

“Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ”

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Hello Friends,

Each year in the United States of America the President gives The State of the Union address. The message contains information about the budget, economics, legislation, and priorities. As we begin 2019 I'd like to share a narrative account of the state of Grace United Methodist Church. I won't include financials or numbers, you can see that in copies of the Church Conference report.

In the past year members have passed on to be with the Lord, babies were born, people of all ages have been baptized, new members have joined the church, and many have recommitted to the faith. Overall our people numbers have been positive this year.

We embarked on a capital campaign to raise money for building improvement, repairs, and new programs. We reached our goal of \$160,000 over four years. We've already seen parking lot repairs, heating system replacements, new windows, audio/visual upgrades in the sanctuary, and new programming. I prayerfully ask you to stay faithful to your commitment to the campaign.

We've commissioned several groups on mission trips to

CASS in Detroit, Blue Rose, and Lansing. We continue our partnership with South Lansing Ministries, who continue to serve hundreds of people and have started a new program, Community Builders at Wexford Elementary School.

The education team has offered Sunday school classes for children of all ages and adult classes between services. We've had mid-week dinner and book discussion groups that covered a wide range of topics. By the time you're reading this, we will have completed another successful Christmas Vacation Bible School!

There is a whole list of happenings, projects, and areas of ministry not included on this list. It just goes to show that our church is thriving and doing important ministry. As we move forward into the new year, I challenge us to continue our mission to "reach people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ." To do so we will continue to honor the past and look ahead to what God has in store for us!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Paul

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are needed for serving evening meals at the Rescue Mission Family Center on South Cedar. Several of our volunteers have had to stop. We need the following:

Subs are always needed for Southside Kitchen, during the day, and Rescue Mission Family Center, evenings. Contact Mona at 323-3779 or mmorgan1226@yahoo.com if you can help!

MEALS FOR MISSION

The missions team will be starting a quarterly fundraiser dinner. The first one will be January 25th from 4:30 until 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and beat the winter blues with nice a warm bowl of chili. Proceeds will go to the ENERGIZE! Youth Ministry Program to help them fund their Youth2019 trip to Kansas City, Missouri. Price will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for a family and can be paid at the door!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to everyone who supported the families we assisted for Christmas. Not only were we able to provide complete Christmas meals we were able to provide gifts for each of the family members. That means kids will have new toys and necessities and so will their parents. In addition, we filled MANY red bags with food and personal needs items to give to the South Lansing Ministries Food Pantry, a partner of Grace Church. Great job, Grace!

SERVE @ GRACE: Liturgists and Ushers

Are you interested in becoming a Liturgist or Usher during the 9:30 or 11:30 worship service? Please indicate your desire on the connection card or by contacting the church office: lgraceumc@gmail.com

GIVING TREE

COLLECTING SEPTEMBER and FEBRUARY

Approximately each quarter we focus our collections on one ministry or organization that is making a difference in our community.

The first collection of the 2019 Giving Tree will be for donations of small house hold needs. These can include small appliances, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, sheets and pillowcases! Small Household Needs Bank (housed at Mt. Hope UMC) distributes these items to low income families in need.

MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

Beginning in 2019, the **Make the "CHANGE" Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, will be collected the 2nd Sunday of each month

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January's collection will go to Forgotten Man Ministry. Forgotten Man's Mission is "to follow in Christ's footsteps by bringing the healing powers of the Great Physician to those incarcerated in Michigan's county jails." They provide Christian resources to those serving time in county jails.



Give generously and....

Make the CHANGE!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

-explore the resources to grow and mature in faith-
"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 3:18

NURSERY NEWS

We offer care in our nursery for infants through 3 year olds. Our staff people Miss Emma and Miss Lisa care for our kids in addition to our rotating Grace volunteers.

If you feel God calling you to work with our infants and toddlers, contact Opal at: 517-490-3218. Once your application is complete (including background check), she will be able to add you to the schedule.

Willing hands and hearts make this ministry possible!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This class will be exploring the book of Romans.

Join us Sundays in the green room from 11:00-12:00am

Led by: Sallie Franks.

ENERGIZE!

E! Jr. – Grades 4th – 7th E! Sr.– Grades 8th – 12th

WE ARE ALL ABOUT:

Relationships... with Christ & Each other

Authenticity... Being Real

Service... Giving Back

Faith... Understanding & Sharing

Excellence... Doing & Being Our Best **and.... FUN!!!**

Contact Jamie Young for more information –
eymprog@gmail.com

MID-WEEK DINNER & CLASSES

Our Winter Mid-Week Dinner & Classes will kick off Wednesday, January 23rd and go through February 27th. Stay tuned for more details including the topics we will be offering!

Are you interested in leading a class? Do you have a gift of hospitality and want to help prepare the meals before class or help with the clean-up after? Contact Missy Bush, Education Chair, to learn how!



Come with us to have fun learning! We begin in the 11:30 worship service and leave for Kids on the Move at 11:45.

ORANGE ROOM: Kids on the Move Jr.
Preschool children 4 years old thru 2nd graders

BLUE ROOM: Kids on the Move
3rd graders through 6th graders

SEE YOU SOON!

TEACHERS

We delight in teaching and serving the next generation of leaders. Please join us as a teacher of Kids on the Move this summer! Contact Stephani Davis – our new Teacher Scheduler (stephanidavis65@comcast.net) for more information and to sign-up. We can't wait to hear from you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2018 TREASURER'S REPORT



During 2018 the UMW circle at Grace UMC gave \$2,440.61 to support United Methodist Women's programs ministering with and advocating for the oppressed and dispossessed, with special attention to the needs of women, children and youth. Thank you for supporting our vision of turning faith, hope and love into action around the world.

United Methodist Women meet at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be our pledge service on January 15th, weather permitting.

BIRTHDAY LIST JANUARY

Loretta Stanaway – 1/1
Emilie Gonzalez – 1/3
Carol Simmons – 1/3
Sara Cotton – 1/5
Kelli Jo Mansberger – 1/7
Janet Weber – 1/8
Ashley Dimmick – 1/8
Bruce Chandler – 1/11
Yuri Vann – 1/12
Ella Tyler – 1/13
Melissa McDaniel – 1/17
Donald Griffin – 1/20
Krista Jo Leverett – 1/20
Adam Richards – 1/21
Alena Kleiver – 1/21
Donna Kleiver – 1/26
John Rolfe – 1/26
Floyd Erickson – 1/28
Jose Borrego – 1/29
Bella Borrego – 1/29
Nola Deal – 1/30
Camila Nicholson – 1/30
Michael Ramer – 1/31

XVBS 2018

Each night nearly 80 children, youth and adults walked the streets of New York City (aka Grace Church) to learn about **“Fantastic Verses and Where to Find Them!”** This wouldn't have been possible without all the teachers, support staff, kitchen crew and registration folks! THANK YOU for helping us make our 5th annual XVBS a huge success!

Undecorating the Church

The worship team invites you all to help undecorate the church. On Sunday, January 13th, we will reverse our Christmas decorating and undecorate the church. Outside the sanctuary will happen after the 9:30am service and the sanctuary will be after the 11:30 service for about an hour. There will be a snack around 12:30.

Many hands make light work.

With Thanks...

On behalf of the entire staff I wanted to say thank you to all who thought of us during this holiday season - through your cards, homemade treats, words of appreciation and gifts. We are grateful and very fortunate to serve this congregation.

I am looking forward to a busy 2019 as we continue to reach the Lansing community with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. – Jamie Young

Secretary & Children's & Youth Ministry Director

On behalf of the Love Clothing Center we would like to thank you for your recent generous donation of a large bag of hats and gloves. It is because of individuals such as yourself that allows us to provide more adequately for the children that we serve. Again, we thank you and sincerely appreciate your efforts on our behalf. - Debra Dawsey, Cheryl Killian

Co-Directors, Love Clothing Center

Lewton Global Studies/Spanish Immersion Magnet School

Thank you so much for the alphabet rug. It has made the reading corner more cozy. My students were so excited to see the new rug! - Senora Lundberg

Gracias! Por la alfombra (Thank you for the rug)! The kids are loving the new rug! - Ms. Garcia



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Closed	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office Closed	2 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	3 7:00pm Choir Practice	4	5
6 Communion 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – ENERGIZE!	7 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Missions	8	9 *GN Deadline* 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	10 5:45-9:00pm Boy Scouts Round Table 6:00pm – Education Team Meeting 7:00pm Choir Practice	11	12
13 “Make the CHANGE” Offering 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – ENERGIZE!	14 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Trustees	15 7:00pm – UMW Circle Meeting	16 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	17 *GN Mailed* 7:00pm Choir Practice	18	19
20 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 1:00-4:00pm- - P.A.L.M. Mtg - FH	21 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm – SPRC	22	23 6:00pm – Mid-Week Dinner 6:30-7:30pm – Mid-Week Classes 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	24 7:00pm Choir Practice	25 4:30-7:00pm Meals for Mission: Menu: Chili Benefits: ENERGIZE! Youth Ministry Program	26
27 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM NO EYMP	28 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm – Ad Council	29	30 6:00pm – Mid-Week Dinner 6:30-7:30pm – Mid-Week Classes 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	31 7:00pm Choir Practice		

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Sunday Services

9:30am (*Traditional Worship*)

11:30am (*casual atmosphere - serious faith - praise music*)

Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (*Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM (*Wednesday*)

EDITION: JANUARY 2019