

October 2023
GRACE NEWSLETTER

Ministers: All God's People!

Grace Mission Statement:

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



Grow in Grace

I invite you to **Grow in Grace** at Grace UMC. This adventure of growing in grace means that as a church we want to explore living and understanding our faith, expand our care for one another with deep love and respect through fellowship, and discover new ways to reach out to our community with acts of service and mission. It is an exciting time to be a part of Spencer Grace.

Grace is our church name, but it is much more than that, it is the core of our theology given to us by John Wesley. Grace is God's love given freely to all and is seen in Jesus Christ and the gift of forgiveness. Grace is the power for living our lives during these turbulent days. Grace is amazing and is a blessing to our lives.

Therefore, as we **Grow in Grace**, we are reclaiming our Wesleyan heritage of grace and learning what it means to be a United Methodist. We are seeking to live what we believe by how we treat each other and serve our community.

Our **Grow in Grace** theme called for a visual expression. We have selected an image with a variety of trees in a circle and the words "Grow in Grace". This image has been placed on the front of green t-shirts. Green is a symbol of growth, an optimistic color, and calming to the soul. The shirts have our church name on the back. As our members reach out in service and mission, explore and live our faith with concrete actions, and care for one another in Christian love, our connection to Grace UMC of Spencer, Iowa is visible.

We are moving forward as a church, we are serving our community, we are living our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us in this adventure and **Grow in Grace**

Pastor Barrie Tritle

Catch the Spirit Broadcast on KICD costs \$70.00 per Sunday. Your donations to pay for our radio ministry is very much appreciated.

SMU Airing of previous Sunday worship: Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M & Thursdays @ 10:00 A.M

Grace UMC Meal Teams for October 2023:

October 4 - Crew #1

**Menu – Jimmy John’s sandwich halves, Salad, Dessert
SPRC (Staff Parish)**

October 11 - Crew #2

**Menu – Spaghetti w/Alfredo & Red Sauce, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad, & Dessert
Ben & Bri Pullen – Lead
Dorothy DeGroot**

October 14 – Dinner Church

October 18 - Crew #3

Menu – Tater Tot Casserole, Assorted Sides, & Dessert

Phyllis Sitter & Sandy Thomas – Lead
Lorraine Conley, Jannis Liekweg, Sharon Montgomery, Vada Calhoon

October 25 - Crew #4

**Menu – TBD
Alison Herman**

United Methodist Men

The October meeting will be Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. The speaker will be Ben Pullen, who will speak about his 4-H trip to Alaska. Everyone is invited to join us.

-Brad Johnson

Adult Education Opportunity

On Sunday, September 24th, at 10:45 a.m., following the worship hour, we will begin a six-lesson study on the Gospel of Mark. You are invited to check us out in the Wesley Room.

-Larry Oswald

The Banquet

On October 7, 2023, we will be going to The Banquet in Sioux Falls. We need 20-30 members to feed 250-300 to those who need a meal. We will leave the church at 8:15 a.m. and carpool there. There will be money available for gas expenses. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Keith Bress at 712-260-8240

- Keith Bress

Missions Market

Soup, Baked Goods, Handcrafted Items, Timeless Treasures

Oct. 21, 11:00-1:30

Lunch served 11:00-1:00

Have lunch, shop, and support local, regional, and global missions. If you provide an item, feel free to include a suggested price for the free will offering. Nonperishables should be delivered to the church by Oct. 15. Baked goods can be delivered before 10:30 on Oct. 21.

Contact Sheryl Larson or Brownie Small with questions.

Grief Share

The First Congregational Church in Spencer is hosting a Grief Share 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 pre-register at griefshare.org and enter Spencer's zip code. You can also register at the first meeting you attend. The meetings started September 18th, 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.

-Sheryl Larson

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.

- Dorothy DeGroot

RightNow Media

Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. These videos stream anytime and from anywhere. Text the code SGUMC to 49775. Download the FREE APP and get started.

United Women in Faith

October Meeting Date & Time Change

Thursday, October 19th @ 10AM

Salad Potluck Luncheon

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 on 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.

Reby's daughter, Riva Tabelisma, wrote "Living the Kin-dom, Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation." This is the **Spiritual Growth Study on Monday, October 23, 2023, in Peterson, Iowa**. Coffee & Fellowship is 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM and Program 9:15AM – 2PM. Lunch is \$10.00 payable at the registration table. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 17, 2023 by email or phone to Daina Powers dainapwrs@gmail.com, 712-295-7036 or Esta Fraley, estafraley@gmail.com, 712-334-1061.

-Jane Ingledue

Liturgist Schedule

10/01/23

Becky Prentice

10/15/23

Bernie Beecher

10/29/23

Jenn Pullen Ingledue

10/08/23

Tom Montgomery

10/22/23

Brad Johnson

11/05/23

Jan Watson

Thank You!

Thank you, Jane Ingledue, for creating the bulletins and newsletters the last several months. You did an excellent job. It was fun working with you on them. Your time and effort are much appreciated.

-Alison Herman



Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai Zoom -Advent Study

Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom: November 28, December 5, December 12, and December 19, 2023

Friends, in November, we will begin a virtual, conference-wide Advent Study of Bishop Ken Carter's new book, Unrelenting Grace. 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 28th, then continuing December 5, December 12, and the 19th of December. There are 35 copies of Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life in Pastor Barrie's office from the Iowa Conference. You can use the QR code above 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.

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 HomeTouch, 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

Wednesday night line-up

5:30 PM Free Meal. (Open to the public)

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

6:00 PM Grace Kidz (4 years to 5th grade)

7:30 Bell Choir Practice

6:00 PM Confirmation with Pastor Barrie
(Starting October 11th)

Weighted Works with Love

Weighted Works With Love continues to meet once monthly to sew on weighted items such as lap pads, blankets, and shoulder wraps. We nearly have finished all of the free lap pads for the teachers who participated in our "Free Five for Teachers" offer. 155 lap pads have been made and distributed to 31 teachers in Spencer and surrounding areas for use in the classrooms.

If you would like to order a weighted item for someone for Christmas now is the time to order. Weighted blankets, lap pads and shoulder wraps are used for many different diagnoses and have been proven to be helpful for those young and old. It may be just the thing you are looking for this holiday season.

The Weighted Works With Love group sews in the Fellowship hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We encourage and welcome you to stop by if you are interested in joining our group, would like to see what it is we do or may be interested in ordering an item. Limited inventory is available in our WWWL Store. Call Brownie Small at 71-262-7420 or Sue Hitchcock at 262-7604 for more information.

-Brownie Small, WWWL Volunteer

Trustees Committee Update

The Trustees have been working on several items over the course of the last month.

H&S Roofing has begun the work of installing a new rubber roof over the BenTena Room. In addition, they are also doing repair and replacement of tiles on the roof over the sanctuary. Also, they are slated to replace the roof over the Narthex during this construction season.

The committee spent some time walking through the future restroom construction project at the last Trustees meeting. This project includes the main floor bathrooms on the west side of the education wing with connective plumbing to bathrooms on all other floors. Quail Construction is currently waiting for final numbers so that this project can be voted on and scheduled.

The Trustees also voted to replace the lower glass windows with insulated panels on the office area's east side. There have been cracked panels in that area for some time. In addition to replacing the damaged windows the new panels will help provide better climate control in those offices.

A quote from Cozy Heat for the addition of a gas fireplace insert for the fireplace in the parsonage has been received. The committee has voted to move forward with this project and the work will begin in the near future.

The Iowa Conference has developed a process to return Boy Scouts to the United Methodist Churches. Pastor Barrie and the Trustees are now in conversation with local troops to return them to Grace United Methodist Church.

-Gary Small, Trustees Chair

Missions Opportunities At Grace

The Shopping Cart is Back! Some of you may remember when we asked our parishioners to shop for JumpStart. Every month you could take the specific grocery list from the newsletter or pick up the list from the shopping cart parked near the north entrance, shop for our HeadStart families and return the groceries to the grocery cart. Near the end of each month the groceries received will be bagged for each family and delivered to Head Start where they will dispense one bag to each of their 120 families. Please pick up a list, do the shopping and drop the items off in the grocery cart.

October Grocery List:

Hamburger Helper
Green beans
Canned peaches
Cereal such as cheerios

Volunteers wanted

Johnson Elementary School principal Melissa McGuire has indicated a need for volunteers to commit to an hour a week to read to a student, or perhaps have lunch with him/her. She would appreciate volunteers who can commit to being with the student on a regular basis. If this is an opportunity that interests you please consider volunteering. Call Brownie at 262-7420 for more details.

Winter Coats Needed

Missions has been awarded Foundation monies to purchase some winter coats for the 2, 3, and 4 year old students who attend HeadStart here in Spencer. The cost of each coat is approximately \$20.00. They need to be ordered very soon to be available for distribution before the winter months are upon us. If you would like to contribute to this Mission Opportunity please specify with your contribution.

InGathering Opportunities

Our ingathering kits are in their final leg of collecting for school supplies to fill the single handled bags that have been made according to Ingathering Specifications. To date we have 50+ bags completed and are in need of a few items such as rulers, scissors, and pencil sharpeners to complete additional bags. Also, if anyone is interested in making the Love Quilts, there is still time. We have patterns, Ingathering requirements and some fabric available. This is one more opportunity to engage in a mission opportunity. Ask at the church office for more details. Ingathering items will be delivered to Cherokee on Nov. 3.

Loom Project - Sleep Mats

Our loom project - sleep mats - has made great strides and we now have several people trained in creating the sleep mats from plastic grocery bags. Two looms are in progress nearly all of the time and there are people who can teach you how to make the mats. Be sure to write down your volunteer time on the clipboard

whenever you are able to spend time on this project. This is an ongoing mission project and at some time we will move this endeavor to its own room, B16, in the lower level where bags may be cut, twofers can be made, plarn balls can be rolled as well as work on the mats can continue. We are working at making this room more "user friendly" and are open to any suggestions you might like to offer. Recliner chairs and TV screens are not an option.

Mission Fund Raiser

Be sure to mark your calendar for October 21st for the soup/craft/baked goods/timeless treasures Fund Raiser. Three soups will be offered for a free will donation and we are asking our home bakers, and talented crafters to donate items for a suggested donation. In addition we have added timeless treasures to the shopping choices this year as well. Please see more details elsewhere in this newsletter and plan to join us for this Missions Fund Raiser.

-Thank you all for your support. Missions Chair, Brownie Small



#BeUMC RAGBRAI Team

I wish to thank everyone for all of your support given to the first #BeUMC RABRAI team. 100% of the donations collected were given to Africa University.

Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai blessed each bicycle in Sioux City to start the #BeUMC Team on RAGBRAI 50. The formation of the team gave many on the ride peace of mind. Staying at various United Methodist Churches eliminated searching for nightly camp sites. Having belongings taken to each nightly town and an extra support vehicle were an added bonus.

As the RAGBRAI route changes yearly, perhaps Grace UMC may host riders in years to come.

- Bill Elliott

WANTED

We are looking for another person or two to work in the media booth, live streaming on Sunday mornings. You do not need to be an expert on the computer, but you do need to be familiar with using one. If you are interested, please contact Alison Herman.



T-Shirts are for sale for \$10 each. They are green and available in long or short sleeve. You can order/pick up in the office, or contact Sandy Heerdts or Jane Ingledue.

Whole Person Living: The Energy of Health

Kae Tritle, RN Community Faith Nurse

“Body and Soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration----what a creation! You know me inside and out...” (Psalm 139: 14 The Message)

We are marvelous creations that involve more than our physical bodies! It is only in recent years that science is looking at health as multi-dimensional involving body (physical), mind (emotional, intellectual, relational) and spiritual aspects of personhood as well as the inter-connections of those dimensions.

During the 1700's the scientific method of study was developed as well as a particular world-view that influenced the way we take care of ourselves and our bodies. This world-view placed value only on the physical, concrete things that we could take apart and study. This meant that our physical body was studied down to the tiniest cell and viewed as a machine. But our relationships with people, God, and nature could not be seen, taken apart and studied. Therefore, emotions, relationships, and our purpose for living was not understood or valued. I would like to share with you a different emphasis that is emerging within the wellness/health field.

This different viewpoint is developing from the field of quantum physics. The viewpoint sees the world not as a collection of isolated objects or persons, but as a network of persons, objects and experiences that are interconnected and interdependent. The connecting strands of this network is energy. Energy is no longer being defined as power, light, or electromagnetism but as energetics, life force, relativity, and creative information. We are living within an ever-changing system; surrounded by this energy and filled with it. This universal (Divine) energy appears to be infinite and relational. We do not manufacture it, but open ourselves to it. We receive the energy; processing and modifying it for our use, then letting it move on to other places, people, and connections. This energy system cannot be taken apart and dissected; for the connections and relationships between the different components of the system are an essential part of the system.

Our personhood is no longer viewed as a machine with parts that breakdown, but as a complex, multi-dimensional, relational network. This is a hard concept to grasp, especially with 300 years of physical, non-relational science still with us. But as our society continues into the future, this energy concept will be more and more influential. ***What does this have to do with my health and how I take care of myself?***

We need to adapt and/or change our view of the body as a machine with parts that need to be replaced, fixed, and maintained. Instead, we need to look at our whole selves; physical body, emotional/mental experiences, and relationships as part of this interdependent energy system. This does not mean that our current medical science will become outmoded. But it does mean our attitudes, emotional state, relationships with others and God may affect our health-fullness and how well our physical body functions.

As we make this shift in our viewpoint, our over-all health-fullness will be impacted. We may discover that having satisfying relationships with others, deepening our walk with God, being fulfilled by our work or feeling connected to nature is an important component of our physical health.

Consider this viewpoint with me. As I write and teach, you may see issues that are not the usual "healthy info" regarding nutrition, exercise, and stress management. Let us together in Christ explore the connectedness of God's energy.

"...may you be filled with knowledge of God's will in spiritual wisdom and understanding,...He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together." (Col. 1: 9b, 17 NRSV)

Crossroads Connection Circuit will sponsor a training for Lay Servants and Lay Speakers.

When: Saturday, October 7

Time: 8 - 4

Place: Forest City UMC

BRING A SACK LUNCH, PLEASE

Classes:

Basic: taught by Pastor Wendy Johannesen.

Please purchase and read the book: Lay Servant

Ministries,

Basic Course Participant's Book ISBN 978-0-88177-626-3

October 11th at 6:00 PM, we will have CONFIRMATION/YOUTH organization meeting with Sandy Heerdt and Pastor Barrie Tritle.

DINNER CHURCH-Free Dinner-Christian Music-Devotional

Special Guest Musicians

Saturday, October 14th-Piano Recital to rededicate our grand piano

Saturday, November 11th-The Itty Bitty Boji Band

Saturday, December 9th-Christmas Music

You're Invited

The members of First Congregational Church proudly invite you to join as they celebrate the
Installation of their new Pastor,

Pastor Sharon "Shazzy" Britz

Celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and with God's word. Your presence will make
this event a memorable experience for Pastor Sharon "Shazzy" Britz and the congregation.

Installation Service

Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

First Congregational Church

1212 First Avenue West

Spencer, IA 51301

A light supper will be held immediately following the service.

Introducing

Chancel Choir Director



Jessica Schable lives in Milford with her husband, Eric, and two sons, Aiden and Xander. Jessica has run her private music studio, Jessica Schable Music Studio, for 19 years and teaches private lessons to students from Milford, Spirit Lake, Spencer, Emmetsburg, Graettinger, Sioux Falls, and Des Moines. Jessica is the co-founder and Academy Director of an area nonprofit, Okoboji Performing Arts, that aims to bring more educational performing arts opportunities to the students and communities in our area. Jessica is also the music director for the Okoboji Music Masters, a summer community choir that performs around the Lakes area. Jessica loves to spend time with her family, travel, and perform with area bands in her free time. Jessica is looking forward to working with the choir at Grace!

Administrative Assistant

Welcome Fall!!! My first few days into my new role as the Administrative Assistant for Grace United Methodist Church, and I already have the joy of putting together the newsletter. 😊 Pastor Barrie asked that I write an introduction for the October newsletter. So, I'll give it a whirl. Just remember, GRACE.

I'm no stranger to many of you. My name is Brianna (I go by Bri) Pullen. My husband, Ben, and I live just outside of town with our youngest child, Brycen. Trinity just started at Northwestern in Orange City, is cheering there, and is looking to change her major to Criminal Justice and Psychology. Brycen is about to turn 14 and looks forward to driving on the road. Ben works for Iowa State Extension and Outreach with the 4-H program. We are active with volunteering with Farm Bureau, 4-H, the American Legion, GUMC, and whatever else we haven't learned how to say "no" to yet. 😊

I am so excited to start this journey with you all! If you need to reach me, you can reach me via e-mail at bpullen@spencergumc.com or call the office at 262-5970, or even stop by. I will be in the office Mondays 9-3, Tuesdays 9-3:30, Wednesdays 9-3, and Thursdays 9-3:30. The office will now be closed on Fridays.



District Superintendent September Greeting

Dear Camp Clear Lake District,

I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we now approach the month of October, I have a few important dates and events that I would like to bring to your attention. If you haven't thought about any of the following celebrations and upcoming events, please take time to get your church ready. Please remember to watch a three-minute video in section 4 of this communication.

1. **Clergy Appreciation Month:** October is Clergy Appreciation Month. I would like to thank all our pastors for your leadership and dedication to serving the Lord and the church. Even though 2023 has been a challenging year for most of us, you have been on call to lift us the flame of the Holy Spirit in your congregations and communities. May God bless us all as we work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
2. **World Communion Sunday:** Every year, we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. This year, it will be on Sunday, October 1. World Communion Sunday is the day that we appreciate and celebrate the blessing of our diversity in the Body of Christ. Whenever I think of this day, it always reminds of Moltmann's quote that says, "*Fellowship springs up when people who are different find something in common, and when something in common is shared by different people.*" (Moltmann, J., 1992). In our United Methodist tradition, we collect a special offering that will go toward the International Student Scholarship. This is another way of strengthening our connection as a denomination.
3. **Laity Sunday:** The Third Sunday of October is Laity Sunday. In our United Methodist tradition, we celebrate the ministry of our laity as the Holy Spirit empowers them. This year, Laity Sunday is on Sunday, October 15, 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our laity for your dedication to serving the Lord and the Church, and supporting your pastors in their responsibility to fulfill the church's mission and what God is calling us to do in our local contexts. I would also like to inform you that we have Lay Servant Training on Saturday, October 7, at Forest City UMC. Contact the District Office if you need more information.
4. **Charge Conferences:** Starting October 8, we will begin celebrating our annual Charge Conferences. Like last year, we will celebrate what the Lord has done in our congregations and pray for what God is calling us to do through our Circuit. I do encourage pastors and your congregations to be prepared to share a story of what God has done through your congregations and what God is calling you to do in your Jerusalem (Acts. 1:8). You can learn more about our Charge Conference invitation in the 3-minute video that I made for you. (<https://vimeo.com/863689087?share=copy>). Please feel free to share it with your congregations. I look forward to seeing you in October and November to celebrate what the Lord is doing in our congregations.
5. **Do not Forget to Pray:** I would like to invite you all (clergy and laity) to develop the discipline of prayer in your ministries and congregations. Bishop Trimble used to say, "Much prayer, much power; little prayer, little power." If we want to see the power of the Lord in our ministries, pray, pray, pray, and pray just as the Apostle Paul encouraged the church of Thessalonica to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonica 5: 17). Thanks for your prayers.

Blessings.

Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula, DS.



9 am to 3 pm • Program begins at 9:30 am

Treats & fellowship on arrival/Lunch & conversation at noon

Worship and Message: from Bishop Kennetha. Expect a bold, deeply spiritual message as she leads us in thinking about what it means to be a United Methodist Christian in 2023

Christian Nationalism: What is it? Why do we need to be informed? Why is it a threat to religion and to democracy?

Fresh Expressions: A new way to find, connect, and serve new people. Learn what this might mean for your church.

What is next for the United Methodist Church? Hear from some of our General Conference delegates about the *Regionalization Plan*. Many anticipate its passage, providing for more autonomous decision making on a regional basis.

Closing Communion: to bind us together.

This is a **FREE** event sponsored by the Board of Laity. Registration is not required but **very helpful**.

To register: <https://rb.gy/tx8c9> or scan

First UMC, 516 Kellogg, Ames



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

The SPRC Committee has prepared an October activity schedule so that all of our congregants can celebrate and support Pastor Barrie and his wife, Kae. While all the details have not currently been completed, here is what we are working on. Please join us in celebrating the good fortune God has bestowed upon us with the solid leadership Pastor Barrie and Kae have brought us.

Reception after Church on Sunday, Oct. 8

Look forward to a colorful surprise in the Narthex. It's a surprise for you too! Please take time now to write a note or prepare a card of appreciation which can be placed in a basket in the Narthex. Let's give Pastor Barrie and Kae an assignment: They must sit in their comfy home in front of the fireplace on Sunday afternoon and enjoy a lengthy time reading notes from their beloved congregation.

It's an Old-Fashioned Sing-Along! - Wednesday, Oct. 18

Make a note on your calendar: "Sing-Along" followed by coffee on Wednesday, Oct. 18th: 9 AM to 9:30 AM. Pastor Barrie has shared with us his four FAVORITE hymns. Sean Pulaski has agreed to accompany us on the piano. Come join us to find out what those hymns are – limber up those vocal cords and be ready to sing with GUSTO! If we have time, we might just sing your favorite hymn too, so be thinking about that. Then join Bonnie Foust in the Narthex for coffee, fellowship, a short devotional, and some jokes. It will be a lovely morning.

Movie Night with Pastor Barrie & Kae-October 29

During the last week of October we will meet in Fellowship Hall for a wholesome movie with a good message. We'll enjoy popcorn, drinks, and movie candy. Right now we are looking into the legalities of showing a movie and which movie might be the best. Suggestions are welcome. More details to come.

In Honor of Pastor Barrie & Kae: A Month of Service

As many of us have come to learn, Pastor Barrie & Kae are passionate about serving others. Let's honor them the **entire month** by serving others in whatever way we are called. This may be cheering up someone in need; visiting a shut-in or nursing home resident; giving a donation to UMCOR, Heifer International or another charity; serving in the kitchen or any of a million choices. THEN write each act of love on a post-it note which will be provided in the Narthex and stick-it to the designated wall. Can we fill the wall with colorful post-it notes in honor of Pastor Barrie and Kae - a visual symbol of our love for our Lord, our Pastor & wife and each other? YES, WE CAN!



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Worship:
Sunday 9:30 AM – Traditional

Pastor Barrie Tritle
 barrie.tritle@gmail.com

October Calendar of Church Events at GUMC

October 1, Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Education
 Opportunity

October 2, Monday

5:30 PM Mission Meeting

October 4, Wednesday

9:30 AM Coffee at Grace
 5:30 PM Wednesday Dinner
 6:00 PM Grace Kidz
 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
 7:30 PM Bell Choir

October 7, Saturday

8:15 AM Leave GUMC for the
 Banquet, Sioux Falls

October 8, Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Education
 Opportunity

October 11, Wednesday

5:30 PM Wednesday Dinner
 6:00 PM Grace Kidz/**Confirmation**
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 7:30 PM Bell Choir

October 13, Friday

Newsletter articles to Bri @
bpullen@spencergumc.com

October 14, Saturday

8:00 AM UMM Meeting
 5:30 PM Dinner Church-Piano
 Recital

October 15, Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Education
 Opportunity

October 17, Tuesday

6:30 PM SPRC

October 18, Wednesday

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 7:30 PM Bell Choir

October 19, Thursday

9:00 AM Order of the Deacons,
 Elders, Local Pastors, and
 Associate Members @ GUMC
 10:00 AM-1:00 PM UWFaith
 6:30 PM Worship Committee

October 22, Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Adult Education
 Opportunity

October 24, Tuesday

9:00 AM-3:00 PM
 Weighted Works With Love
 1:30 PM Esther Circle
 Meeting

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