

Grace Friends and Members,

We are setting up laid-back small-group gatherings to welcome and get to know Pastor Amanda. These are deeply important to beginning our ministry together!

Dates Available in August: 15th and 23rd

Dates Available in September: 7th, 19th
20th, 24th and 26th



SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b44afa628a6f49-meet>

HOSTS STILL NEEDED!

Are you able to host one of these gatherings in your home with light refreshments or in the fellowship hall at Grace? If so, please see the Sign-Up Genius link for available times still needing hosts and sign up for that host slot.

Once you are booked for your Host slot:

- **Contact Pastor Amanda and Linda in the church office to confirm the location and your best contact information.
- **Invite your friends and share the sign-up genius for reserving the guest spots.
- **Plan to serve light refreshments.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

These laid back gatherings are meant to be ten people or under as a way to make getting to know one another easier. Many dates and slots are waiting to be filled with your name and presence!

To attend a gathering:

- **Once a time slot has a host, click one of the "Participant" buttons to reserve your name under that day and time.
- **Coordinate with the host for any special instructions.

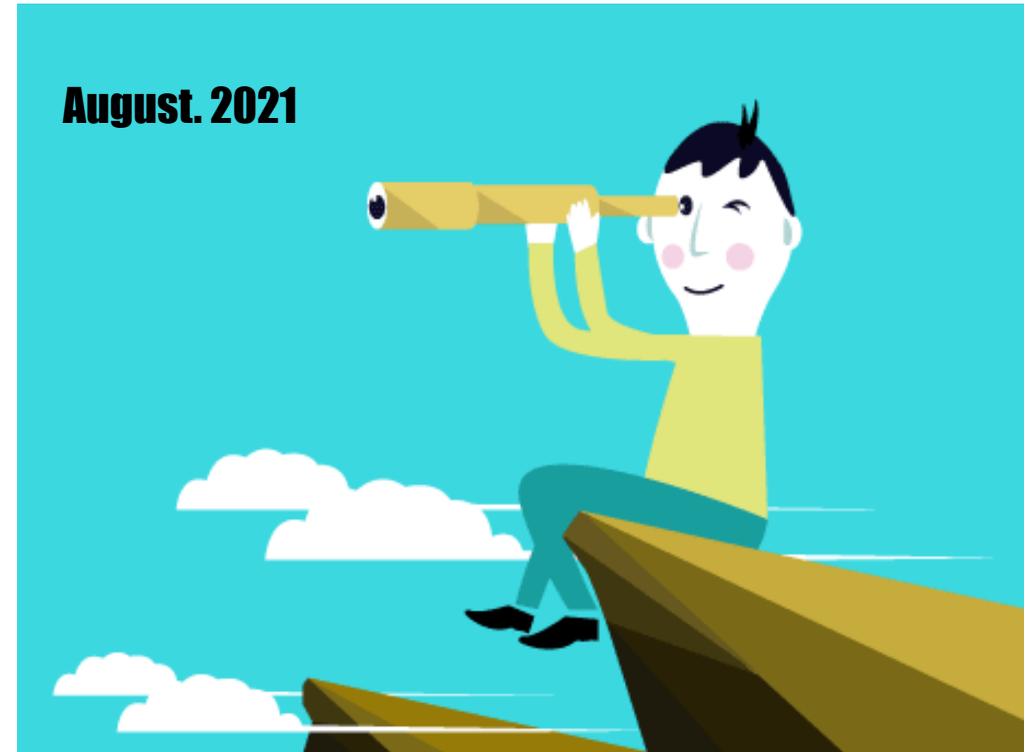
For those individuals not comfortable with signing up on-line, there are paper sign-ups at Grace UMC on the table in the Narthex.

Contact Linda at the church office with any other questions or help: 952-435-5696 or office@graceumcburnsville.org.

In Grace,
Amelia, Joel and the Grace UMC Council

Grace Notes

Learn from the past ~ Live in the present
Believe in the future.



Grace United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

PLEASE NOTE: For every ones' safety, persons not fully vaccinated should either worship on-line or continue to wear a mask. Thank you.



Wednesday, August 18th ~ 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Now Meeting at Grace UMC in the Narthex

Guests and New Members Are Welcome! Magic Hour by Kristsen Hannah

RUTH VOLL CIRCLE Monday, August 25th 1:00 p.m. in Room 6

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

To be clear, the parking lot is less than pristine due to the construction schedule Lyon Construction is under. This will improve by fall or before. Plans are to remove all the currently damaged asphalt in the parking lot and temporarily replace with a gravel or stone base until the real new asphalt paving process begins in the fall... complete with curbing. Safety to congregation members is in Lyons Construction's best interest. Target date for full completion of the new four-story building (The Overlook on Crystal Lake) is still set for spring of 2022. They are already starting the second floor this week!

- * This week the retaining wall by the driveway exit has been readjusted to proper dimensions.
- * A large 20-foot-deep trench is due to be dug late this week or early next for the sewer pipes. This may take up to three weeks to complete, but by each weekend the area will be back filled to allow for safety and needed spaces until completion.
- * The entrance drive to the parking lot will be wider than the current drive once completed.
- * There will be more parking available by mid-to-late August.

Ray Walker is keeping weekly communication with the project supervisor for updates or changes, and will pass them on to Pastor Amanda, trustees and the administrative board routinely.

Administrative Board Meeting ~ Monday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pastor's Post

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU FRIENDS!

It is my hope you are finding moments this summer to stay cool while also enjoying the beauty our great state offers us during this season.

As Minnesotans we also understand that summer is construction season and we as a church are knees deep in it too!

As I've been saying recently during our in-person Sunday morning worship, we are people grounded in the Wesleyan Way. And one of the main tenants of Wesleyanism is the imperative to "Do No Harm." With the construction here on site hitting a particular intense period and the city of Burnsville beginning their construction on the road in front of the church, it is apparent *in-person worship is not going to be a viable option for part of August.* The safety of all our Grace UMC folks is my utmost priority. The trenches, debris, and uneven ground render our physical space a danger for in-person Sunday mornings.

Therefore, with the approval of the Council, I made the decision to return us to online worship only for the following upcoming **Sundays: August 8th, 15th, and 22nd**

As was established previously, these online worship services will be available through the Grace United Methodist YouTube channel and Facebook page. They will be available early Sunday morning onward for you to watch and have that sacred time in your home with a cup of coffee and your family and furry friends (if you have them).

Although this may feel less than ideal, by going in this direction for part of the month of August, it ensures we are caring deeply for one another and embracing our "Do No Harm" spiritual practice. After all, we are tied together and resilient through the Spirit, who binds us together and lifts us up regardless of physical space or location!

I give thanks to each and every one of you for your ongoing commitment and faithfulness to the colorful gospel and to Grace UMC. See you online!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_cQSFpL5F0j80uSyGT1zUw

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/161143967299535>

In Christ,

Reverend Amanda Lunemann

