

Small Groups and Classes

SUNDAY

Note: Faith Formation for all ages (children, youth, and adult) will resume on May 5 after a brief hiatus starting Sunday, April 21. Join us on Sunday, May 5, at 9:30 am for children's Sunday School, youth programming, and a host of adult education classes. Please see below for a detailed description and meeting locations for each group.

- **The Forum Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The topic for April 14 is "God in Everyday Life" from God Soaked Life by Chris Webb presented by Pastor Bill Bryan. Contact Elaine Pauls (630-865-6600) or Mark Fleming (markwflemi@aol.com) for more information.

- **Hearts on Fire (HOF)** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 250. For the next 2 weeks, this class will be studying the DVD series The Call by Adam Hamilton. Contact Bob Pacanowski (bpacanowski@franklinsports.com) for more information.

- **New Connections** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 226. Ever wonder where God is in your everyday life? Waking up, brushing your teeth, and looking for lost keys can all be sacred moments! This class will read "Liturgy of the Ordinary" and discover God's presence afresh. Contact Jeff Barbeau (jeff@jeffbarbeau.com) for more information.

- **The Questors Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 231. The topic for April 14 is "John, The Last Supper" based on Adam Hamilton's book presented by Jeff Meador. Contact Ginnie Battle (ginbattle@icloud.com) for more information.

- **Open Hearts and Minds (OHM)** meets at 11 a.m. in room 232. This class will be studying Being a Christian in the Twenty-First Century by Sam Gould. Contact Pastor Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) or Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcrf@aol.com) for more information.

WEEKDAYS

- **Sisters Bible Study** meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. in room 226. This class is studying God Soaked Life by Chris Webb. The books are available for purchase for \$14 in the Church Office. Contact Pastor Cindy Marino (cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

- **Prayer Ministry** meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. in room 250. Join us in this important ministry as we carefully pray for each prayer request received by the Church. Contact Pastor Bill Bryan (bande1951@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Grateful Yoga** meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the back of the Sanctuary. Grateful Yoga Ministry is a faith-based gentle yoga practice that encompasses prayers, readings, and fellowship. All are welcome! Contact Jane Abe (abzabe@msn.com) or Gail Lindsay (christinegp56@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Progressive Christianity** meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. in room 232. Contact Pastor Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) or Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcrf@aol.com) for more information.

- **Portico Collective** meets on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. in room 234 of the Kayton Youth Center. Childcare is available. Contact Chris Weilemann (chris.weilemann@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** meets on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. This class is studying Disciple Fast Track Series called "A New Testament Survey." Contact Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com) for more information.

- **Thursday Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 226. This class is studying Disciple Fast Track Series focusing on "The New Testament, Luke and Acts." Contact Pastor Doug Bowden (dbowden6@aol.com) for more information.

Join a Sunday Class!

CHILDREN

Nursery Care: 8 a.m. - Noon
• 6 weeks to 2 Years - Rooms 130 & 131

9:30 a.m. Schedule

Children (3 years - 5th Grade):

- 9:30 a.m. - Gathering (123)
- 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Classrooms
3 - 4 Year Olds - Room 137
K - 1st Grades - Room 123
2nd - 3rd Grades - Room 152
4th - 5th Grades - Room 155

11 a.m. Schedule

Pre - K to 3rd Grade gather in Sanctuary and move to Room 231 for Children's Church.

If you know of someone who has special needs that we can support at Grace UMC, contact Nicole Zaccaria, Open Doors Ministry Coordinator, (nicole.zaccaria@peopleofgrace.org)

YOUTH

9:30 a.m.
• 6 - 7th Grades - Room 233 of the Kayton Youth Center

- 8 - 12th Grades - Room 234 of the Kayton Youth Center

ADULTS

9:30 a.m.
• Forum - Fireside Room
• Hearts On Fire - Room 250
• New Connections - Room 226
• Questors - 231
• Young Adults - Room 225

11 a.m.
• Open Hearts and Minds - Room 232

Upcoming at Grace Church

SATURDAY • APRIL 13

9 a.m. - Elderberries (ML)
5 p.m. - Saturday Evening Worship (AC)

7:30 p.m. - Lakeside Singers Concert (Sanc)

SUNDAY • APRIL 14

Palm/Passion Sunday
8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)

12:15 p.m. - Youth Choir (Sanc)
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (160)
2 p.m. - Children's Musical Rehearsal (Sanc)

MONDAY • APRIL 15

9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)
Temple Builders (FH)
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters (FS)
1 p.m. - Sisters (226)
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)
Blood Drive (FH)
7 p.m. - Board of Trustees (225)
Children & Family Council (231)
Progressive Christianity (232)
Grateful Yoga Ministry (Sanc)
Music Rehearsal (Sanc)

TUESDAY • APRIL 16

8:30 a.m. - Moms In Prayer (232)
9 a.m. - Elderberries (ML)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
9:15 a.m. - PDO Board Meeting (134)
6:30 p.m. - Cancer Support Group (FS)
Priscillia Circle (226)

7 p.m. - Stewardship & Finacne (226)
7:15 p.m. - Grace Praise Team (Sanc)
7:30 p.m. - Al/Anon (232)

WEDNESDAY • APRIL 17

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (FH)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
4 p.m. - Children's Bells (160)
5 p.m. - Holy Wednesday (Sanc)
Cherub Choir (232)
JR Singers (171)
Portico Collective (234)
7 p.m. - Fast Track Disciple (FS)
Grace Bell Ensemble (160)
G.Y.M. (AC)
Grace Foundation (225)
Laleche League (250)
7:15 p.m. - New Life Singers (Sanc)

THURSDAY • APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday
9 a.m. - Elderberries (ML)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
1 p.m. - Treble Tikes (122)
7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service (Sanc)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (250)

FRIDAY • APRIL 19

Good Friday
9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)
12 p.m. - Good Friday Prayer Stations
7 p.m. - Good Friday Service (Sanc)

SATURDAY • APRIL 20

8 a.m. - Easter Prayer Vigil (Chapel)
9 a.m. - Elderberries (ML)
5 p.m. - Saturday Evening Worship (AC)

GRACE IN MISSION

April 13-14, 2019

Welcome to Life at Grace United Methodist Church

Holy Week 2019

NEW!!! April 17: Holy Wednesday from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to an evening of worship, crafts, food, and fellowship. Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini (chamus@peopleofgrace.org) for more information

April 18: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. for Holy Communion and hand-washing, as we prepare to receive the fullness of God's forgiveness and new life in Christ. Music led by Chancel Choir. (Childcare available)

April 19: Good Friday Prayer Stations and Time for Reflection from 12 - 3 p.m. Grace is a beautiful, quiet space to be and enjoy time with God. Various stations for reflection and prayer will be set up throughout the building, guiding you to the beauty of the Sanctuary. Spend a few moments or a few hours, whatever your day allows, to consider Christ's sacrifice of love for you.

April 19: Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m. with the spoken word, visual art and familiar hymns, our Good Friday service will provide the space to consider the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. Music led by the New Life Singers. (Childcare available)

Celebrate Easter with Us!

April 20: Saturday Prayer Vigil from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Sign up to pray with us on the Prayer Vigil Poster in the Narthex. You may choose to pray with us in the building or on your own. Prayer materials will be available for those who would like to use them.

April 20: Saturday Evening Easter Service at 5 p.m. with Holy Communion and music led by Vickie Wagner, the Evensong Singers and an Intergenerational Orchestra in the Sanctuary. (Childcare available)

April 21: Easter Sunday Worship:

Traditional Worship at 8:15 a.m. with music led by the New Life Singers and Grace Brass Ensemble. (Childcare available)

Blended Worship at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with music led by the Chancel Choir, Grace Praise Team, and Grace Brass Ensemble. (Childcare available)

Easter Prayer Vigil Prayer Requests

During our Easter Prayer Vigil, personal prayer requests are encouraged and each will be prayed for during this dedicated time. Please fill out a green prayer request slip located in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary, and then place them in between the bricks on the wall by the stained glass windows.

This has been a tradition at Grace UMC for many years and those who have participated in the past can testify to the importance of this sacred time set apart for contemplation and prayer.

There will be a sign-up poster in the Narthex with time slots to participate in the Easter Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. You are welcome to sign up to pray here in the Chapel or to pray wherever you are that day. Materials will be provided to guide your meditation and prayer time. Contact Judy Cornett (shottsja@gmail.com) for more information.

Easter Prayer Vigil

Join us for Saturday Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Sign up to pray with us on the Prayer Vigil Poster in the Narthex.

You may choose to pray with us in the building or on your own. Prayer materials will be available for those who would like to use them.

Contact Judy Cornett (shottsja@gmail.com) for more information.



Special Easter Sunday School Hour

All children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us for a Special Easter Sunday School Hour on Sunday, April 21.

Children should be checked in at 9:15 a.m. at our new Welcome Desk located in the Children's Area and then we will gather at 9:30 a.m. in room 123. We will have a special time of Easter-focused fellowship, creating, acting, praise and worship in the garden (weather permitting) to remember the story of Jesus' resurrection and the hope we have in him!

Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini (chamus@peopleofgrace.org) for more information

UMW Annual Hamball Luncheon

The UMW Hamball Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 26, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$12 per person and tables of 8 can be reserved at the time of purchase.

Tickets are on sale at the Reception Desk, from UMW Circle members and in between services in the Activity Center today (Sunday, April 14), Sunday, April 21, or online at www.peopleofgrace.org/hamball-tickets. All proceeds go to Missions.

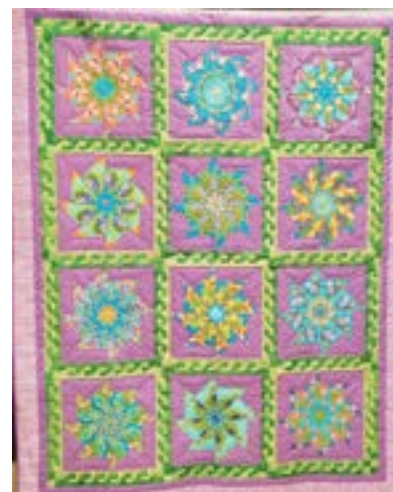
Contact Katie Smith (katiescott1994@yahoo.com) for more information.



Mission Quilt 2019

The "Under the Sea" Mission Quilt was hand-quilted by our very own Grace Quilters to help raise money in support of our 2019 Youth Summer Missions.

Tickets will be available for purchase for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 after each service on Sundays, April 28, May 5 and May 12, as well as at the Hamball Luncheon on Friday, April 26. The drawing for the quilt will take place on Sunday, May 12. Contact Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com) for more information.



Holy Smokes BBQ Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! Youth Summer Missions will be holding its annual drive-thru bar-b-que fundraiser on Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Lower Parking Lot of Grace. Tickets will be available in the Activity Center on Sundays in April, at the Reception Desk during the week, or from any Side x Side or Hope @ Home participant. Meals are \$10 for a one-meat meal (pork chop or 1/4 chicken), \$12 for a two-meat meal (two of the same meat or one of each meat), and \$5 for a kid's meal (hot dog). All meals are served with baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, and a roll. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

In Brief

Heartland Blood Drive — Giving blood is a random act of kindness! Join us at the Heartland Blood Drive on Monday, April 15, between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Make an appointment at <https://www.versiti.org/ways-to-give/our-communities/illinois> or just walk-in. Contact Barb McCarthy (s-bmccarthy@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

High School Panel — Current high school students attending Sunday School in Room 234 will welcome incoming high school students and be present to answer common questions about the transition from 8th grade (junior high/middle school) into high school. All current 8th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, April 17, in room 234 at 9:30 a.m. to ask questions and learn more. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information

Youth Summer Missions Meeting (Hope @ Home and Side x Side) — Hope @ Home participants will gather at 6 p.m., and Side x Side participants will gather at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, in the Sanctuary to learn more about our Holy Smokes fundraiser and submit pre-sold tickets. All who are attending either Hope @ Home or Side x Side should plan to attend the respective time slot. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

Combined Worship Services in Two Weeks! On Sunday, April 27, the 8:15 and 9:30 services will worship together at 9:30 in the Sanctuary! We look forward to this special time of uniting our traditional worshipping families at this later time for this week only. There will be no Sunday School but children are invited to join us in worship! The Naperville Women's Half Marathon event is taking place that morning. We are working with the city and the Naperville Police to ensure access to Grace for our 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship times. Watch for more information in our Friday e-blast complete with downloadable route maps to enable you to plan your morning! Let's cheer on the courageous women who will be running the race that morning and take time to connect with God and others in this most important time of the week.

All Singers, High School through Adults — Join the Festival Singers and Chancel Choir for Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo/Psalm 100" on Sunday, May 5, at 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Don't miss Dan Forrest's thrilling setting of Psalm 100. As the Psalm invites us to "make a joyful noise, all ye lands" the music takes us around the world, from Africa to China to the Middle East and the Latin nations. You will want to sing this exciting and moving music with us! Sign up at www.peopleofgrace.org/jubilate-sign-up. Schedule for rehearsals available at www.peopleofgrace.org/jubilate-schedule. Contact Dan Wagner (dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

Come Join Parent's Day Out for Some Summer Fun! Parent's Day Out is seeking some additional teachers, college age or older, experienced in working with 1.5 - 5 year olds for our summer and possibly school year program. Summer commitment is Monday-Thursday, 8:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., May 28-June 20. Contact Claudia Hutchison, Director of Parent's Day Out (claudia.hutchison@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

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