

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Wednesday – February 18, 2026 – 6:00 pm



Meditation Verse: “*God caused the one who didn’t know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.*” – 2nd Corinthians 5:21

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Lent is a time of introspection, but also a call to action as we seek to be the pilgrim people of God, seeking and shaping God's kingdom in worship and in service. This Lent, we invite you to experience the renewal that comes from God's never-ending mercy and then to walk with our Lord on a journey to new life.

Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Ash Wednesday Video

*Opening Hymn #156 – I Love to Tell the Story

Call to Worship:

Leader: Children of God, we gather to prepare for our journey through Lent, a journey of repentance and mercy.

People: We gather to be renewed in God's mercy.

Leader: We gather to confess, to tell the truth about sin and our dependence on God's grace.

People: We gather to call upon God's mercy.

Leader: We gather to repent, to receive and cooperate with grace as we turn from sin and toward love of God and neighbor.

People: We gather to live in the promise of God's mercy.

Leader: People of God, we gather to worship God, whose steadfast mercy and love never fail!

People: We gather to worship, trusting in God's mercy as we follow Jesus on the road to new life.

*Passing of the Peace

*Song of Preparation: Come as You Are

Scripture 1: Psalm 51:1-4

Homily – “A Clean Heart” – Part 1

*Imposition of Ashes

Hymn of Response: #397 – I Need Thee Every Hour

Scripture 2: 2nd Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Homily – “A Clean Heart” – Part 2

Evening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn #526 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. Spend some time in personal reflection. What part of your life or faith could use a little attention, a little refining, a little cleaning up?
- 2) *Pray*. Seek guidance for how to go deeper this Lenten season. Is it joining a small group? Is it reading the daily postings at pastorjohnb? It is finding a Lenten devotional to read, study, and meditate upon?
- 3) *Study*. Read Psalm 51:7-13. Which of these actions can you experience personally and which can you take out into the community this week?

This Week's Remaining Lenten Readings

February 19 – Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7

February 20 – Psalm 32:1-7

February 21 – Psalm 32:8-11

February 22 – Matthew 4:8-11

To go a little deeper with these readings each day this week, please go to:
pastorjohnb.org

This Sunday's Message: "Mercy on the Wilderness Road" -
At the end of his forty days, Jesus was a prime target for temptation. We find ourselves here to – and not after 40 days. We get down or tired or... and we don't always recognize that God is there too, in these moments. Psalm 32 reminds us that God is present, to exhort, to instruct, and to be with us in our struggles and wanderings.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. – 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. – 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. – 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. – 7:45 AM – Women's Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. – 1 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. – 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thur. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study - Chapel

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- February 21 – Service Saturday – RC Street Meal
- March 6-7 – Men's Retreat – Storm Mountain Center
- Mar. 8 – 6 PM - "Second Sunday" – Cookies and Canvas
Sign up starting Feb. 15th, in the entry area.
(\$10 – bring on Mar. 8th)

Announcements:

The Mission of the month for February is the Grace Assistance Fund.

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 check the sign-up sheets across the hall from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

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

May God bless you throughout the coming week!!