1-8
Tues, Nov 29	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Isa 1:21-31	1 Thes 2:1-12	Luke 20:9-18
Wed, Nov 30	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Isa 2:1-11	1 Thes 13-20	Luke 20:19-26

Grace United Methodist

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2:00 AM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th . REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 6:00 pm Pastor Citizens Police Academy</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Fall Festival Country Store Opens 11:00 am Lunch Serving Begins</p>
<p>6 25th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 m ERL 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Pastor Citizens Police Academy 7:00 pm Operations and Resources</p>	11	12
<p>13 26th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:15 am Annual Church Conference—DS Presiding Grace Finance Report—Bob Hanna</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Pastor Citizens Police Academy 7:00 pm Lydia Circle</p>	18	19
<p>20 27th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School Sunday of Thanks and Giv- ing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Thanksgiving Office Closed</p>	25	26
<p>27 28th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Hanging of the Green 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 3:00 pm Christmas Decorating</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 pm ERL 3:30 pm Set up to Serve Churches United 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir</p>			



SAVE THE DATES

Come celebrate Advent with lunch and the Women of Grace, on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00 am. The Beyond Blue Band will provide special music. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, November 6th and can be purchased from P. Murray or J. Graning.



Poinsettias

POINTSETTIAS

If you are going to order a Poinsettia to take home with you after the Christmas Service, please call the office by Friday, November 4th.



NEW DIRECTORY



The new address and phone directory for 2017 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.

BLESSED ARE ...

Blessed are those who have learned
to admire but not envy;
to follow but not imitate;
to praise but not flatter;
and to lead but not manipulate.

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