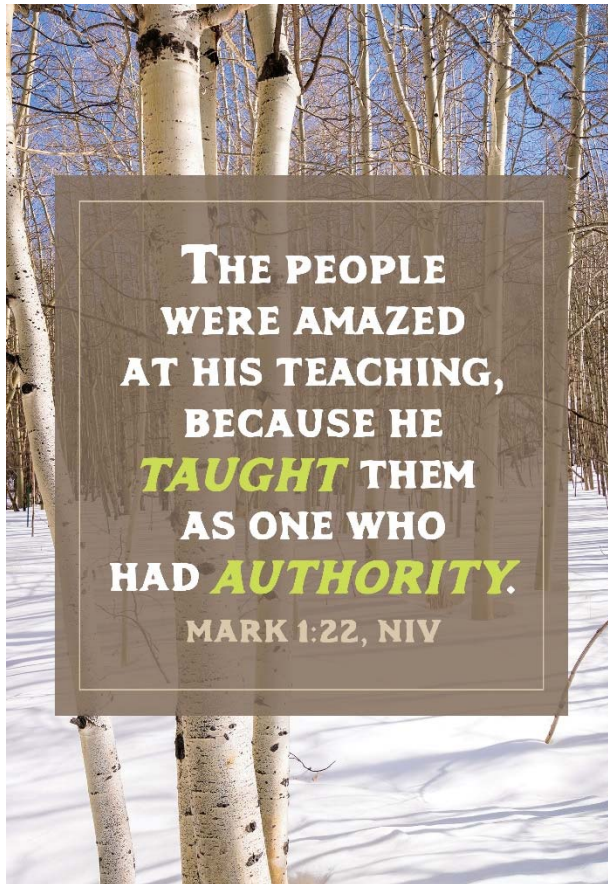


Grace United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God
Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of
Jesus in the world.

Feb. 4
2018



8:00 and
10:00 a.m.
Services

*God, I bring all that I am today before you.
Thank you for always welcoming me with open arms.*

+For 10:00 a.m.
service only

*Congregation - Please
stand as you are able

Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany/Communion Sunday

Prelude+

“Credo” from Mass No. 1

- Haydn

Welcome/Announcements

The psalmist declares: “How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious” (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). So then, let us worship.

Choir Introit+

"Come, Followers of Christ"

- Butler

***Call to Worship+**

Leader: As a people, as a group, as a community of faith —

People: we gather in this place.

Leader: To listen.

People: To speak.

Leader: To worship.

People: To pray.

Leader: To go with God. Because we know —

People: it is out of God's authority, it is out of God's love, that we live. Alleluia!

***Hymn #657**

“This Is the Day”

Opening Prayer

Speak with authority in our lives, Christ. Speak to us, and to what is in us, so that we might be whole. Speak to us, with love, with hope, and with strength, so that we might hear you, and know, deep inside, that we are your people, and that you are our God. Let it be so.

AportionMOment

Camping Ministries

God's Kids+

“We'll Be Coming Through the Church Doors”

Anthem+

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

- Dorsey/Schrader

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy

us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

***Hymn #2117**

“Spirit of God” (verses 1 and 2)

Message

Pastor Jen Anderson

Prayers of the People

Offertory

“Meditation Religieuse”

- Schreiner

***Doxology+**

***Offertory Prayer**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Confession & Pardon

God we thank you for this extraordinary world and its reminders of resilience, grace, hope and life: for when grass shoots break through concrete, when the sun emerges after storms, for when people offer laughter in deep sadness. In these moments we see glimpses of who you are — and we are grateful. Yet if we reduce you to being like the cycle of nature or the best of humankind, we diminish your power to make the impossible real: to break apart the impenetrable evils of oppression, to cast out the very real fears that paralyze us, to banish the insidious demons of judgement and worthlessness. Forgive us God when we do not trust you to deal with the unspeakable awfulness in our lives and world. In the silence, we name the parts of our lives and our world that we believe are too broken to ever be made whole...

All may pray in silence

Cast out our demons, Lord,

Make us new again.

Forgive us when we contribute to the brokenness of the world and the lives of people around us. In the silence, we name the things we have done that separate us from you and from others...

Cast out our demons, Lord,

Make us new again.

All may pray in silence



Forgive us when we trust darkness more than we trust your light. In the silence, we name the things we think we need to keep hidden...

All may pray in silence

Cast out our demons, Lord,

Make us new again.

Scripture says that those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! Here then Christ's words of grace to us: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Thanks be to God!

written by Cheryl Laurie, holdthisspace.org

The Great Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



...In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...And so in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Giving the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #629** “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (versus 1-3)

***Benediction**

***Song of Peace** Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.
 May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.
 May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.
 God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude “Christians Wake, A Voice is Calling” arr. Schreiner

WELCOME

- **Kindly silence your cell phone** during our worship service.
- **Children are welcome in worship.** We welcome the wiggles, curiosity and expressions of children in worship. Children’s bulletins and crayon bags may be found in the wicker basket just outside the Sanctuary doors. Child care is provided during the 10:00 a.m. service. Our well-equipped nursery is available for children up to the age of three.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during service are located at the Welcome Center.
- For your safety, please make sure that your valuables are not in plain sight and that your car doors are locked when attending any function at Grace UMC.

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving at Today’s 8:00 a.m. service: **Greeter:** Gordy Peters; **Usher:** Pat Peters; **Sound:** John Brand; **Worship Leader:** Doris Marek; **Communion:** Doris Marek

Serving at Today’s 10:00 a.m. service: **Greeter:** Dale and Jean Osborn; **Usher:** Bill Macklin; **Sound:** Dave Chmielewski; **Worship Leader:** Steve Martin; **Acolyte:** Nicholas Chmielewski; **Communion:** Mark Anderson, Steve Martin and Margie Rose; **Nursery:** Palacio Family; **Sunday School:** Jeanne Finch (Pre K-K), Chris Behrens(1-3 grade) and Rania Johnson (4-6 grade)

Serving us on **February 11th** ~ 8:00 a.m. service: **Greeter:** Nancy Drake; **Usher:** John Podratz; **Sound:** Tom Marek; **Worship Leader:** Cara Kennedy

Serving us on **February 11th** ~ 10:00 a.m. service: **Greeter:** Scouts; **Usher:** Scouts; **Sound:** Nick Uphoff; **Worship Leader:** Scouts; **Acolyte:** Marleigh Redington; **Nursery:** Berg Family; **Sunday School:** Gretta Holder (Pre K-K), Anne-Marie Dunbar (1-3 grade) and Amelia Halsted (4-6 grade)

THE WEEK AHEAD		
2/4 SUN	8:00 AM	Worship Service/Communion
Sandwich Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Communion
	10:10 AM	Children's Sunday School and Nursey
2/6 TUES	6:30 PM	Scouts
2/7 WED	5:30 PM	Church-Wide Supper
	6:00 PM	Youth Choir Grades K-3 Mission Adventures
	6:30 PM	God's Kids Choir Grades 4-8 Mission Adventures
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
2/8 THUR	7:30 PM	AA
2/9 FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Fellowship at the Cracker Barrel in Lakeville
	8:00 PM	AA
2/10 SAT	9:30 AM	Al-Anon



ATTENTION

The final Giving Statements for 2017 can now be found in your mailboxes.

Administrative Board Meeting
Monday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.





MEALS ON WHEELS

- Feb. 9th - Suanne Turner and Rhonda Brown
- Feb. 16th - Valerie Webber and Mark Sando
- Feb. 23rd - John and Phyl Evans

Items to be included in the bulletin are due on Tuesdays.



February 11th is Scout Sunday

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts will lead the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Meet in the front gathering area at 9:30 a.m. in Class A uniform. Participation counts as service hours, and you will receive a patch! Leaders and former scouts are invited to attend in uniform too. Contact Valerie Webber with any questions.

Troop 204 Chili Feed!

Following the Scout Sunday service, the scouts will be having their 10th Annual Chili Cook Off in the Fellowship Hall. Come warm up with samples of several recipes with all the fixins and enjoy some cowboy music and fellowship. Cookies and dessert donations accepted, and free-will donations accepted. Vote on your favorite chili. If you want to be an official judge, contact: Valerie Webber



LENTEN DRIVE

We will be doing things just a little different this year. The drive for the month of March this year will be extended to include the Lenten Season. Suggestions will be given each week based on items that are in demand. For the first Sunday in Lent, Feb. 18th, the suggested item will be canned fruit. Instead of placing your donations in the barrel in the Narthex, we will be placing them on the cancel. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

All-Church Conference Meeting ~ Sunday, Feb. 25th ~ 8:45-9:45 a.m.

At this meeting we will vote on approval of the Purchase Agreement for selling the southern portion of Grace UMC's property. It would be beneficial to have as many members as possible to vote on this important issue.



How do you react to the unexpected? Are you “all in” and ready for a challenge? Or are you reluctant to act at all, not believing in your own talents and abilities. Moses was such a man, and look at what he accomplished. The Adult Sunday school class will begin to look more closely at his multi-faceted life on February 18th. We meet in Room 6, just to the left of the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Our book is entitled Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet and is widely available. Please be sure to order the adult version since there are several. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact Nancy Milne.

“Surprise the World” Short Term DNA (Discipleship, Nurture, Accountability) Groups

Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 p.m., (February 15th thru April 5th) for young adults.

This group will meet at Pastor Jen and Blair Anderson's house.

Please note, 55lb. yellow lab on premise.



Available from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person (children under three are free) with a maximum of \$10 for a family.



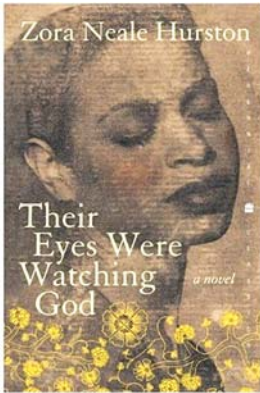
The theme for Wednesday, February 7th is Valentine's Day Prep.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

If Burnsville Schools close, all children's activities are cancelled.

Movie Night ~ Monday, February 12th
at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex

THE CROWN: We will be continuing with the biographical story about the British royal family - viewing Season Two, episodes five and six.



BOOK GROUP

Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.
at the Home of Cara Kennedy

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Their Eyes Were Watching God is a 1937 novel and the best known work by African-American writer Zora Neale Hurston. The novel narrates main character Janie Crawford's "ripening from a vibrant, but voiceless, teenage girl into a woman with her finger on the trigger of her own destiny." As a young woman, who is fair-skinned with long hair, she expects more out of life, but comes to realize that people must learn about life 'fuh theyselves,' just as people can only go to God for themselves.

Volunteer for a Mission with Solar Oven Partners in Sierra Leone! Work side-by-side with oven recipients during three 2-day seminars assembling ovens and cooking in them, and breaking bread together when the solar-cooked meals are ready! Dates are April 16th-28th. Solar cooking addresses issues of poverty, deforestation and health. Contact Director Marj Evans-de-Carpio at 605-692-3391 or sopdir@swiftel.net for more information.



THANK YOU to all those who helped Marj with her packing project. Much appreciated.



will not be meeting during February. The regular schedule will start up again in the month of March.

DINNER GROUP

On February 24th dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. by hosts by Rhonda Brown and Suanne Turner



Hosts prepare the entree with guests bringing complementary dishes. Both couples and singles are welcome.

For questions or reservations please contact Jean Osborn or Rhonda Brown.

Reservations are requested by Sunday, February 19th.

PANCAKE SUPPER *Tuesday, February 13th ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.*

This day ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting. We are in need of volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean-up for this event. Please contact Pastor Jen or the office if you are able to help out. Thank you.



Girl
Scout



Please help support our Girl Scouts by purchasing cookies from Kiera Palacio and Meg Molitor. Cookies are available February 3rd through March 18th. There will be a table in the narthex. If you would like to support the girls, but do not want all those delicious cookies in your home, you can donate them to our church for coffee hour, or you can donate boxes to our troops overseas. Just let the girls know what you would like done with the cookies you purchase and they will take care of the rest. Kiera is in Brownie Troop 56766, which meets in Eagan and Meg is in Troop 17661. Thank you for your support.



The food distribution will take place on **Monday, February 19th** at Glendale UMC in Savage. Volunteers can show up at Glendale anytime between 3:00-7:00 p.m. to help for a few minutes or for a few hours. If you have any questions, please call Lynn.



Scripture Schedule

Feb. 14th - Ash Wednesday, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 18th - 1st Sunday in Lent: Camping Sunday, guest speaker preaching
Feb. 25th - 2nd Sunday in Lent: I Am the Bread of Life, John 6:27-59
March 4th - 3rd Sunday in Lent: I Am the Light of the World, John 7:2, 14; 8:12
March 11th - 4th Sunday in Lent: I Am the Good Shepherd, John 10:1-10
March 18th - 5th Sunday in Lent: I Am the True Vine, John 15:1-8
March 25th - Palm Sunday: I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, John 14:1-7
March 29th - Holy Thursday: Scripture TBD
March 30th - Good Friday: John 18:1-19:42
March 31st - Holy Saturday: Scripture TBD
April - Easter, I Am the Resurrection and the Life, John 11:17-26



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Camp Minnesota
of the United Methodist Church

Brochures for Camp Minnesota may be found on the table in the Narthex. Take a look at pages 8 and 23 and see if you don't recognize two of our young members.* February 18th will be designated as Camping Sunday

and a representative from their organization will be preaching at both services and filling us in on the many camping opportunities available in 2018. They are offered all summer long and there is something for everyone! *(Mitchell Halsted and Bryce Langevin)

ITEMS FOR MARCH'S GRACE NOTES ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.



**VALEN-ASH WEDNESDAY
FANCY DINNER ~ (It's a 2-Pher)
February 14th ~ 5:30-7:00p.m.**

Please join us for a special Valentine's edition of Wednesday dinner for grownups (children's meals and childcare available) and stay for Ash Wednesday service. RSVP by February 7th to amelia.halsted@gmail.com or 952-412-3938. Meals are \$5 per adult – \$3 per child with a family max of \$10.

Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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