

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

Two days later and I'm still uplifted by Grace's Sunday with "Beyond Blue." If you missed them but you happen to have Facebook I've posted some of their music. Their music was uplifting and their harmonies were great. The theme of the morning was **Living a Full-Cup Life**. The worship-space was filled with over 150 people.

Afterwards one of the members of "Beyond Blue" said to me, "Wow, we've never been in a church where people so freely share their prayer concerns. That was great." During the service another of the "Beyond Blue" group commented on how wonderful it was to see so many children.

On a similar note we had two visitors two weeks ago. An elderly gentleman was taking a middle-aged man to a variety of churches trying to help him find a church home. After service the elderly gentleman said to me, "This was a great worship service; I'm not sure your church is right for my friend because your congregation is 'so young.'" Yes, I heard him right and you read that right: "SO YOUNG!" He's right; we average 25 kids on Wed. nights, too.

None of us miraculously lost years. But, we did have 30 kids in church that Sunday and many of their parents. Some years ago my hair



started turning grey. Don't know the exact day. Don't know the exact percentage of grey to brown at this point. I do know I've gotten used to it and don't feel like my hair has changed at all; but it has. Likewise, I don't know the exact date the change began. But, Grace started growing younger. I'm not sure we feel like we've changed, but we have. Sometimes it takes an outside voice to point that out.

Recently, the leadership at Grace has been discussing what they've seen for changes. But, they've also been discussing conversations they've had with others that essentially ask the question, "What has changed since the Healthy Church Initiative began?" "Is anything different?" "How do we measure if we are having any success?"

Those are great questions. I have what I think is another great question: a conversation starter I'd like each of you to give some thought. "What sign or outreach would lead you to say, 'Wow, the Spirit is working wonders at our church'?" Who knows, God may nudging you to be part of creating something new to help Grace fulfill its mission of being a Church of the Neighborhood?

I believe God is at work in some wonderful ways at Grace. I believe there is more to come. Glad to be on the journey with you.

God's Peace,
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 #4 (Oct/April) Ministry TEAM coordinators are: R. & L. Burkhardt and C. & D. Burkhardt

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)

218-299-2022 J. & L. Denny
 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. Graning
 218-236-1643 I. Koenning
 218-233-6411 B. & C. Krogen
 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. J. Phillips
 701-212-8783 J. Stuart
 218-236-9212 B. Wagner
 701-388-6690 M. & R. Wagner
 701-364-3940 P. & D. Walter
 763-438-6746 P. Welsh & Family

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
Ruth Opp JoAnn Oelker
Bonnie Wagner Cullen Fraundorfer
Shirley Mohr Lisa Gedrose



October Birthdays

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



DONUTS

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, October 5th and 19th.. 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.



OCTOBER Anniversaries

3—J. & C. Ladwig
 E. & A. Ybarra
 5—P. & K. Anderson
 22—O. & J. Alveshire

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to S. and L. Gedrose on the birth of their daughter on Friday, September 16th. She joins 3 brothers and 1 sister at home. Grandparents are J. & B. Fraundorfer and Great Grandpa is L. Jensen.

CONDOLENCE

Our sympathies to Steve Hartog's family. Steve passed away on September 10th and his funeral was at Grace on September 17th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my friends and family at Grace for the cards, phone calls, love and prayers.—S. Mohr

A STRONG HARVEST

Seeds of strength are planted in the soils of weakness. Your most uplifting strength tomorrow may grow from your most debilitating weakness today.—V. Gilbert Beers



ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Del Larson, CLM

"All hands on deck!" If you were in the navy, or related to someone who was in the navy, you are probably well aware of this command. I know when I heard these words at the lake, it meant that you were needed immediately to be ready for whatever was expected. In August, Angie and I did a worship series on generosity. It was fun to share all the ways our church and many members served through their generosity in the community. Grace, in our effort to be the church of the neighborhood, has grasped our mission plans with its support of feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, supporting our youth, and growing in our relationship with God.

The Healthy Church Initiative team has been working hard on strategies to make us the church of the neighborhood. I'm sure you recognize a few new faces in church, many who are coming because of the excitement of Sunday School and VBS. You now see the addition of a welcome center to share the good news of Grace. We have witnessed the transformation of worship. Also, there is another Bible study starting. HCI is working on developing programs that will fulfill our goal of being the church of the community, since our church made that choice over a year ago by a near 98 per cent vote.

To become a community center church we need to work together. To truly achieve our goal of becoming a vibrant, healthy church we need *"All Hands on Deck!"*

As we move forward sailing our ship into the future, we want you to be included

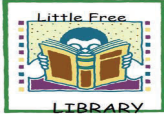
in places you feel your hands are best serving God. As a team, we know of some projects that require people like Sunday morning serving — from the kitchen to reading scripture. There are projects inside and outside the church that need completion. Perhaps you might be interested in helping organizing fundraising events; but most important is that we want to know and hear from you of where are your spiritual passions. To be a Healthy Church we must be supporting each other on this journey. Please feel free to let me, or anyone with the Health Church Leadership Team, know how we can help you be a part of creating a Community Center Church. Many hands provide comfort and joy. Many hands on deck help a ship sail well.

MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha circle will meet on Thursday, October 6th at 1:30 pm in the Lounge. Everyone is invited to attend.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers will meet twice in October. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 4th. We will attend the Hospice event "Grieve On: Final Journeys" 7-9 pm at Ramada Plaza & Suites, Fargo. The speaker is Maggie Callahan. Free and open to the public. Our second meeting is Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 pm at Grace. We will begin discussing the book "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande.



ALL BOOK LOVERS

The Little Free Library has provided 563 books in our neighborhood this year! We would appreciate donations of new and used books in good condition. Please leave any book donations on the church library counter. If you have any questions, talk with S. Martin, W. Walseth, or L. Davis.

NEW LIFE CENTER FUNDRAISER

“The Untold Story” the story of Bill Butters, former NHL player and coach who was introduced to Christ by a group of 11 and 12 year old boys. Bill will tell his story of redemption and message of hope on Thursday, October 13th. There is a dessert social at 6:45 and the program at 7:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Suites in Fargo. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at www.fargonlc.org/events or by calling Michelle at 701-541-1490.



START COLLECTING!!

As part of the annual Women of Grace Fall Festival, we will open our Country Store of used items on Nov. 5th. Please bring books, household and holiday décor, toys, jewelry, stationery, dishes and kitchen items. Please NO clothing. Bring your items to the old coat closet next to the kitchen. there will be a sign on the wall, “Country Store Donations.” Contacts: J. Anderson, P. Murray, J. Graning.



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. 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.

FINANCE PERSON

If you are comfortable keeping your family’s finances, you are well prepared to serve as the finance point person for Grace Church and be a part of Operations and Resources. Duties include attending Operations and Resources meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month, sharing monthly finance reports, working with the church treasurer (S. Vick) and the financial secretary (B. Krogen), to monitor cash flow in the collection and payment of bills that operate Grace. This is a volunteer position and includes leadership development.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia circle will meet on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 pm. We would love for you to attend and become a part of our circle of friends.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 2nd. Around the globe, What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?



WARM UP AMERICA OPPORTUNITY

Prayer Shawl Ministry has knitted and crocheted enough rectangles to make at least 4 or 5e 5 bright and warm blankets to donate to local charities and shelters.

Now the real fun of sewing them together can be done. We'll show you how to do it.

Please join us at Grace Church on Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Come when you can and stay for as long as you can. Bring a sack lunch if you'll be there over lunch time. If you have any questions contact P, Horner, 218-790-2141 or K, Anderson, 218-329-6477.



WORLD THANK OFFERING

Since 1881 members of UM Women and its predecessor organizations have had the opportunity to contribute to an offering response to God's grace. Some women drop a coin in a box daily as an expression of thankfulness. Others add coins and dollars in celebration or special occasions in their lives.

The World Thank Offering is a part of UM Women's Mission. Giving that supports national and international programs working with women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. The World Thank Offering gives a face to our faith. It is hope and love in action. Please take one of the small jars on the table and fill it with your donation before returning to the Women of Grace.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed to be a part of the Operations and Resources Team. Your role would include helping Grace move toward the vision of becoming a Community Center of Sorts—a thriving congregation that is part of meeting vital needs within our neighborhood and by making followers of Christ for the Transformation of the World. This includes being part of creating ministries that are not yet happening at Grace. Also, it includes caring for the basic things that are needed to keep Grace operating from day to day. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact Pastor Roger.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sat, Oct 1	am: 107:33-43, 108,pm: 33	Hos 11:1-9	Acts 22:17-29	Luke 6:27-38
Sun, Oct 2	am: 118, pm: 145	Hos 13:4-14	1 Cor 2:6-16	Matt 14:1-12
Mon, Oct 3	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Hos 14:1-9	Acts 22:30-23:11	Luke 6:39-49
Tue, Oct 4	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125,126	Mic 1:1-9	Acts 23:12-24	Luke 7:1-17
Wed, Oct 5	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Mic 2:1-13	Acts 23:23-35	Luke 7:18-35
Thur, Oct 6	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	Mic 3:1-8	Acts 24:1-23	Luke 7:36-50
Fri, Oct 7	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	Mic 3:9-4:5	Acts 24:24-25:12	Luke 8:1-15
Sat, Oct 8	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	Mic 5:1-4, 10-15	Acts 25:13-27	Luke 8:16-25
Sun, Oct 9	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Mic 6:1-8	1 Cor 4:9-16	Matt 15:21-28
Mon, Oct 10	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Mic 7:1-7	Acts 26:1-23	Luke 8:26-39
Tue, Oct 11	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Jon 1:1-17	Acts 26:24-27:8	Luke 8:40-56
Wed, Oct 12	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Jon 1:17-2:10	Acts 27:9-26	Luke 9:1-17
Thur, Oct 13	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Jon 3:1-4:11	Acts 27:27-44	Luke 9:18-27
Fri, Oct 14	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Song 1:2-8	Acts 28:1-16	Luke 9:28-36
Sat, Oct 15	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Song 1:9-2:7	Acts 28:17-31	Luke 9:37-50
Sun, Oct 16	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Song 2:8-17	1 Cor 10:1-13	Matt 16:13-20
Mon, Oct 17	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Song 4:1-5:1	Rev 7:1-8	Luke 9:51-62
Tue, Oct 18	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Song 5:2-6:3	Rev 7:9-17	Luke 10:1-16
Wed, Oct 10	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Song 8:5-14	Rev 8:1-13	Luke 10:17-24
Thur, Oct 20	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	Rev 9:1-12	Luke 10:25-37
Fri, Oct 21	am: 31, pm: 35	Ezra 3:1-13	Rev 9:13-21	Luke 10:38-42
Sat, Oct 22	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Ezra 4:7, 11-24	Rev 10:1-11	Luke 11:1-13
Sun, Oct 23	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Hag 1:1-2:9	1 Cor 10:15-24	Matt 18:15-20
Mon, Oct 24	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Ezra 5:1-17	Rev 11:1-14	Luke 11:14-26
Tue, Oct 25	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Ezra 6:1-22	Rev 11:14-19	Luke 11:27-36
Wed, Oct 26	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Neh 1:1-11	Rev 12:1-6	Luke 11:37-52
Thur, Oct 27	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	Neh 2:1-20	Rev 12:7-17	Luke 11:53-12:12
Fri, Oct 28	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Neh 5:1-19	Rev 13:1-10	Luke 12:13-31
Sat, Oct 29	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Ezek 20:1-17	Rev 13:11-18	Luke 12:32-48
Sun, Oct 30	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Ezek 20:18-26	1 Cor 12:27-13:13	Matt 18:21-35
Mon, Oct 31	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Ezek 20:27-44	am: Rev 14:1-13 pm: Rev 19:1-10	Luke 12:49-59

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2 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion World Communion Sunday 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 7:00 pm Revival Study	3 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	4 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry "Grieve On: Final Journeys"	5 6:00 am Donut Making 1:00 pm ELR 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir	6 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 6:00 pm Pastor Citizens Police Academy 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	7	8
9 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	10 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR 3:30 pm Mtg with Ben Engle- bretson—MN- Dakotas Confer- ence	11 Pastor Roger at Dist Committee Training	12 1:00 pm ELR 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir	13 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Pastor Citizens Police Academy 7:00 pm Operations & Resources	14	15
16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	17 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	18	19 6:00 am Donut Making 1:00 pm ELR 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir	20 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Pastor Citizens Police Academy 7:00 pm Lydia Circle	21	22 10:00 am Warm Up America
23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	24 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	25 6:00 pm Healthy Church Team w/Jim Haun	26 1:00 pm ELR 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir	27 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View 10:00 am Golden Living 1:00 pm Law Enforcement Chaplin's Mtg 6:00 pm Pastor Police Academy 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	28	29
30 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	31 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR Pastor Roger w/ Mom—Hip Replacement					

GO TEAM BEAUTIFUL BRIE!!!

Everyone is invited to come out and join in a 1 mile walk for Gigi's Fest on Saturday, October 8th at the Scheel's Arena. Please go to Brie's team page to sign up and made a donation to Gigi's Playhouse Fargo. <http://gigisplayhouse.donorpages.com/Race2016Fargo/TeamBeautifulBrie> If you have any questions, contact D, Burkhardt.

WHAT IS STEWARADSHIP?

Stewardship is not just raising funds;
It's raising Christians.
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;
It's a matter of faithfulness.



Just for KIDS

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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