

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Mark 1:1-8 as inspiration for his message. Jim and Shelley Hassebrock and David and Mary Loupee will usher. Dave Doolittle will serve as liturgist. Louis Reeder will be running tech. You can see and hear our worship services LIVE on our Facebook page @storycitygrace or through our website (which will link you to our Facebook page) – grace-umc.com.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 9

9:30 A.M.—Noon Loaves and Fishes

1:00 P.M.—4:30 P.M. Girl Scouts

Sunday, December 10 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

9:15 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time

10:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:30 A.M. Youth Council at Grace

4:00 P.M. Axis (at St. Petri)

Monday, December 11

5:30 P.M. Worship Committee

Wednesday, December 13

1:30 P.M. UWF

6:00 P.M. Compass (at St. Petri)

Friday, December 15

5:30 P.M. Boy Scout Lock In

Sunday, December 17 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

8:15 A.M. Missions

9:15 A.M. Worship (Children's Program)

10:15 A.M. Mission Brunch

10:30 A.M. Sunday School

4:00 P.M. Axis (at St. Petri)

Youth Council

The Youth Council will meet at 11:30 p.m. at Grace on Sunday, December 10.

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has completed chemotherapy; Donyel Caruth—Mom's friend, Mary Lou Berhow, passed away; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; Mindy Kardell—traveling overseas; Kevin and Linda Larson—Daughter, Jamie, has cancer; Kevin and Linda Larson—Grandson, Ryker Jones, had eye surgery; Duane Matson—loss of life-long friend; Loretta Parker; Claudia Pauk—thankful her hands are improving; Paula Sampson—Cancer; David Skaar—stroke; The Taylors; Roland-Story placed second in state color guard competition (5 of the girls have connections to Grace)

Office Hours

Shannon will be out of the office a couple of days this month. She'll be out of the office on Friday, December 8 as a result the church will be closed this day. She will also be out of the office on Tuesday, December 12. Jonathan should be in that morning if you need anything. The church will also be closed on December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.



Loaves and Fishes

It is Grace's turn to help with Loaves and Fishes again on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-12:00. If you are interested in helping, please contact Louis Reeder (402-641-6722) or Jan Feil (319-350-9157).

Christmas Program

There will be practice for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 10. Olivia, Lily and Camille will be dismissed to go practice after the Children's Message. The rest of the children will meet in the Sanctuary for a final rehearsal during the Sunday School hour.

Children's Program



"While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for the in the inn."

The Unfriendly Beasts is a charming, humorous story of the manger animals who must share their crowded stable with Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. When word reaches the stable that the animals must make room for humans, the animals protest.

December 17th the children will perform "The Unfriendly Beasts" during the 9:15 church service. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ from the manger animals perspective.

Scholarships

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation is offering over 100 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year! Some scholarships are specifically for Methodist colleges, and many are open to anyone. Check out our website <https://iumf.org/scholarships/> to read the criteria and apply! Applications are accepted December 1—March 1 annually. With over \$250,000 to award this year, we want to help the student in your life graduate with less debt!

Poinsettias



Let's fill the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettia flowers for the Advent Season. You are invited to bring in a poinsettia plant beginning Sunday, December 10th

for the remainder of the holiday season. You may bring a poinsettia of your own from where ever you choose. If you want to pay tribute to loved ones either as a memorial for those who have passed or in honor for those who are still with us, simply fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 10th, or you may deliver it to the church office.

My name _____

In honor/memory of

Adult Sunday School

Jonathan Cooney will be leading a study of *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life* by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., during the Sunday school hour beginning January 7 and ending before Lent in mid-February. Bishop Kennetha Bingham-Tsai of the Iowa conference has been leading a study of this book online and has received a tremendous response. We may be able to use some of her videos. The theme of the book is that as unsettling as current disruptions are, God is with us; we are not alone; and God's grace is sufficient. The church has ordered a number of books for the class and those interested should pick one up when they come in, though we will try to structure the discussion so as not to exclude anyone who has not read the material.



Thank you!

Dear Roland-Story Ministerial Association and Grace United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, thank you so much for thinking of Loaves and Fishes during the Thanksgiving Worship Service, collecting \$160 (Roland-Story Ministerial) and \$823.50 (Grace) in support of the pantry! This will be such a blessing for the patrons as the need for food items continues to increase.

The food pantry continues to see a high number of families needing assistance. We appreciate the Ministerial Association taking the lead and encouraging others to support the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. The gift will make it possible for the pantry to continue supplying the needed grocery items for the patrons. In 2023, Loaves and Fishes have serviced 883 families and 2,641 individuals.

Again, thank you for supporting Loaves and Fishes. Because of your support, the patrons will receive what they need to sustain them during these challenging times.

Sincerely,
Loaves and Fishes

Thank you!

Dear Roland-Story Ministerial Association,

With gratitude and appreciation, we thank you for your donation to the Norsemen Food Pantry. The need in our community continues to grow, and your helpful donation assures we can keep reaching out to those in need.

Norsemen Food
Pantry

Family Christmas in Story City

The holiday season is the perfect time to make magical memories with your family! We have a fun event planned in Story City on December 16th that offers an array of magical holiday experiences that capture the essence of the festive spirit of the holiday season. For more information on this fun event go to:

[Family Christmas In Story City](#)

Bells and Brass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

7:30 PM

COLLEGIATE UMC, AMES, IA

THE ANNUAL BELLS AND BRASS CONCERT WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:30. PLEASE JOIN THE CHANCEL HANDBELL CHOIR AND COLLEGIATE BRASS IN A CONCERT OF SACRED AND SECULAR CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND A CHANCE FOR EVERYONE TO SING SOME CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS.

Believe like *Mary*
Trust like *Joseph*
Hope like *Shepherds*
Seek like *Wise Men*
Praise like *Angels*
Love like *Jesus*



Job Opportunity

Boone First United Methodist Church has a job opening for a Facilities Manager.

JOB FUNCTION:

The Facilities Manager will oversee the operations and maintenance of the Boone First United Methodist Church building and grounds. This position will ensure that the facilities and grounds are fully operational, safe, clean, and prepared for worship services, ministry activities and special events.

This position will work closely with the church staff and trustees to understand facility related needs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide general repair and maintenance to church buildings and grounds.
- Clean interior of church as needed, including sanctuary, classrooms, and restrooms.
- Maintain church grounds. Includes basic landscaping and snow removal.
- Purchase and order custodial supplies as needed.
- Contact vendors to fix and repair items that require specific expertise.
- Set up rooms for services and activities as requested.
- Ensure facilities are in compliance with state, local and federal guidelines, codes, and safety regulations. Maintain records and licenses.
- Other duties as determined by staff and trustees.
- Position is full time, with weekends required. Typical hours 7 AM to 1 PM.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of the practices, methods, and equipment utilized in facility maintenance, repair, and cleaning activities.
- Valid driver's license.
- Effective communication skills.
- Capable of coordinating multiple tasks and adjusting to changing priorities, meeting deadlines, and scheduling of an active church.

Boone First United Methodist Church is located at 703 Arden Street in Boone Iowa.

Please submit interest in this position to one of the contacts listed below.

Email – Rev. Adam Gordon at: revadamgordon@outlook.com

Phone - Boone First United Methodist Church: 515-432-4660

Please join us for

RSM's 2023 Senior Citizen's Dinner

When Tuesday, December 19
Doors Open: 11:00am
Meal Served: 11:30 am
Program to Follow

Meal Ham Balls
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Pears
Dinner Roll
Apple Pie
Coffee/Water

Reserve
By Friday, December 8
515 - 388 - 4348

Community Winter Gear Swap

Brought to you by RScityserve!

COLLECTION DAY: Saturday, Nov 4, 8-NOON
Collection bins also available at SC rec center and various churches

Accepted Outdoor Winter Donations:
Gently used, clean, any size (Infant-Adult)

*gloves/mittens *boots *hats
*snow pants *coats *Roland-Story gear
Donations are not required to take items!

*Open Dates for 2023-2024 Winter Season:
NOV. 11, 18 - DEC. 2, 9, 16 - JAN. 13, 20, 27
*10-Noon on Saturdays, 403 Broad St. in Story City.

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