

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Mark 9:2-9 as inspiration for his message. Louis Reeder, Lena Feil and Alexandria Franco will usher. Owen Hubert will serve as liturgist. Kurt Carlson 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, February 11—Scouting Sunday

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 2-4 P.M. District Town Hall Meeting
-Pella UMC

Monday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

- 1:30 P.M. UWF
- 6:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, February 17

- 9:30-12:00 Loaves and Fishes

Sunday, February 18

- 8:00 A.M. Trustees
- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. Endowment Comm.

Endowment Committee

There will be an endowment committee meeting on Sunday, February 18, at 10:30 a.m.

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Shirley Harreld; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; George Janvrin—health; Loretta Parker; Carlos Remis—health; Noah Remis—travel; Paula Sampson—Cancer; Gene and Erma Schaeffer—family member, Kurt, has cancer; The Taylors; Marilyn Webster; Beckey Whitthun—Nephew's newborn twins health issues

“Souper” Bowl Sunday



On February 11, the church is going to have a food drive for Loaves and Fishes. The congregation is being asked to bring a can of soup (or other canned item) and crackers. There will be a table for each Super Bowl team playing that day and you can put your donation on the table for the team you're rooting for. We'll have a friendly competition to see which team gets the most support. The winning team will be Loaves and Fishes in the end with all the wonderful donations to help keep families warm and fed this winter.



District Town Hall Meetings

This winter and spring, you are invited to one of five district town halls as we continue to claim our identity as United Methodists.

The focus of our gatherings will be on our mission, vision, and core values at the Iowa Annual Conference. Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai will be present at each of these five gatherings for a time of teaching, and together, we will share stories about what it means to be engaged and connected with one another.

Each district will also have a virtual option for joining, which will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. More details will be coming soon, but save the date for the gathering in YOUR district:

Sunday February 11th

2:00pm - 4:00pm at Pella - 1414 University St, Pella, IA (Virtual Available)

Keep an eye on the link below for upcoming details.

[Town Hall Save the Date](#)

Lent



Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. There will be a service at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Additionally on Wednesday evenings, from February 21 through March 20,

Grace will join several Lutheran churches from around the area in a series of midweek Lenten devotional meetings. Our worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. Similar to what we did last year, these short meetings will feature a different preacher each week.



Pizza and Sledding



Join us for a family-focused fun time at Camp Wesley Woods!

Our team is thrilled to be able to prepare a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for you and your family to enjoy! Just bring your sled - we'll provide the rest.

Plan for an afternoon of FUN with your kids at camp! Spend your afternoon sledding on amazing hills, play Carpet Ball and other games in the Wesley Woods Activity Center, and warm up between outdoor sessions with some hot pizza and hot cocoa.

We care about creating space for kids and parents to connect and have a ton of fun together.

Price: \$5 per person (\$25/family max)
Children age 3 and Under Free

[Click Here for to Register](#)

Loaves and Fishes

Saturday, February 17 will be our next opportunity to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes. If you are interested in volunteering let Jan Feil (319-350-9157) or Louis Reeder (402-641-6722) know. We will start at 9:30 a.m. and finish at noon. We look forward to having a great team.

If you are willing to provide items for the Loaves and Fishes food bank, we have a cart in the narthex where you can leave your items. Watch the newsletter and TWAG for updates of items that they are looking for. Or you can donate items of food or personal car that you have available. Checks or cash can also be donated.