

## Small Groups and Classes

### SUNDAY

• **The Forum Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The topic for May 26 is "I Will Not Deny You" 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 254. The topic for May 26 is "What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century- Part 1" presented by Vic Maroni. The topic for the next week is "What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century- Part 2" presented by Vic Maroni. Contact Ginie 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 the "Explore God Series" presented by Maureen Stillman. Contact Pastor Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) or Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcri@aol.com) for more information.

### WEEKDAYS

• **Sisters Bible Study** will resume meeting in the fall on Mondays at 1 p.m. in room 254. 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. June dates are June 3, June 10 and June 17. Contact Jane Abe (abzabe@msn.com) or Gail Lindsay (christinegp56@gmail.com) for more information.

• **Progressive Christianity** will resume meeting on Monday, September 9, at 7 p.m. in room 232. Contact Pastor Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) or Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcri@aol.com) for more information.

• **Portico Collective** will resume meeting on Wednesday, August 21 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 Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in Fireside Room. 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 Church, 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 - 254
  - Young Adults - Room 225

#### 11 a.m.

- Open Hearts and Minds - Room 232

## Upcoming at Grace Church

### SATURDAY • MAY 25

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

### SUNDAY • MAY 26

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)  
8:15 & 9:30 a.m. - Touring Choir Luncheon (FH)  
11 a.m. - Rome 2020 Informational Meeting (FS)

### MONDAY • MAY 27

The Church building will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

### TUESDAY • MAY 28

9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)  
Parent's Day Out (LL)  
11:30 a.m. - NILA (232)  
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (FS)  
5:30 p.m. - 360 Youth Council (231)  
7 p.m. - Church Council (226)  
Riverwalk Quilters Board (FS)  
7:15 p.m. - Grace Praise Team (Sanc)  
7:30 p.m. - Al/Anon (232)  
360 Life Skills (231)

### WEDNESDAY • MAY 29

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)  
Parent's Day Out (LL)  
6 p.m. - Rome Informational Meeting (FS)  
7 p.m. - Grace Bell Ensemble (160)  
7:15 p.m. - New Life Singers (Sanc)

### THURSDAY • MAY 30

9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)  
Parent's Day Out (LL)

10 a.m. - Kitchen Renovation Meeting (226)

7 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)

7:30 p.m. - CoDa Meeting (225)

### FRIDAY • MAY 31

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)  
Parent's Day Out (LL)

### SATURDAY • JUNE 1

9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)  
10 a.m. - Touch A Truck (LL)  
5 p.m. - Saturday Evening Worship (AC)

### SUNDAY • JUNE 2

8 a.m. - Suds on Sunday (LL)  
8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)  
8:15 a.m. - Side X Side 2019 Commissioning (Sanc)

### MONDAY • JUNE 3

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (FH)  
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters (FS)  
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)  
7 p.m. - Grateful Yoga Ministry (Sanc)

### TUESDAY • JUNE 4

9 a.m. - Elderberries (UL)  
Parent's Day Out (LL)  
7:15 p.m. - Grace Praise Team (Sanc)  
Religion & Race Meeting (225)  
7:30 p.m. - Al/Anon (232)

### WEDNESDAY • JUNE 5

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)  
Parent's Day Out (LL)

## GRACE IN MISSION

May 25-26, 2019

Welcome to Life at Grace United Methodist Church

## Church History Trip to Rome

Art and Architecture...Education and Devotion... Fellowship and Formation. A small-group travel experience for Grace Church, led by Pastor Daniel, from April 25 -May 3, 2020. Informational meetings will be held today (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.

## Side X Side Prayer Bracelets

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 today (Sunday, 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.

## Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry Collection

Grace Hunger Committee is distributing bags today (May 26) for its June 2 pantry collection which will benefit Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry. During the summer, hunger doesn't take a vacation. The children that normally receive free/reduced school lunches are home. So, extra food is provided for families with children to make sure their hunger and nutrition needs are met. Make sure to grab a Trader Joe's bag as you leave the Sanctuary. Monetary donations are also appreciated and may be placed in the "Love Loaf," located outside the Sanctuary.

## Touch A Truck!

Our 3rd Annual 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. Please invite your friends and family to come out and enjoy all of the trucks, vehicles, fun-filled activities and yummy food! As always, we want to welcome our friends and neighbors to Grace Church 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.

## Annual Conference Mission Challenge Supplies Needed

The Aurora District of the Northern Illinois Conference is collecting new single-packet adult toothbrushes and toothpaste (2.5 oz. or larger) for Dignity Kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, our United Methodist Disaster Relief Supply Center just south of Springfield, IL. Items will be collected in the Activity Center today (Sunday, May 26), and Sunday, June 2. These supplies will be taken to Annual Conference on June 2. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Contact LuRay Workman (luray@wowway.com) for more information.



## Suds on Sunday

Youth Summer Missions 2019 Fundraiser! Those participating in Side x Side and Hope @ Home will be holding a car wash, "Suds on Sunday," during worship services on Sunday, June 2, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the lower lot. Free-will donations welcome! Note: The lower lot will be closed for general parking that morning. Limited parking for handicap access to the elevator and lower level will be available.

## Side x Side Commissioning

Join us on Sunday, June 2, at 8:15 a.m. for the commissioning of our Youth Summer Mission Side x Side team as they prepare to serve in Sioux Falls, SD. The Side x Side team will leave on Saturday, June 8, at 12 p.m. and return on Sunday, June 16.

## "Thanks for the Music" Grand Celebration!

Join us for an informal concert featuring all of Grace's Musical Ensembles on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy all of the choirs and ensembles of the Grace Music Ministries in an informal collage concert of favorites by the Chancel Choir, Festival Singers, New Life Singers, Praise Team, Youth Choir, Instrumentalists, Adult, and Youth Bells. Contact Dan Wagner (dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

## Calling All Cookie Bakers and Snack Makers (or Purchasers)!

Youth Summer Missions is so grateful to our Grace Church family for your continued support! 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.

The list of needed items are: 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 and or purchased cookies(1200 cookies), and Ziploc plastic bags in one gallon and quart sizes.

Non-perishable items may be dropped off in the Church Kitchen in the tub provided and 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.

## FINAL LAUNCH PAD CALL!

What: Vacation Bible School 2019 - To Mars and Beyond!

When: June 24-28, from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Who: Children 3 years old to rising 5th grade

Support Team needed: Rising 6th Graders through Adults

Join us on our voyage "To Mars and Beyond"! Crew members and passengers, please register and reserve your spot at peopleofgrace.org/vbs. In an effort to go green, no tickets will be issued -- your online registration and payment reserves your seat on our spaceship! Registration will close on Sunday, June 16, and we will not be able to reopen the cabin doors for safety reasons!! Do not get left behind! If you are reading this, register your child(ren) now!

New to VBS? This week-long morning Bible School is a great time to stay connected to your church and neighborhood friends during the summer! If you have been on a VBS journey before, you know that it is an amazing week filled with music, art, and fellowship. All children are welcome.

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.

## In Brief

**Hope @ Home Needs Teen Helpers!** Hope @ Home, a homebound mission July 9-11, currently has five slots available for high school leaders. High school students who have completed 9th grade - 12th grade are eligible. Contact Gaye Lynn (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) (ASAP) if you are available and interested in serving with our junior high students in our Chicagoland area.

**Heartland Blood Drive** — Join us at the Heartland Blood Drive on Monday, June 10, between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Make an appointment here or just walk-in. Giving blood is an easy way to put joy back into someone's life! Contact Barb McCarthy (s-bmccarthy@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**Grace Community Builders** — These groups are an exciting way to get to know people at Grace better and form a stronger community of faith. These groups of six meet with a different person, from the group, each week over a period of five weeks. The purpose is to get to know one another better and to strengthen our Church community. Grace Community Builders groups will begin meeting the week of June 23. Deadline to sign up is Friday, June 14. Curious? Contact Bill Fronk (wcfrok1@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up at peopleofgrace.org/community-builders

**Faith Build 2019** — Grace Church has once again partnered with Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity and approximately 28 other churches in the area for Faith Build 2019. Recent weather patterns have caused a delay in the beginning of the build. Please "stay tuned" for further information. Tentatively, the first scheduled date is June 21. Contact Rick Loufek (rick.loufek@gmail.com), Brentley Loufek (brentley.loufek@gmail.com) or contact the Youth Office (630-355-1748) for further information or to be placed on the contact list for updates.

**Hope @ Home Meeting!** Hope @ Home participants will gather on Sunday, June 23, at 10:30 in Room 234 to learn additional information about our trip. Contact Gaye Lynn (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

**Side X Side Slideshows** — All are invited to attend the Side x Side slide show and celebration on Sunday, June 23, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We can't wait to share our amazing trip with you!

**Save the Date! Grace Night @ Kane County Cougars Game!** On Wednesday, July 17, all of our Grace family and friends are invited to cheer on the Kane County Cougars at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at peopleofgrace.org/cougars for discount rate tickets, food, and parking. Time to watch them PLAY BALL!! Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini (chamus@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

**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 now thru Sunday, July 28. Contact Alice Mann (malicat47@icloud.com) for more information.

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