

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

As many of us do around this time of the year, I've been reflecting on the past 365 days while also looking forward to and dreaming of what might be in store for the year to come. Obviously, the Johnson household had quite a year of changes packing up our lives into a truck and moving up north. This meant a big change for Grace UMC in receiving a new pastor. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I can't thank this congregation enough for receiving us with such warmth and open arms. We love calling Moorhead home and calling Grace UMC family. We've already done so much in the first six months of us being here and I'm giddy with what opportunities God has planned for us in 2022.

Our world continues to experience difficulties brought on by Covid-19 including new variants and burnout from medical workers. Political and civil discourse feels strained even at it's best. Individually, I've had many conversations with people who are feeling tired, disheartened, or frustrated about struggles they've faced in the past year. While these realities are not something to be brushed over, I pray we remember and live out our call to be people of hope. I'm reminded from our Advent study that hope we have is eternal, even in the darkest of moments, because Christ continues to live in us through the Holy Spirit.

Wrapping up the year in worship, we prayed a Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition, and something struck me in a powerful way in praying it. It's a full surrender to what calls us to. The prayer utilizes power extremes like

being full or empty, criticized or praised, but that also implies everything that could be in the middle. I confess I have a hard time remembering that between the extremes. It feels easier to give praise in the great moments, and ask for presence in the difficulties, but what about at 5:30 on a Tuesday night when I'm unloading the dishwasher or on a Saturday afternoon talking to a friend? In a blog by Sarah K. Butterfield, I was reminded of an A.W. Tozer quote that might shed some light on this, "Keep reminding God in our times of private prayer that we mean every act for His glory; then supplement those times by a thousand thought-prayers as we go about the job of living. Let us practice the fine art of making every work a priestly ministrations. Let us believe that God is in our simple deeds and learn to find Him there." After a year of many extreme moments, my commitment in the upcoming year is to make even those small moments opportunities to offer praise or ask for guidance, making every moment an offering even when it isn't big.

I leave you with this simple prayer for the new year.

"Gracious God, I thank you for holding my hand in this fresh new year... Against my inclination and with your help, I let go of my desire for more control over my life."

Blessings on 2022 friends.

Pastor Taylor



PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities
 Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
 Pat Walter (Villa Maria)
 Don Walter (Pioneer House)
 Jim Jameson (River Pointe)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Carol Devine Luann Larson
 Linda Beck Myron Mann

January Birthdays

- 5- J. Oelke
B. Beck
- 7- I. Smith
- 12- L. Roppe
- 16- B. Loeks
C. Gedrose
- 17- C. Chandler
- 19- W. Port
- 22- L. Hamm
- 25- J. Eide
- 27- D. Chandler
- 28- C. Gedrose
- 31- C. Gedrose



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2022 are Available on the table in Narthex. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes and would like envelopes, sign up on the sheet and envelopes will be available for you next week.

NEW DIRECTORY



The new address and phone directory for 2022 will be available in January. If you have a new phone number or address, please let the office ASAP, Several members have moved this past year.

WOMEN OF GRACE

All Women of Grace are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, January 9th at 11:00 am in the Lounge. Plans for another Saturday enjoyable time together will be discussed, bring your ideas to continue this fellowship.



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 (Jan/July) TEAM coordinators are D. & J. Graning

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

DONUTS



Homemade Buttermilk Donuts are back and will be available January 12th, 2022. To place an order for donuts call the office, 233-1857. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

WOMEN OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to K. Anderson for receiving the Women of Grace "Woman of the Year" award during the Advent Tea.

THANK YOU

A Heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the gift items collected for the guests at the New Life Center. We were able to deliver 12 stuffed grocery bags of the requested items.

It never ceases to amaze me how a small congregation such as ours can have such an impact in our community. Your support of the New Life Center mission is greatly appreciated.

Grace Church New Life Center Auxiliary Delegates, P. Murray and K. Anderson

WORSHIP AT GRACE - 10:00 A.M.

FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM ON:
 Grace UMC Church Moorhead page

WORSHIP ALSO LIVESTREAMS ON THE WEBSITE: www.graceumcmoorhead.org

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Online giving available through Givelify! Go to graceumcmoorhead.org/give and click the button to make your one time or recurring gift.

Grace United Methodist January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am No Children's Sunday School	3	4	5 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	6 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	7	8
9 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am All Women Of Grace - Lounge	10	11	12 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	13 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	14	15
16 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	17	18 6:30 pm Vision and Operations and Resources	19 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	20 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	24	25	26 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	27 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	28	29
30 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	31					

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sat, Jan 1	am: 93,96, pm: 34	Isa 62:6-7, 10-12	Heb 2:10-18	Matt 1:18-25
Sun, Jan 2	am: 34, pm: 33	Gen 12:1-7	Heb 11:1-12	John 6:35-42, 48-51
Mon, Jan 3	am: 68, pm: 72	Gen 28:10-22	Heb:11:13-22	John 10:7-17
Tues, Jan 4	am: 85, 87, pm: 89:1-29	Exod 3:1-12	Heb 11:23-31	John 14:6-14
Wed Jan 5	am: 2, 110 ,pm: 29, 98	Joshua 1:1-9,: Isa 66:18-23	Heb 11:32-12:2	John 15:1-6
Thur, Jan 6	am: 46, 97, m: 96, 100	Isa 52:7-10	Rev 21:22-27	Matt 12:14-21
Fri, Jan 7	am: 103, pm: 114, 115	Isa 52:3-6, Isa 61:1-9	Rev 2:1-7,	John 2:1-11
Sat, Jan 8	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 40:1-11	Heb 1:1-12	John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34
Sun, Jan 9	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Isa 40:12-23	Eph 1:1-14	Mark 1:1-13
Mon, Jan 10	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Isa 40:25-31	Eph 1:15-23	Mark 1:14-28
Tues, Jan 11	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Isa 41:1-6	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 1:29-45
Wed, Jan 12	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Isa 41:17-29	Eph 2:11-22	Mark 2:1-12
Thur, Jan 13	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Isa 42:1-17	Eph 3:1-13	Mark 2:13-22
Fri, Jan 14	am: 20, 21:1-14, pm: 110, 116, 117	Isa 43:1-13	Eph 3:14-21	Mark 2:23-3:6
Sat, Jan 15	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Isa 43:14-44:5	Heb 6:17-7:10	John 4:27-42
Sun, Jan 16	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Isa 44:6-8, 21-23	Eph 4:1-16	Mark 3:7-19a
Mon, Jan 17	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Isa 44:9-20	Eph 4:17-22	Mark 3:19b-35
Tues, Jan 18	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Isa 44:24-45:7	Eph 5:1-14	Mark 4:1-20
Wed, Jan 19	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Isa 45:5-17	Eph 5:15-33	Mark 4:21-34
Thur, Jan 20	am: 31, pm: 35	Isa 45:18-25	Eph 6:1-9	Mark 4:35-41
Fri, Jan 21	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Isa 46:1-13	Eph 6:10-24	Mark 5:1-20
Sat, Jan 22	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Isa 47:1-15	Heb 10:19-31	John 5:2-18
Sun, Jan 23	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Isa 48:1-11	Gal 1:1-17	Mark 5:21-43
Mon Jan 24	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Isa 48:12-21	Gal 1:18-2:10	Mark 6:1-13
Tues, Jan 25	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Isa 49:1-12	Gal 2:11-21	Mark 6:13-29
Wed, Jan 26	am: 50, 59, pm: 60, 118	Isa 49:13-23	Gal 3:1-14	Mark 6:30-46
Thur, Jan 27	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Isa 50:1-11	Gal 3:15-22	Mark 6:47-56
Fri, Jan 28	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Isa 51:1-8	Gal 3:23-29	Mark 7:1-23
Sat, Jan 29	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Isa 51:9-16	Heb 11:8-16	John 7:14-31
Sun, Jan 30	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Isa 51:17-23	Gal 4:1-11	Mark 7:24-37
Mon, Jan 31	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Isa 52:1-12	Gal 4:12-20	Mark 8:1-10

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

Series Title: "I Have My Doubts"

- January 9: Am I Allowed to Doubt? - John 20:24-29
- January 16: Can God Really Use Me? - Matthew 14:22-33
- January 23: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? - Job 38:1-11
- January 30: Why Jesus? I Timothy 2:1-7