

- Sunday, March 17**  
8:00 AM GIG– Fireside Room  
8:45 to 9:15 AM Blood pressure Checks– Library  
9:30 AM Worship– Sanctuary  
10:35 to 11:00 AM Blood pressure Checks– Library  
10:45 AM All classes, from 3 yr. olds to adults;  
Confirmation and Sr. Hi Youth  
3:30 PM to 5 PM Post Conference Meeting– Fort Dodge UMC
- Monday, March 18**  
8:00 AM Confirmation Trip to Sioux City: All day  
10:00 AM Quilters– Room #227 (last day)  
9:30 AM UMW Meeting– Wesley Room  
11:00 AM to 1 PM Central Iowa Detention Testing– Fireside Room  
11:30 AM Wellness Group– Wesley Room  
3:00 PM Program @ Sunset Apartments  
5:30 PM Facility Taskforce Meeting– Fireside Room  
6:30 PM After Prom Party Meeting– B15
- Tuesday, March 19**  
6:45 AM Bible Study– Fireside Room  
6 PM to 7:30 PM YOUth Prep time for Pit Stop– Main floor kitchen  
7:00 PM Troop 123– B5
- Wednesday, March 20**  
9:30 AM Coffee @ Grace– Narthex  
11:30 AM Community Lenten Lunch & Worship– Faith Pentecostal  
1:30 PM Lenten GIG– Fireside Room  
4:45 PM Jump Start Bag Packing– B38  
6:06 PM Worship– BenTena Room  
6:15 PM GriefShare– Fireside Room  
6:35 PM Lenten GIG– Fireside Room  
6:35 PM Choir Rehearsal– Choir Room  
7:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal– Bell Choir Room
- Thursday, March 21**  
Delivery Meals on Wheels  
9:30 AM Ruth Circle– Fireside Room  
9:30 AM Lydia Circle– Wesley Room  
1:30 PM Mary Circle– Fireside Room  
3:30 PM Jump Start Delivery—Head Start School
- Friday, March 22**  
Delivery Meals on Wheels
- Saturday, March 23**  
8:00 AM United Methodist Men Gathering– Wesley Room  
10:00 AM Funeral for Daniel Kinlen– Sanctuary

**Recorded this week:**

- Recorded Worship Attendance: 123
- General Budget Receipts: \$5245.00
- Builder's Club: \$920.00
- Other Designated: \$765.34

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

**Nursery:**  
17th:  
24th: Terry Ewoldt  
31st:

**Liturgist today is:**  
17th: Emily Beehler  
24th: Roger Ingledue  
31st:

**Connection Center:**  
17th: Heidi & Ben O'Clair  
24th: Brownie & Gary Small  
31st: Jane & Roger Ingledue

**Accompanist:**  
17th: Sean Pulatie  
24th: Sean Pulatie  
31st: Tom Fuchsen

**Greeters:** Questions ask Cyndi O'Hara  
3/17/19: Roger & Carol Steely,  
John & Mavis Olson, Terry & Ruby Peterson,  
John & Carole Cotton  
3/24/19: Rick & Connie Geidl,  
Mitch & Katie McCann, Judith Olson, Janna Dirks,  
Dale & Carol Fisher  
3/31/19: Bill & Carol Lauritzen,  
Dave & Gay Spark, Wanda Grote,  
Elaine Orthmann, Everette & Crystal Handy



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**Ministers - Everyone**

**March 17, 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**

What is 'failure' anyway?!

Psalm 18:1-3

*Was it 'failure' when Peter stepped out of the boat?*

*Was it 'failure' when Peter cried out to Jesus?*

*What has fear of 'failure' kept you from doing?*

*When has 'failure' provided a stepping stone for advancement?*

**\*Sing Together**

*"'Tis the Old Ship of Zion"*

No. 345

**\*Prayer of Forgiveness and Grace** (We'll pray together)

**God, whose love like ocean waves is never ceasing, yet always refreshing, wash us in the clear, calm waters of your mercy and grace, so we may be new, clean, bathed in your forgiveness. We want to be ready for resurrection! Amen.**

**A Story from the Hebrew Testament**

from Numbers 13 & 14

**Act of Praise**

*"In Christ Alone"*

Chancel Choir

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

**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.**

**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  
Invitational Song**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Lesson – Pastor Paul  
No. 349

**Act of Praise**

Shante Whalen

**\*Story of Peter & Jesus**

Matthew 14:22-33

Reader: Hard statements of Jesus... **ALL: ...challenging each of us.**

**Sermon**

“Illusions of Control; a.k.a. ‘Boats!’”

Pastor Paul Frederiksen

*“The decision to grow spiritually always involves a choice between risk and comfort.*

*This means that to be a follower of Jesus*

*you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of your life.” (Ortberg\*\*)*

**Offering Our Service and Our Stuff**

**Offertory**

**\*Sung Response**

“We Will Follow”

No. 3160

*We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, we will follow him.*

*We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Wherever he leads us we will follow.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of our salvation, you have claimed us as citizens of heaven; but our lives often look no different from anyone else’s; our minds too often locked on earthly things.**

**May the gifts we bring to your Table be symbolic of our desire to let go of all that doesn’t reflect who we are and whose we are. In the name of Jesus our Redeemer, we pray.**

**Amen.**

**\*Singing the Faith**

“Give To the Winds Thy Fears”

No. 129

**\*God Sends Us OUT!**

L: We are now sent from here

P: **in the name of Jesus Christ**

L: to serve the God who cherishes us

P: **and to trust the Spirit who nurtures us.**

ALL: **Amen! So may it be!**

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

**Postlude**

\*\* (from If You Want to Walk On Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat)

**Ministry Opportunities**

- **Grace Lenten Devotional:** Now available at the Connection Center.
- **March/April Upper Rooms are now available in Narthex.** Pick up your Upper Room TODAY!!
- **Sundays:**
  - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 8:00 AM– Fireside Room
  - **Children’s Sunday School (Ages 3 - Grade 8)** 10:45 AM. Upper level (Rm # 226-233)
  - **The Wired Word GIG** at 10:45 AM - Fireside Room
  - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 10:45 AM - Chapel (9th grade - Adults)
  - **Adult SS Class** at 10:45 AM - Wesley Room
- **Quilters Mondays @10 AM.** Questions contact Linda Johnston. 2nd floor #227.
- **Community Lenten Meal & Service @11:30 AM.** Faith Pentecostal Church (across from Menards).
- **Wednesdays:**
  - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 1:30 PM– Fireside Room
  - **PIT STOP Meal** - 5:30-6:15 PM – BenTena Room  
⇒ **Worship** 6:06-6:30 PM – BenTena Room
  - **GriefShare**—6:15 PM– Fireside Room thru April 17. Contacts Sheryl Larson/ Dorothy DeGroot.
  - **Chancel Choir** 6:35 PM – #214-Choir Room
  - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 6:35 PM– Chapel
  - **Bell Choir Set up /Rehearsal** 7:15 PM/7:30 PM – Bell Choir Room
- **Mission Hunger Banquet:** Sunday, March 24, @ 11:45 AM in BenTena Rm. Come experience a global feast you won’t forget. All are welcome.
- **Newsletter folding** will be on Tuesday, March 26, @ 10 AM in the Wesley Room. All welcome!!
- **The Table (Free Community Meal):** Thursday, March 28, @ 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all. Bring a friend or two for supper. Hope to see you then.
- **Coffee @ Grace: 9:30 AM** on Wednesday, April 3, & Wednesday, April 17. Narthex area.
- **Seder Meal:** April 14, @ 5:30 PM- BenTena Rm. **FREE Tickets** available from confirmation youth.

**Thank you for the Catch the Spirit givers...**

**March 10: Dalen & Vicki Heida,** in honor of Dalen’s **70th Birthday** on March 14.

**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!

**March 31: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.**

**April 7: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.**

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

Tear off please

\_\_\_\_ **I will provide nursery care during worship on:**

\_\_\_\_ March 31 \_\_\_\_ April 7 \_\_\_\_ April 21 \_\_\_\_ April 29 \_\_\_\_ May 5 \_\_\_\_ May 19

\_\_\_\_ **I will provide 1- 9X13 pan of dessert for Pit Stop:**

\_\_\_\_ March 20 \_\_\_\_ March 27 \_\_\_\_ April 3 \_\_\_\_ April 10 \_\_\_\_ April 17 \_\_\_\_ April 24

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