

Pastor Rory's Tuesday Bible Study, which has been utilizing e-mail since Covid 19, will now be meeting in person on September 8th, 15th and 29th at 11:00 a.m.. Classes will run one hour and during this time a set of weekly scriptures called the lectionary will be discussed. It is an open "come-when-you-can" experience, with no additional reading. Pastor Rory is gone on the 22nd. The study will gather outdoors so please bring a chair and a mask. If weather becomes an issue, the meeting will take place in Fellowship Hall for social distancing. New members are always welcome.



- 3 Kelly Hamill
- 4 Samuel Timmerman
- 5 Arla Mae McNeff
- 5 Steve Zanter
- 5 Marcie Adams
- 5 Elizabeth Johnson
- 6 John Kline
- 6 Kay LaBoone
- 6 Carrie Gustafson
- 8 Nancy Milne
- 13 Brian Halstad
- 15 Marvin Drake



- 17 Angie Finstad
- 19 Lane Yandle
- 19 Braxton Holder
- 20 Tyler Ahlvers
- 20 Brenna McClure
- 21 Madeline Cardoza
- 25 Dave Chmielewski
- 27 Lori Hanegraaf
- 27 Jordan Cardella
- 28 Beth Swenson
- 30 Joel Conaway
- 30 Annika Berg
- 30 Easton Ristow

**Bishop Bruce R. Ough** will retire on December 31, 2020 after serving The United Methodist Church for 45 years. We have all been blessed by Bishop Ough's extraordinary leadership and the support he and his wife Char have given to both the laity and clergy of the various conferences he has served.

We hope you will pray for the Oughs as they transition to a new season of ministry. If you wish to give them a card, you may send it to the Minnesota Conference office (122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404).



Fall begins  
September 22nd.

# Grace Notes

**RESILIENCE:** "An ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change?"

—Merriam-Webster Dictionary



September

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ*

**Grace United Methodist Church**

PLEASE NOTE that we are part of the statewide mask order.

Don't forget your mask when you come in the building.



### A Memorial Service



to celebrate the life of Jean Osborn will take place on **Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation at 1:00 p.m.** The service will take place in the Sanctuary with social distancing guidelines and those who attend will need to wear masks. Watch for future details regarding a reception.

**FYI.** We will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace UMC on Monday, October 26, 2020. It will take place from noon to 6:00 p.m. It would be nice to see some familiar faces partaking in this event. More information to follow.

### MOVIE NIGHT

Monday, September 14, 2020.



A decision has not been made on what we're watching so just come and see what pops up on the screen. We will wear masks, and sit six feet apart.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Usually after Labor Day the office concludes summer hours. Due to Covid 19, we will stay on the shorter summer hours. Once we are able to begin in-worship service again, we will most likely return to the normal hours of Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **For now the hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Back to School?*

**DISTANCE LEARNING!?**

**Hybrid Model?**

*On-Line Classes?*

*New Normal!*

Whether you have family members in school or not, you have heard the above phrases. We are in very adaptive times. For many of you, the pandemic has also changed your work places. Some have lost jobs, reduced hours and limited capacity. Many of us are still tele-commuting. Churches too have been trying to adapt with new models in difficult or stressful conditions. As the front cover proclaims - RESILIENCE!

We will still not be meeting inside for worship in September. Someone asks me just about every day when that will happen. I don't know yet. As with many schools, we are "delaying our start." We too have a hybrid model by using online "distance" worship and our 9:00 a.m. outdoor service, either the back yard or in our vehicle, for the drive-in style when it rains. Most of us are feeling safer at home with online worship.

Some of our small groups are returning to in-person meeting in the building but following the safe gathering protocol of wearing masks and six-foot spacing. Outdoor gatherings are still the safest and recommended for whenever possible. Our Administrative Board meetings continue to use Zoom. At this point we are planning to provide our families with children a resource for at-home learning.

But we are back to school! We will conclude our worship series Psalms for Emotional Times on September 6th. We are moving on to Jesus 101. I might call it "The Lessons of Jesus for Emotional times." Do we need to recover some of these basics about following Jesus Christ? Let's start looking at his key themes and teachings. What do we see in his actions and parables? How and what do we learn about him today?

To be a disciple means to be a student! Hybrid classes are online, in your home, at your work, in your heart, and in your real world "in-person" daily actions! Have you spiritually enrolled yet? Don't skip the semester because of Covid!

A student of Jesus Christ

Pastor Rory,