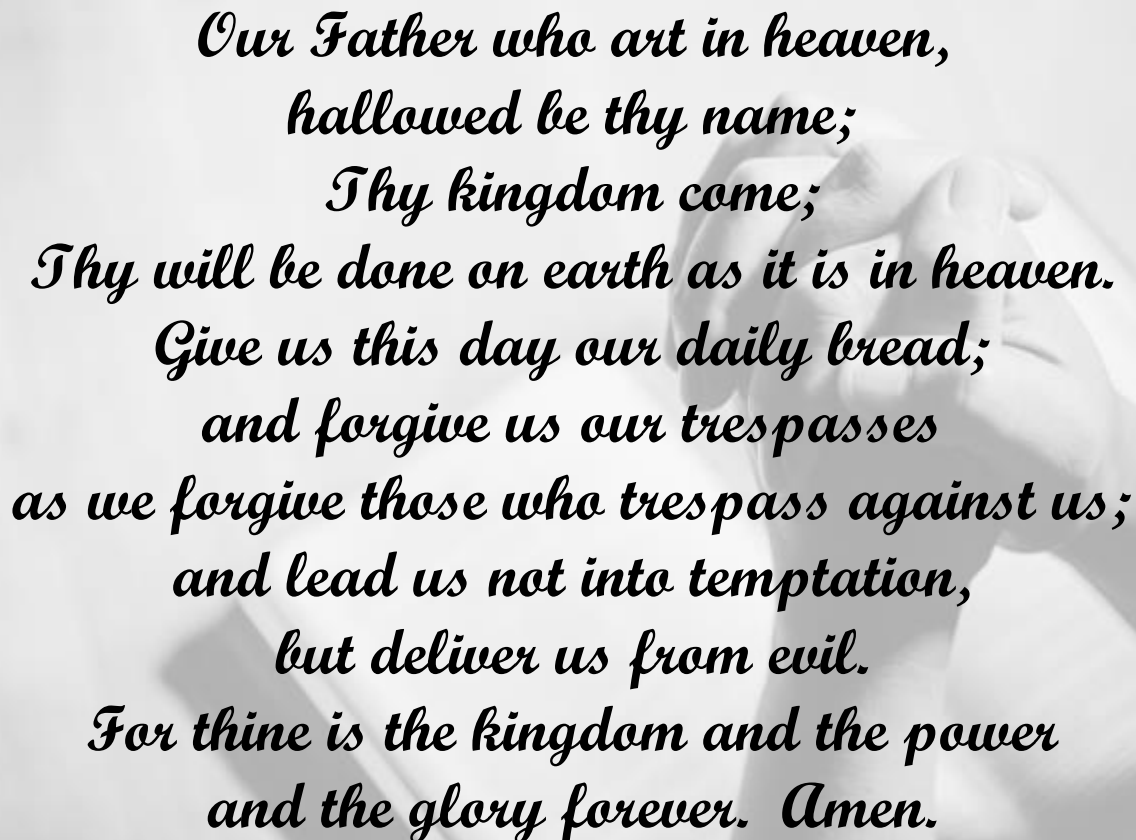


May 2023

## GRACE NEWSLETTER

Ministers: All God's People!

Grace Mission Statement: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



*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.*

Pastor Barrie's 6-week sermon series & Adult Bible Study:

Sundays May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am Traditional and 10:30 am Contemporary Service

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: THE MEANING AND POWER OF THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT**

by Rev. Adam Hamilton

Books are available at the Church Office.

Adult Bible Study: Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

And Sunday @ 12:00pm

Your Challenge: Pray the Lord's Prayer every day @ noon  
or the time of your choice.

## Grace United Methodist Church Foundation Funds

It is time to make application for foundation funds. You may pick up an application at the Welcome Center. **The deadline for turning the application into the office is May 12th by 1:30 p.m.**

## Hilda Josephine Blabaum Scholarship for 2023 High School Graduating Seniors

Graduating high school seniors that are furthering their education may pick up an application at the Welcome Center. **The application is due May 12 at 1:30 p.m.**

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## United Women in Faith



### ATTENTION KIDS!

Get to Know Your Church Library

**WHO:** Children through 5th Grade

**WHAT:** Reading Challenge

Sponsored by United Women in Faith

**WHEN:** April 1 - June 30

**HOW:** 1. Check out a book or books from the Children's section of the library whenever the Church building is open.  
2. Pick out a Prayer & Reading Beanie Buddy to keep with your first book.  
3. Fill out and return your record of books read or listened to by June 30th to earn a prize!

### Next United Women in Faith Meeting:

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 1:30 PM  
BenTena Room

Cyndi O'Hara, United Women in Faith  
Education & Interpretation Officer

## Mission News

**Thank you** to the Youth Group for packing the food bags for Jump Start. Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap and dish soap were donated and delivered to Head Start.

**Thank you** for contributing \$210.00 to the Easter Tree project for Missions.

**Thank you** to Gina Kohrs and those helping with the Wednesday Night Meals.

Mission funds were donated to Upper Des Moines for the Multi Church Fund, Spencer School lunch program, Youth Group for mission trips, and Head Start.

Our next meeting will be May 1 at 5:30.  
Julie Schwarck, Mission Chairperson

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## United Methodist Men

The May meeting will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. Breakfast will be served at 8 AM followed by devotions. The speaker will be Karmen Brown, the manager of the Spencer Many Hands of Haiti store. She will be telling us about the local store operation, state operation, and also the charities including the organization in Haiti.

Please join us for a good meal, worship and learning about this mission project.

Brad Johnson,  
Methodist Men Chair



## Grace Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir is excited to invite all to our end-of-the-season service to be held on May 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM combined service in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing four anthems featuring well-known songs and the choir favorites. Lavila Nelson will play the flute. Ray Meyer and Sue Archibald will play the pianos, and Bill Lauritzen and Sue will sing a duet during one of the choir's selections. The congregation will also be invited to join in singing some favorite hymns and Pastor Barrie will deliver a message.

This will be the choir director Sue's last day with the Choir at Grace as she has made the decision to leave at the end of this choir season.

The choir is looking forward to seeing you at our service on the 28th!

Sue Archibald, Choir Director

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## The Display Case Corner

Take a few minutes to check out the "Display Case Corner" beside the church office. This is an area where we wish to highlight the special missions, passions, collections or interesting items our members are willing to share with others. Don't be concerned about how to set-up your sharing in the case, we will help.

Currently featured in the display case is Marietta Johnson's personal mission. She has created over 600 sweaters for the "Knit for Kids" project sponsored by World Vision. As Marietta says, "It's all for the kids." Stop by the case to learn more about the project and see many beautiful sweaters. If you have anything that you would like to share for the "Display Case Corner," please contact—

Lisa Elliott at (712) 240-0929.



## Wednesday Family Church Night Open to All!

- 5:00 PM Family Night Free Meal—Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Grace KIDZ—Upper Level
- 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group—Basement Youth Room
- 6:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study
- 7:00 PM High School Youth Group—Basement Youth Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice—Choir Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

*The last Wednesday Family Church Night for this year is May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Pizza will be served.*

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## Sunday, May 21, 2023 Graduation Spencer High School Seniors

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Malachi Carlson  
Monroe Daniels  
Sydni Faulkender  
Trinity Pullen

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## Weighted Works with Love

Weighted Works with Love has changed its work date. We are now sewing on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We make weighted lap pads, shoulder wraps and blankets by special order or you may shop our supply of items on hand. Stop in for a look at the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Tuesday from 9AM to 3PM. Orders may be placed by calling Brownie Small at 262-7420 or Sue Hitchcock at 262-7604.

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Crittenton Center and especially for those we serve, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your gift of \$40 worth of gift cards and your in-kind gifts of household supplies and socks. This is a very kind and thoughtful gesture on your part.

Crittenton Center has been striving to meet the needs of children and families for over 100 years. We are always encouraged by the generosity of individuals like you in our community and are thankful that you think of Crittenton Center for your donations.

Warmest regards,  
Kim Scorza, Executive Director  
[www.crittentoncenter.org](http://www.crittentoncenter.org)

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We are so grateful to you for allowing us to acquire 2 of your pianos you have in storage. We realize they were donated to the Church to honor someone in the congregation and to be a way to express praise to our God.

Be assured the patrons of the Grand Avenue Community Outreach appreciate your generosity, and so do we, on the Board!

Bill Kersting, for the Board  
Grand Avenue Community Outreach

## Catch the Spirit Broadcast on KICD:

Listen on Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Do you know someone who is having a special birthday or anniversary? Consider honoring them by your \$70.00 donation to Catch the Spirit Broadcast.

## SMU Airing of Previous Sunday

**Worship:** Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM &  
Thursdays @ 10:00AM

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## Let's Gather Together

### All Church Potluck

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 AM  
BenTena Room

Bring something your family enjoys or try a new recipe. Join in the fellowship while enjoying a wonderful meal by some great cooks.

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### WANTED

A good used microwave for the Hospitality Kitchen. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact me at cellphone #712-260-3860 or landline 712-580-4780. Marietta Johnson

**May 1, Mon**

1:00PM DHS Mtg  
5:30 PM Mission Mtg

**May 2, Tue**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 3, Wed**

9:30 AM Coffee & Grace  
5:00 PM Wednesday Family Meal  
6:00 PM Grace KIDZ Program  
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
6:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Sr. High Small Group Class

**May 4, Thu**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 5, Fri & May 6, Sat****May 7, Sun**

9:00 AM Worship Service  
In-person & Online  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
10:30 AM The Wired Word  
11:30 AM Church Potluck @ Fellowship Hall  
12:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

**May 8, Mon**

6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

**May 9, Tue**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 10, Wed**

5:00 PM Wednesday Family Meal  
6:00 PM Grace KIDZ Program  
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
6:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

**May 10, Wed (Continued)**

7:00 PM Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Sr. High Small Group Class

**May 11, Thu**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 12, Fri****May 13, Sat****May 14, Sun, Mother's Day**

9:00 AM Worship Service  
In-person & Online  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
10:30 AM The Wired Word  
12:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

**May 15, Mon**

Newsletter Articles Due

**May 16, Tue**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class  
**May 17, Wed**  
9:30 AM Coffee & Grace  
(Last Wednesday Family Meal)  
5:00 PM Wednesday Family Pizza Meal

6:00 PM Grace KIDZ Program

6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

7:00 PM Sr. High Small Group Class

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**May 18, Thu**

1:30 PM Ruth Circle

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 19, Fri & May 20, Sat****May 21, Sun**

9:00 AM Worship Service  
In-person & Online  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
10:30 AM The Wired Word  
12:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

**May 22, Mon**

6:30 Admin Council Mtg

**May 23, Tue**

9:00 AM Weighted Work With Love  
5:00 PM Esther Circle  
5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 24, Wed**

6:00 PM Lord's Prayer Adult Study

**May 25, Thu**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 26, Fri & May 27, Sat****May 28, Sun**

10 AM Combined Service in Sanctuary for the Chancel Choir End-of-the-Season Service  
12:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

**May 29, Mon, Memorial Day****May 30, Tue**

5:30 PM Taekwondo Class

**May 31, Wed**

6:00 PM The Lord's Prayer Adult Study

For update calendar:  
[www.spencergumc.com/calendar.php](http://www.spencergumc.com/calendar.php)



Please join us in welcoming

*Interim Pastor Barrie and Kae Tittle*

With Coffee and Food immediately following  
the 9:00 am service on April 30th in the  
Narthex

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11





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**Worship:**

**Sunday 9:00 AM – Traditional**

**Sunday 10:30 AM – Contemporary**

**Pastor Barrie Tritle**

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