# September 2023

# **GRACE NEWSLETTER**

Ministers: All God's People!

**Grace Mission Statement:** 

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### **Looking ahead with the Pastor:**

We currently are examining a few of the Questions Jesus Asked. According to Biblical scholars Jesus asked 307 questions, he was asked 183 questions and only answered 3 of them. He was not the answer man, but he was the one with questions for you and me. Ultimately Jesus questions are among his most profound gifts to us and lead us a deeper life of faith. It is my hope that we all can grow in grace as we go deeper into the scriptures with our questions and Jesus' questions.

The next four questions we will be looking at are: "Who do you say that I am?" Matthew 16:13-20; "What do you want me to do for you?" Matthew 20:29-34; "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:43-49 and "Do you Love me?" John 21:15-25.

In October, we will turn to the theme of "Measuring Generosity: How will you measure your life?" A good resource for going deeper on this subject is the New York Times Bestseller book by Clayton Christensen, James Allworth and Karen Dillon, *How Will You Measure Your Life?* This book does not tell you what to think, instead it teaches you how to think, so that you can answer for yourself: How will you measure your life?

We will look at the World Communion theme on October 1<sup>st</sup> of "God's Promise of Joy," Philippians 2:9-10; "Measuring Generosity: By who and how you love" John 15:1-8; Laity Sunday theme of "Rise up" 2 Timothy 1:1-14; "Measuring Generosity: By How and What You Give" 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and "Measuring Generosity: By Who and How You Serve" Matthw 25:31-46.

In November, we will spend the month "Giving Thanks". We will give thanks for All the Saints on November 5<sup>th</sup>, for our Veterans on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and for God's bountiful blessings and harvest on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Advent begins on November 27th, and we will join Bishop Kennetha in study of Bishop Kenneth Carter's new book *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life.* Our Advent Sunday themes are: "Unrelenting Grace as God's gift to us"; "Unrelenting Grace connects us to each other"; "Unrelenting Grace Is God's Way of Life," and "Unrelenting Grace and Healing of Our bodies – Churches."

I look forward to this adventure of grace with you all. It is amazing what we can do together as we join God's Grace here at Grace UMC and as we Grow in Grace together. May God bless us in our efforts to honor God.

Growing in Grace, Pastor Barrie Tritle

#### **Notice**



## Worship Service Time Change Starts September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

## Kent Tritle to perform organ recital at Grace United Methodist Church



Grace United Methodist Church is hosting an organ recital by Kent Tritle, on September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. This is a free community event and everyone is welcome.

Kent Tritle is one of America's leading choral conductors. Called "the brightest star in New York's choral music world" by The New York Times, he is Director of Cathedral Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City; Music Director of the Oratorio Society of New York, the Grammy-nominated volunteer chorus; and Music Director of Musica Sacra, New York's elite professional chorus.

Kent is a member of the graduate faculty of The Juilliard School. Also, an acclaimed organ virtuoso, Kent Tritle is the organist of the New York Philharmonic.

Kent Tritle is renowned as a master clinician, giving workshops on conducting and repertoire; he leads annual choral workshops at the Amherst Early Music Festival, and recent years have included workshops at Berkshire Choral International, Summer@Eastman and at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki. As Director of Choral Activities at the Manhattan School of Music, Kent established the school's first doctoral program in choral conducting. A Juilliard School faculty member since 1996, he currently directs a graduate practicum on oratorio in collaboration with the school's Vocal Arts Department.

As an organ recitalist, Kent Tritle performs regularly in Europe and across the United States; recital venues have included the Leipzig Gewandhaus, the Zurich Tonhalle, the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris, Dresden's Hofkirche, King's College at Cambridge, Westminster Abbey, and St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague and many more venues.

Kent Tritle holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from The Juilliard School in organ performance and choral conducting. He has been featured on ABC World News Tonight, National Public Radio, and Minnesota Public Radio, as well as in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. He was featured in Episode 6 of the first season of the WIRED video series "Masterminds," an installment titled, "What Conductors Are Really Doing." <a href="https://www.kenttritle.com">www.kenttritle.com</a>

## Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai Zoom Advent Study

Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, 2023 Friends, in November, we will begin a virtual, conference-wide Advent Study of Bishop Ken Carter's new book, <u>Unrelenting Grace</u>. Bishop Carter calls grace the essence of a holy life, in which we recognize that God's loving presence in our lives is a gift. Being able to receive that gift and extend it to others "...stretches us, mystifies us, unravels us, and ultimately heals us," he writes.

For this season of Advent, I invite you to explore the unrelenting grace of God with friends and colleagues from around our conference. The study will help us remember who we are as United Methodists, and give us a sense of common belonging, shared identity and unity. Maybe, it will even put us on a road to healing.

The study will last for just four sessions and will be entirely online on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Central, beginning on November 28, then continuing December 5, December 12 and the 19<sup>th</sup>.

There are 35 copies of <u>Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life</u> in Pastor Barrie's office from the Iowa Conference. You can use the QR code to register for the Bishop's Zoom Advent Study.

We hope Advent in 2023 might be a season in which we embrace grace, seek holiness, and reconnect with one another, culminating in a conference-wide Epiphany worship service of commitment.

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#### Whole Person Health-fullness

Healthy, well-functioning bodies are often taken for granted—until something happens; an inconvenient infection, a gradual awareness of changing bodily functions or a sudden event—such as an accident or an unexpected injury that leaves our physical body partially functioning.

Other aspects of our lives also affect our physical health—worry and stress, changes in our finances, relationships, family and work responsibilities, illness within our families, as well as the meaning and purpose of life as we experience it.

The above situations show us that health is actually more than just our physical body. Whole person health encompasses several dimensions: physical, relational/social, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and environmental (use of resources). Let's take a closer look at these dimensions.

(Adapted from Lutheran Brotherhood's <u>Beyond Physical Wellness</u>)

**Physical:** Our body itself—a complex interdependent system of organs, chemical processes, bones, muscles, and joints. Physical well-being means maintaining the functioning of your body over the long haul through responsible choices of eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, moving your muscles and joints, and reducing stress. Maintenance also includes checking out symptoms before major problems happen with your body's function.

**Emotional:** Emotional well-being is the ability to feel and deal constructively with the whole range of human emotions. An emotionally healthy person is able to feel, express and cope with their emotions in appropriate ways. This demonstrates a basic satisfaction with life and a positive sense of self. To love and be loved is the essence of emotional well-being.

(Continued – Whole Person Health-fullness)

**Intellectual:** Intellectual well-being means that you are able to use your mind for learning. remembering, organizing and interpreting information, problem solving, and imagination. Intellectually healthy persons have a sense of curiosity and inquiry that leads to life-long learning. They enjoy asking questions, finding answers and solving problems that can be applied to the greater good of others.

Social/Relational: Social well-being is intentionally building and maintaining good relationships with others. This includes being able to receive and give support to family, friends, and people in your community. Developing and maintaining relationships requires a conscious effort of time, energy, commitment and flexibility. Socially healthy persons share their highs, lows, celebrations and trials with each other. We need to know that we are not alone in our journey through life.

**Spiritual:** All great religions define spiritual health as unity with the Divine. Christianity teaches that this unity comes through the Creator God, the Redeemer Jesus Christ and the Sustainer Holy Spirit. Spirituality is a hidden dimension of life, since that which is "of the Spirit" can't be seen. Indicators of spiritual well-being include an attitude of thankfulness, finding purpose and meaning in reaching out to others, and connecting with God through worship and prayer both communally and privately.

**Environmental:** Environmental well-being is accepting responsibility for the wise use of resources, both personal and public. This includes the natural resources of Earth, our personal time and money, and using manufactured goods/technology responsibly. Environmentally healthy persons think of themselves as world citizens with a broad vision—concerned for the greater good of all people, future generations, creation, and our wider world.

I hope that this gives you a broader understanding of health and well-being. I invite you to ponder what "Health-fullness" might mean for you.

Wellness is like a journey....there are many forks in the road and you make many choices. Some lead to dead ends. Others lead to the joy and wonder of feeling alive:

To the rich life of emotions.... To intellectual stimulation.... To spiritual peace and joy.... To a strong healthy body.... To responsible use of resources.... To rewarding close relationships....

To a balance of Life's Dimensions!

Kae Tritle, RN Community Faith Nurse

## **DINNER CHURCH – Free Dinner – Christian Music – Devotional Special Guest Musicians**

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Kent Tritle Organ Recital Saturday, October 14th –Piano Recital to rededicate our grand piano Saturday, November 11th –The Itty Bitty Boji Band Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Music

## Other Special Music!

Sunday, September 17th, Evan Hilsabeck is playing the organ during Worship Service



Dear Grace United Methodist Church Foundation:

On behalf of the Spencer Sparks 4-H Club, I would like to say **THANK YOU** for your generous monetary donation! The funds we received were used towards our Club Citizenship Project, Backpacks 4 Kids.

In November of 2022, our 4-H Club set a goal to make a <u>BIG</u> impact on our community. We voted to help the Backpack Program through the Spencer Community Schools. This program donates school supplies and backpacks to low-income students in the district from grades Preschool through 8th grade, so they can begin the new school year on a positive start. Our original plan was to fill 10 to 15 backpacks with school supplies.

After some fundraisers and this wonderful donation, we were able to purchase 63 School Supply Kits and 63 Backpacks, 53 pairs of headphones for elementary students, and 30 pairs of earbuds for Middle School Students. Absolutely amazing!!

Our 4-H Club Citizenship Project was judged on July 19th at the Achievement Day for the Fair, and it was selected to go to the Iowa State Fair. We are excited to see how our project does!

Thank-you again for blessing our 4-H Club with a generous monetary donation!

Hannah Blume, Citizenship Project Coordinator Spencer Sparks 4-H Club

> Backpack 4 Kids received a blue ribbon at the State Fair! Congratulations Spencer Sparks 4-H Club!



## **Root Beer Floats @ the Mainstreet Market**

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the root beer floats ministry. We served 681 floats this year. The most served in one evening was 177. A special thank you to the people who helped serve.

By Jamie Horning

How thankful we are to the people of Grace United Methodist Church for being such a supportive and prayerful church community! Your prayers, your cards and phone calls, your hugs and caring have meant so much at the death in May of my sister, Judy and again when our daughter and son-in-law were in a serious car accident in June. They are now at home in Des Moines recovering. We do believe in the power of prayer. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Linda and Thorne Wittstruck

#### **United Methodist Men**

Thank you to all the members that took part in making our brunch for the Midwest Christian Services a large success. A special thank you to Roger Ingledue for helping to prepare the food. Also, thanks to all who spent time with the young men socializing. The boys were very happy and also the staff was pleased.

By Brad Johnson



#### **Produce Table**

Gardeners with an abundance of veggies and fruit are welcome to share with fellow GUM members.

A table has been set up in the Narthex.

By Vada Calhoon

#### **WANTED**

The Missions Committee is looking for items to sell at the Missions Market to be held October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please get out your knitting needles, lathes, saws, paints, rolling pins, or baking tins and create one-of-a-kind products to donate. We will also offer timeless treasures. These are quality items that you are ready to adopt out to a new home to support Grace's mission work. Suggestions include collectibles and art.

If you provide an item, feel free to include a suggested price for the freewill offering. Nonperishables should be delivered to the church by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Baked goods can be delivered before 10:30 on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Missions Market will include a soup luncheon with a freewill donation from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. People will be welcome to shop until 1:30. Contact Sheryl Larson or Brownie Small with questions.

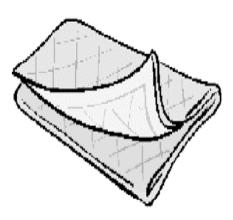
By Sheryl Larson

## **Weighted Works With Love**

On our Facebook page Weighted Works With Love invited teachers to take advantage of an offer to obtain five lap pads free for their classroom. The offer was available for a limited time and was well received by thirty-one teachers from several communities.

While we will be busy sewing these orders, it is time to remind everyone that Christmas isn't far away. If you are thinking of ordering a weighted blanket, lap pad, or shoulder wrap for someone, give us a call or stop by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to check out our in-stock selection as well as fabric choices. We'd be glad to help you find just what you had in mind.

Brownie Small, WWWL Volunteer



### **Trustees Committee Update**

At the Trustees meeting in August, the committee determined that the church boilers had not been inspected for some time. Ben O'Clair expressed the importance of having them inspected on a regular schedule to ensure they are properly maintained. The committee voted to accept a bid from Midwest Mechanical to enroll in their boiler maintenance program. This will be done when the boiler system is turned on in the fall.

With regard to the restroom remodel on the west side of the church, a full sewer pipe inspection has now been completed. No problems were found. That brings us just a little closer to getting started on our project. What the inspection did reveal, however, was an additional man hole that the city street department didn't know existed. It is located near the Warner Funeral home garage and was part of the sewer system when there was an alley dividing the city block. The manhole was 16 inches below the surface of the ground and is a key part of our church's sewer network. Collars were added to bring the cover to ground level, and it is now visible and will be inspected routinely going forward.

Dan Harris, our building maintenance person, has been very busy with a variety of projects including some roof maintenance, working on various appliance repairs and maintenance, cleaning soiled carpets, changing light bulbs and clearing out years of various "collections" from areas throughout the building. Please thank him for his continued hard work the next time you see him. His work here is greatly appreciated.

Gary Small, Trustees Chair

#### **Missions Committee**

Our Missions Committee continues to be busy with a number of mission opportunities our congregation can participate in.

- 1. The sleep mat looms have gotten busier as we learn how to create sleep mats from plastic shopping bags. Two mats are completed and with each one we are getting faster and better as we go. You can come in and try your hand at weaving or preparing the "Plarn" any time the church is open. Call ahead to the church office to arrange for help if you have not been involved with this project before.
- 2. The Heifer project \$500.00 Foundation match challenge has been a great success as our congregation supports our youth in their goal to collect change in a noisy offering on Sunday mornings. Dollars and checks are accepted as well. Join in with your noisy donation to see how well

we do by the end of September. Carson has been leading the charge on this project. His enthusiasm has been contagious.

- 3. Grace United Methodist Church has agreed to do Meals on Wheels the month of September. Within minutes of our announcement, several signatures were added to the signup sheet as volunteers were looking forward to serving their community.
- 4. Keith Bress has arranged for interested people to return to <u>The Banquet</u> in Sioux Falls to serve a meal at that facility October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or reach out to Keith for more details about this great opportunity.
- 5. The Mission Committee is working out the final details on a Mission Market opportunity to take place at Grace Church on October 21. Read more about this fundraiser elsewhere in the newsletter and plan to participate with your talents, your presence and your prayers for a successful event.
- 6. The Ingathering will take place on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and our church family is working hard to complete school bags and love quilts to deliver to Cherokee. Finished items will be displayed in the sanctuary or Narthex on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> for the congregation to see. A blessing for these items to be given.
- 7. At the time of this publication other opportunities are being discussed and further information will be shared as plans develop.

Thank you, Grace Church, for your continued support of the Missions Committee and its work.

Brownie Small, Missions Chair

Planning meeting for organizing a NEW

### WIDOW FELLOWSHIP small group

Wednesday, September 6
Church Library, 11:00 AM
Come, share and feel the connection.
Contacts for organizational start-up:
Lorraine (262-5879), Donna (580-4470)
Bonnie (580-6201), Phyllis (262-7469)
By Phyllis Sitter

### **Display Case Corner**



#### Head, Heart, Hands and Health

If these words have special meaning to you, then we want your mementoes for the display case in September! All present and former 4-H'ers are invited to share an item or items, such as your record book, photo, ribbon, trophy, etc., to fill the case. Help us to honor the 4-H program at Grace.

By Lisa Elliott

#### **United Methodist Men**

The September meeting for UMM will be Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM. The speaker for our meeting will be Susan Christiansen. She will be speaking about the Pals mentoring program. Hope to see a large turnout to start the new year.

By Brad Johnson

## The Banquet in Sioux Falls

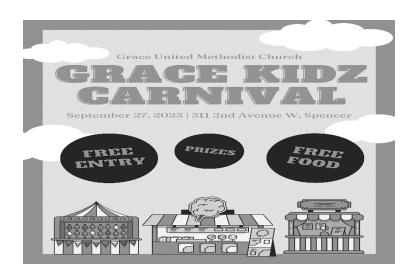
On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be going again to The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Currently 20 to 30 members are needed to feed 250 to 300 people who need a meal. We will leave the church at 8:15AM and carpool there. There will be money available for gas expenses. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Keith Bress @ 712-260-8240.

By Keith Bress

## **GriefShare Support Group**

The First Congregational Church in Spencer will be hosting a GriefShare recovery support group. This is a 13-week, in person, video seminar series that will guide individuals on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. The video seminars feature some of the nation's foremost Christian experts who have all suffered the loss of loved ones. The videos are combined with discussions.

You can preregister at <u>griefshare.org</u> and enter Spencer's zip code. You can also register at the first meeting you attend. The meetings will start September 18, 6:00 PM at the First Congregational Church. You may join at any time. The accompanying workbook costs \$25, and scholarships are available. Feel free to contact Rev. Shazzy Britz at 864-409-9022 with questions or for more information. By Sheryl Larson



### **Children's Ministry**

The Family Fun Pizza Party was held Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, with about 30 in attendance. We enjoyed Domino's pizza, cookies and root beer floats.

**Next Event:** September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM, Children's Carnival with games, food and fun!

A sample of the pizza box with games and activities, which was delivered earlier to families, is on display in the Church Office.

By Kristin Schwenneker

#### **United Women in Faith**

Camp Clear Lake District Annual Meeting will be @ Grace United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 30, 2023. **Registration & Coffee**: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Registration is in the Narthex. Coffee & Lunch are in the Fellowship Hall. **Meeting**: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM in the Sanctuary. **Local Officer's Training** during lunch along with shopping Fair Trade items and weaving at the plastic bag looms. **Speakers**: "Who Do We Say We Are?" presented by Gladys Alvarez, Conference President. Danille Curtis, Midwest Missions is showing the plastic bag mats on looms. Deb Streff is bringing Fair Trade products. Marietta Johnson is showing the sweaters she makes for missions. Tamsin Webb is speaking about Bidwell Riverside Center and Hawthorn Hill now becoming Families Forward. Pastor Barrie is serving communion. Roger Ingledue is the Media Man. Jan Watson is the pianist.

Before the guests arrive, Lisa Elliott and Sue Hitchcock will be baking for the morning coffee. Sandy Heerdt and Lorraine Conley are creating favors and decorating the tables. Shirley Spangler and volunteers will be preparing the luncheon. Blessings for this time together with cleanup and sharing leftovers!

Our October UWFaith meeting has been changed to **Thursday**, **October 19**<sup>th</sup> with a **Salad Potluck Luncheon**. **Meeting time is 10:00 AM**. Our guest speaker is the Deaconess from West Bend-Mallard UMC, Reby Tabelisma. Reby's husband, Pastor Nathan, and Reby will be attending the Biennial Gathering of Harris Alumni Federation October 5-7 in Burnaby, BC for Deaconesses from the Philippines who are now in Canada and US. Please bring a guest and a salad for the potluck. Our last year's recipients of the Special Mission Recognition, Lisa Elliott and Sheryl Larson, will be presenting the 2022 Special Mission Recognition pins.

By Jane Ingledue

## Greeter Sign-Up

It's great to be greeted by a smiling face and for someone opening the door for us. If you or your family would like to be involved in this Greeter Ministry, please sign up on the appropriate sheet on the table in the Narthex. We greet at the East and West doors, and at the North door by the office. Wear your name tag or make a paper name tag at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please be available to greet by 30 minutes before the service. Thank you for considering this very important task for Sunday morning. By Dorothy DeGroot

### **Breakfast @ Grace**

Sunday, September 24th at 8:30AM

We will be serving a light breakfast before the worship service. We hope you can join us for the meal and fellowship before the service. We will be serving in the Narthex. By Alison Herman

#### Can You Count to Four?

Have you ever said, "I can't play the bells, I can't read music or I don't know how to ring a bell or some other excuse?" Well, here is your chance. There is no need to be able to read music! How to play the bells can be learned! The only prerequisite is that you have to be able to count to 4, and sometimes we only count as high as 2 or 3!

The Bell Choir will be back to playing music this fall!! Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm in the Bell Choir Room (just down the hall from the BenTena Room). If you would like to join the bell choir, please join us! If you want to just learn more, please join us! If you have any questions or would like to let us know you will be joining us, contact Judi Calhoon at <a href="mailto:jubes66@gmail.com">jubes66@gmail.com</a>. By Judi Calhoon



### **Catch the Spirit**

Catch the Spirit is one of the longest continuous missions at Grace UMC. Each week the previous Sunday's service can be seen as a rebroadcast on SMU's Channel 3. You can "catch the spirit" of our service on Wednesdays from 7-8 PM and Thursdays from 10-11 AM.

If you would like to sponsor a church service to make it available to others who have SMU cable tv, please contact the church at office@spencergumc.com or stop by the office.

Forms are available online at the church website (<u>spencergumc.org</u>) or in the office. On the form, enter the date of the church service you are sponsoring and include the name of a person or persons you are honoring or recognizing in memory.

Weekly sponsorships are \$70. On your check, please write Catch the Spirit on the memo line.

By Dorothy DeGroot

#### **T-Shirt Committee**

The Grace United Methodist Church T-Shirt Committee members are Pastor Barrie, Sheryl Larson, Sandy Heerdt, Bri Pullen, Kae Tritle and Jane Ingledue. Pastor Barrie asked our committee to consider a theme for our church. He asked us to consider our church's purpose and how we might convey this on our T-Shirts: Who are we as a church? How will we connect to our community and beyond? We discussed our need to be welcoming; connecting with others through grace; growing in grace, and serving the Lord through grace. The committee decided on the phrase "Grow in Grace" on the front of our T-shirts along with silhouettes of trees. In addition, we will have our church name and town printed on the back. We will provide two different shades of green and a choice of long sleeves or short sleeves. After the finished artwork is approved, an order will be placed, and the cost of the T-shirts to our members will reflect a "Foundation Supported Discounted Price." At this time, we don't have a date of delivery yet, but wouldn't it be great to see the volunteers of the Children's Carnival or *The Banquet* volunteers wearing the new Grace United Methodist Church T-Shirts? Cook crews might wear them while serving Wednesday night meals. We feel the T-shirts are a mission outreach, and a visual of our team effort to serve Christ. By Jane Ingledue and Sandy Heerdt

### September's Liturgists

09/03/23—Dorothy DeGroot 09/10/23—Kristin Schwenneker 09/17/23—Bri Pullen 09/24/23—Sheryl Larson

Please call or text Jenn Ingledue @ 712-346-7720 if you are interested in reading the scripture during the 9AM Sunday Worship Service.

By Jenn Ingledue

#### **GRACE CARES**

This is a congregational care outreach of our Grace UMC with currently thirteen members plus Pastor Barrie. Our purpose is to be in regular contact with over 50 persons connected to our church who are currently in care centers, have health issues, or are just not able to get out much on their own. These contacts may be in person, by phone or by mail with recognition of birthdays and anniversaries along with special times of the year. This includes the care cards signed on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. Some get a mailing of <a href="HomeTouch">HomeTouch</a>, a weekly devotional. Communion can be provided upon request. If you feel the call to this kind of service ministry or know of someone who should be added to our contact list, please contact me at 712-363-3185 or the church office.

Cyndi O'Hara, Grace Cares Coordinator

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 AM – Traditional Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Worship starts @ 9:30 AM

Pastor Barrie Tritle barrie.tritle@gmail.com

## September Calendar of Church Events @ GUMC

September 3, Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service September 4, Monday Labor Day—Office Closed September 5, Tuesday 5:30 PM Missions September 6, Wednesday 9:30 AM Coffee @ Grace 11:00 AM Widow Fellowship Planning Meeting September 10, Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service September 11, Monday 6:30 PM Trustees September 12, Tuesday 6:00 PM Children's Ministry September 15, Friday Newsletter articles &/or new ideas due to Jane @ jdgingledue@gmail.com or left at the Front Desk, Church

September 17, Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service September 19, Tuesday 6:30 PM SPRC

Office.

September 20, Wednesday 9:30 AM Coffee @ Grace 5:30 PM Dinner Church 6:30 PM Organ Concert September 21, Thursday 1:30 PM Ruth Circle 6:30 PM Worship Committee September 23, Saturday 8:00 AM Methodist Men September 24, Sunday 8:30 AM Breakfast @ Grace 9:30 AM **NEW TIME** Worship Service September 25, Monday 6:30 PM Church Council September 26, Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Weighted Works With Love 5:00 PM Esther Circle September 27, Wednesday 3:30 PM Grace Cares 5:30 PM Children's Carnival 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice September 30, Saturday

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Registration

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Meeting for

UWFaith CCLD Annual Meeting 11:00 AM Mainstreet Market Lunch

on the Courthouse Lawn.

### October 7. Saturday 8:15 AM The Banquet, Sioux Falls. Carpool from the Church. Keith Bress--712-260-8240 October 14, Saturday 5:30 PM Dinner Church with a Piano Recital to rededicate our grand piano with Sean Pulatie, Ray Meyer and maybe another pianist. October 21, Saturday Mission Market & Soup Lunch 11 AM - 1:00 PM November 4, Saturday Ingathering, 8AM – 11AM Cherokee November 11, Saturday 5:30 PM Dinner Church with the Itty Bitty Boji Band

November 28, Tuesday

Study

7:00PM Bishop's Zoom Advent

SAVE THE DATES