

This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use Mark 11:1-11 and Mark 15:1-39 as inspiration for his message. Cheryl Semler, Gini and Caleb Michel will usher. Becky Barclay will serve as liturgist. Krystle Ness 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 24—Palm Sunday

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

Monday, March 25

- 5:45 P.M. Finance
- 6:30 P.M. Council

Wednesday, March 27

- 8:00 P.M. Bells

Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 P.M. Holy Thursday Service

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

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

Palm Sunday

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The children will come into the church with a procession of palms. Later in the service, they will bless us with their bell choir music. Plan to join us for a beautiful service as we contemplate Jesus' final week, death and resurrection.



In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Doug Feil; George Janvrin—recovery; Loretta Parker; Roger Parker—knee surgery; Louis Reeder—recovery from surgery; Louis and Tep Reeder—granddaughter Aubrey; Carlos Remis—health; The Taylors; Beckey Whitthun—Nephew's newborn twins health issues;

Holy Thursday

There will be a Holy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for a time of communion and prepare your hearts for Easter.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is March 31 this year. There will be no Sunday school or fellowship time on that Sunday so you may spend more time with your family that day.



Easter Lilies

Lilies for Remembrance



Let's fill our sanctuary with beautiful Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. You are invited to bring in a lily plant during Holy Week (March 25-29) or on Easter morning (March 31). 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 or email the office at office@grace-umc.com by March 27.

My name _____

of plants _____

In honor / memory (circle one) of _____

Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, March 24

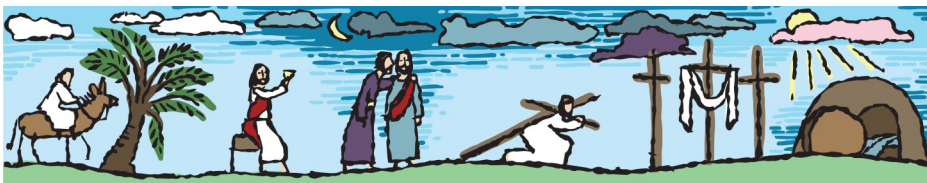
9:15am Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28

7:00pm Holy Thursday — Communion

Sunday, March 31

9:15am Easter Sunday — No Sunday School
— No Fellowship Time



Church Clean Up Days

It is time to spring clean at the church! Church clean up days will be April 5 and 6 this spring. If it is rainy, it will be rescheduled for April 12 and 13. Plan to join us at the church and make the church and church grounds sparkle.

Out of Office

Shannon will be leaving early on Friday, March 22. She'll be leaving between 10:30 and 11:00.

I WONDER IF ANY OF THESE PEOPLE WITH PALM BRANCHES SAW GOOD FRIDAY COMING. NOT LIKELY.



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AND IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN IT AS A DEFEAT - NOTHING "GOOD" ABOUT IT.



WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: "SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T SEE THE MESSIAH FOR THE PALM BRANCHES."



JOHN 12:12-16

PALM SUNDAY MIME

RIVERSIDE CHAPEL
SUNDAY, MARCH 24 @ 7 P.M.



You're invited to a special mime performance highlighting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus!

Actors in the mime include members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverside staff and Roland-Story community members.


Parking available by the Riverside office and the dining hall.

Women's Retreat

WESLEY WOODS CAMP + RETREAT CENTER

2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT

MAY 10-11, 2024 \$150 EARLY BIRD BY 4/1 OR \$175



GUEST SPEAKER:
LANA WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
ANKENY FIRST UMC

Come join us for a weekend away filled with solid teaching from God's word, rest from responsibility, and fun with your friends! You won't have to lift a finger! Delicious food, encouraging worship, and a dynamic speaker, Pastor Lana Williams from Ankeny 1st UMC, who will leave you ready to return to your home, families and work feeling refreshed. This annual spring retreat is for women ages 16 and older. It will be held at Wesley Woods May 10-11, 2024. Learn more and register at www.wesleywoodsia.org/women's-retreat

Free Tax Preparation

Free Tax Preparation Service is available through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Roland Public Library. Appointments are available Mondays and Fridays from 12 noon-3 pm. The program is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required. Call the Roland Library at 515-388-4086 for more information or to book your appointment.

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in the highest!*



Story City Community Center 503 Elm Avenue

Lunch reservations required by 2:30 p.m. Monday each week
Call Cheryl 515-290-9774

Wednesday Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Catered meals are \$6 each (cash)

Coffee and water are provided, take-out available.

March 6, 2024 **Pizza Ranch**
Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn

March 13, 2024 **Mystical Whisk**
Loaded Baked Potato Soup,
2 Ham and Cheese Sliders on a Hawaiian Roll

March 20, 2024 **Jewell Market Deli**
Ham, Green Beans,
Roasted Potatoes, Corn Bread

March 27, 2024 ****LOCATION CHANGE****
Meal and Bingo at Bethany Life - enter main entrance (West Side) Beef and Noodles over Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Caramel Apple Dessert

Wednesday each week approximately 12:15 p.m. – BINGO
Second Tuesday each month 1:30 p.m. - SCSC, Inc. Board Meeting
Thursday & Friday 1:00 p.m. – Card Players – all are welcome!
Volunteer lunch server opportunities available