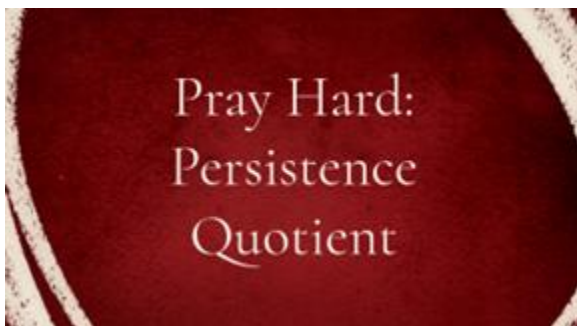


Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – May 11, 2025 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them?" - Luke 18:7*

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #133 - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Call to Worship:

Reader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**People: The troubles of our world would have
swallowed us whole.**

Reader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**People: The sorrows of our times would have
swept us away.**

Reader: Are any among us suffering?

People: Come and pray.

Reader: Are any among us cheerful?

People: Come sing songs of praise.

Reader: Are any among us sick?

People: Come and ask for healing.

Reader: Our help is in our God,

People: The One who made heaven and earth.

Reader: Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

People: God is on our side.

*Passing of the Peace

Baptism of Elijah Albert Vissia

Reception of New Members

*Hymn #354 - I Surrender All

The UMC Social Creed

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Kids Message/Mother's Day Prayer

Message: "Pray Hard: Persistence Quotient"

*Song of Response: Take My Life

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song: God of Wonders

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. When have you prayed like the widow, keeping at it until you received justice or whatever you desperately sought? How did this grow your faith?
- 2) *Pray*. Have you ever had a “wooly socks” nudge? If so, pray for another and for the willingness to step forward in faith. If not, pray for one that you can respond to this week!
- 3) *Study*. Read Numbers 22:22-35. What lessons about correction and obedience do you take from this story? Where might these lessons apply to your life in the current moment?

This Week's Circle Maker Readings:

May 12 – 1st Kings 3:3-14

May 13 – Luke 14:2-55

May 14 – Psalm 77:1-15

May 15 – Ephesians 6:10-13

May 16 – Matthew 7:7-11

May 17 – Daniel 6:1-10

May 18 – Daniel 10:8-19

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Think Long: Praying into the Future" - Prayer doesn't just change circumstances, it also changes us. Prayer opens us up to being able to see with spiritual eyes. Doing so, prayer allows us to see beyond our circumstances, beyond ourselves, beyond our present time. Sometimes, in faith, we even pray for things that we will never see.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 8:00 AM – No Adult Sunday School (*until May 18th*)
- Mon. – 3:00 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall**
- Tues. – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall**
- Wed. – 6:00 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall**
- Thur. – 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – SS Room

After school and Youth group ends this week.

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- May 17 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – Meet at church
- May 21 – 3 PM – VBS Planning Meeting

Announcements

The Mission of the month for May is Bishop's Miracle Offering. This year's special offering at Annual Conference will support UMCOR.

Sponsoring Elijah Albert Vissia's baptism today are Tyler and Sidney Toennies. Elijah's parents are Jed Vissia and Grayson Garry. Jed and Grayson also joined the church!

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please keep food and drinks in Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

Save the Date – August 11-13 – VBS 2025

May God bless you throughout the coming week!!