

- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2– MISSION AUCTION BEGINS**  
9:30 AM Worship– Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 PM Pizza with the Pastor– Wesley Room
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
5:30 PM Mission Meeting– Library
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
6:45 AM Bible Study– Fireside Room  
5:15 PM PALS Board Meeting– Fireside Room  
5:30 PM Grace Cares Meeting– Wesley Room  
6:00 PM District Scout Meeting- #B16  
7:00 PM Troop 123- #B1
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
9:30 AM Coffee @ Grace– Narthex  
1:15 PM Communion @ LH/NS  
1:30 PM Adult Study– Fireside Room  
5:30 PM Pit Stop Meal– BenTena Room  
6:00 PM GriefShare Support Group– Fireside Room  
6:06 PM Worship– BenTena Room  
6:35 PM Chancel Choir Practice– Choir Room  
7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice– Bell Choir Room  
7:30 PM Explore the Bible- #229
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
1:00 PM UMW– Wesley Room & Chapel  
6:00 PM Chair Yoga– Chapel
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
10:00 AM Central Iowa Testing– Wesley Room
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
9:00 AM Food Prep for Mission Meal
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9– MISSION AUCTION ENDS**  
9:30 AM Worship– Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:55 AM Silent Auction Bidding ends  
12:00 AM Mission Information and Meal– BenTena Room

**Recorded this week:**

- Recorded Worship Attendance: 172
- General Budget Receipts: \$ 3,136.76
- Builder's Club: \$ 369.88
- Other Designated: \$ 438.40

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

**Nursery:**

**February 2:** Lisa Small

**February 9:** Cheryl Mowery

**Worship Reader:**

**February 2:** Denny Klatt

**February 9:** Kevin Tlam

**Connection Center:**

**February 2:** Jane Ingledue

**February 9:** Jane Ingledue

**Accompanist:**

**February 2:** Sean Pulatie

**February 9:** Sean Pulatie

**Greeters:**

**February 2:**

Kurt & Julie Schwarck, Al & Bev Andis, Connie & Linda Dobbins, Gary & Brownie Small

**February 9:**

Jim & Michaela Cullen, Lenny & Sandy Heerdt, Dave & Joy Decker, Mitch & Val Watters

**Pit Stop Menu for 2/5/20: Serving begins @ 5:30 PM**

Tator tot casserole, tossed salad, rolls & dessert

**Catch the Spirit Broadcast on KICD:**

**Sundays @ 9:07 AM**

**SMU Airing of Previous Sunday Worship:**

**Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM**

**Thursdays @ 10:00 AM**



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**Ministers - Everyone**

**February 2, 2020**

**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**

~prayer by Howard Thurman

**O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness,  
courage for my fear, hope for my despair.**

**O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion,  
forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.**

**O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil,  
joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.**

**O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.**

**\*Singing Together** *“I Love to Tell the Story”*  
(vs. 4 & refrain acapella)

No. 156

**\*According to the Early Scribes** John 13:31-35  
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Prayer**

Worship reader

**A Lesson for Young Disciples**

Invitational Song

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

Pastor Paul

No. 2173

**Sermon**

*“Should We Laugh??”*

**Offering** (as offering is received...) *“Help Us Accept Each Other”*  
(Ushers will bring the offering to the front as we sing.)

No. 560

**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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Setting D (Hymnal p. 23)

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.*

The Washing

*In the name of Christ, all persons are invited to participate in the meal.  
If you're not able to come forward a person will be coming around to you.*

### \*Act of Gratitude & Dedication

**O God, our worship sends us forth in service, and we offer ourselves –  
not as individuals alone – but as part of larger efforts, and supported by our faith.**

**We dedicate ourselves to the practice of healthy boundaries, and to our own self-care; also as instruments of blessing for others in need, particularly those who are affected by the challenges with mental health.**

**Help us to learn from the moments we falter or mis-step, that love may increase, that wellness may flourish, that healing may come.**

**As we have always been, we are yours; poured out in love for the world. Amen.**

### \*Singing the Faith

*"One Bread, One Body"*

No. 620

### \*The Charge and Blessing

L: May the grace that says "you are not alone" encourage you.

May the mercy that says "you are enough" comfort you.

May the love that says "you are loved" embrace you this day and every day.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

### Postlude

**God uses money as a tool to help us grow.**

*"Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)*

## Ministry Opportunities

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES/ SMALL GROUPS

#### SUNDAYS:

- 10:45 am Children (age 3 to grade 6) - Starting in Room 226
- 10:45 AM Live in Grace-Walk in Love– Chapel; Youth (7-12) & Adults
- 10:45 AM The Wired Word - Fireside Room
- 10:45 AM Unafraid - Wesley Room
- 10:45 AM Exploring the Bible, Old Testament- #229

#### WEDNESDAYS:

- 1:30 PM If You Want to Walk on Water... - Fireside Room
- 7:30 PM Exploring the Bible, Old Testament- #229

- **Pizza with the Pastor:** New to Grace Church? Been here for a while... ready to explore Grace a bit more? We invite you to **Pizza with the Pastor- Today at Noon in the Wesley Room.** This is a free event, whole family is welcome. Get to know your Pastor and some of the leaders.
- **Coffee @ Grace** is on Wednesday, Feb. 5 & 19, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Narthex. All welcome.
- **GriefShare Support Group**– Wed., Jan. 29, -April 15. 6-7:30 PM, Fireside Room. Book cost \$20. Scholarships are available.
- **Grace Cares will be watching the webinar:** Five Things You Need to Know about Dementia from a Faith Perspective on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. ALL who might be interested are WELCOME!
- **Mission Sunday– February 9.** Bidding on items starts today and ends at **11:55 AM on Sunday, February 9.** A free-will offering meal prepared by Missions will be served starting at **NOON on the 9th.** Check out mission displays and complete the Mission questionnaire to be eligible for prizes. Winners of the silent auction will be announced at the meal. **All are welcome.** Join the fun!!!
- **Consider writing for Grace's Lent Devotional.** Guidelines in Narthex. Devotions due Feb. 10.
- **Webinar #2: Church & Dementia,** Friday, February 14, @ 12 PM. Question contact Jane Moen. **Topic:** Five things a caregiver of faith needs to know about dementia.
- **Marge Mann is turning 100!** There will be a come & go celebration on Saturday, February 15, from 1-4 in the BenTena Room. All are welcome!
- **The food pantry is getting low.** We need your help! Items especially needed are canned meat (i.e. tuna, chicken), spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit, baked beans, soup, chili/black beans, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, and Rice/noodle packages. Your help in restocking the food pantry is appreciated.
- **Valentine Care packages** are available in the Narthex. Your help in personally delivering these envelopes to those who don't get out and about much anymore is appreciated. Please deliver them before Valentine's Day.
- **Grace will be using Adam Hamilton's The Walk** during Lent for small group study. Sign up in the Narthex.

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

**February 2:** Lou & Mary Lou Reed in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on February 6.

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