

Light of Grace

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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM



Baptism

reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

If so, say, "I do."

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

If so, say, "I do."

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

If so, say, "I do."

For infant baptism:

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves and to profess their faith, and to lead a Christian life?

If so, say, "I will."

For those able to answer for themselves:

According to the Grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives to the world?

If so, say, "I will."

At this point the pastor uses water to baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Dear Friends,

Baptism is a sign of God's "yes" to us.

Yes you are forgiven.

Yes you are loved.

Yes you are God's child

(whatever your age).

Baptism is our "yes" to God.

Yes we want to live & love like Jesus.

Yes we accept forgiveness and new life.

Yes we will teach our baby Jesus' love

(when baptizing a baby or toddler).

In the United Methodist Church we do not "re-baptize." We believe God gets it right the first time. We do, however, renew our baptismal vows sometimes. And, we baptize at all ages!

September 10th Grace UMC will offer Baptism and renewal of baptismal vows for all who are interested.

(Outdoors @ 10:50 AM)

If you wish to be baptized, renew your vows or want more information call 218-233-1857 or graceunited-methodistpastor@gmail.com

[Baptism is a sacrament in the United Methodist Church because the main mission Jesus gave us was, "Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..." \(Matthew 28:19\)](#)

What Are the Baptismal Vows?

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

**In Christ's Service,
Pastor Roger**



PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
 Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
 Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
 Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
 Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
 Tom Collins (Eventide)
 Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
 Jeanne Schwager (Bethany))
 Clara Krook (Bethany)
 Eleanor Payton (River Pointe)
 Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
 Reeta Herman (Fairmont)
 Pat Walter (Elim)
 Emily Elliott (Rosewood)
 Roger Helland (Fairmont)



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 (Sept/Mar) TEAM coordinators are L. and P. Horner and R. and B. Christopherson

218-512-0395—L. & J. Beck
 701-403-9063—C. Devine
 701-205-7268—S. Grow & Family
 701-306-4382—T. Grow
 701-403-9063—T. & D. Grow
 701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow
 701-412-3833—A. Larson & Family
 218-236-5031—D. & L. Larson
 701-212-3587—A. Loeks
 701-237-9055—N. & R. Lofgren
 218-233-3917—C. & B. Miller
 218-329-1835—J. Miller
 218-233-3917—J. Miller
 218-233-3405—C. & B. Naasz
 218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe
 701-306-1705—L. Smith
 218-236-7848—I. Smith & Family

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Ruth Opp
 Cullen Fraundorfer Linda Collins
 Myrna Swan

SEPTEMBER Birthdays



1—D. Burkhardt
 3—J. Fraundorfer
 4—S. Lindner
 5—A. Grafenstein
 6—C. Miller
 D. Grow
 L. Beck
 12—M. Gumto
 13—B. Hanna
 14—P. Anderson
 16—B. Rowand
 19—T. Collins
 J. Schwager
 S. Fraundorfer
 20—P. Newgard
 M. Larson
 26—C. Hilgers
 30—A. Ybarra



SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

2—T. & P. Newgard
 5—C. & B. Naasz
 16—T. & D. Grow
 27—D. & C. Borgen



DONUTS

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on Wednesday, September 6th, and September 20th 2017. To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, the Monday prior to the day donuts are made. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



CALLING ALL WOMEN


All Women of Grace are invited to attend the quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 17th at 11:15 am in the Lounge.

The Office will be closed Monday, September 4th.

CONDOLENCES

Our Sympathies to the family of Dale Smith who passed away on Thursday, August 10th. His funeral was held at Grace on Monday, August 14th.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AUGUST	
INCOME:	\$ 9,609.74
EXPENSES:	\$ 12,814.19
APPORTIONMENTS:	\$ 218.34



ORDINARY PEOPLE SERVING GOD

Del Larson, CLM



In Acts 4 we read the story about Peter and John being arrested for healing a lame man. In Acts 16 Paul and Silas were also arrested for preaching. When released, none of these men ran away, hid, or recanted their preaching, but rather continued sharing God's word and the promise of eternal life. The apostles were 12 men who were uneducated on scripture, no theology school or university, not ordained, not licensed, appointed by the District superintendent, or the bishop. They were ordinary individuals chosen by God and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. You too are chosen. God has given you the same power he did them with the Holy Spirit. They served at the time of Christ, and you are called to serve now.

These men had made a commitment to turn the world upside-down with the Good News. Remember at that time there were no cell phones, internet, TVs, or even radio. The news was spread by word of mouth. These first century Christians made tens of thousands of converts and planted new churches without ever being guided by, or trained by a new church team from some church organization. No, they were led by God and the Holy Spirit and pushed on and out. They were always on the go for God. They never were afraid to step out and share praise for God. They were churches going outside spread the Word into a needy world. That is what we need to do when we step out from our church building on Sunday morning. Spread the word of God.

So what are you waiting for? God made you for a purpose. God gives you enough strength through the Holy Spirit to be disciples. It doesn't matter whether you are talking to your best friend or ten stranger.

God gives you enough grace to accomplish whatever the situation, no matter who you talk to. Trust and obey.

Martin Luther King, just over a week before his death in Memphis, wrote how the strain and changing dynamics of the civil rights movement had taken a toll on him, especially in the final months of his life. "I'm frankly tired of marching. I'm tired of going to jail," he admitted in 1968. "Living every day under the threat of death, I feel discouraged every now and then and feel my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again."

Remember, the Holy Spirit does the same for you. What is God calling you to do? Is there a friend that needs to know God loves them? Is there a stranger that needs to feel God's love? You've heard those whispers and felt the nudges from God. It is time for action.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The adult Sunday School Class will begin at 9:00 am on September 17th in the lounge. The class will study "The First Christmas" by Borg and Crossan.

The two men bring out the historical meaning of Bible stories and are also the authors of "The Greatest Prayer" (The Lord's Prayer) which was a favorite Bible learning experience. "The First Christmas" study will be both meaningful and timely as it leads us to the Christmas season. Please join us on Sunday mornings as we discover a deeper meaning of the Christmas story.

QUILTERS



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilters will resume quilting on Monday Afternoons at 1:00 pm on September 11th. There is a lot of fabric to sew and your help is needed. Please come and join in the fellowship of making quilts.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Fri, Sept 1	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	1 Kng 5:1-6:1, 7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
Sat, Sept 2	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Kng 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52
Sun, Sept 3	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	1 Kng 8:22-40	1 Tim 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon, Sept 4	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	2 Ch 6:32-7:7	Jam 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
Tue, Sept 5	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	1 Kng 8:65-9:9	Jam 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72
Wed, Sept 6	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	1 Kng 9:24-10:13	Jam 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-11
Thur, Sept 7	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	1 Kng 11:1-13	Jam 3:13-4:12	Mark 15:12-21
Fri, Sept 8	am: 31, pm: 35	1 Kng 11:26-43	Jam 4:13-5:6	Mark 15:22-32
Sat, Sept 9	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	1 Kng 12:1-20	Jam 5:7-12, 19-20	Mark 15:33-39
Sun, Sept 10	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	1 Kng 12:21-33	Acts 4:18-31	John 10:31-42
Mon, Sept 11	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	1 Kng 13:1-10	Phil 1:1-11	Mark 15:40-47
Tue, Sept 12	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	1 Kng 16:23-34	Phil 1:12-30	Mark 16:1-20
Wed, Sept 13	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	1 Kng 17:1-24	Phil 2:1-11	Matt 2:1-12
Thur, Sept 14	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	1 Kng 18:1-19	Phil 2:12-30	Matt 2:13-23
Fri, Sept 15	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	1 Kng 18:20-40	Phil 3:1-16	Matt 3:1-12
Sat, Sept 16	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	1 Kng 18:41-19:8	Phil 3:17-4:7	Matt 3:13-17
Sun, Sept 17	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	1 Kng 19:8-21	Acts 5:34-42	John 11:45-57
Mon, Sept 18	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	1 Kng 21:1-16	1 Cor 1:1-19	Matt 4:1-11
Tue, Sept 19	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	1 Kng 21:17-29	1 Cor 1:20-31	Matt 4:12-17
Wed, Sept 20	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	1 Kng 22:1-28	1 Cor 2:1-13	Matt 4:18-25
Thur, Sept 21	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	1 Kng 22:29-45	1 Cor 2:14-3:15	Matt 5:1-10
Fri, Sept 22	am: 69, pm: 73	2 Kng 1:2-17	1 Cor 3:16-23	Matt 5:11-16
Sat, Sept 23	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	2 Kng 2:1-18	1 Cor 4:1-7	Matt 5:17-20
Sun, Sept 24	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	2 Kng 4:8-37	Acts 9:10-31	Luke 3:7-18
Mon, Sept 25	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	2 Kng 5:1-19	1 Cor 4:8-21	Matt 5:21-26
Tue, Sept 26	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	2 Kng 5:19-27	1 Cor 5:1-8	Matt 5:27-37
Wed, Sept 27	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	2 Kng 6:1-23	1 Cor 5:9-6:8	Matt 5:38-48
Thur, Sept 28	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	2 Kng 9:1-16	1 Cor 6:12-20	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Fri, Sept 29	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	2 Kng 9:17-37	1 Cor 7:1-9	Matt 6:7-15
Sat, Sept 30	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	2 Kng 11:1-20a	1 Cor 7:10-24	Matt 6:19-24

Grace United Methodist

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	4 Office Closed	5 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 6:00 am Donut Making	7 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle	8	9
10 14th Sunday after Pentecost Kick-off Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am Potluck Dinner & Block Party	11 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm MD/MS Caregivers	12 6:30 pm Operations and Resources	13 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 7:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm Confirmation w/ Parents	14 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline Pastor presenting at Breakthrough Renewal Institute—Hubbard UMC	15	16
17 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:15 am All Women of Grace - Lounge	18 1:00 pm Quilting	19 7:00 pm meeting w/ Worship Coach Cathy Townley	20 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 7:15 pm Choir	21 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm Scouts District Com- mittee on Or- dained Ministry @Northern Pines	22	23
24 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School Warm-up America Prayer Shawl Ministry	25 1:00 pm Quilting	26 6:30 pm Vision and Ministry	27 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 7:15 pm Choir	28 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park- view Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living 7:00 pm Scouts	29	30

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS FOR EVERYONE

I'm embarrassed that I have been slow to report on my involvement at the Annual Conference in June, especially since Luann and I had such a wonderful experience. Being our first conference, what I learned far exceeded my expectations. I wish there had been more time to attend one more small group session. Each of the speakers were fantastic and motivating. Worship not only filled your cup with joy, it made you eager to carry it on into the world. I would definitely like to go again next year, but I believe this is something more people should experience, so if you need to reignite your passion, think about attending. There are so many needs throughout the world and the United States. It is amazing how the Methodist Church continues to serve those in need. One very important way we support the church is through our Apportionments. Just over \$100 a year for each member of our church does so much good. There was a time that Grace met their apportionments, but we have missed that mark since before our new century. Grace has been helped by other churches over the past many

year, perhaps we can soon get back to those days of financial success and support the Methodist movement. I know when I first became a member of Grace, I didn't care about the apportionments. I was focused only on Grace in Moorhead. Perhaps we need a little education on apportionments in the future. Luann and I have committed to writing a separate check for our share of apportionments, above our monthly giving and support of special projects. Do what you can, but please be supportive as God has given to you.

Thank you, Del Larson



KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10th is Rally day which is the start of a new year of teaching and learning in Sunday School. This is a day to celebrate the ministry of Christian education. A pot luck lunch will follow the baptisms. There will also be music, and yard games. Come for worship and stay for the neighborhood block party.

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