

Light of Grace

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Dear Friends,

A couple at Grace UMC having been making Celtic crosses like the one at the left and wooden proclamations.



Faith over fear seems like the perfect message for our planet in 2018, for God's churches everywhere, and crucial enough to keep one on my desk. Thanks W. and W. for stepping into the Grace Talent Project where one Sunday everyone present received \$10 to be creative with and attempt to multiply—like Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30).

J. and J. Miller took their \$10 and made lemonade for a rummage sale. They sold over \$170 for God's mission at Grace—and likely inspired some customers by giving the proceeds beyond themselves.

R. Burkhardt is offering Muskie Fishing trips in October: info is on the board at church and proceeds will support Grace's mission. Another person has chosen to go the silent route—made something special, sold it beyond the church and will donate but stay anonymous. I will be framing some of my wife's photos in rustic barn siding to sell.

There are a few great things about the Grace Talent Project. **First, if you missed the Sunday with the \$10 gift you still have talents to give.** For instance, volunteers have been taking turns mowing the church lawn. And now a couple has volunteered to do the

mowing most every week. Thanks B. and N. (and the others who mowed). Others have gathered on Monday nights to do grounds-keeping. There are many more offering their talents to God at Grace. I'll entrust the rest of the Thanking to Jesus who knows and will say, "Well done good and faithful servant," as the faithful reach heaven's shore.

Second, everyone has some talent, some gift, something to share to the glory of God. Everything shared out of love of God and neighbor blesses the world, and blesses the giver! Sharing shapes our souls. **Third, it's about more than money. Every gift can become more.** Yes, Grace needs cash flow. But sharing talents is "valued added." I had an extra Celtic cross that I gifted to a visitor one Sunday. Anyone can get an extra cross and use it as a gift of hospitality. The Muskie-fishing trip is a way of deepening relationships, could be gifted to welcome a person newer to Grace, or may become the start of a Grace Fishing Derby. A smiling child selling lemonade for a cause is more refreshing than the lemonade itself. Last week the Donut-making crew gave \$4,000 to Grace at a critical time: their gift is more than dollars--it's a sign how much they value God's work at Grace; their work puts Grace on the map; and it has created a new group that cares well for each other.

This summer remember you are loved by God and your special talents are needed by God! God can use you to remind the world Faith triumphs over Fear.

Blessings,

Pastor Roger



PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)**
- Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)**
- Tom Collins (Eventide)**
- Mary J. Phillips**
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)**
- Clara Krook (Bethany)**
- Eleanor Payton (Eventide)**
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)**
- Reeta Herman (Fairmont)**
- Pat Walter (Elim)**
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)**
- Roger Helland (Eventide)**
- Ruth Opp (Edgewood Vista)**
- Al Maksymchuk (Bethany on 42nd)**
- Jim Jameson (River Pointe)**
- Leonard Wollitz (Eventide)**



JULY MINISTRY TEAM

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 # 3 (July/Jan).

TEAM coordinators are J. Anderson and J. Mann

- 701-293-3260—J. & O. Alveshere
- 701-893-5350—K. Baker
- 701-367-0371—C. & D. Borgen & Family
- 218-227-5942—R. & B. Christopherson
- 218-233-0442—T. & L. Collins
- 218-287-1002—R. Helland
- 218-233-5110—R. Herman
- 218-233-6557—J. Mann
- 218-236-0141—R. & P. Murray
- 218-287-3817—A. Severson
- 218-233-7474—S. & P. Struble

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra ArNetta Monge
- Kitty Reed David Reed
- Roger Richman Eddie Ybarra
- Kiara Reed Jerry Eide
- Amy Erickson Caliann Gedrose
- Shirley Mohr Grant Mohr

AUGUST MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM # 4 (Aug/Feb).

TEAM coordinators are B. & C. Krogen and E. Volbrecht

- 218-236-0135—C. & R. Abel
- 701-261-9009—M. Akin
- 218-236-0183—J. Anderson
- 218-236-8836—D. Enkers
- 218-233-6915—J. & K. Enkers
- 218-233-0255—R. & C. Grafenstein
- 218-329-6199—M. & M. Hamm & Family
- 701-361-7576—B. & Z. Hanna & Family
- 218-236-7366—G. & S. Mohr
- 701-361-8785—A. Monge
- 218-236-5520—B. & M. Port
- 218-790-2950—S. Anderson & Family
- 218-233-3947—J. Schwager

July Birthdays

- 2—C. Ladwig
- 7—S. Anderson
- 8—B. Chandler
- 9—G. Anderson
- 11—R. Goldade
- 15—M. Swan
- M. Hanna
- 18—J. Ostlie
- 20—J. Enkers
- S. Martin
- 21—S. Fangsrud
- 22—B. Wagner
- 23—D. Enkers
- 24—S. Burkhardt
- 30—G. Hamm



August Birthdays

- 3—T. Grow
- R. Opp
- 4—C. Gedrose
- 5—C. Abel
- 8—J. Sedivec
- 16—P. Walter
- 18—P. Murray
- 23—R. Grafenstein
- R. Helland
- 25—Z. Hanna
- 28—C. Krogen

August Anniversaries

- 2—R. & C. Grafenstein
- 7—L. & J. Beck
- 9—B. & C. Krogen
- 15—J. & L. Denny
- 19—R. & B. Christopherson
- D. & W. Walseth



July Anniversaries

- 3—D. & P. Walter
- 12—T. & G. Anderson
- 15—D. & C. William
- 27—J. & J. Eide
- R. & P. Murray
- 28—L. & P. Horner

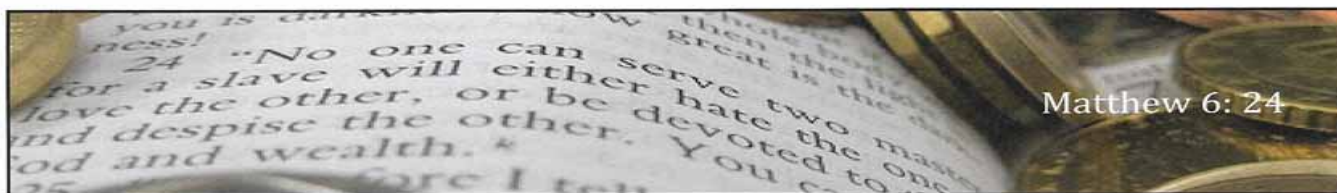


FINANCIAL UPDATE

June

INCOME: \$ 15,015.38
EXPENSES: \$ 11,616.70
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 138.34





Matthew 6: 24

The Minnesota United Methodist Foundation can help you leave a legacy gift to your United Methodist church or favorite ministry that touches the lives of countless others. Here are some ways you can create lasting memories.

YOUR GOAL	YOUR GIFT	HOW TO GIVE	YOUR BENEFITS
Make a quick and simple gift	OUTRIGHT GIFT	Donate cash, securities or personal property	Income tax deduction for people that itemize; avoidance of any capital gains tax; good way to leave a lasting legacy for your church
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	BEQUEST IN WILL	Name your church or favorite ministry in your will	A donation exempt from federal estate taxes
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	LIFE INSURANCE GIFT	Give an old or new policy with your church or favorite ministry named as beneficiary	Current income tax deduction, possible future deductions
Avoid the twofold taxation on retirement plan assets	RETIREMENT PLAN GIFT	Name your church or favorite ministry as beneficiary of all or part of the remaining assets after your lifetime	Avoidance of heavily taxed gift to heirs
Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate	REAL ESTATE GIFT	Donate the property or sell it at a bargain price	Immediate income tax deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax
Secure a fixed and often improved income	CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST	Create a charitable trust that pays you a set income annually	Immediate income tax deduction and fixed income for life
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term	CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST	Create a trust that pays a percentage of the trust's assets, valued annually	Immediate income tax deduction, annual income for life that has potential to increase
Supplement income with fixed annual payments	CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY	Enter into a contract that pays you fixed payments annually	Current and future savings on income taxes; fixed payments for life
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets passing on to heirs	CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST	Create a trust that pays a fixed or variable income to your favorite ministry for a set term and then passes to heirs	Reduced size of taxable estate; keeps property in family, often with reduced gift taxes
Make a gift that allows flexibility and your input on how funds will be used	DONOR ADVISED FUND	Create an agreement where the Foundation manages assets; you suggest beneficiaries	Immediate income tax deduction, option to provide input on how funds will be used



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CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to L. Possehl and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Dawne. She passed away on June 7th. There was no funeral.



DONUTS

Buttermilk Donuts will be made on July 11th and July 25th and August 8th and August 22nd. To place an order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

VBS

VBS is happening in August. If you are able to volunteer or have questions, contact S. Grow.

OFFICE HELP

Help with answering the telephones will be needed July 23rd thru August 10th while the Administrative Assistant is on vacation. Please call the office if you are able to help.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Jul 1	am: 118, pm: 145	Num 21:4-9, 21-35	Acts 17:12-34	Luke 13:10-17
Mon, Jul 2	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Num 22:1-21	Rom 6:12-23	Matt 21:12-22
Tue, Jul 3	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	Num 22:21-38	Rom 7:1-12	Matt 21:23-32
Wed, Jul 4	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Num 22:42-23:12	Rom 7:13-25	Matt 21:33-46
Thur, Jul 5	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	Num 23:11-26	Rom 8:1-11	Matt 22:1-14
Fri, Jul 6	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	Num 24:1-13	Rom 8:12-17	Matt 22:15-22
Sat, Jul 7	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	Num 24:12-25	Rom 8:18-25	Matt 22:23-40
Sun, Jul 8	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Num 27:12-23	Acts 19:11-20	Mark 1:14-20
Mon, Jul 9	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Num 32:1-6, 16-27	Rom 8:26-30	Matt 23:1-12
Tue, Jul 10	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Num 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34	Rom 8:31-39	Matt 23:13-26
Wed, Jul 11	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Deut 1:1-18	Rom 9:1-18	Matt 23:27-39
Thur, Jul 12	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Deut 3:18-28	Rom 9:19-33	Matt 24:1-14
Fri, Jul 13	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Deut 31:7-13, 24, 32:1-4	Rom 10:1-13	Matt 24:15-31
Sat, Jul 14	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Deut 34:1-12	Rom 10:14-21	Matt 24:32-51
Sun, Jul 15	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Josh 1:1-18	Acts 21:3-15	Mark 1:21-27
Mon, Jul 16	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Josh 2:1-14	Rom 11:1-12	Matt 25:1-13
Tues, Jul 17	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Josh 2:15-24	Rom 11:13-24	Matt 25:14-30
Wed, Jul 18	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Josh 3:1-13	Rom 11:25-36	Matt 25:31-46
Thur, Jul 19	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Josh 3:14-4:7	Rom 12:1-8	Matt 26:1-16
Fri, Jul 20	am: 31, pm: 35	Josh 4:19-5:1, 10-15	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 26:17-25
Sat, Jul 21	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Josh 6:1-14	Rom 13:1-7	Matt 26:26-35
Sun, Jul 22	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Josh 6:15-27	Acts 22:30-23-11	Mark 2:1-12
Mon, Jul 23	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Josh 7:1-13	Rom 13:8-14	Matt 26:36-46
Tue, Jul 24	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Josh 8:1-22	Rom 14:1-12	Matt 26:47-56
Wed, Jul 25	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Josh 8:30-35	Rom 14:13-23	Matt 26:57-68
Thur, Jul 26	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	Josh 9:3-21	Rom 15:1-13	Matt 26:69-75
Fri, Jul 27	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Josh 9:22-10:15	Rom 15:14-24	Matt 27:1-10
Sat, Jul 28	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Josh 23:1-16	Rom 15:25-33	Matt 27:11-23
Sun, Jul 29	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Josh 24:1-15	Acts 28:23-31	Mark 2:23-28
Mon, Jul 30	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Josh 24:16-33	Rom 16:1-16	Matt 27:24-31
Tue, Jul 31	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Jud 2:1-5, 11-23	Rom 16:17-27	Matt 27:32-44

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July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 11:00 Wagner's 60th Anniversary open house party	2	3 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 4th of July Holiday Office Closed	5 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	6	7
8 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	9	10 10:00 am North Star DL 6:30 pm Operations and Resources and Vision & Ministry Combined meeting	11 10:00 am Donut Making	12 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	13 Loeks/Maag Wedding	14
15 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	16	17	18	19 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	20	21
Pastor Roger will be on vacation until Tuesday, July 24th.						
22 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship GraceKids Lead Worship	23	24	25 10:00 am Donut Making	26 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living	27	28
29 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	30	31				

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Wed, Aug 1	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Jud 3:12-30	Acts 1:1-14	Matt 27:45-54
Thur, Aug 2	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Jud 4:4-23	Acts 1:15-26	Matt 27:55-66
Fri, Aug 3	am: 69, pm: 73	Jud 5:1-18	Acts 2:1-21	Matt 28:1-10
Sat, Aug 4	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Jud 5:19-31	Acts 2:22-36	Matt 28:11-20
Sun, Aug 5	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Jud 6:1-24	2 Cor 9:6-15	Mark 3:20-30
Mon, Aug 6	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	Jud 6:25-40	Acts 2:37-47	John 1:1-18
Tue, Aug 7	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Jud 7:1-18	Acts 3:1-11	John 1:19-28
Wed, Aug 8	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Jud 7:19-8:12	Acts 3:12-26	John 1:29-42
Thur, Aug 9	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	Jud 8:22-35	Acts 4:1-12	John 1:43-51
Fri, Aug 10	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Jud 9:1-16, 19-21	Acts 4:13-31	John 2:2-12
Sat, Aug 11	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Jud 9:22-25, 50-57	Acts 4:32-5:11	John 2:13-25
Sun, Aug 12	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Jud 11:1-11, 29-40	2 Cor 11:21b-31	Mark 4:35-41
Mon, Aug 13	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Jud 12:1-7	Acts 5:12-26	John 3:1-21
Tue, Aug 14	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	Jud 13:1-15	Acts 5:27-42	John 3:22-36
Wed, Aug 15	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	Jud 13:15-24	Acts 6:1-15	John 4:1-26
Thur, Aug 16	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Jud 14:1-19	Acts 6:15-7:16	John 4:27-42
Fri, Aug 17	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Jud 14:20-15:20	Acts 7:17-29	John 4:43-54
Sat, Aug 18	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	Jud 16:1-14	Acts 7:30-43	John 5:1-18
Sun, Aug 19	am: 118, pm: 145	Jud 16:15-31	2 Cor 13:1-11	Mark 5:25-34
Mon, Aug 20	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Jud 17:1-13	Acts 7:44-8:1a	John 5:19-29
Tue, Aug 21	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	Jud 18:1-15	Acts 8:1-13	John 5:30-47
Wed, Aug 22	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Jud 18:16-31	Acts 8:14-25	John 6:1-15
Thur, Aug 23	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	Job 1:1-22	Acts 8:26-40	John 6:16-27
Fri, Aug 24	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	Job 2:1-13	Acts 9:1-9	John 6:27-40
Sat, Aug 25	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	Job 3:1-26	Acts 9:10-19a	John 6:41-51
Sun, Aug 26	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Job 4:1-6, 12-21	Rev 4:1-11	Mark 6:1-6a
Mon, Aug 27	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-27	Acts 9:19b-31	John 6:52-59
Tue, Aug 28	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21	Acts 9:32-43	John 6:60-71
Wed, Aug 29	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Job 6:1, 7:1-21	Acts 10:1-16	John 7:1-13
Thur, Aug 30	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Job 8:1-7, 11-19	Acts 10:17-33	John 7:14-36
Fri, Aug 31	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Job 9:1-15, 32-35	Acts 10:34-48	John 7:37-52

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	3	4
5 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship W/Communion	6	7 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 6:00 am Donut making	9 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	10	11
12 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	13	14 Election Day 6:30 pm Operations and Resources and Vision & Ministry Combined meeting 6:00 pm VBS	15 6:00 pm VBS	16 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm VBS September Newsletter Deadline	17 6:00 pm VBS	18 <u>VBS Camp out at Northern Pines</u>
19 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 1:00 pm VBS Church Picnic Celebration for all	20	21	22 6:00 am Donut making	23 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living worship services	24	25
26 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	27	28	29	30 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	31	

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

"I am tired of living from paycheck to paycheck." "There's no money left in my checking account, where did it all go?" "How am I going to afford to live when I reach retirement?"

If you are thinking, or have thought, any of these phrases, then Financial Peace University might be for you!! We will have a preview, which lasts about half an hour, after church on Sunday, Sept. 9, and again on Sunday, Sept 16, so you can grab some treats and join us to learn more about what the process looks like. As mentioned in service at the end of our last class, we have now had two classes of graduates and, together, paid off \$34k in debt, saved over \$19k, and cut up 52 credit cards to better their lives. Our goal is to help you live better and more productive lives, learning how to be stewards for the money that God has blessed you with in a way that brings glory to him and a better life for you. Our hope is that you will consider a transformation that may lead you to be able to live your dreams and away from living a nightmare. If you have any questions about this class, feel free to visit with T. or D. Grow, or email them to our FPU mailbox at moorheadgraceFPU@gmail.com.

FIVE STEPS TO A FRIENDLIER CHURCH

1. Speak to the other person first. Don't wait for him or her to take the initiative.
2. If there is someone you don't know, introduce yourself to him or her.
3. Be pleasant in your words and expressions. A great church cannot be built with frowns.
4. Invite newcomers to a worship service or to a church event and introduce them to other members.
5. Encourage people to participate in those church activities that interest them.



“HOW BEAUTIFUL GOD’S LOVE”

How beautiful God's Love for us
So broad, so deep, so clear;
A gift that's rich and personal,
A joy that's always near.

- Peggy Ferrell, *Poems and Prayers*

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