

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 as inspiration for his message. The Ness Family will usher. Kurt Carlson will serve as liturgist. The Feils 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

Sunday, March 3

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:30 A.M. Youth Committee @ St. Petri

Wednesday, March 6

- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bells
- 6:30 P.M. Lenten Service
- 7:00 P.M. Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

Sunday, March 10

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship

Monday, March 11

- 5:30 P.M. Worship Committee

Free Piano

The piano that used to be in the chapel is not needed anymore. If anyone would like the piano for free (that is currently in the hallway outside the chapel) contact Jim Hassebrock.

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Doug Feil; Shirley Harreld; Jim Hassebrock—Father, Vincent, health; George Janvrin—health; Loretta Parker; Louis and Tep Reeder—Son-in-law, Luke, diverticulitis, 10 year old granddaughter had knee biopsy, hometown friend hospitalized for RSV; Carlos Remis—health; The Taylors; Beckey Whitthun—Nephew's newborn twins health issues; The staff at Affordables as one of the volunteers (Michelle) passed away

Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is meant to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care. The shawl is made of soft yarn so the recipient can wrap up in it and feel God's arms around him or her. The maker of the shawl prays before, during, and after they work on the shawl.

We are running low on prayer shawls and lap robes we have available to give out to those who need them. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you make shawls or lap robes to donate. If you have any questions, contact Patsy Jensen. Donations can be dropped off in the office.

Rejoice in that day,
and leap for joy,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Luke 6:23, ESV



Lenten Services

WEDNESDAYS DURING
Lent

On Wednesday evenings, through March 20, there will be a midweek Lenten devotional. Please take some time out of your busy schedule to prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.

The schedule for Grace is as follows:

March 6 – Maureen Howard from Bethany in Iowa Falls will preach on the topic “In Community with all the saints” from Mark 9:2-8

Liturgist: Gloria Sampson

March 13 – Joy Edeker from Bethesda in Jewell will preach on the topic “In Community with our neighbor” from Mark 2:1-12

Liturgist: Claudia Pauk

March 20 – John Sheahan from Bergen in Roland will preach on the topic “In community with those on the margins” Mark 5:1-20

Liturgist: Terry Gustason

Family Picture

To help Pastor Jena familiarize herself with our congregants before she begins here, we would like to send her a picture directory of our members. If you could send Shannon (office@grace-umc.com) a recent picture of you or your family by March 20, she will compile those pictures into a picture directory for Pastor Jena.

Youth Room Clean Up

The next step of clean-up for the youth rooms is to remove the asbestos under the tiles. Workers will be here on March 5 (and possibly 6) to complete that job. It will hopefully only take a day to complete, two days at most. We are assured that it will be safe to be in the church while they are working. The rooms will be sealed and properly vented out of the building in order to keep everyone safe in the rest of the building. At this time, we plan to keep the office open while they are working.

Pastor Appointment



The Bishop and her appointive cabinet would like to announce that Rev. Jena Finch-Manchester will be appointed to Grace UMC, as our next pastor, effective July 1, 2024. District Superintendent Ron Carlson met with our SPRC in December

to profile our congregation. We shared with him that our missional priorities as a church are

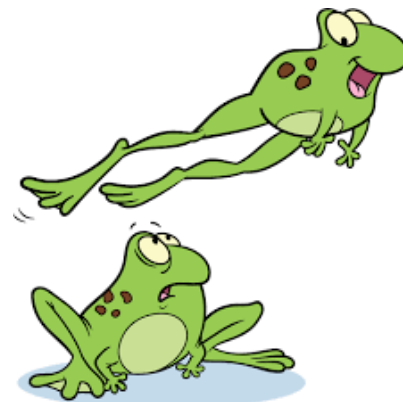
1. A concerted effort on growing membership in the community
2. Develop ministry teams in the areas of youth and children ministries
3. Grow in stewardship, especially in ways to care for the physical plant in the future

And that our ideal pastoral leader will

1. Have strong leadership skills
2. Be a great communicator
3. Be confident and available for feedback
4. Be able to work well with all generations

The Bishop and her appointive cabinet have discerned that Pastor Jena is a missional match for our congregation and has the gifts and abilities to help us live into our missional priorities. District Superintendent Ron Carlson asks that you continue to keep Pastor Jena, as well as Pastor Jonathan and all the congregations in your prayers during this season of transition.

If you have any questions, you can talk to any member of our SPRC - Krystle Ness (chair), Ray Hults, Janet Mason, Cathy Hermanson, Chris Feil, Alejandro Franco, Lauren Crawford



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GUEST SPEAKER:
LANA WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
ANKENY FIRST UMC

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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

FEBRUARY 29 ONLY HAPPENS EVERY 4 YEARS, SO TODAY IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

YEAH, BUT THIS IS LIKE AN INFOMERCIAL.

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WHAT WOULD THE SHIPPING CHARGES BE FOR A FREE DAY?

THAT DEPENDS. DO YOU WANT IT DELIVERED OVERNIGHT?

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Invitation

Emma Schnurstein will be singing with the University of South Dakota Chamber Singers on tour over spring break. You can hear this group perform on Sunday, March 10th at 7 pm at Plymouth Church in Des Moines. The address is 4126 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, IA. 50312. The group will be singing 22 songs during their almost 2-hour concert. I know she would love to see some familiar faces!

Angie Schnurstein

