

- **Sunday, February 24**  
8:00 AM GIG– Fireside Room  
9:30 AM Worship– Sanctuary  
10:45 AM All classes, from 3 yr. olds to adults;  
Confirmation and Sr. Hi Youth  
4:00 PM 4H– Wesley Room & Kitchen
- **Monday, February 25**  
10:00 AM Quilters– Room #227  
11:30 AM Fellowship of Widows– Fireside Room  
7:00 PM Ad Council– Fireside Room
- **Tuesday, February 26**  
6:45 AM Bible Study– Fireside Room  
10:00 AM Newsletter Folding– Wesley Room  
5:00 PM Foundation Board Meeting– Fireside Room  
5:30 PM GGT Meeting– Wesley Room  
6:30 PM Esther Circle– Fireside Room  
6:30 PM ADT Meeting– Library  
7:00 PM Troop 123– B5
- **Wednesday, February 27**  
9:00 AM Share the Weight Blanket Making– Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM Central Iowa Detention Testing– Fireside Room  
5:30 PM Pit Stop– BenTena Room  
6:06 PM Worship– BenTena Room  
6:15 PM GriefShare– Fireside Room  
6:35 PM Choir Rehearsal– Choir Room  
7:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal– Bell Choir Room
- **Thursday, February 28**  
9:30 AM Ruth Circle– Narthex  
11:00 AM DHS Meeting– Fireside Room  
5:00 PM The Table Community Meal– Fellowship Hall
- **Saturday, March 2**  
8 AM to 3 PM District Boy Scout Meeting– Wesley Room  
9 AM to 2 PM Family Fest @ CC Event Center  
10:00 AM Worship Meeting– Fireside Room
- **Sunday, March 3**  
8:00 AM GIG– Fireside Room  
9:30 AM Worship– Sanctuary  
10:45 AM All classes, from 3 yr. olds to adults;  
Confirmation and Sr. Hi Youth

**Recorded this week:**

- Recorded Worship Attendance: 84
- General Budget Receipts: \$5,522.00
- Builder's Club: \$5.00
- Other Designated: \$486.00

**THANK YOU** for empowering GUMC Ministries by your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness!

**Nursery:**

- 24th:** Terri Ewoldt
- 3rd:** Julie Krull
- 10th:** Cheryl Mowery

**Liturgist today is:**

- 24th:**
- 3rd:** Dennis DeWitt
- 10th:** Kevin Tlam

**Connection Center:**

- 24th:** Kurt & Julie Schwarck
- 3rd:** Mitch & Katie McCann
- 10th:** Val Watters

**Accompanist:**

- 24th:** Sean Pulatie
- 3rd:** Sean Pulatie
- 10th:** Sean Pulatie

**Acolytes:**

**Greeters:** *Questions ask Cyndi O'Hara*  
**2/24/2019:** Bill & Janinis Liekweg,  
 Rich & Susan Studer family, Lou & Mary Lou Reed  
**3/3/19:** Dale & Vickie Heida, Judi Calhoon,  
 Tony Schmidt, Phyllis Sitter, Lorraine Patterson,  
 Mike & Darlene Carlson family  
**3/10/19:** Bob & Judy Rausch, Mable Tielbur,  
 Ardyth Harris, Frank & Kris Huss, Dan & Paula Harris



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Pastor: Rev. Paul Frederiksen

**Ministers - Everyone**

**February 24, 2019**

**9:30 AM**

**Welcome Guests!** *If you've not been here before, relax. We are not going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If this is your first time worshipping at Grace, we have a gift for you in the fellowship area. Go to the CONNECTION CENTER and the attendant will be sure you receive your gift.*

*When you see the [ \* ] people are invited to arise as able. Song lyrics will be projected, but if you're a notes & measures person, most songs are in the blue Hymnal; songs with numbers 2,000+ are in the thin, black Faith We Sing.*

*If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. If you need to leave with your preschooler, an usher can show you to the nursery. For older children there are "busy bags" on a rack at the rear of the worship center.*

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**.*

*Beverages are offered in the foyer after worship. Everyone is welcome!!*

*"Welcoming all people to know, grow, serve and share Jesus Christ."*

**Prelude**

**Centering for Worship**

**\*Sing Together** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

**\*Prayer of Forgiveness and Grace** (We'll pray together) (Worship & Song #86)

**Gracious God,**  
**our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**  
**Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,**  
**and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.**  
**Set us free from a past we cannot change;**  
**Open us to a future in which we can be changed;**  
**And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;**  
**Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**Expression of Life's Joys & Challenges**

**Call to Prayer** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

**Prayers of the People**

**"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.**

**A Reading from the Hebrew Testament**

Genesis 45:3-11 & 15

**Grace Care Card**

Please pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

This person is:  Myself  Family Member (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_  Friend/Neighbor

Request is for:  Healing  Hospice/End of Life  Surgery (Date): \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for: *describe nature of the concern* \_\_\_\_\_

gumprayer  care cards  This request is confidential. (Pastor Only)

Name of person requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

I have direct permission to share this information YES NO

**Young Disciples** Lesson– Pastor Paul  
**Invitational Song** “Awesome God” No. 2040  
**Act of Praise** “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms” Chancel Choir  
**\*Story of Jesus** Luke 6:27-38  
 Reader: Hard statements of Jesus... **ALL: ... challenging each of us.**  
**Sermon** “Faith = Moving Forward with Uncertainty” Pastor Paul  
**\*Statement of Faith** (Worship & Song # 77)

L: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,  
**P: we commit to truth and integrity**  
**and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.**  
 L: In defiance of apathy and hatred,  
**P: we choose to be proactive in love**  
**and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.**  
 L: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,  
**P: we embrace the mystery of faith**  
**and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.**  
 L: In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance,  
**P: we celebrate God’s salvation**  
**and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.**  
 L: In defiance of all that would oppose God’s purpose among us,  
**P: we choose again to follow Christ,**  
**and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.**

**Offering Our Service and Our Stuff**

**Offertory**  
**\*Sung Response** “Holy, Holy” (vs. 1) No. 2039  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of Revolutionary Love, how easy the road of discipleship would be if all you expected were our “offerings.” Remind us again that the real challenge and work of discipleship comes when we leave this place, to radically love those who curse, abuse or just don’t like us. We pray in the spirit of the radical love of Jesus. Amen.

**\*Singing the Faith** “Faith, While Trees Are Still In Blossom” No. 508

**\*God Sends Us OUT!** (Lines from Hymnal No. 434, “When the Poor Ones”)

L: When we love though hate at times seems all around us,  
 When we learn to make peace instead of war,  
 When each stranger we meet is called a neighbor,  
**P: then we know God still goes with us. Hosanna in the highest!!**

**Announcements:** Plans for Living So God can Use Us!

**Postlude**

**Ministry Opportunities**

- **Grace Lenten Devotional:** Sign up in Narthex TODAY for your copy. Pick up anytime after Feb. 27.
- **Lenten Study,** Adam Hamilton’s Simon Peter. \$13.50. Sign up TODAY!! Starts week of March 3.
- **March/April Upper Rooms are now available.** Pick up your Upper Room TODAY!!
- **Newsletter folding–** Tuesday, February 26, @10 :00 AM, Wesley Room. All welcome!
- **The Table (Free Community Meal)-** Thursday, February 28, @ 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.
- Grace Church will be driving for **Meals on Wheels Thursdays & Fridays in March.** Sign up today.
- **Sundays:**
  - **GIG at 8:00 AM–** Fireside Room
  - **Children’s Sunday School (Ages 3 - Grade 8)** 10:45 AM. Upper level (Rm # 226-233)
  - **Youth GIG (Senior High)** at 10:45 AM in Rm #B20-Youth Room
  - **The Wired Word GIG** at 10:45 AM - Fireside Room
  - Upper Room Discussion GIG at 10:45 AM - Chapel
  - **Adult SS Class** at 10:45 AM - Wesley Room
- **Wednesdays:**
  - **PIT STOP Meal** - 5:30-6:15 PM – BenTena Room (Chicken & Dressing Casserole)  
 ⇒ **Worship** 6:06-6:30 PM – BenTena Room
  - **Chancel Choir** 6:35 PM – #214-Choir Room
  - **Bell Choir Set up /Rehearsal** 7:15 PM/7:30 PM – Bell Choir Room
- **GriefShare–**Wed. thru April 17, 6:15 PM, Fireside Room. Contacts Sheryl Larson/ Dorothy DeGroot.
- **Quilters Mondays @10 AM.** Questions contact Linda Johnston. 2nd floor #227.
- If you would like a **magnetic nametag** for Grace UMC events deadline to sign up is TODAY!!.
- **Wellness Group-** Monday, March 4, @ 11:30 AM– Wesley Room.
- **YOUTH,** March 5, Spaghetti @ 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Invite friends!
- **Ash Wednesday, March 6-** Imposition of Ashes (Chapel) 5 -5:40 PM and 6:30 PM to 6:45 PM
- **Pit Stop Potluck, March 6;** Bring a dish to share with others.

**Thank you for the Catch the Spirit givers...**  
 February 24: Pastor Paul & Jane Moen.  
 March 3: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.  
 March 10: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.  
 March 17: Bob & Delores Barringer, in honor of their 68th Wedding Anniversary on March 17.  
 March 24: John & Marlyn Blair, in honor of John’s 91st B-day on March 23!

**Ministry Opportunities (this space is available for your ministry opportunities)** Tear off please

\_\_\_\_ **I will provide nursery care during worship on:**  
 \_\_\_\_ March 17 \_\_\_\_ March 31 \_\_\_\_ April 7 \_\_\_\_ April 21 \_\_\_\_ April 29 \_\_\_\_ May 5 \_\_\_\_ May 19

\_\_\_\_ **I will provide 1- 9X13 pan of dessert for Pit Stop:**  
 \_\_\_\_ February 27 \_\_\_\_ March 6 \_\_\_\_ March 13 \_\_\_\_ March 20 \_\_\_\_ March 27

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_