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Grace
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A monthly newsletter from Grace United Methodist Church

Holy Week 2021



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Palms Pick Up - Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Palms will be placed in buckets outside the north and south church doors. Please help yourself to as many as you need for your family. (Masks and social distancing required.) Palms will be delivered to Wesley Acres.

Palm Sunday Worship - Sunday, March 28, 10:15 a.m.

Holy Thursday Worship - Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship - Friday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 4, 10:15 a.m.

All worship services will be held online only. Please join us at one of the following locations:

- www.facebook.com/DesMoinesGrace
- www.youtube.com/gracedesmoines
- www.gracedesmoines.org

"Protest and Palms"

Palm Sunday Worship for Peace – Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 3 p.m.

There will be no procession this year, but we will stream our service to raise our voices in support of peace, justice, and an end to racism. The keynote speaker will be The Reverend Lizzie Gillman, with scripture reading by The Reverend Zebulun Treloar. This will be a service live-streamed from Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, with the link available from the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace Facebook page or Capitol Hill Lutheran Church's website a few days before the service. The prayer service will express a vision of peace and justice, and a pledge to recommit ourselves against racism and war. We will remember the true meaning of Palm Sunday and renew our dedication to be instruments of God's peace.

Spring Clean-Up : Saturday, April 17 starting at 9 a.m.

Please bring rakes, garden shears, work gloves, and sunscreen. Face masks and social distancing required.

Lenten Project—Supporting the Central Iowa Shelter

In the past, our 3rd Grace Sunday school class has supported the Central Iowa Shelter during Lent, and this year we are encouraging everyone at Grace to support the vital and necessary work of the Central Iowa Shelter. During Lent, we will have collection boxes outside the church office where you can drop off these items:

3 oz. Disposable Cups, Earplugs, Shower Sandals, Aspirin, Antacid, Pain-killer, Cough Drops, Cold/Flu Medications (without alcohol), Tylenol or Ibuprofen, Travel-size Shampoo and Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Towels, Razors, Combs, Deodorant, Bus Tokens, Coffee, New Underwear (in various sizes), New Men's Pants (in various sizes), New Men's Shoes (in various sizes), New Bras (in various sizes), Disinfecting Wipes, Sandwich bags, Can Openers, Pots, Pans, Plates, Bowls, Silverware.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

Dear Grace family,

During the season of Lent, we are learning from the story of Jonah. As Jonah tries to feel in the opposite direction of God's call, grace and peace continues to abound. At Grace, God's love continues to abound thanks to your support. Throughout Lent, we are collecting items to share with our friends and neighbors at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. And to mark the start of Lent, thanks to your generosity and support of our discretionary fund, we gave a gift of \$1,000 to support the Central Iowa Shelters. But that's not all! We also gave gifts of \$1,000 each to Bidwell Riverside and DMARC! Lent is a season of prayer, repentance, and generosity. Thanks to your generous support of Grace, we are able to be generous in our community and support these organizations as they do vital and necessary work that witnesses to the love and welcome we know God has for all people.

As you may have seen, the Council of Bishops and the Committee on the General Conference have once again postponed the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Typically, every four years, the global United Methodist Church gathers at the General Conference to update and amend what we call the Book of Discipline the policies and practices that guide and dictate our denomination. Due to COVID-19, the scheduled 2020 General Conference was initially postponed to the fall of 2021. Due to vaccination constraints in the US and abroad, in addition to the numerous travel and visa issues that must be considered due to the pandemic, the General Conference has been postponed to the fall of 2022.

The current language within the Book of Discipline discriminates against LGBTQ persons, and the most pressing issue that will come before the next General Conference, now in 2022, is moving beyond this discrimination that is incompatible with God's grace. Sadly, once again, the full inclusion and welcome of LGBTQ persons in the global United Methodist Church is postponed, and yet the welcome and inclusion of all persons at Grace will never be postponed. Without condition, without exception, God loves all, and the postponement of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church can't change that. We are still Grace, and we are still inclusive for all. Our mission, ministry, welcome, and inclusion will continue, no matter what.

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Chimes Deadline

Submit complete articles for the next issue by the 15th of each month. Please send them to Charlene Hjort at charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org.

View the Chimes on line and in color on our web site at:
www.gracedesmoines.org/newsletter.

Our Mission

Grace United Methodist is a community in Christ where a cross section of metropolitan Des Moines gathers for worship, study and service. At the core of our existence is Christ's vision for the world and the church. We are a servant people striving to live our lives so as to increase the Love for God and neighbor in the world. We are called:

- To tell God's story in fresh new ways through preaching and teaching.
- To practice uncommon hospitality.
- To equip and send servants into the larger community for Service.

Our Welcoming Statement

Each of us is a child of God worthy of God's love. In our diversity, we are created in God's image. In celebration of that good news, everyone is invited to join in worship and fellowship. This invitation is extended to all—people of all races, all ethnic backgrounds, all generations, all physical and mental abilities, all economic conditions, all sexual orientations—honoring the diversity of our faith journeys. We invite you to bless this church with your presence as God's grace is present in all creation.

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