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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Mon. through Thurs.:
8:45 am to 12:45 pm



Thoughts on Grace

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

.... 7 b Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- Grace is the free and unmerited favor of God as demonstrated in the salvation of sinners and the conferring of blessings to all who accept Jesus as their savior’.
- How many times is “grace” mentioned in the Bible? Grace mentioned in about 200 verses, in the Bible.
- Grace is free for all. “What’s So Amazing About Grace?” is a 1997 book by Philip Yancey, an American journalist and editor-at-large for Christianity Today. In it, Yancey coined the phrase “scandal of grace”, because no matter the sins of the sinner, no one is irredeemable.
- Grace means that you can quit feeling inadequate. You’re not perfect, and you’ll never be in this life. You need God’s grace to give you a correct of your life, your circumstances, and everything around you as God does.

GRACE DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL BECOME SINLESS BUT THAT AS YOU LIVE BY THE SPIRIT YOU WILL SIN LESS.

- What is the difference between grace and mercy? Mercy is God not punishing us as our sins deserve, and grace is God blessing us despite the fact that we do not deserve it. “Mercy is deliverance from judgment. Grace is extending kindness to the unworthy.”
- Grace received in our life is to be grace given to others. We cannot understand grace if we do not freely give it to those who offend us.

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Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

BridgeWater at Janesville: Joe & Gloria Tollefson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Muriel Jenkins, Nina Youngberg

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Michael Schumacher, JoAnn Eggness, JoAnn Larson, the Family of Lexi Tiegs, Penny Flicht, Shirley Madigan, Marlys Faulkner, Roy, Mary Lynda and Anissa Goodson, the Bosacker Family, All Deployed Troops, those who are battling cancer.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on the following dates in November: 11. On Wednesday, November 27, Stacy will be working the hours of 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Update on 2019 Special Ask

The Special Ask Goal for 2019 was \$10,000. To date we have received commitments for \$11,050. God has been gracious to us through faithful givers like those of you who responded to the Special Ask and we are thankful for each of you.

We still have one more financial goal to meet for 2019. Remember those pledges we talked about the first of the year? If everyone fulfills their pledges and their regular giving commitments for 2019, we should have enough to pay all of our bills along with 100% of our 2019 Apportionments.

This would mark the first time since 2008 we have met both goals in the same year. We won't know for sure until December. We give thanks for all who have given so far and look forward to what God will do the last few months of the year.

Christmas Decorating

It's time to decorate for Christmas. Please join us on **Saturday, November 30th** from **9am until noon**. We will be decorating various areas of our church to help spread the joy and the colors of the advent season throughout. Many hands make light work, so please come and lend YOUR HANDS! All are welcome and can come for a short time or a long time! We can really use several young, strong people and anyone who enjoys brightening things up.



Fellowship Event

The Fellowship event for November will be displays in remembering/honoring the military. Andrea Johnson will have memorabilia of her father who was a prisoner of war and Roger Walker will have his military hats. If anyone has something they would like to share please bring them. It will be held Sunday, November 10th.

The Vietnam Experience

Faith UMC is sponsoring an event on November 10th at 2:00 at the Senior Citizen Center. Please **take a look at the enclosed poster** in the newsletter of this presentation.

Al Smith has presented a number of well received programs at churches, American Legions and other organization.. This event is open to everyone.

After attending **The Vietnam Experience** presentation at the Senior Center, you can check out the newly completed Waseca Veterans Memorial across the street on the courthouse lawn.

In addition, visit **Operation Overwatch**. This is a program where photos of Minnesota connected military members who have committed suicide since 9/11 will be placed on pairs of boots each hour for 23 hours. This event is to bring awareness to the 22 Veterans and 1 active duty military member who suicide daily in our country. This display will run from **Sunday November 10th at 10am until Monday November 11th at 9am**. This is sponsored by Operation Battle Buddy and Free Flags For Vets.

Pumpkin/Rock Painting

A wonderful time was had at the Pumpkin/Rock painting party that was held Saturday, October 19th.

Thirty-three kids and adults were there. Just about everyone painted at least one pumpkin. We also got a number of rocks painted. We painted until about 3:30 at which time we enjoyed some hot chocolate and Halloween treats. Some people then went back to do some more painting. There were about nine individuals that have not been there before.

It was great to build up a supply of painted rocks to put out next spring. We will probably not have another painting party until next spring. Watch for an announcement of our next rock painting party in the newsletter and on the Faith Rock website.

Meal and Movie Night (M & M Night)

The next M&M Night will be Sunday, November 17th at 5:00. We will have something to eat at 5:00 followed by the movie, 'Remember the Titans', about two football coaches (starring Denzel Washington) overcoming their differences to turn a group of hostile young men into gridiron champions.

Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room.

Thoughts on Grace

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“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.....

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.”— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

Let us know the costliness of grace and the freedom that Grace gives us each day to live like Jesus.

Pastor Victor

UMW News

The Next **UMW Unit meeting** will be held at **12:00 Noon on Monday, November 18th**. (Note the change in time) We will have a potluck luncheon for our last meeting of the year and you are encouraged to bring a dish to share. You don't have to be a member of one of our circles to participate in this meeting and you are very welcome and encouraged to attend.



The UMW Nominations Committee has recommended the following women as officers for our local UMW for 2020:

- Karen Ferch and Sherry Scholljegerdes - Leadership Team
- Linda Griffin - Secretary
- Sandy Voshell - Treasurer
- Edy Barber – Nominating Committee
- Lorraine Wick – Nominating Committee
- Lucille Youngberg – Nominating Committee

Voting for these positions will take place at our next UMW Unit Meeting on November 18th.

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you been wanting to volunteer your time to help the church but are not sure where help is needed or the time commitment? Your help would be appreciated in the following areas:

Liturgist - If you don't mind speaking in front of a group, you can lead the responsive reading and scripture reading at Sunday morning worship. The current rotation is once every 6 to 8 weeks, dependent on the number of volunteers we have. The next rotation will begin in January, with the schedule being made in mid December. A bulletin will be provided to you a few days before the Sunday service. If this interests you, please contact Stacy in the church office to be put on the schedule.

Nursery Attendant - Do you enjoy working with children? If so, you could volunteer to be a nursery attendant during Sunday morning worship service and supervise a small group children in the nursery. The current rotation for this duty is once every 4 to 5 weeks, dependant upon the number of volunteers. The next rotation schedule for this opportunity will also begin in January. Contact Stacy in the church office if this would interest you.

Newsletter Folder - This group normally meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the church office to collate and fold the church newsletter to prepare it for mailing. We have some experienced helpers who will show you what to do. It's also a great time of fellowship. The task normally takes 1 to 2 hours depending on the number of volunteers that attend. An announcement will be put in the bulletin the Sunday before folding as a reminder or you can contact Stacy and be put on the email list of helpers who are contacted a couple of weeks before folding.

Bulletin Board - Do you have a creative side you would like to share and help welcome people into the church? We are always looking for volunteers to decorate the bulletin board in the Narthex. You can sign up for a month or two at a time. The sign-up sheet is located near the UMW bulletin board, or you can contact Stacy in the church office to check what months need to be filled.

Please consider helping in one of these areas. It would be greatly appreciated!



'The Vietnam Experience'

Everyone's invited



Al Smith will display his "The Vietnam Experience" collection of poster sized pencil drawings and present a power-point presentation on Sunday, November 10th at 2:00 pm at the Waseca Senior Citizen Center.

Smith will show pencil drawings of soldiers and tell about their lives in the face of war. His drawings reflect deep emotions that the soldiers felt. Smith found that drawing their pictures and telling their story was a way he could express his respect and appreciation of soldiers in the military.

Smith considers it an honor and a privilege to show his drawings and it is one way he honors all veterans.

Since completing his "Vietnam Experience" program, Smith has also created over 50 other drawings and created "WAR HEROES", "WOW-Women Of War" and "WW2/iconic" programs. He has been invited back by popular demand on several occasions for presentations of these programs.

The event is sponsored by Faith United Methodist Church.

Come and join us for coffee and cookies and view a great program on 'The Vietnam Experience'



After retiring from the advertising business, Al Smith and his wife moved to Owatonna. Al has been very active since and is a contributing columnist for the Owatonna Peoples Press.

Al Smith

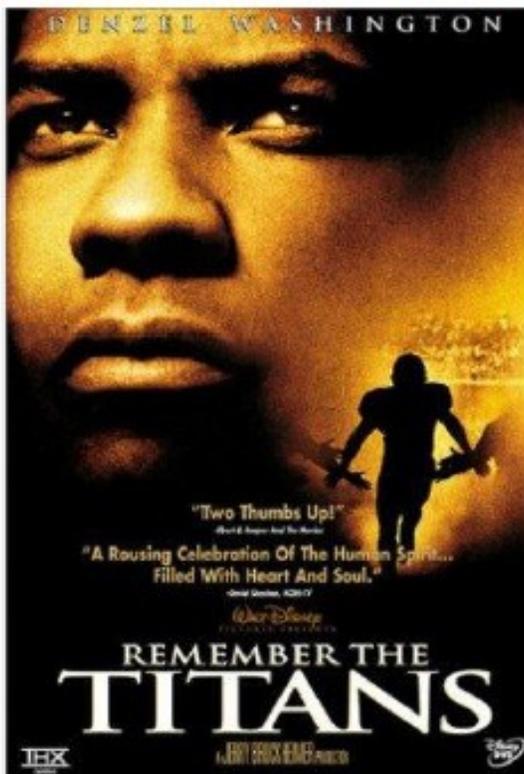
After attending 'The Vietnam Experience' presentation at the Senior Center, you can check out the newly completed Waseca Veterans Memorial across the street by the Court House.

Also, check out the Operation Overwatch vigil on the Court House lawn, which brings awareness to veteran suicide.

M & M Night!
YES! Meal and Movie night returns to
Faith United Methodist Church!

801 Fourth Ave NE
Waseca, MN
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019
5:00 pm

Featuring the film
Remember the Titans



A story of how a town torn apart by resentment, friction, and mistrust comes together in triumphant harmony. Winning football coach Bill Yoast (Will Patton) is demoted and replaced by Herman Boone (Denzel Washington), as different from the beloved Yoast as he could be. How these two men overcome their differences and turn a group of hostile young men into champions plays out in a remarkable and triumphant story full of soul and spirit.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will not meet on Wednesday, November 20. Elizabeth Circle members are asked to arrive at the UMW Unit Meeting on **Monday, November 18 at 11:15 a.m.** to set up for the noon potluck.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle will be meeting **Tuesday, November 12th at 10:30 a.m.** at Roberta Walker's home. Roberta will provide the program. Guests and visitors are welcome.