

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

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# grace notes

## Hello Friends,

I hope everyone had a good summer filled with fun, family, friends, and travels. If you're like me excitement of the summer doesn't necessarily equate with rest and relaxation. So, I enter into the busyness of the fall season, I've been thinking about spiritual, emotional, and physical self-care.

We often equate Jesus with his superhuman deeds but in Luke 5:16 it says, "But [Jesus] would withdraw to deserted places and pray." Although there were always

more people to heal, sermons to preach, people to feed, and ministry to be done, Jesus found a healthy balance of work and withdrawal that worked for him.

How often do we retreat to deserted places to be alone and spend time with God in prayer and reflection? My guess is, not enough. This fall we'll spend time examining best self-care practices from the life of Jesus and other places in script

*Grace and Peace,*  
Pastor Paul



OUTDOOR  
**WORSHIP**  
&  
*Tailgate*

SUNDAY 09.09.18  
10:30 am – Outdoor Worship  
(Tailgate Informed potluck & games to follow)

Our outdoor Kick-off worship service and fellowship tailgate will be on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**. Invite your friends for a time of inspiring worship, great food (including an ice cream social for dessert), and fun games with a bounce house!

Dress in your favorite sports team apparel and bring a dish to pass! Meat, drinks, ice cream and table service will be provided.

We need additional EZ Pop Up Tents to provide shade. Please bring them (labeled) no later than Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Set-up & clean-up teams are also needed – sign-up on your Connection Card. Questions? Email Worship Chair, Mary Jane: [ladyanwen@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyanwen@yahoo.com)

## 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:

2 people for TEAM B on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm

2 people for 5<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY TEAM on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm

*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](mailto:mmorgan1226@yahoo.com) if you can help!*



## SOUTH LANSING MINISTRIES

SLM is in need of good used children's books. They allow each child who comes in to the food pantry to pick out a book to take home. Please see Vicki Nichols for more information.

## SAVE THE DATE

The annual Alternative Holiday Gift Fair & Bake Sale will be **Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10-2**. We are excited about this year's fair as we already have several new participants lined up as well as many others returning. **SAVE THE DATE** for your holiday shopping that makes a difference in the lives of those struggling to survive.

## **CROP HUNGER WALK** **ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**

There are big changes coming to the Greater Lansing Crop Walk this year! First, it will begin and end at Grace UMC on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>! The walk will be shortened from a 10k to a 5k! There will still be opportunities to walk, rock and they have requested that Grace still make the yummy cookies they are known for! Stay tuned for ways you can be involved as a walker, onsite volunteer or cookie baker!

## GIVING TREE

### **COLLECTING SEPTEMBER through OCTOBER 28th**

For the Fall Giving tree we will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats, and mittens for Judson Memorial for their Love Clothing Center. Judson Memorial has provided clothing to over 35,000 children during the last 25 years.

## MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

The **Make the "CHANGE" Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, is collected the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

### **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Make the Change for August will go towards UMCOR disaster relief. When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response.

### **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

September's make the change offering will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Donations to Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) will change the lives of over one hundred thousand injured warriors, caregivers, and family members. You will help bring independence back to our nation's most severely wounded veterans.



*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 Elizabeth Simpkins and Angela Lammert 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 beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> in the green room from 10:55-11:25am

*Led by: Sallie Franks.*

## ENERGIZE!

**Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us this fall!**

*Jr. High – Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Sr High – Grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>*

**YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF**

Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 7:00pm

Contact Jamie Young for more information –  
[eymprog@gmail.com](mailto:eymprog@gmail.com)



## **Kick Off Sunday is September 9<sup>th</sup>!**

Our fall unit is “The Four Friends” (The story of the four friends who brought their friend, who couldn’t walk, to Jesus.) 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.

### Kids on the Move Jr.

Preschool children 4 years old thru 2nd graders  
Orange Room

### Kids on the Move

3rd graders through 6th graders  
Blue Room

**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 Bette Jo Brubaker ([brubak15@msu.edu](mailto:brubak15@msu.edu)) for more information and to sign-up. We can’t wait to hear from you!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The first meeting for the 2018/2019 Grace United Methodist Women's circle will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reviewing what has been happening with the new Mid-Michigan District and Michigan Conference United Methodist Women and planning for our local unit programs. Hope to see you.

## FALL MID-WEEK STUDIES

**Classes & fellowship will begin Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and run for 7 weeks!**

*See page 4 for more details!*

## BIRTHDAY LIST SEPTEMBER

Ben Chavez – 9/1  
 Serenity Taylor – 9/2  
 Suzanne Wilson – 9/3  
 Sarah Martin – 9/3  
 Amanda Jansen – 9/3  
 Donald Slack – 9/5  
 Bryce Taylor – 9/5  
 Jasmine Beard – 9/5  
 Carol Dimmick – 9/6  
 Dominick Riggs – 9/7  
 Candice Torres – 9/9  
 Margaret Richards – 9/10  
 Chase Wagner – 9/11  
 Hannah Chavez – 9/12  
 Louise Lantz – 9/14  
 David Baker – 9/17  
 Michelle Nicholson – 9/18  
 Vern Chubb – 9/22  
 Joanne Bauer – 9/23  
 Liam Dimmick – 9/23  
 Carrie Gunn – 9/27  
 Iris Goff – 9/27  
 Karolyn Bartell – 9/27  
 Teresa Mohr – 9/27  
 Alicia Borrego – 9/29  
 Gayle Hulbert – 9/29  
 Pamela Fults – 9/30

## ANNIVERSARY LIST SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER 7

Gerald & Carrie Gunn

### SEPTEMBER 9

Jose & Alicia Borrego

### SEPTEMBER 10

Jeff & Suzanne Wilson

### SEPTEMBER 12

Gary & Jill Masters

### SEPTEMBER 15

Keith & Lucy U'Ren

### SEPTEMBER 24

Bruce & Connie Chandler

### SEPTEMBER 28

Greg & Heather Humphrey

**Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life**  
 by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

Boundaries impact all areas of our lives: Physical boundaries help us determine who may touch us and under what circumstances -- Mental boundaries give us the freedom to have our own thoughts and opinions -- Emotional boundaries help us to deal with our own emotions and disengage from the harmful, manipulative emotions of others -- Spiritual boundaries help us to distinguish God's will from our own and give us renewed awe for our Creator.

- with Jennifer Hahm

### Animate: Faith

Animate faith is a video series that examines: God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church from seven leading contemporary voices of Christian faith. Each week we'll watch a video segment, ask questions, discuss, and challenge ourselves to deepen our understanding and faith. This series isn't going to be for everyone. It offers few answers, instead raising questions. This series is for those who have questions and want conversations, not propositions. There is no book for this class but respectful active participation is required.

- with Pastor Paul

### Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

by Adam Hamilton

Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows how to untangle the knots we feel about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, and aging.

- with Mary Jo Lott

### FOR KIDS!

### SURVIVORS: Survive & Thrive in God's Kingdom

In the wild and in this world, the focus is often on mere survival. But in the kingdom of God, we not only survive, but thrive. We'll explore building forts & fire and learn from famous "Survivors" how to thrive in God's kingdom.

- with Jamie Young & Opal Hansen

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 Communion</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship	<b>3</b> LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> 7:00pm – UMW Exec Meeting - FH	<b>5</b> 7:00am – Men’s Breakfast Flap Jack 6:00pm - Band Practice 7:00pm - Finance 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30am –Outdoor Kick-off Worship & Fellowship 10:45am – KOM 11:30am – Potluck Tailgate 4:00-7:00pm – EYMP @Youth Center	<b>10</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Trustees	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>*September GN Deadline*</i> 12:00-4:00pm Great Start Collaborative - FH 6:00 – 7:30pm Mid-week Study & Dinner 7:00pm - Finance 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>13</b> 5:45 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – EYMP @Youth Center	<b>17</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl No Ad Council	<b>18</b> 7:00pm – UMW Circle Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:00 – 7:30pm Mid-week Study & Dinner 7:00 pm – CVNA 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>20</b> <i>*September GN Mailed*</i> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 “Make the CHANGE” offering</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – EYMP @Youth Center	<b>24</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00 pm – SPRC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00 – 7:30pm Mid-week Study & Dinner 7:00pm – AA, Y.C	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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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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