

# Light of Grace

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

## Dear Friends,

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> eight members of Grace attended a learning session in Savage, MN. Some drove down the night before, but five of us left Moorhead at 6 AM. We watched the sunrise together out the windshield and watched the sunset through the windshield. It was a long day; but, we were doing what we wanted to do. Welcome to the beginning of Grace UMCs participation in the Healthy Church Initiative. We'll hear the words, "Healthy Church Initiative" a lot in the next two years.

What is HCI and why are we a part of it? We are a part of it because our Bishop and cabinet invited us into the process. They offered us learning sessions, coaches, mystery visitors, demographic info on our communities, reading materials, natural church development resources, interview tools to get to know the needs of the community and top notch leadership to walk with us in a process that may lead to revitalization. Simply put, the conference said, "we want to invest over \$10,000 worth of training and coaching into Grace-leaders because there is so much potential for growth in your setting and signs of health already present."

The Grace Church Council could say, "Yes" or "No." A "no" would mean we weren't interested in growing and didn't believe it was a possibility. A "yes" entailed our own investment of \$2,500 (from endowment capital gains) and creation of a team of committed individuals willing to do a lot of leg work for the love of Christ and the love of Grace UMC. The chairs of our team are P. Murray and P. Anderson. The other members of the team are D. Larson, G. & L. Davis, L. and J. Beck, S. Grow, R. Murray, A. Horn, D. Stead and L. Horner. We've also started a prayer team that consists of M. Hamm, J. Anderson, and S. Grow. There is room on the prayer team! Plus, we'll be asking the entire congregation to be in prayer during this process. We'll have a bulletin board with updates and info soon.

Saturday we began with a Bible study on John 21:1-6. It's the story of the risen Jesus appearing to his followers who don't recognize him at first. His followers are fishing and catching nothing. He challenges them to fish on the other side of the boat...and suddenly their nets are overflowing. Then they recognize Jesus. Saturday, we began our time at the seminar discussing Jesus and fishing. A question was posed to the churches gathered. "What side of the boat does your church fish on?" One person shared, "too often we fish inside the boat." Another person shared, "We fish off the back of the boat...focusing on where we've been and where the fish were...even though the fish are now gone."



Personally, the Healthy Church Initiative feels like a trip to Cabela's. The lake/culture has changed. The fish/non-church-going people in 2014 have moved and acquired new tastes.

But, Grace is going on a shopping trip. We'll receive the latest tools, books, depth finders, maps, and all we'll need if we decide to go fishing/reaching-out with Christ in ways that hook/engage people in spiritual discussion and growth.

Most congregations that embrace the HCI process experience growth. Through HCI the Detroit Lakes UMC Church discerned the need for and learned how to start a second worship service. Based on people's needs they chose Wednesday night and average over 120 in attendance—80% of whom were none-churched. DL UMC connected with them, learned their real needs, and created a Christ-filled offering. Are you ready to go fishing? I believe Jesus still calls. I believe Jesus will show us where and how, if we desire and ask—not for ourselves, but for the sake of those whose lives can be changed by the living Christ.

In Christ's Service,  
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)  
**Delores Dronen** (Fairmont)  
**Ruth Ann Krutz** (Elim)  
**Jim Johnson** (Manor Care)  
**Clara Krook** (Bethany)  
**Vi Williams** (Bethany on 42nd)  
**Mary Jane Phillips** (Eventide)  
**Jeanne Schwager** (Bethany)

**PRAYER LIST at Home**

**Vicky Westra**      **Roger Opp**  
**Dale Smith**      **Rae Offett**  
**Linda Collins**    **Lois Norby**



**October Birthdays**

5— J. Graning  
 7—B. Burkhardt  
 12—D. Walter  
 13—J. Egerdahl  
 19—D. Horn  
 21—M. Held  
 22—A. Larson  
 27—K. Enkers  
     M. Hamm  
     L. Gibson  
 29—L. Jensen



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

3—J. & C. Ladwig  
 5—P. & K. Anderson  
 12—N. & T. Moore  
 22—O. & J. Alveshere



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 #1 (Oct/Apr) TEAM Coordinator is N. Grow.

218-299-2022 J. & L. Denny  
 218-233-6709 D. Dronen  
 218-287-3404 J. & J. Eide  
 218-236-7780 E. Elliott  
 218-236-8820 B. & S. Frangsrud & Family  
 218-236-7319 C. & R. Goldade  
 218-233-1969 D. & J. Granting  
 218-233-5428 T. & M. Kley  
 218-236-1643 I. Koenning  
 218-233-6411 B. & C. Krogen  
 218-233-1690 H. Kronbeck  
 701-282-7007 C. Krook  
 218-287-4316 B. & S. Martin  
 218-790-1162 N. McCaskell  
 701-478-1410 B. Paulson & B. Rowland  
 218-236-7136 E. Payton  
 701-235-5413 M. Phillips  
 701-212-8783 J. Stuart  
 218-236-9212 B. Wagner  
 701-388-6690 M. & R. Wagner  
 701-364-3940 P. & D. Walter  
 701-361-4278 B. W. & Family  
 763-438-6746 P. Welsh & Family



**DONUTS**

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, October 22nd, beginning at 6:00 AM. Please place your orders with J. Anderson, 218-236-0183. or the office, 218-233-1857. Donuts are to be picked up by 9:00 AM.

**TRUSTEE'S PROJECT**

The Trustee's are still accepting pledges for new carpeting, handicap door openers and a new ADA compliant handicap accessible family bathroom. Please watch the video at: [www.graceumcmoorhead.org](http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org) or speak to B. Hanna if you have any questions. To date \$15,760 has been pledged.



**WORLD THANK OFFERING**

World Thank Offering will be held in October. Collection jars are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE  
 SEPTEMBER**

**INCOME: \$ 11,778.15**  
**EXPENSES: \$ 13,565.06**  
**APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 252.34**





### FALL FESTIVAL

"The Women of Grace's Fall Festival will be held on Sat., Nov. 1st. Doors will be opened from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lunch of homemade soup, sandwich, apple crisp will be served from 11

AM to 1 PM. Left over soup will be sold by the quart and pint after 1 PM. We need your support and donations of: craft items, bake sale goods, apple crisp and used items for the country store.

"Books Are Fun" will be available to purchase and make great gifts. There will be a sign up sheet for 8-9, 9X13 " pans of apple crisp, on the kiosk in the narthex. Please sign up to donate or let P. Murray, J. Anderson, or J. Granning know if you can help.



### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 5th. Imagine a day set aside for Christians to join in a world-wide awareness that whatever one's skin color, language, or economic situation we are all sharing in the bread and cup of communion that unites us. Welcome to World Communion Sunday. On October 5th we will celebrate the meal that unites us as a Christian family where ever we are living on this planet. Each year United Methodists are invited to give toward a special offering to help with Ethnic scholarships in the US and abroad. Since apportionments (first mile mission giving) are also a part of our world-wide outreach, designating a gift to this ministry would also fit the spirit of World Communion. "For God so loved the world that God gave God's only son... that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God so loved the world...and invites us to do the same. Amen.

### NEW MEMBERS

New Members joining on October 12th are H. Eckman and D. LeQuire.



### START COLLECTING!!

As part of the Women of Grace annual Fall Bazaar, there will once again be a Country Store. Please bring books, household décor, toys, jewelry, dishes, pots and pans to the Quilters room. Please NO clothing.

### 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 are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$5,100.72 given to date.

### THANK YOU



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the new hot water heater. With generous contributions and cost below the estimate the new hot water heater bill can be marked PAID. A big thank you also to S. Struble and his friends for the quick installation.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Stephen Ministry training course will begin at Grace on Thursday evening, October 2nd at 7 pm. What is a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation trained to give high quality Christian care one-on-one to individuals who are going through a crisis or challenge in life.

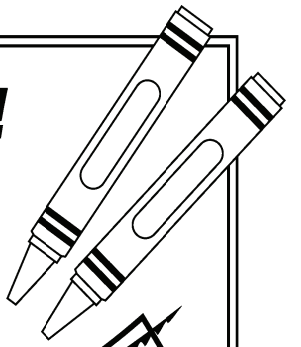
After training, Stephen Ministers are assigned one care receiver and meet with that person for about an hour a week. If you would like to have more information on how to become a Stephen Minister, or to receive care from one, please speak to Pastor Roger or call P. Horner, Stephen Leader, at 218-790-2141.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Wed, Oct 1	am: 101, 109; pm: 119:121-144	Hos 4:11-19	Acts 21:15-26	Luke 5:27-39
Thur, Oct 2	am: 105:1-22; pm: 105:23-45	Hos 5:8-6:6	Acts 21:27-36	Luke 6:1-11
Fri, Oct 3	am: 102; pm: 107:1-32	Hos 10:1-15	Acts 21:37-22:16	Luke 6:12-26
Sat, Oct 4	am: 107:33-43, 108; pm: 33	Hos 11:1-9	Acts 22:17-29	Luke 6:27-38
Sun, Oct 5	am: 118; pm: 145	Hos 13:4-14	1 Cor 2:6-16	Matt 14:1-12
Mon, Oct 6	am: 106:1-18; pm: 106:19-48	Hos 14:1-9	Acts 22:30-23:11	Luke 6:39-49
Tue, Oct 7	am: 121, 122, 123; pm: 124, 125, 126	Mic 1:1-9	Acts 23:12-24	Luke 7:1-17
Wed, Oct 8	am: 119:145-176; pm: 128, 129, 130	Mic 3:1-13	Acts 23:23-35	Luke 7:18-35
Thur, Oct 9	am: 131, 132, 133; pm: 134, 135	Mic 3:1-8	Acts 24:1-23	Luke 7:36-50
Fri, Oct 10	am: 140, 142; pm: 141, 143	Mic 3:9-4:5	Acts 24:24:12	Luke 8:1-15
Sat, Oct 11	am: 137, 144; pm: 104	Mic 5:1-4, 10-15	Acts 25:13-27	Luke 8:16-25
Sun, Oct 12	am: 146, 147; pm: 111, 112, 113	Mic 6:1-8	1 Cor 4:9-16	Matt 15:21-28
Mon, Oct 13	am: 1, 2, 3; pm: 4, 7	Mic 7:1-7	Acts 26:1-23	Luke 8:26-39
Tue, Oct 14	am: 5, 6; pm: 10, 11	Jon 1:1-17	Acts 26:24-27:8	Luke 8:40-56
Wed, Oct 15	am: 119:1-24; pm: 12, 13, 14	Jon 1:17-2:10	Acts 27:9-26	Luke 9:1-17
Thur, Oct 16	am: 18:1-20; pm: 18:21-50	Jon 3:1-4:11	Acts 27:27-44	Luke 9:18-27
Fri, Oct 17	am: 16, 17; pm: 22	Song 1:2-8	Acts 28:1-16	Luke 9:28-36
Sat, Oct 18	am: 20, 21; pm: 110, 116, 117	Song 1:9-2:7	Acts 28:17-31	Luke 9:37-50
Sun, Oct 19	am: 148, 149, 150; pm: 114, 115	Song 2:8-17	1 Cor 10:1-13	Matt 16:13-20
Mon, Oct 20	am: 25; pm: 9, 15	Song 4:1-5:1	Rev 7:1-8	Luke 9:51-62
Tue, Oct 21	am: 26, 28; pm: 36, 39	Song 5:2-6:3	Rev 7:9-17	Luke 10:1-16
Wed, Oct 22	am: 38; pm: 119:25-48	Song 8:5-14	Rev 8:1-13	Luke 10:17-24
Thur, Oct 23	am: 37:1-18; pm: 37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	Rev 9:1-12	Luke 10:25-37
Fri, Oct 24	am: 31; pm: 35	Ezra 3:1-13	Rev 9:13-21	Luke 10:38-42
Sat, Oct 25	am: 30, 32; pm: 42, 43	Ezra 4:7, 11-24	Rev 10:1-11	Luke 11:1-13
Sun, Oct 26	am: 63, 98; pm: 103	Hag 1:1-2:9	1 Cor 10:15-24	Matt 18:15-20
Mon, Oct 27	am: 41, 52; pm: 44	Ezra 5:1-17	Rev 11:1-14	Luke 11:14-26
Tue, Oct 28	am: 45; pm: 47, 48	Ezra 6:1-22	Rev 11:14-19	Luke 11:27-36
Wed, Oct 29	am: 119:49-72; pm: 49, 53	Neh 1:1-11	Rev 12:1-6	Luke 11:37-52
Thur, Oct 30	am: 50, 59, 60; pm: 66, 67	Neh 2:1-20	Rev 12:7-17	Luke 11:53-12:12
Fri, Oct 31	am: 40, 54; pm: 51	Neh 5:1-19	Rev 13:1-10	Luke 12:13-31

# Grace United Methodist

## October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:15 AM Carriage House 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm Quilting	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:15 PM Choir	<b>8</b> 6:00 am Donut Making 1:30 PM Martha Circle 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry	<b>10</b> 9 AM Clergy Meeting at Isanti	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ New Members 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm Quilting	<b>14</b> 7:15 PM Choir	<b>15</b> 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 6:30 PM A Berry Good Night	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Trustees	<b>21</b> 7:15 PM Choir 7:00 pm Ad Council	<b>22</b> 6:00 AM Donut Making 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 9:00 AM Park View Terrace 10 AM Golden Living 2 PM River Pointe 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	<b>27</b> 1:00 pm No Quilting	<b>28</b> 7:15 PM Choir 7:30 PM Finance Committee	<b>29</b> 5:00 PM Serve Churches United Dinner 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry	<b>31</b>	



# PUZZLE

## Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

**Directions:** Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

### COLUMN 1

- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving high respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

### COLUMN 2

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." Philippians 4:8, NIV



A crossword puzzle grid with a 'P' in the top-left corner of the starting square. The grid consists of several interconnected squares, some of which are already filled with letters from the words in the columns above.

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