

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 14, 2024 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“The man said, “Let me go because the dawn is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I won’t let you go until you bless me.” - Genesis 32:31*

## **Grace United Methodist Church**

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymns: #555 - Forward Through the Ages  
#140 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Worship:

Reader: We gather here in anticipation,

**People: Seeking an encounter with our Holy God,**

Reader: Who comes among us when we least expect it,

**People: Who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,**

Reader: Who richly blesses us,

**People: And calls us each by name.**

**ALL: Let's worship God together!**

\*Passing of the Peace

This Week in the Bible Year

Scriptures: Genesis 21:1-7, 25:21-23, 32:22-31

Kids Message

Message: "We ARE Family"

Song of Response: Remind Me of Who I Am

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song: Forever

\*Blessing

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) Grow. As we've seen throughout Genesis, often struggle and blessing go hand in hand. How have you experienced this in your life? How has it led to faith growth?
- 2) Pray. Do you need God to act in your life (or in the life of a loved one)? Lift to God what is needed and, in faith, seek to hear God's answer or direction.
- 3) Study. Read Genesis 32:22-31 in the Message translation. (You can find it online.) How does this version change the stories, meanings, etc.?

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

January 15 – Genesis 46:1 – 50:26  
January 16 – Exodus 1:1 – 4:31  
January 17 – Exodus 5:1 – 7:13  
January 18 – Exodus 7:14 – 12:30  
January 19 – Exodus 12:31 – 15:21  
January 20 – Exodus 15:22 – 18:27  
January 21 – Exodus 19:1 – 21:36

To go a little deeper  
with these readings  
each day this week,  
please go to:  
[pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** "Liberated from Oppression" - We begin with Pharaoh severely oppressing the Israelites and then move to the final plague and the Passover. Once liberated, the Israelites are again liberated at the sea. To provide time to reflect on all that God has done and will do in the future, a Sabbath is mandated for the people of God.

### **This Week at Grace**

- Sunday – 8 AM – Bible Year Study – Sun. School Room
- Monday – 3 PM – After School Program – Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday – 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall

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### This Week at Grace (Continued)

- Wednesday – Noon – Bible Year Study – Zoom
- Wednesday – 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wednesday – 6 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thursday – 10 AM – Bible Year Study – SS Room
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – SS Room

### Special Events at Grace

- Wednesday – 3:30 PM – Grief Share – *Starts January 17*
- Saturday – 9 AM – January 20 – Service Saturday
- Monday – 6:30 PM – FPU – *Starts January 22*

### **Announcements:**

The January Mission of the Month is for Sturgis Crisis Intervention Shelter Services "CISS".

#### Monthly Grace Finance Update:

- 2023 Revenues: \$186,050
- 2023 Expenses: \$193,105
- 2023 Budget Balance: -\$7,055

**May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!**