

Grace Notes

Newsletter



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JUNE 2011

UMW Guest Night

June 2, 2011- 6:00 PM
BenTena Room

Dessert of homemade pies will be served at 6:15. There will be special music. Ethan Batschelet, a junior at the University of Sioux Falls, will be our guest speaker. Ethan will speak about Honduras, where he has done mission work. He has also been to Mexico, Haiti, and Grenada on mission trips under the auspices of the World Gospel Mission. Ethan will be returning to Honduras June 8. Please come and meet this dedicated young Christian and enjoy dessert, music and fellowship. All are welcome!



Tuesdays & Thursdays

@ 7:15 PM

Narthex area

FREE!

We will workout together, be supportive of each other and come closer as sisters in Christ. All sizes welcome!

For more information please contact :
Kristin Schwenneker or Carla Swank

Find us on Facebook.com



Monday, June 13, 2011

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Fireside Room

Theme: A dessert you like.

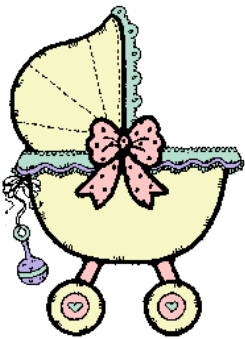
Bring a dessert you like to share along with your recipe so we can taste and exchange our recipes. This is a time to share family recipes and enjoy fellowship with each other.



Pancake & Sausage
Breakfast Benefit
for



The Cherish Center
Sunday, June 5, 2011



8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Grace United Methodist Church

FREE WILL OFFERING!

All proceeds go to the Cherish Center

The Cherish Center provides a wide variety of caring services: Mentoring, Adoption & Pregnancy counseling, Marriage Mentors, No Apologies for teens and tweens, and much more!



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Paul & Lucille Hansen, Don & Bev Maschino, Mildred Ebel, Merle & Lorraine Yager, and Ruby Peterson for the giving of your time to fold the Grace Notes Newsletter. Your ministry is greatly appreciated! We couldn't do it without you.
Grace Office Staff



Thank You...

We wish to sincerely thank our Grace church family for their invaluable friendship and spiritual inspiration during our 48 years in Spencer. We have moved to Des Moines to be close to family. It was not an easy decision but we truly feel that God has led us in that direction. We have so many memories of Grace. Our 3 children were baptized and confirmed here and both girls married in this church. Come visit us at Quail Vista, 1400 S. 52nd St. ,Unit # 43 West Des Moines.
God Bless all of you !
Donna and Larry Johnson

Thank you...

Thank you to all the people of Grace who gave me cards and flowers, and came to visit me during my recent hospital stay. Your kindness and support of Richard was very much appreciated also. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful church family and we are so grateful for that.
Rich & Nora Biegler

Thank you...

Thank you Grace Church family for the birthday note and to everyone who signed the card. I appreciate you remembering my "Special Day"!
Norvie Olson

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

A group of interested persons met on April 19th with representatives from 2 church directory publishers to begin the process of studying what is necessary to obtain an updated pictorial book for members of Grace Church. After consideration of the proposals from these companies, a proposal was made at the May Ad Council meeting to have Life Touch Company do this for us. Because we have families that have children going off to college in the fall as well as to accommodate our "snow birds" before they head south, we will have photo sessions in early August. So if your family needs one of the August dates, please contact the church office as soon as possible to make us aware of your need. We plan on having the photos here before Christmas.

Stay tuned for further details in next month's newsletter. If you are interested in helping with this congregation wide project, please contact Nora Biegler (262-2275 or 260-2818). We will need a variety of helpers to make this project a success.



**Calling all Fathers to attend church on Sunday, June 19th.
It's FATHER'S DAY!**

A special gift is waiting for you.

Happy Father's Day!

June Bible Readings

- Proverbs 19-21; Romans 13
- Proverbs 22-24; Romans 14
- Proverbs 25-27; Romans 15
- Proverbs 28-29; Psalm 60; Romans 16
- Proverbs 30,31; Psalm 33; Ephesians 1
- Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; Ephesians 2
- Ecclesiastes 4-6; Psalm 18; Ephesians 3
- Ecclesiastes 7-9; Ephesians 4
- Ecclesiastes 10-12; Psalm 94; Ephesians 5
- Song of Solomon 1-4; Ephesians 6
- Song of Solomon 5-8; Philippians 1
- 1 Kings 12, 2 Chronicles 10,11; Philippians 2
- 1 Kings 13,14; 2 Chronicles 12; Philippians 3
- 1 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 13,14; Philippians 4
- 1 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 15;16; Colossians 1
- 1 Kings 17-19; Colossians 2
- 1 Kings 20,21; 2 Chronicles 17; Colossians 3
- 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18,19; Colossians 4
- 2 Kings 1-3; Psalm 82; 1 Timothy 1
- 2 Kings 4,5; Psalm 83; 1 Timothy 2
- 2 Kings 6,7; 2 Chronicles 20; 1 Timothy 3
- 2 Kings 8,9; 2 Chronicles 21; 1 Timothy 4
- 2 Kings 10; 2 Chronicles 22,23; 1 Timothy 5
- 2 Kings 11,12; 2 Chronicles 24; 1 Timothy 6
- Joel 1-3; 2 Timothy 1
- Jonah 1-4; 2 Timothy 2
- 2 Kings 13,14; 2 Chronicles 25; 2 Timothy 3
- Amos 1-3; Psalm 80; 2 Timothy 4
- Amos 4-6; Psalm 86; Titus 1
- Amos 7-9; Psalm 104; Titus 2



Sunday Opportunities



- 8:45 AM– Coffee fellowship
- 9:30 AM– Worship Service
- 10:30 AM– Coffee fellowship time
- 10:45 AM– Adult Studies (see bulletin)

We welcome all to join us for Worship and Sunday School.



With the new directory coming out we would appreciate an email letting us know if your address, phone or email address has changed. We would also appreciate knowing where your college kids age or older children are and their addresses so we can update our records for this directory.

Thank you for your help.
Grace United Methodist Church Staff



The UMM will hold their next breakfast meeting in September. More details later.

We have been asked by Habitat for Humanity to organize a work team from Grace Church to help in the home being built in Everly this summer. We need both workers and food providers. Please contact Norm Olson or Glen Chenhall to be put on the volunteer list.

**Grace United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
April 26, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

Mission Statement:

Grace United Methodist Church is a fellowship of believers committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will witness to the Christian message of salvation and minister to the needs of Grace Church and the larger community.

Attendance: Judith Olson, Kay Darnell, Sandy Heerdt, Dennis DeWitt, Chris Stickler, Mavis Olson, Larry Johnson, Carla Swank, Roger Ingledue, Bill Elliott, Kristin Schwenneker, Pastor Chuck Kellogg.

Welcome: Judith Olson opened the meeting with a request for a group reading of the Mission Statement.

Opening Prayer: The names of members with health concerns and those grieving for loved ones were lifted up. After noting that fewer members are currently in hospital, Pastor Chuck Kellogg offered prayer.

Approval of Minutes/Roll Call

Motion by Sandy Heerdt; seconded by Larry Johnson. Carried.

At 7:06 p.m. the Administrative Council suspended its meeting and a Charge Conference was convened. Pastor Chuck Kellogg presented a letter from District Superintendent Bernie Colorado authorizing this Charge Conference for the purpose of:

(A) Approving compensation package, effective July 1, 2011, for the incoming Associate Pastor, Travis Stevick. Compensation proposed as follows:

Line 1. Gross Salary.....	\$43,850.00
Line 13. Housing Exclusion.....	\$7,000.00
Line 16. Continuing Education.....	\$500.00
Line 17. Annual Conference.....	\$500.00
Line 18. Other Reimbursed Expenses.....	\$150.00
Line 19. Total of Lines 16, 17, & 18.....	\$1,150.00

Motion to approve made by Carla Swank, seconded by Mavis Olson. Carried.

(B) Approving the Foundation Income Disbursement Committee's recommended applications (2010 interest approved for disbursement in 2011).

Motion to approve made by Bill Elliott, seconded by Chris Stickler. Carried.

Motion to close Charge Conference made by Sandy Heerdt, seconded by Larry Johnson. Carried. Charge Conference closed at 7:23 p.m.

The Administrative Council meeting reconvened and proceeded with Business Action Items

- a. see (B) above in Charge Conference minutes
- b. Approve the following Foundation Income Disbursement Policy:

"The disbursement period for existing requests approved by the Charge Conference on April 26, 2011 will end on April 26, 2013."

Motion made by Dennis DeWitt, seconded by Sandy Heerdt. Carried.

Other Business Items:

- A. Foundation Disbursement Report (Items paid since March 2011)
(2009 Interest approved for disbursement in 2010)
 - Outreach & Emerging Ministry**
 - Worship Mini Movies..... \$96.94
 - Seasonal Banners (Banners & Stands)..... \$666.92
 - The Table Outreach (Fareway)..... \$66.28
- B. 2011 Lay Leadership Report – (updated list of committee members)
- C. 2011 Administrative Council – (updated list of members)

Judith Olson distributed copies of the **2011 Goals** for GUMC and requested suggestions for changes or additions to these goals.

Committee/Staff Reports

UMM – Norm Olson (submitted) – The UMM will meet Saturday, April 30th, at 7:30 a.m. After breakfast and devotions, the men will leave at 8:00 a.m. for a trip to the P.E.T. IOWA facility in Hawarden. Their May meeting will be on Saturday, May 21st. Frank Boever will be presenting the program.

SPRC – Chris Stickler – Attendance at Youth Group has averaged 15 – 20 youth. Phil & Siri Christy, Lucas & Lisa DeWitt, and Chris Stickler have taken on leadership roles. Each meeting has a representative from SPRC and someone to lead the lesson.

Education – Kristin Schwenneker – The Confirmation breakfast will be on May 8th. For June, there will be an expansion of family get-togethers that will include meals, inflatable's, and more as the event is being developed. Renting the pool in July is being considered. Vacation Bible School will be August 7-11th; the group Christian Education for Youth will organize programs and games; snacks & crafts will be provided by Grace Education. In September, the Sunday School Kickoff will be held at Oneota Park.

Lay Leader – Roger Ingledue – Roger has been attending meetings when possible, and is exploring the duties of this position.

Finance – Carla Swank – Copies of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual YTD and Bank/Liability Balances were distributed. There is a balance due of \$78,000.00 on apportionments; \$3,000.00 has been paid for April. Carla explained the apportionment schedule on the budget.

Lay Speaker – Dennis DeWitt – GUMPRAYER e-mail is working again. An update has been done and there are currently 130-135 addresses. Dennis encourages everyone to use GUMPRAYER and reminded us that "a praying church is a growing church." Catch the Spirit is available on the church website, including Dennis' messages since February. Plans are being made to put the worship services on the website; this will be facilitated by the use of an off-site server for data storage.

Treasurer – Larry Johnson – Larry announced that Easter Sunday had 472 persons in worship, and the offering was \$10,700.00.

Missions – Bill Elliott -- The committee met on April 5th. A question was raised concerning what mission is all about and what should be the focus. Our church will deliver Meals on Wheels in June. Also in June is the Flagfest celebration, and the menu for the food stand was decided. An urgent request for trash bags came from Mapleton; 900 were delivered. Bill mentioned the need to reimburse a committee member who took the initiative to obtain these trash bags and deliver them in a timely manner.

Evangelism – Sandy Heerdt – The Small Group booklets were distributed and 5 new small groups are starting. A new pictorial church directory is in the works. Additional groups and/or services include divorce support, blood pressure checks, and possibly Alzheimer's support. The booklet updates will be available about mid-May. A survey to learn the effectiveness of the Lenten devotionals will be distributed to worshippers Sunday, May 1st. Advertising for worship services was done for Easter. A Nativity scene will be purchased. The National Day of Prayer is May 5th; the chapel will be open and literature will be available. Gifts will be presented to mothers and to fathers on their respective Sundays. Judith Olson expressed appreciation for the booklet.

UMW – Mavis Olson – Grace Church served the April 13th Lenten luncheon at Hope Reformed. Several United Methodist men helped in the dining room and with clean up; many women helped serve and provided salads and bars. June 2nd will be a guest night; dessert will be served followed by a program. The July meeting will be a Memorial service for deceased members; we will also dedicate the Ingathering kits.

Pastor Chuck Kellogg – Pastor Chuck will attend a Bishop's meeting on May 17th. On August 11th the group 'Casting Crowns' will appear at the Iowa State Fair. Plans are being made to obtain 30 tickets; Travis Stevick and Pastor Chuck have been in communication regarding this. Life Flight is coming up in September. Some youth are interacting with Travis via Facebook.

Other Items

Judith Olson – The 2011 Iowa Annual Conference is June 4-7th this year.

Pastor Chuck – Confirmation Sunday is May 8th, 9 confirmands will be received into the church. There are a number of issues to be addressed by the Worship Committee when it is formed.

Dennis DeWitt – Walk to Emmaus is coming in July. Leaders of the church need to consider attending; funding could be made available if the cost is a concern. Dennis stated, "These 72 hours will change your life forever." Pastor Chuck informed the group that Travis and Allison Stevick have been very involved in Chrysalis, the Youth experience of Walk to Emmaus.

Prayer requests: For 8th grade girls going to Iowa State for a campus tour. Prayer and praise for employment needs fulfilled.

Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Heerdt; seconded by Mavis Olson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Dennis DeWitt

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Darnell, Secretary



Inflatable's



Police closing off 2nd Ave West in front of church Narthex that Sunday!

Family Fun Sunday

June 26, 2011

10:30 AM to 2 PM

Free hot dogs & water

Open to the community!

Invite your friends.

We are trying to reach out to the young families and the community. We would love your help! Come and enjoy the day and help where you can. We are wanting this to be a total community outreach. Let's pull together as a church and show the Lord's love through our actions! We are taking donations for hotdogs, buns, toppings, and water bottles. We can make a difference!

Education Committee

Kristin Schwenneker 363-2063 (call with any questions)

Vacation Bible School

August 7 - 11

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lesson's and Music will be taught by Faith Dewey from CEF. We are very excited to have this program and look forward to a great week of fun filled activities at Grace.

Please contact Kristin Schwenneker if you have any questions or would like help 712-363-2063 or email to kschwenneker@yahoo.com.

Ages: K-5th

Cost: \$5.00/per child/\$10.00 per family

Donations: We will be taking offering everyday to donate to CEF and canned items for the food pantry.



Camperships Available

ATTENTION ALL UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

We will be offering those youth who are and have been actively involved (this past year) in Sunday school, the After School Program or Youth Group here at Grace, 50% off the cost of one United Methodist Camp that is under \$400.00. Stop in our church office to sign up for camp.

Camp is a great opportunity to meet new friends, have a lot of fun and learn more about God. You MUST put your application for camp through our church office in order to receive this discount. Please see Kay Clancy in the church office.



May 2011,

To: Member of Grace United Methodist Church,

The Board of the Grace United Methodist Church Foundation is pleased to enclose with the Grace Notes a pamphlet sharing information about the Foundation. Listed in the report are a historical background and facts about the Foundation, the disbursement policy, and a listing of the members of financial advisors involved with the Foundation.

At our annual meeting in February we enlarged our Board by three, and welcomed new members Margie Pitts, Phil Christy and Tracy Small.

The goal of the Foundation has been to advance the mission and ministries of Grace United Methodist Church. Our hope and effort will be to enhance this in the future.

We would welcome any questions or comments you might have.

John Cotton
Foundation Board Chairperson

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 AM- NURSERY AVAILABLE

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Choir Director: Nancy Patrick
Joyful Ringers Director: Judi Calhoon
Administrative Council: Judith Olson
Treasurer: Claudia Neary



GUMC Education & GracErsiz

RELAY FOR LIFE
Friday, June 24, 5:30 PM
Clay County Fairgrounds



Grace church will have a team again this year and would encourage anyone to come out and join us. We will have a tent setup; just bring a lawn chair and come have some fun. You may walk the track, enjoy a picnic type meal, cheer on the survivors during the survivor lap, watch the luminaries ceremony, or sit and enjoy fellowship. Our theme this year will be MVP's of Grace Church. We will be creating an MVP (Most Valuable Player) banner to hang on our tent honoring any survivors fighting cancer or remembering those who have lost the battle.

If you would like to participate, please either drop a picture of your MVP off at the church office or email to me at lfranker@hotmail.com. (please label your picture with the person's name). We will include your loved one on our MVP banner. The deadline for us to receive the picture will be June 15. Any photos received after that date, we cannot guarantee will be on the banner. There are many members of Grace church who we know of and others that we are not aware of who are MVP's of cancer. Please feel free to join in as a way to honor and remember our loved ones. If you have questions, contact Lonelle Franker (262-8821) or Carolyn Gustin (363-2398).