

Grace Notes

Newsletter



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SEPTEMBER 2011

FREE!



**Tuesdays & Thursdays
@ 7:15 PM
Fellowship Hall**

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



Joyful Ringers...

The Joyful Bells Bell Choir is looking for people to play. If you are in 5th grade or older (including adults!) then you can come join us! You don't have to be able to read music, we will help you with that! Even if you have never rung a hand bell before, we will help you with that! We practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm in the bell choir room. Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, September 21st. Come join us!!!! If you have any questions, please contact Judi Calhoon at 260-5358 or email: jubes66@gmail.com



All are welcome to join!

Theological Corner:

Is something (like murder, adultery, lying, etc.) wrong because God says it is wrong, or does God say it is wrong because it IS wrong, independently of God?

Let me know what you think. Your emails will not be shared with anyone. Please email me your thoughts or questions.

In Christ,
Pastor Travis Stevick
tstevick@spencergumc.com

'The Table'

• FREE TO ALL • FREE TO ALL •



**September 29
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

Fellowship Hall

Open to all those in need.

History of Youth Activities by Gretchen Hagedorn

Some of you might like to recall youth activities of years ago. During the late 1940's when gas was still scarce, we had a big Sunday School class taught by Superintendent W.F. Johnson, Principal A.W. Salisbury and Ben Abben. Those 3 intelligent members of the community were a big influence on many of our lives. I can well remember some of the interesting lessons they shared with us. We met in the youth room of the old Lincoln Boys Club upstairs. We averaged 50 in attendance weekly.

Methodist Camp was popular in the summer. Spencer rented a cottage at the camp grounds. Many years our minister's wife was our chaperone. Mrs. Tony Reipma took a few turns going with us. The old refrigerators couldn't keep ice cream cold so Mr. Reipma brought ice cream on Wednesday night as a treat. We were well organized and each had daily duties. Getting water at the pump at 7:00 AM was fun to meet boys from other towns. Morning watch was at 7:30 AM in the tabernacle. We learned a lot, sang, played volley ball, swam and enjoyed over 500 youth from all N.W. Iowa. Many of us met again at Morningside College.

Our Bishop used to speak on the final Sunday of camp and the Tabernacle was packed. Many families sat outside and had picnics after the services.

Then in the 1960's Jim Hitchcock took the helm and took our youth to Chicago, Kansas City, Black Hills and New Mexico. These were work projects with fun interspersed along the way.

September Bible Readings

- Isaiah 65,66; Psalm 62; John 3
- 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33, John 4
- Nahum 1-3; John 5
- 2 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 34; John 6
- 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 35; John 7
- Habakkuk 1-3; John 8
- Ephesians 1-3; John 9
- Jeremiah 1,2; John 10
- Jeremiah 3,4; John 11
- Jeremiah 5,6; John 12
- Jeremiah 7-9; John 13
- Jeremiah 10-12; John 14
- Jeremiah 13-15; John 15
- Jeremiah 16,17; Psalm 96; John 16
- Jeremiah 18-20; Psalm 93; John 17
- 2 Kings 24; Jeremiah 22; Psalm 112; John 18
- Jeremiah 23,25; John 19
- Jeremiah 26,35,36; John 20
- Jeremiah 45-47; Psalm 105; John 21
- Jeremiah 48,49; Psalm 67; 1 John 1
- Jeremiah 21,24,27; Psalm 118; 1 John 2
- Jeremiah 28-30; 1 John 3
- Jeremiah 31,32; 1 John 4
- Jeremiah 33,34; Psalm 74; 1 John 5
- Jeremiah 37-39; Psalm 79; 2 John
- Jeremiah 50,51; 3 John
- Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1; Psalm 143,144
- Ezekiel 1-3; Revelation 2
- Ezekiel 4-7; Revelation 3
- Ezekiel 8-11; Revelation 4
- Ezekiel 12-14; Revelation 5



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Paul & Lucille Hansen, Carol Hansen, Jean Rowe, Kay Darnell 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



**More dates for the...
2011 Grace Church
Directory**



We are now having signups for the NEW Grace United Methodist Church Directory. Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch.

Once again each family will get a FREE 8 X 10 photo.

Dates Lifetouch will be here are:

- October 11:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM
- October 12:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM
- October 13:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM
- October 14:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM
- October 15:** 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
- October 18:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM
- October 19:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM
- October 20:** 2:30 PM - 8:50 PM

To sign up for your photography appointment please go to www.spencergumc.com and click on the Links then onto the 2011 Directory Sign Ups. This is a simple step by step process.

We encourage you to sign up for the 2011 Grace Church Directory soon

**United
Methodist
Women**



UMW Meeting, Thursday, September 1, 2011 in the BenTena Room
10:00- Business Meeting
11:00- Program - *Campaign for Children* by Judith Olson
12:00- Lunch - Martha Circle

All women are welcome to this ministry.

Thank you...

Thanks to all the people of Grace for the calls, prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital.

God Bless all of you!
Don Maschino



The next breakfast meeting of United Methodist Men is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 8:00 AM in the Wesley Room at Grace United Methodist Church. Newly elected Officers President Roger Ingledue, Vice President Chris Stickler and Secretary/Treasurer Glen Chenhall invite all men to participate in the ministry of United Methodist Men and to enjoy fellowship, a delicious breakfast, devotions, programs and service projects.
~Roger Ingledue, President

New Men's Study

The Men's Study with Norm Olson will start again on Sunday, September 25th, at 8AM in the Fireside Room. We will be studying the Book of James - Faith at Work. James, one of the most practical and down to earth books in the Bible, helps people understand what the Christian faith means in the nitty-gritty of everyday life. All men are welcome.

Grace United Methodist Church

Administrative Council
July 26, 2011 - 5:00 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, Pastor Travis Stevick, Mavis Olson, Pastor Chuck Kellogg, Dennis DeWitt, Sandy Heerdt

Welcome: Judith welcomed everyone and noted that attendance will be low because several members cannot attend. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Chuck Kellogg lifted the names of some church members who are in the hospital, then gave prayer. Judith requested a group reading of the Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes/Roll Call

Motion by Mavis Olson; seconded by Pastor Travis Stevick. Carried.

Judith Olson announced that in future only those items listed on the agenda will be addressed during the meeting.

Business Action Items

- a. Church Nursery: Pastor Travis pointed out that we need a functioning nursery if we want to attract young families. During discussion it was noted that the nursery hasn't been staffed for about 4 years. It was the general consensus that this should be a paid position and that the Administrative Council should come up with a recommendation to be presented to SPRC and to the Finance Committee.

"The Administrative Council of Grace United Methodist Church moves that SPRC and the Finance Committee begin active recruitment of qualified candidates to accept the paid position of Nursery Attendant."

Motion by Mavis Olson; seconded by Dennis DeWitt. Carried.

Other Business Items

- a. Foundation Disbursement Report (Items paid since June 2011)

2010/2011 (2009 & 2010 Interest approved for disbursement in 2010 & 2011)

- **Foundation Interest Payable** (Interest accrued from the four categories below)
 - Daily Reporter (Inflatable Advertisement).....\$40.00
- **Missions Allocations**
 - Fabric Warehouse (Fabric for Blankets – Blanket the World).....\$694.85
- **Capital Improvement Allocations**
 - Have Brush Will Paint (Paint Bathroom).....\$1,093.59
 - Have Brush Will Paint (Painting).....\$481.50
- **Outreach & Emerging Ministry**
 - Fareway (Water for children during the Inflatables).....\$23.92
 - Worship (mini movies).....\$115.00
 - Dream Center (Dream Center Donation).....\$1,000.00
 - Bud's Service (Grace Caring).....\$40.00

Educational Opportunities

Camperships (13 Campers).....	\$1,545.75
Youth Outreach for Young Families.....	\$2,247.00
Youth Outreach Event (Swimming Pool Passes).....	\$325.00
Upper Room.....	\$141.82
b. 2011 Charge Conference – Sunday, November 13, 2011 (6:00 p.m.) Spencer Grace (Spencer Grace, Fostoria, Everly- Royal, Langdon)	

Committee/Staff Reports

Finance – Pastor Chuck Kellogg reporting for Carla Swank – Printed handouts of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual YTD and of Bank/Liability Balances as of July 26, 2011 were distributed. One month's apportionments has been paid in July, 2011. Overall, we are doing okay financially.

There was a discussion on Foundation Funds to clarify what they are; also, how and for what they can be used.

Lay Leader – Roger Ingledue (submitted) – The Lay Leader participated in the Men's Walk to Emmaus held at Grace United Methodist Church July 21-24, 2011 and the youth lock-in July 18, 2011. The Lay Leader attended the Finance Committee meeting held July 19, 2011 and worked alongside Pastor Kellogg and other men from Grace United Methodist Church on the Habitat for Humanity House in Everly, IA on July 9, 2011.

The Lay Leader has participated in discussions on various subjects concerning our church, our goals, and ministries with Pastor Kellogg and Pastor Stevick in both professional and social settings and listened to viewpoints and concerns as well as consulting with many members of our congregation throughout the month of July.

Each member of our Church Family has a different point of view as well as different individual spiritual wants and needs when it comes to their personal church experience. These differing viewpoints are welcome and necessary in developing new methods and new ideas. In working with many of the various committees in our congregation, the Lay Leader is finding that if we continue listening to and respecting one another and are willing to take our individual share of the responsibility in meeting the challenges our church is presented with, good things have happened, can happen, and do happen.

SPRC – Rich Ortman (submitted) – The SPRC committee hosted a Welcome for Pastor Travis and his family on July 10th after the morning worship service. Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 31 at 3:00 p.m. with the District Superintendent.

Missions – Bill Elliott (submitted) – The Mission Committee met on July 5th. The committee voted to send \$200 to Upper Des Moines, \$300 to Bidwell in Des Moines, and up to \$200 toward expenses for a trip to Bidwell in Fall 2011. Committee members haven't set a date yet but would like to go down as a group and work in the center at whatever capacity is needed and most likely return the same day. Some of the expense they anticipate is for fuel but the remaining amount is for supplies, if needed, for that mission. Their next meeting is August 2nd at 5:30 p.m..

Evangelism – Sandy Heerdt – The Small Group Booklet has been updated on the church website. Four new groups are starting: *Discussions in Theology* with Pastor Travis, a *Pheasant Hunting Expedition to South Dakota* with Pastor Chuck, a *Christian Book Club* with Patty Jones, and a *Walking Club*.

Proposed for consideration is a support group for widowers, perhaps similar to what is already available for widows.

UMW – Mavis Olson – The Spiritual Bazaar will be on Friday, October 7, 2011; guest speaker is Bishop Deb Lieder Kiesey of North Dakota. There will be a meeting of committee chairs on August 24th to discuss plans. August is set aside this year for Circle Outings.

Lay Speaker – Dennis DeWitt – GUMPrayer has been very quiet.

Pastor Travis Stevick – The youth lock-in was a success. There were 9 attendees and several adults provided wonderful leadership and support for the youth: Phil & Siri Christy, Roger Ingledue, Chris Stickler, Bill Prentice; Mel Peterson came in the middle of the night and Pastor Chuck came very early in the morning.

Upcoming events include Casting Crowns concert August 11th at the Iowa State Fair; Life Light near Sioux Falls, SD on Labor Day weekend (2 churches in the area are willing to provide overnight accommodations).

Pastor Travis has a blog where youth messages and sermons are posted online. The information will also be added to the Youth site on the church website.

Pastor Travis has preached twice since coming to Grace.

Pastor Chuck Kellogg – The new church directory has brought attention to the number of members in care facilities.

Pastor Chuck, Pastor Travis and District Supt. Bernie Colorado will be meeting with SPRC.

There has been a request from DaySpring for time to speak during worship regarding the Spencer Dream Center. After much discussion there was a suggestion to table this matter until the next meeting when more members could be in attendance. Further discussion brought forth a suggestion to use the Sunday School hour, rather than worship service, for meeting and discussion about the Dream Center. By consent, it was decided that Pastor Chuck will make the proposal to DaySpring to make their presentation during the Sunday School hour.

Other Items – Sandy Heerdt announced that there were 30 signed up for the Middlers outing. Pastor Travis reported that the Youth Band has had their first practice.

Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Heerdt; seconded by Dennis DeWitt. Carried
Meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

Next meeting – August 30, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Closing prayer – Dennis DeWitt

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Darnell, Secretary



NOTICE: We have an urgent need to revise the Funeral Hospitality Teams. If you are interested in joining a core group to begin this process, please contact Kay Darnell at 262-2743 or 712-363-1055 or call the church office, 262-5970.

Hospitality Committee



HAPPINESS IS IN THE HEART,
NOT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Sign up for Sunday School which begins on September 25. Classes begin at 10:45 AM. We will be having a kick off party following class and welcome all of you to join us for this celebration.

Name

Birthday

First: _____

_____/_____/_____

Last: _____

Parents

Grade: _____

Mom: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Allergies:

Dad: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Who can they leave with:

Emergency

Name & number:

I give permission for pictures of my youth to be used on the web page and youth promotional materials.

Parent or guardian signature!

We will be having class sign up on Sundays, August 29 & September 4. Please bring your registration to church and drop it off at our table.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 AM- NURSERY AVAILABLE

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



 GUMC Education & GracErsiz

GASP (Grace After School Program)
will begin Wednesday, August 31st from 3:45 PM-5:00 PM

The After School Program is for children Grades 1st to 5th and is open to the community. We meet every Wednesday afternoon (unless there is a scheduled early out or weather related out). We play games, have fun snacks, sing songs, meet new friends, but most importantly we study the Bible. We are excited to continue our "Answers for Kids Curriculum," and we will answer questions this year like:

"Where did humans come from?"

"Why are snakes so scary?"

"What About Dinosaurs?"

To find out these answers and much, much more, join us each Wednesday for fun and fellowship.

Deb Dvorak
Sara DeWitt

P. S. There are a few other surprises in store for you.....

