



March 28, 2019

Greetings friends,

“Newsletter Week” is always a challenge as I scramble to get everything I can find to include in the monthly missive. I’m grateful for all those who submit ready-to-go reports and such. Hopefully, the monthly *Grace Church Visitor*, the weekly *This Week at Grace* (TWAG), the Sunday Bulletin and regular Facebook entries have our folks feeling up-to-date with what is happening at Grace! I think the only thing we don’t do to share our news is send someone out with a sandwich board and a bell! And no, I am not advocating for such a thing or volunteering for it either!

I’ve mentioned before in this space how proud I am of the way Grace folks roll up their sleeves and work together to get things done. Two recent cases in point include finding someone to pick up responsibilities that had to be given up by others with health concerns and time conflicts. Within a day of the vacancies being known, kind souls stepped forward to fill the open positions. Wow!

We are sad that the original position holders are having troubles and needed to step away. That too is hard to do when you believe in your work, are doing a good job and would prefer to continue. May God bless these people in their struggles. We rejoice that others are willing to step forward and help fill a need. In that spirit of giving, we are all blessed.

**This Week at Grace** is the third Sunday in Lent. Pastor is using Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 as inspiration for his message “Walking with Jesus: Family Reunion”. Our Children’s Bell Choir will play “My Wild Irish Rose” and “The Bells of St. Mary’s” for our special music for us this week and our greeters are Leah Frandson and Gene Schaeffer. Sharla Mander, Suzy Hess, Alyssa & Braylen Loots will usher and *George Janvrin will serve as our liturgist this week*. Worship begins at 9:15 with Coffee Fellowship following at 10:15. Sunday school classes meet at 10:30. Please join us!

# A Touch of Grace Bells

## Handbell Concert

with

The Brethren

Free Will Offering

Palm Sunday  
April 14, 2019  
2:00 pm

Grace United Methodist  
Church | 624 Elm Ave  
Story City, IA

1st concert in  
20 years!

Tell your friends and bring them along to this special concert coming up in just two weeks!

When you choose to do special giving with a check at the church for things like the bell repair fund or flood relief, please make sure to designate that by using the memo line on the check. This helps ensure your money goes where you intend. If donating with cash, please use the pew envelopes and label accordingly. Thank you!

### **Bethany Life Palm Sunday Brunch & Bake/Craft Sale**

**When:** Sunday, April 14, 2019

**Where:** Story City Senior Center, 503 Elm St. Story City

**Time:** 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM

**Cost:** Free Will Donation

Come out and enjoy omelets, coffee cake and more! Support Bethany Life's Chaplaincy program. We hope to see you there!

### **As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:**

Sharon Matson; LeRoy Johnson; Jean Hassebrock; Raelyn Miller; Owen Sampson; Marjorie Dale; Helen Caruth; Barbara Wheeler; Emmerson Kahl; Emily Meier; Orville Carlson; Kermit Miskell; Lois Johnson; George Sellers; Garry Gerjets; Pat Skowronski; Jackie Royer; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family

## **News You Can Use**

### **Sunday, March 31**

9:15 AM Worship – children's bells

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Sunday school

2:00 PM Bell choir practice

### **Wednesday, April 3**

7:00 PM Choir

8:00 PM Bells

### **Sunday, April 7**

9:15 AM Worship – Communion, choir

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Sunday school

11:30 AM Education

2:00 PM Bell choir practice

Please "like" our Facebook page, @storycitygrace and receive regular updates on "what's happening" at Grace Church! Our website, [www.grace-umc.com](http://www.grace-umc.com) is full of information and pictures about the life and activities of our Grace Church family. Please check it out!

**Faithfully,  
Cathy**