



May 23, 2019

Greetings friends,

Three of our young church members are about to embark on the next stage of life's grand adventure as they graduate high school and step out into the larger world. Godspeed to each of them! We'll look forward to hearing about this next exciting chapter for each one – be sure to tell them, "Don't be strangers"!

**This Week at Grace** This week at Grace Jonathan's message, "Downstream", is inspired by John 14:23-29. Our greeters are Duane & Sharon Matson and Mark & Joan Barrett. Dale & Lynn Henricks and Claudia Pauk will serve as ushers with Jarod Hart serving as our liturgist this week. *Our Chancel choir will sing 'Strength for Tomorrow, Grace for Today'* this Sunday. We'll honor our graduating high school students: *Connor Blue, Eric Dowe and Tori Fournier* with an opportunity to hear their plans and present each with a gift during the worship service. We will also bless the remembrance gifts of those who passed away in the last year. Worship begins at 9:15 with a reception honoring all our graduates following. Please join us!

**Many thanks to these wonderful folks who helped in our Sunday school classrooms this year!** Raejean Bicklehaupt, Denise Carlson, Pastor Cooney, Terry Gustason, Shelley Hart, Jessica Hensch, Amber Hoskins, Jody Larson, Dave Loupee, Mary Loupee, Erma Schaeffer, Angie Schurstein, Malinda Warwick, Marilyn Webster, Cathy Hermanson

**Beginning on Sunday, June 2nd, you're invited to come to church a bit early on summer Sunday mornings for 'Java with Jesus' and your Grace Church family.** Beginning at 8:45 each Sunday, plan to bring a thermal cup of your preferred morning beverage and meet in the narthex for a little fellowship before the service begins. On the third Sundays of June, July and August, the serving G.R.A.C.E. team will host Coffee Fellowship with home-baked goodies following the morning service. Please keep these plans in mind and join us!

**Thank you to all who volunteered** to provide special music this summer. Our calendar is complete! Our Summer Music begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup>! Claudia and Cathy

**On Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** you're invited to come lend a hand with *potato cake baking* for our June 7<sup>th</sup> bake sale. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. for a productive, fun morning with some of the women of Grace! BYORP (Bring Your Own Rolling Pin)

**Scandi Days Pie Social, Pork Sandwich line, and Bake Sale** are coming right up! Clear your calendar and plan to help and/or dine with us on **Friday, June 7 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** The pricing list for the bake sale was in the May *Visitor* and will appear again in the June *Visitor*. Look for it in our Sunday bulletins on May 26 and June 2 as well!

**Our June 9<sup>th</sup> worship service** will be the *Ecumenical Community Worship* service in the park beginning at 10 a.m. A reminder that any offering received at that service will not come to Grace Church, so please keep that in mind as you plan your weekly giving.

**We've received a graduation party invitation at the office that is intended to include our whole church family.** *This Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>* we have an invitation to *Tori Fournier's* Roland-Story graduation party at her home (1283 Northridge Rd) 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Please Join us in Fellowship Hall following the worship service on Sunday for a reception in honor of our 2019 Graduates. We're so proud of each of them!**

**Congratulations to our local high school graduates:**

**Connor Anthony Blue**

Son of Tony and Christine Blue

**Eric David Frederick Dowe**

Son of Christine and Tony Blue

**Victoria (Tori) Faye Fournier**

Daughter of Stephanie and Duane Fournier

Other Grace Church Family graduates of note:

**Nicole Tryon**

M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology from UNI, December 2018  
Daughter of Tim & Kim Tryon

**Zach Tryon**

B.A. in Business: Finance and Real Estate from UNI, May 2019  
Son of Tim & Kim Tryon

**Natalie Tryon**

A.A. in Liberal Arts from DMAACC, May 2019  
Daughter of Tim & Kim Tryon

**Ross Barclay**

B.A. in Education from UNI, December 2018  
Son of David & Becky Barclay

**Kimberly Hults**

B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Buena Vista, May 2019  
Granddaughter of Ray & Betty Hults

**Carson Parker**

Graduating from Roland-Story High School  
Grandson of Robert & Loretta Parker and Ray & Rhonda Hampton

**Kate Schaeffer**

Graduating from Ankeny High School  
Granddaughter of Gene & Erma Schaeffer

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

Sara Dappen; Adam Kimball (Barclay nephew); Suzy Hess; Judy Skaare (Jonathan's sister); George Sellers; Rich Peterson (Erma's brother); Pat Skowronski; Raelyn Miller; Emmerson Kahl; Emily Meier; Lois Johnson; Garry Gerjets; Jackie Royer; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family

**News You Can Use**

**Sunday, May 26 – Baccalaureate/ Memorial Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship – choir sings

10:15 AM Reception in honor of our graduates

**Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day**

Office Closed

**Sunday, June 2**

8:45 AM Java with Jesus – BYOB and join us in the narthex for a time of fellowship!

9:15 AM Worship – Communion, Jarod Hart has special music

***Coffee Fellowship Time meets only on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June, July and August***

**Pastor Don Preston will be retiring this June** and I was given information that he served at your church during his ministry. We would like to extend an invitation to his retirement party on June 30th at the Manly Bethel UMC after our 10:30 am worship and wondering if you would put out that anyone that remembers him to send cards to our church (address below) .

OnaLee VanHeiden  
Bethel/Trinity United Methodist Church  
503 E. South Street P.O. Box Q  
Manly, IA. 50456  
641-454-2427

**Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation.-** Each year we look to honor outstanding community members through the Iowan of the Day program. These Iowans should be people who have volunteered in their community to better the lives of those around them. If you know someone who would be worthy of being honored as an Iowan of the Day at the 2019 Iowa State Fair please fill out the attached nomination form and send in examples of how these Iowans are so great! You can see examples of past nominations and attachments on our website at <http://www.blueribbonfoundation.org/iotd>. Brochures are on the north table in the narthex hallway.

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

Affordables is asking **YOU** to volunteer at our store, which supports the residents of Bethany Life in Story City. **Can you volunteer 3 or 4 hours a month** and pledge to volunteer for a minimum of six months? We are **ALL** busy, but if you could commit to working 3 or 4 hours per month at Affordables, you would make a world of difference. You can chat with customers, help with displays, assemble merchandise, sort and price merchandise or run the cash register. We will do **EVERYTHING** we can to **ACCOMMODATE** your schedule.

We are personally asking **YOU**. Won't you **HELP US**?

Call the store and talk to Denice about volunteering this week - **515-733-5304**.

**HELP US** support the elderly in Story County. We can't do it without **YOU!**

Please "like" our Facebook page, [@storycitygrace](https://www.facebook.com/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**