

# This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Mark 1:4-13 as inspiration for his message. Dave and Mary Loupee will usher. Angie Schnurstein 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](http://grace-umc.com).



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, January 7

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:30 A.M. Youth Council @ Bergen

### Monday, January 8

- 5:30 P.M. Worship Committee
- 6:30 P.M. SPRC

### Wednesday, January 10

- 1:30 P.M. UWF
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bells
- 6:00 P.M. Compass
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

### Sunday, January 14

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 4:00 P.M. Axis

## In Our Prayers

Corinne Brown; Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; Marvin and Pauline Kokemiller—daughter-in-law, Dr. Kimberlee Walker-Kokemiller, had open heart surgery; Kevin and Linda Larson—Daughter, Jamie, has cancer; Loretta Parker; Paula Sampson—Cancer; Gene and Erma Schaeffer—family member, Kurt, has cancer; The Taylors;

## Year End Giving

Lorijo will close the 2023 books on January 5, 2024. Any giving has to be in the church office by then and dated 2023.

Thank you!  
Lorijo Lounsberry  
Financial Secretary

## Youth Council

Youth Council will meet Sunday, January 7, at 11:30 a.m. They will be meeting at Bergen Lutheran in Roland this month.

## Capital Campaign

The trustees have approved a three year capital campaign to raise \$225,000. The money raised will go to help replace the church roof, repave the parking lot, update the HVAC systems, and add handicap accessible doors. If you wish to give this year towards the campaign, money needs to be donated before January 5 and dated 2023. If you have any questions, contact Louis Reeder (402-641-6722) or Jim Hassebrock (515-708-0946).



## Adult Sunday School

We are postponing the start of our new Sunday School study for one week. Jonathan 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 14 and ending before Lent in mid-February.

## Christmas Un-Decorating

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations Sunday, after the service. If you are able, please plan to stay and help. Many hands make light work.

## Poinsettias

If you brought a poinsettia plant this season, please take it home Sunday, after the service.

## From the office of Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai

This morning, students in Perry, Iowa, returned to school from winter break. There has been an active shooter situation at the High School, and as we are waiting to learn more, we offer our prayers to God for the students, teachers, staff, first responders and their families. Pray for the surrounding communities, the congregation of Perry First United Methodist Church, and all those affected by this situation. Pray for God's peace. Amen.

Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai

## 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!



**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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## Loaves and Fishes Needs

Wide Egg Noodles

Mandarin Oranges

Tomato Soup

Brownie Mix

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Ramen Noodles

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Thank you for your support!

Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer