

Small Groups and Classes

SUNDAY

- **The Forum Class** meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. This class will begin studying The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus by Rob Fuquay. Contact Robin Schmuckal (robin.schmuckal@gmail.com) for more information.
 - **Hearts on Fire (HOF)** meets at 9:15 a.m. in room 250. This class will begin studying The Passion Play by Rob Fuquay. Contact Bob Pacanowski (bpacanowski@franklinsports.com) for more information.
 - **New Connections** meets at 9:15 a.m. in room 226. This class will begin studying A Hopeful Earth by Bishop Sally Dyck. Contact Jeff Barbeau (jeff@jeffbarbeau.com) for more information.
 - **Sunday Portico Collective** meets at 9:15 a.m. in room 231. This class is studying Faithful and Inclusive by Rob Fuquay. Contact Traci Weilemann (traci.weilemann@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.
 - **The Questors Class** meets at 9:15 a.m. in room 254. The topic for March 8 is "Proverbs: A Guide to Friendship" presented by Sandy Bray. The topic for the next week is "The Meaning of Missions" presented by Lara Stanton. Contact Roger Hendrickson (rsh1458@sbcglobal.net) for more information.
 - **"Faithful and Inclusive"** meets for the next 5 weeks at 10:15 a.m. in the Activity Center. Contact Lynn Leitzen (lynn.leitzen@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.
 - **Open Hearts and Minds (OHM)** meets at 10:30 a.m. in room 232. This class is studying the DVD series "Living the Questions 2," taught by Peter Pierro. Contact Becky Lindsay (becky.lindsay524@gmail.com) or Bill Lindsay (wlindsay@mindsplash.net) for more information.
- ### WEEKDAYS
- **Sisters Bible Study** meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. in room 254. This class is studying Faithful and Inclusive by Rob Fuquay. Contact Pastor Cindy Marino (cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.
 - **Prayer Ministry** meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. 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 Chapel. Grateful Yoga Ministry is a faith-based gentle yoga practice that encompasses fellowship, readings, and prayers. 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 254. This class is studying "The Human Spirit & The Times We Live In" by Sr. Joan Chittister and Fr. Richard Rohr. Contact Linda Rings (lrings@me.com) for more information.
 - **"Faithful and Inclusive"** meets for the next 5 weeks on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Cindy (cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.
 - **Portico Collective** meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in room 231. Childcare is available. Contact Traci Weilemann (traci.weilemann@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.
 - **Sisters Evening Class** meets on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. This class will be studying He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com) for more information.
 - **Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 254. This class will be studying Disciple, "The Letters of Paul." Contact Pastor Doug Bowden (dbowden6@aol.com) for more information.

Join a Sunday Class!

CHILDREN

Nursery Care: 7:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
• 6 weeks to 4 Years - Rooms 130

9:15 a.m. Schedule

Children (3 years - 5th Grade):
• 9:15 a.m. - *Gathering (123)*
• 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - *Classrooms*
3 - 4 Year Olds - Room 137
K - 1st Grades - Room 123
2nd - 3rd Grades - Room 152
4th - 5th Grades - Room 155

10:30 a.m. Schedule

• 6 weeks to 4 Years - Rooms 130

YOUTH

9:15 a.m.
• 6 - 8th Grades - Room 233 of the Kayton Youth Center
• 9 - 12th Grades - Room 234 of the Kayton Youth Center

ADULTS

9:15 a.m.
• Forum - Fireside Room
• Hearts On Fire - Room 250
• New Connections - Room 226
• Portico Collective - Room 231
• Questors - 254
• Young Adults - Room 225

10:30 a.m.
• Open Hearts and Minds - Room 232

Upcoming at Grace Church

SUNDAY • MARCH 8

8 & 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9 a.m. - 9 Gathering Worship (AC)
9:15 a.m. - Open Financial Forum (FH)
10:15 a.m. - Faithful and Inclusive (AC)
12 p.m. - Youth Choir (Sanc)
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (160)
2 p.m. - Children's Musical Rehearsal (Sanc)

MONDAY • MARCH 9

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters Group (FS)
1 p.m. - Sister's Bible Study (254)
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)
7 p.m. - Grateful Yoga Ministry (Chapel)
Progressive Christianity (254)

TUESDAY • MARCH 10

8:30 a.m. - Moms in Prayer (232)
9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
10 a.m. - LaLeche League (250)
6 p.m. - Riverwalk Quilters (FH)
6:15 p.m. - Stephen Leaders (226)
7:15 p.m. - Grace Praise Team (AC)
7:30 p.m. - AI/Anon (232)

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 11

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
11 a.m. - Faithful and Inclusive (FH)
4 p.m. - Children's Bells (160)
5 p.m. - Cherub Choir (232)
Jr Singers (171)
Portico Collective (231)
6 p.m. - Model Seder Passover (FH)
7 p.m. - Grace Bells (160)
Sisters Bible Study (FS)

Stephen Ministry (226)
7:15 p.m. - New Life Singers (Sanc)

THURSDAY • MARCH 12

9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
9:30 a.m. - Disciple Fast Track (254)
12 p.m. - Over 50 Fellowship (FH)
1 p.m. - Treble Tikes (122)
6:30 p.m. - Rome 2020- Pre-Trip Meeting (226)
7 p.m. - Chancel Choir (Sanc)
7:30 p.m. - CoDa Meeting (225)

FRIDAY • MARCH 13

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)

SATURDAY • MARCH 14

9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)
Youth Bake Sale Prep (234)
5 p.m. - Saturday Evening Worship- Youth Musical (Sanc)

SUNDAY • MARCH 15

Youth Summer Missions Bake Sale
8 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9 a.m. - 9 Gathering Worship (AC)
10:30 a.m. - Youth Musical Worship (Sanc)
10:15 a.m. - Faithful and Inclusive (AC)
12 p.m. - Youth Choir (Sanc)
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (160)
2 p.m. - Children's Musical Rehearsal (Sanc)

MONDAY • MARCH 16

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters Group (FS)
1 p.m. - Sister's Bible Study (254)
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)
7 p.m. - Grateful Yoga Ministry (Chapel)
Progressive Christianity (254)
Worship Ministry (226)
Board of Trustees (225)

GRACE IN MISSION

March 7 - 8, 2020

Welcome to Life at Grace United Methodist Church

Model Seder Passover

The Grace UMC Commission on Religion and Race is hosting a model Jewish Passover Seder on **Wednesday, March 11 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**, conducted by Bernie Newman of Congregation Beth Shalom. The ritual and elements of the Seder, as well as an explanation of their meaning, will be provided. Please note this is not a full dinner, but a tasting of items from a traditional Seder night. There is no charge to take part in this celebration and educational experience, but a free-will offering will be welcome to help defray expenses. If you would like to attend this event, R.S.V.P. at the Welcome Desk between services or peopleofgrace.org/seder today (Sunday, March 8) with the number attending. Thank you!

Parenting and Faith

"Parenting with Grace" is pleased to offer a third event on the topic of "Parenting and Faith". Please join us on **Sunday, March 15, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall for a lively discussion featuring a panel of pastors, deacons, and youth directors. To learn who our panelists are and their backgrounds visit peopleofgrace.org/events/parenting-and-faith.

Our panel will give insights on questions such as "how do I help my children balance church with school and extracurricular activities," "how do I talk to my children about tough Bible passages," and "how can I help my children maintain their faith." Attendees will be able to submit questions ahead of the event when they register.

Register at peopleofgrace.org/parenting-with-grace and follow "Parenting with Grace Group" on Facebook for more information. Childcare will be provided for 6 weeks through 5th grade. Contact Stefanie Abderhalden (stefanieabderhalden@gmail.com) for more information.

Amplify Media

We're excited to announce that our church has a brand-new multimedia platform - Amplify. Amplify will allow you to stay engaged and encouraged with videos of inspiring stories, insightful teaching, and powerful motivation. The best part is, Amplify is accessible all the time, and on almost any device you use to watch a video. We will be able to use Amplify for study, reflection, and worship in just about every facet of our church, including Sunday School, Small Groups and more. Create your Amplify account today! **Our Amplify Church Website:** <https://my.amplifymedia.com/graceumcnapervilleil>
Access code: BTSNPM

New Lenten Study!

Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality, and The United Methodist Church allows you to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church. This six week DVD-based Bible study has been designed for participants to develop their own perspectives on the Bible's passages related to homosexuality.

Faithful and Inclusive Groups are being held on Sundays, at 10:15 a.m. in the Activity Center led by leaders from the Gathering Worship, on Monday afternoons, at 1 p.m. in Sister's Bible Study in room 254 and on Wednesday mornings, at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall by Pastor Cindy.

This study creates a safe space to navigate through this important issue, relying on the biblical-interpretation approach of Methodism's founder, John Wesley. Each video session also features the faith journeys of members of the LGBTQ community and their families. No sign up is necessary. Just come!

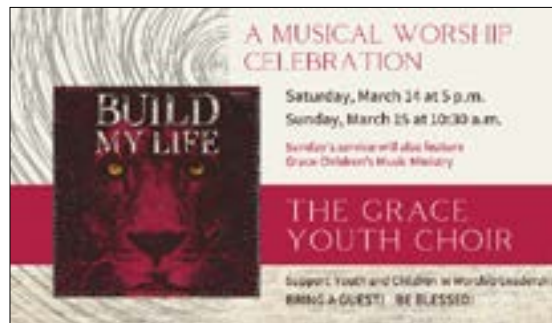
Youth Summer Mission Sunday Bake Sale!

Satisfy your "sweet tooth" on Sunday, March 15, before and after worship! Youth Summer Missions will host a Sunday Bake Sale in the gathering space with proceeds benefiting both Side x Side and Hope @ Home. Cookies, cupcakes, cookie bars, trail mix, and more will be available for purchase or a donation of your choice. If you would like to contribute baked good items, please contact Alexis Henderson, alexisrae2015@gmail.com. All items for the bake sale should arrive in the Church Kitchen between the hours of 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 14.

"Build My Life" Youth Musical

Join us for "Build My Life" - a musical worship celebration - presented by the Grace Youth Choir on Saturday, March 14 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.

The morning service will also include music from our Children's Music Ministry, making this service a very special celebration of worship leadership by our younger congregants. We invite people of all ages to attend, bring guests, support our youth, and to be blessed.



Holy Week 2020

April 5: Passion/Palm Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. music led by New Life Singers and 10:30 a.m. music led by the Chancel Choir. The 9 a.m. Gathering music led by the Grace Praise Team. (Childcare available)

April 8: Holy Wednesday, April 8, from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to an evening of worship and fellowship with crafts and food. We will begin in the Sanctuary with worship and a child-friendly message, and then move to Fellowship Hall where we will have fun building "Resurrection Gardens" for your home! This fun interactive craft reminds us of both the crucifixion on Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter morning. Pizza and pasta will be provided. Cost is \$15 per immediate family which will cover food and materials for 1 Resurrection Garden. Registration is required for the Resurrection Garden and meal portions of the evening. Register at peopleofgrace.org/holy-Wednesday. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

April 9: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion and hand-washing, as we prepare to receive the fullness of God's forgiveness and new life in Christ. Music led by New Life Singers. (Childcare available)

April 10: Good Friday Time of Personal Reflection from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Grace Sanctuary is a beautiful, quiet space to pray, to think and to contemplate Christ's sacrifice of love for us all. Reflection resources will be available and Pastors will be on hand for prayer or consultation if desired. Freely come and go.

Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m. Service of Shadows is a powerful new musical setting for Good Friday by Michael John Trotta. Music led by the Grace Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble. (Childcare available)

April 11: Saturday Prayer Vigil from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Chapel or anywhere you are. Sign up to pray with us at the Connection Center in the Gathering Space. Prayer materials will be available for those who would like to use them.

Celebrate Easter at Grace

Easter Worship Services on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. **9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.!**

April 11: Saturday Evening Resurrection Service at 5 p.m. with Holy Communion and music led by Vickie Wagner, Choir and Brass Ensemble in the Sanctuary.

April 12: Easter Sunday Worship: Note: *Easter Sunday Service Times are different from Regular Sunday Worship Times!*

Traditional Worship at 8 a.m. and Blended Worship at **9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.** in the Sanctuary

In Brief

Grace Open Financial Forum will be held today (Sunday, March 8), at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Feedback from an "Open Forum" in late 2019 for Grace Members, which reviewed finances and various active initiatives, prompted a recurring quarterly Open Forum schedule in 2020. We'll review the current budget, describe a plan for 3-Tiered Giving, review our ongoing slate of project opportunities, and provide an opportunity for dialogue on current issues and concerns. Three channels for Grace Member contributions will be discussed: Annual Budget for Ministry - annual funding of Grace Ministry and program operations, project opportunities - formalizing the active list of short-term projects for Member Sponsorship and Legacy Gifts - enhancing Grace Foundation with a \$10M endowment goal.

Easter Flower Orders - Easter lilies and Geraniums will be for sale at the Welcome Desk either on Sundays, March 8, 15 and 24 between services or during the week. These beautiful plants may be purchased in memory, honor, or celebration of loved ones (to be printed in the special bulletin insert). Contact Cathy Connor (cathyconnor05@gmail.com) for more information.

The Grace Library has a new shelving unit in the Gathering Space, graciously assembled with custom-made sides and a top by Tom Blair. Please take the time to stop by and look at the selection of titles available for check out. New titles will be added monthly from our Grace Library in room 223.

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Update - The 2020 Feed the Need Naperville MobilePack took place at North Central College two weeks ago. Five thousand volunteers packed 4,860 boxes of manna packs containing 1,049,760 meals; those meals will feed the bodies, minds, and souls of 2,876 children for one entire year. Wasting no time, FMSC has shipped the food worldwide, working with its trusted distributors. Cuba, El Salvador, and South Sudan will each receive 272,160 containers of meals. More details are given at FeedtheneedIllinois.org. To God be the glory!

Flower Calendar 2020 - If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of, in celebration of, or in thanks for someone in the coming year, please sign up on the new flower calendar outside of the Sanctuary.

Lenten Devotional 2020 - The 2020 Lenten Devotionals have arrived! A limited number of hard copies are available to be picked up at the Connection Center in the Gathering Space for all of those who would like to have one. You can also download it in its entirety at peopleofgrace.org/lent-2020.

Companions Journeying Together Mother's Day Prison Project - Donations are needed to help us put together packets of writing materials for women in prison. The needs include postage stamps, Mother's Day cards, Thinking of You cards, blank note cards, new stationery, gallon-size zip lock bags and monetary donations to cover delivery costs. (Checks made out to Companions, Journeying Together, Inc.) Donations can be placed at the Connection Center in the cabinets marked "Stationery and Stamps" located in the new Gathering Space. Contact Nancy Lindberg (630-364- 2801) for more information.

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