

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

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grace notes

Hello Friends,

We are in the season of giving thanks. I find that practicing gratitude is like having momentum: If you're at a standstill it's hard to get started but once you get moving it's easier to stay moving. Gratitude is more than making a list of things we should be thankful for, it's a conscientious attitude of gratitude. So the question isn't "what I am I thankful for" it's "am I thankful person?"

In Romans 8, the Apostle writes: "If God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death,

nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Thankful people implicitly believe that they have the favor of God, that every challenge is an opportunity, every material resource is a gift, and that they are loved no matter what happens. Cultivating such an attitude takes time, practice, and prayer. Make this your prayer today, "God, help me to become a thankful person that lives in your love and rooted in trust today. Amen."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Paul

TRICK-OR-TREAT @ GRACE

is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm. The event will be in Fellowship Hall. Each person/group that signs up will be given a 4-foot space (1/2 a rectangle table) to decorate! We will provide a table cloth. We will have games, movies and treats as well.

SET-UP: People who want to decorate their tables ahead of time can come during the following times: Tues., Oct. 30th 10:00-2:00pm, Tues., Oct.30th 6:00 - 7:30pm, or Wed., Oct. 31st 12:00noon - 5:30pm.

CANDY: If you cannot come on Halloween, but would still like to participate, please consider buying a bag of candy and dropping it off in the office.



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!

GRACE'S ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR

When: Saturday, November 3, 2017

Time: from 10 AM – 2 PM

Where: Grace United Methodist Church

What It Is: An opportunity to give gifts with more meaning and to raise awareness to services provided in our community and the world.

Participants include:

Mend on the Move from Detroit, Amani Africa, HAPI (Haitian Artists for Peace Intl.), Trades of Hope, and No Boundary Ventures (Nepal). Returning are Cass Community, Mayan Women of Guatemala, Greensky Hill Mission, Haven House, SLM (S. Lansing Ministry), Soaring Unlimited, Weavers of Dreams, Global Gifts and Viva Fair Trade Stores, WAR (Women At Risk) Intl., Healing Hands Nicaragua, and Church World Service

Proceeds of this year's BAKE SALE will again go to our partner ministry, South Lansing Ministries Food Pantry. If you can bake or help with the sale, please contact Esther Burress at 323-7281.

This holiday season, give a gift that could be life changing for someone. Bring neighbors, friends, co-workers and family! Childcare provided.

In addition, look for the ENERGIZE! Youth Refreshment table (grilled hot dogs, soups, and drinks) at the fair. All money raised will support their Youth2019 Conference to Kansas City, Missouri.

Give a gift that gives hope!

YOU ARE INVITED!

University United Methodist Church will be hosting a FREE half-day workshop presented by author, Dr. Ann Kaiser Stearns on “**Successful Aging and Compassionate Caregiving**” on **Saturday, November 17 from 8:45-12:30 p.m.** This is a free event open to your congregants and family.

HOLIDAY GIVING

Grace will be partnering with Christian Services to provide Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets for families in need. We will be collecting money and gift cards so food items can be purchased. The October & November ‘Make the Change’ offerings will also be going to purchase food for the food baskets.

Grace will be doing eight baskets for families as we did last year. Items will be purchased prior to November 18th so that the baskets can be packed during the 11:30 service.

Any questions contact Julie Prevo

MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

The **Make the “CHANGE” Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, is collected the 4th Sunday of the month.

Sunday, October 28th & Sunday, November 25th

Each year Grace sponsors families for the holidays – providing meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. All monies collected from the Make the Change Offering in October and November will go towards purchasing the items for those meal baskets. Stay tuned for more details on additional ways you can be a blessing to these families this holiday season.



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



"Three Women Of Faith" is our new unit. Wise and courageous women showed their love for God and Jesus through their faith and service. Lydia, Dorcas, and Priscilla can be role models for all of us. Come with us to have fun learning! We begin in the combined 10:30 service and leave for Kids on the Move at 10:45.

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: Annual Advent Celebration

"Mary: According to Your Word"

Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - 1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing

Speaker: Waltha Gaye Leavitt

A Continental Breakfast will be served, and an offering will be taken for the United Methodist Community House programs in Grand Rapids. All women and men are invited.

Child care will be provided.

Please contact Donna Kleiver for reservations or questions at (517) 648-6119

****Deadline for reservations: December 5, 2018****



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The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Staff Highlight This November is our very own Pastor Paul Hahm

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

We definitely appreciate Pastor Paul Hahm! His leadership, his challenging sermons, his teaching, and his presence at all that we do have made such a difference to our congregation. The spirit of God certainly works through him and the people of this church as we meet the needs of people. This would be a great time to send or say a word of appreciation to him. The following is some of Paul's story.

Paul was born Dec. 24, 1980 in Incheon, South Korea. His family immigrated to the United States in 1982. They first lived in Texas, and then moved to New Jersey and New York City. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in psychology. He went on to earn his Master of Divinity at Drew Theological School.

His ministry after school in 2007 took him to Troy, MI where he served the Korean UMC as Associate/Youth Pastor. It was here that he met Jennifer, and they were married Oct. 15, 2010. His next ministry was as Senior Pastor at First UMC in Westland and then Associate Pastor at First UMC of Brighton. Before coming to Grace, he served as a Church Start Resident of Urban Village Church (UMC) in Chicago. Paul is now in his third year with us at Grace.

Jennifer and he have two Boston Terriers, Betsy and Buster. Both Jennifer and he enjoy going for walks, eating interesting foods, and Paul likes to play the guitar. In the near future, he plans on pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Congregational Leadership.

Paul is active in the UMC beyond Grace Church. He currently serves as the chair of the District Leadership Team and is on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

Paul is very glad to be with us at Grace. It is his hope that our church continues to grow and meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Update

1. SPRC has been in discussion as to how Grace can best meet the needs of our children as well as youth. The Administrative Council has approved the new, part time, full year Children's and Youth Ministry Director position. We are pleased that Jamie Young has accepted this position. We feel it will be very beneficial to have one person oversee the entire program. It is our hope to have our young people stay with the church and continue to grow in their faith as they move from Kindergarten to 12th grade.
2. Emma Stagner is our new Nursery Worker. Lisa Bass is a permanent substitute Nursery Worker.
3. New to us in the choir are Cole Harvey, our Tenor Choir Section Leader, and Jake Gourd, our Bass Choir Section Leader.

We are happy to have these new people on our staff at Grace. Please say, "Hello," and welcome them.

BIRTHDAY LIST NOVEMBER

Brenda Vermeesch 11/1	Luxie Vang – 11/13
Callie Bush – 11/5	Carnela Ruiz – 11/14
Susan Allward – 11/5	Nathan Guild – 11/16
Elana Borrego – 11/7	Stephani Davis – 11/17
Marilou Potter – 11/8	Douglas Frank – 11/18
Tyler Fults – 11/10	Mary Beth Pardo – 11/19
Gerald Hulbert – 11/10	Ruth Peterson – 11/26
Eric Hansen – 11/11	Benjamin Baker – 11/30
Jennifer Beard – 11/13	Barbara Neff - 11/30
Erin Chavez – 11/13	

ANNIVERSARY LIST NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5
Eric & Carol Simmons

NOVEMBER 21
Joe & Dori Farnsworth

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm Choir Practice	2 Alternative Holiday Gift Fair – SET-UP	3 10:00-2:00pm Alternative Holiday Gift Fair
4 Communion 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – EYMP @ Youth Center *Daylight Savings ends	5 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Missions	6 7:00pm – UMW Executive Meeting	7 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	8 5:45-9:00pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm Choir Practice	9	10
11 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 1:00 – 4:00pm P.A.L.M. – FH 5:00-7:00pm – EYMP @ Youth Center	12 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH) 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Trustees	13 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH)	14*GN Deadline* Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH) 12:00-4:00pm Great Start Collaborative - Green 1:30pm – Pianos Tuned 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00 pm – CVNA 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	15 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH) 7:00pm Choir Practice	16 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH)	17
18 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 1:30-3:30pm – XVBS Volunteer Meeting 5:00-7:00pm – EYMP @ Youth Center	19 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm – SPRC	20 7:00pm – UMW Circle Meeting - FH	21*GN Mailed* 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	22 *OFFICE CLOSED* <i>Campbell Thanksgiving in Fellowship Hall</i> Happy Thanksgiving!	23	24
25 “Make the CHANGE” offering 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 4:00-7:00pm – EYMP @ Youth Center	26 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH) 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm – Ad Council	27 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH)	28 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH) 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C	29 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH) 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 Garden Club of Greater Lansing (all week in FH)	1 8:00am – 1:00pm Garden Club of Greater Lansing SALE

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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*)

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