



## We are GRACE CHURCH

*Grace is:*

- Renewed and strengthened faith
- Opportunities to serve
- A family atmosphere is evident among our congregation
- Enjoyment in coming to church and building relationships/friends



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**At Grace United Methodist Church you will join in a meaningful worship service.** We are actively engaged in creating a thriving sustainable congregation. We are congregation that is grounded in a rich history that gives us a sense of stability. We understand who we were, who we are and who we can be.

### GRACE BEGINNINGS

- Established 1871 from former Evangelical Church. At first, worship and Sunday school met in homes and schools.
- Our first church building was erected in 1883, second church 1914, and our present church 1961
- In 1946, the United Brethren in Christ joined the Evangelical Association and became Evangelical United Brethren (EUB).
- EUB became Grace United Methodist Church in 1968.



### GRACE WORSHIP

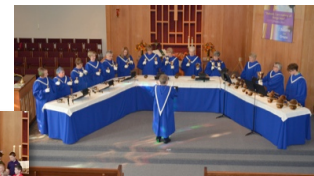
- Worship service 9:15
- Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:15
- Sunday School Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> (Sept.-May) - 10:30
- Confirmation (8<sup>th</sup> grade) - 10:30
- Adult Class - 10:30
- Youth Group



### GRACE MUSIC



In a service that is full of comfort and love for all, music plays a most important part at Grace. We are fortunate to have outstanding music leaders that lead us in a ministry of music. There is a Senior Choir for all to participate in from high school and on. A Bell Choir was established in 1977 and has been going strong ever since. Children's music is celebrated with a children's choir and a children's bell choir. Join us by participating or by listening and enjoying.



### GRACE TEAMS

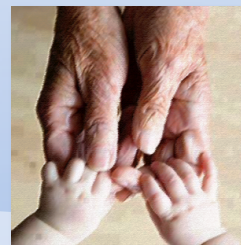
Grace Teams are a part of our Worship Committee structure. Four teams rotate their volunteer service each month. Teams help take care of the regular tasks involved with worship and special event services at the church. Tasks included ushering, greeting, helping with monthly brunch, food prep for funeral committee, folding bulletins and the church newsletter.





## GRACE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Life is enhanced when we serve others** and there are many opportunities to serve through Grace Church. Whether you volunteer to lead children or youth classes, serve as an usher, greeter or liturgist during worship service or sing in the choir you will find time for fellowship and faith development. You can join United Methodist Women as they undertake various missions. Join the fun in making potato cakes as they prepare for their Scandinavian Days Bake sale. Help with the sandwich line at their famous Scandi Days pork sandwich and pie/ice cream social! Do you quilt? We have quilters who meet three days each week all year. They have finished quilts from all over central Iowa. How about knitting? The Lambs of Grace knit prayer shawls to provide comfort to any person who is hurting in body, soul or spirit. They also knit baptismal shawls for our newest members. Fellowship through service abounds!



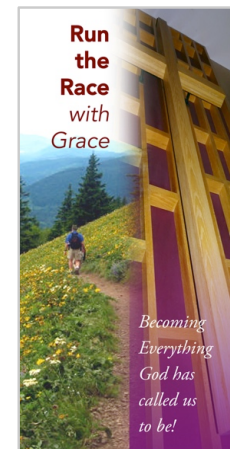
*The righteous gives  
and does not hold back.*

*Proverbs 21:26*

## GRACE MISSIONS

**You will find many service projects to take part in at Grace Church.**

- ◆ Our Angel Tree project provides gifts for children at Christmas who otherwise might not receive any.
- ◆ Our Third Sunday Brunch provides the funds for various mission projects.
- ◆ We provide school supply kits to local schools.
- ◆ We provide supplies and help at Loaves and Fishes, the local food bank.
- ◆ Our P.E.T. (Personal Energy Transportation) participation provides special vehicles where wheelchairs can't go.
- ◆ Our Heifer International mission efforts work with communities to end world hunger and poverty.
- ◆ Our Meals on Wheels delivers meals to shut-ins.
- ◆ Our wheelchair ministry at Bethany Life helps residents attend chapel service.
- ◆ Our UMCOR In-Gathering work provides health and education kits.



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