

Small Groups and Classes

SUNDAY

• **The Forum Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The topic for May 12 is "The Call of the Fisherman" from Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple by Adam Hamilton presented by Laurel Fleming. 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. This class is studying a DVD Bible Study series on Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple 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 May 12 is "The God Soaked Life" presented by Pastor Doug Bowden. The topic for the next week is "Bishop's Conference and Current Events" presented by Rev. Lynn Pries. 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. 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 fellowship, readings and prayers. All are welcome. May and June dates are May 13, May 20, June 6, June 10 and June (Summer dates TBA). 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** will resume meeting in the fall on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in room 254. Contact Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com) for more information.

• **Thursday Bible Study** will resume meeting in the fall on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 254. 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 • MAY 11

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

SUNDAY • MAY 12

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)
11 a.m. - Children's Musical (Sanc)
12:15 p.m. - Youth Choir (Sanc)
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (160)

MONDAY • MAY 13

9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)
Temple Builders (AC)
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters (FS)
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)
7 p.m. - Board of Trustees (226)
Grateful Yoga Ministry (Sanc)
Progressive Christianity (232)

TUESDAY • MAY 14

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)
10 a.m. - LaLeche League (250)
6 p.m. - Riverwalk Quilters (FH)
6:15 p.m. - Stephen Leaders (226)
7 p.m. - Stephen Ministry (226)
7:15 p.m. - Grace Praise Team (Sanc)
7:30 p.m. - Al/Anon (232)

WEDNESDAY • MAY 15

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
Ruth Circle (FH)
4 p.m. - Children's Bells (160)
5 p.m. - Cherub Choir (232)
JR Singers (171)

Portico Collective (234)
7 p.m. - Grace Bell Ensemble (160)
G.Y.M. (AC)
LaLeche League (250)
7:15 p.m. - New Life Singers (Sanc)

THURSDAY • MAY 16

9 a.m. - Elderberries (ML)
Parent's Day Out (LL)
10 a.m. - Theological Study Group (FS)
1 p.m. - Treble Tikes (122)
7 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (250)
7:30 p.m. - CoDa Meeting (225)

FRIDAY • MAY 17

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)
6 p.m. - Fellowship of Christian Men (226)

SATURDAY • MAY 18

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

SUNDAY • MAY 19

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)
9:30 a.m. - Senior Celebration (FH)
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (161)
7 p.m. - Side X Side Meeting (Sanc)

MONDAY • MAY 20

9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)
Temple Builders (FH)
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters (FS)
12 p.m. - PDO Picnic (FH)
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)
7 p.m. - Grateful Yoga Ministry (Sanc)
Progressive Christianity (232)

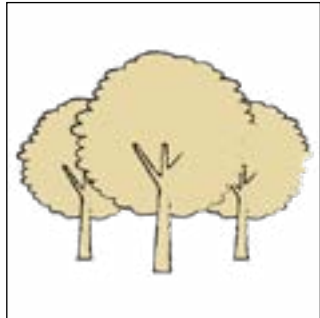
GRACE IN MISSION

May 11-12, 2019

Welcome to Life at Grace United Methodist Church

Mother's Day Children's Musical

The classic folktale, "The Tale of the Three Trees," will be brought to life by the Children's Choirs of Grace! The three trees each dream of what they might become when they grow, but God has much greater plans in store for them; plans they never could have imagined! It's a beautiful Eastertide message that reaches out to all ages.



Join us today (Sunday, May 12), at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, as the choirs present Allen Pote and Tom S. Long's musical adaptation of "The Tale of the Three Trees."

Sign the Floor of the New Gathering Space

Join us today (May 12) after each service. We will be opening up the new gathering space for everyone to take a peek and to sign our names and inscribe our prayers on the floor or on one of the metal poles.



The names and prayers will be sealed under the final layer of flooring and remain there as long as the building stands - for generations.

Fellowship of Christian Men

All men are invited to join us on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m. for dinner, with the program starting at 6:30 p.m., in room 226. The program will focus on "Integrity: a Must-have for Men to Connect" including topics of what it is?, how do we grow it?, how do we maintain it? and how it impacts your ability to connect with other men, presented by Bob Pacanowski. Contact Bob Pacanowski (bpacanowski@franklinsports.com) for more information.

Integrity

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 today (Sunday, May 12). The drawing for the quilt will take place today.

Contact Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com) for more information.



Youth Summer Missions Silent Auction

Youth Summer Missions will hold a Cubs Ticket Silent Auction for four tickets to the Cubs vs Braves game on Monday, June 24, at 7:05 p.m. The Silent Auction ends today (Sunday, May 12), with the successful bidder being notified on Monday, May 13.

Silent Auction bid sheets will be available at the Reception Desk. Come place your bid to support Youth Summer Missions at Grace!

Contact Gaye Lynn (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.



Class of 2019 Seniors!

Do not forget to return your Senior Celebration RSVP with your photo and the bio card. These cards were provided in your invitation and need to be returned to the Youth Office ASAP!

We look forward to celebrating you on **Sunday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m.** with brunch to follow.

Contact Gaye Lynn (gayelynnloufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.



Touch A Truck!

Our 3rd Annual Touch A Truck is right around the corner! Touch A Truck will be held on **Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. - noon** in the Lower Parking Lot. This free event is open to the community, so invite your friends and family to come out and enjoy all of the trucks and vehicles! We will have fun-filled activities and yummy food! Come out, touch a truck, eat and have a great time with friends and family!

As always, we want to welcome our friends and neighbors to Grace UMC with radical hospitality, so don't forget to be a part of the Touch A Truck welcome team! Sign up at peopleofgrace.org/touch-a-truck. Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini (chamus@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

Calling All Cookie Bakers and Snack Makers (or purchasers)!

Youth Summer Missions is so grateful to our Grace UMC family for your continued support! As in the past, we continue to have various ways for our congregation to participate in our mission trips: prayer shawl ministry, monetary donation, fundraising support, prayer partners, and cookies, to name a few. Additionally, this year we have the opportunity to teach/learn life skills, serve the community of Sioux Falls, SD, and serve each other. We will be preparing our own lunches each day and are inviting our cookie bakers to continue baking, and also inviting others to donate items needed for brown bag lunches.

Below is a list of needed items:

- Small individual bags of chips (300 bags needed)
- Small individual bags of pretzels (100 bags needed)
- Granola Bars (200 bars needed)
- Individually-packaged cookies
- Individually-packaged snacks (Goldfish, cheese crackers, etc.)
- Individually-packaged fruit snacks (150 packages needed)
- Home-baked cookies (1200 cookies)
- Purchased cookies
- Ziploc plastic bags in one gallon and quart sizes

Non-perishable items may be dropped off in the Church Kitchen in the tub provided beginning Monday, May 13, marked Side x Side. Home-baked cookies and snacks may be dropped off beginning Tuesday, June 4. All items must be received no later than Thursday, June 6, at 5 p.m.

Orange envelopes, found in your pew, may be used for monetary donations for any of the opportunities listed, or with "Lunches" written on the front of the envelope for a specific donation to this request. Contact Betsy Koepnick (BetsyKoepnick@gmail.com) for more information or to donate.

In Brief

Dinners for Eight — Once again, we are signing up for Dinners for Eight for 2019-20. If you like to socialize and get to know the People of Grace, this a good group to join. You can be single, married, or with a significant other. The only requirement is to host one time and bring a dish to share when you are a guest. This year, dinners will take place in September/October, November/December, March/April, and May/June to allow for those who leave for the coldest months to participate. Sign up at the Reception Desk beginning today (Sunday, May 12), thru Sunday, July 28. Contact Alice Mann (malicat47@icloud.com) for more information.

Martha Esther Circle Meeting — Mark your calendars and sign up for a fun night at A Colorful Affair (124 S Webster St #101, Naperville) on Friday, May 17, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. You will need to purchase the Groupon (groupon.com/biz/naperville/a-colorful-affair-downtown-naperville) and then enter the Groupon code at the Colorful Affair website (colorfulaffair.com/products/05-17-cut-n-fuse-fused-glass-class) to reserve your spot. Snacks and drinks will be provided by Chris St. John. Contact Chris St. John (chrisstjohn99@gmail.com) for more information.

Side X Side 2019 Prayer Partners — Side x Side invites you to come along... through prayer! Each Side x Side participant is seeking a prayer partner from our congregation. Visit the table in the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays, May 19 and May 26, to sign up to be in prayer with us during our travel, and to receive your Prayer Partner bracelet. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

Church History Trip to Rome — Art and Architecture...Education and Devotion... Fellowship and Formation. A small-group travel experience for Grace UMC, led by Pastor Daniel from April 25 -May 3, 2020. Informational meetings will be held on Sunday, May 26, at 11 a.m. and Wednesday, May 29, at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Contact Pastor Daniel (daniel.cochran@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

Vacation Bible School 2019 — Join us on our voyage "To Mars and Beyond!" the week of June 24 -28 from 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Crew members and passengers, please register and reserve your spot at www.peopleofgrace.org/vbs. Registration closes Sunday, June 16! All children are welcome, so call up some friends, and make a date for VBS 2019. Contact Jill Rye, Director of VBS (jill.rye@peopleofgrace.org), or Chamus Burnside-Savazzini, (chamus@peopleofgrace.org) or (630-355-1748 Ext 324) for more information.

Faith Build 2019 — Due to recent weather conditions, the Faith Build 2019 site is not currently ready for building. However, on May 16-19 we invite you to join us on another Fox Valley Habitat site (823 Gillette Avenue, Aurora) to help frame the home. If we can assist with the building of this home, more people will be able to focus on the Faith Build site when it is ready and get it back on schedule. Currently, our first Faith Build work day will be June 21 (weather permitting). Watch for more information. Contact Brentley Loufek (brentley.loufek@gmail.com) if you are interested and able to help any time during May 16-19. Builders, lunch providers, prayer partners -- so many opportunities to be part of the team!

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