

Grace United Methodist Church — October 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

Hello! As we look into October, things feel like they are getting a little more “normal”. The Adult Sunday School class will begin meeting and the Thursday Men’s group will begin meeting. We have had some discussion on some type of Christmas Program for our children and there is interest in the Christian Education position. All of these things feel like steps closer to “normal”. I keep using this term but am placing it inside parentheses. Right now, we look back on 2019 or the first couple of months of 2020 and recall that as normal. Church on Sunday was followed by a time of wonderful food (yummy cookies... I hear) and great fellowship. There were all sorts of programs and activities at the church throughout the week. Then it all stopped. In this new season, slowly things return. The women’s groups began meeting, we started to worship in person, we moved worship inside, the youth group began meeting again— each was a step back towards “normal”. Please know that I, like many of you, long to be back to normal — whatever that is in our post-COVID days. We seek to be wise and prudent, to watch the “numbers” and what is happening in the schools. In partnership with Leadership, we continue to move forward.

In October I will begin a new sermon series called “Thriving”. It will be in conjunction with the church’s generosity campaign. As always, I hope you can join us for this series — either online or in person as we seek to live lives striving with Christ!

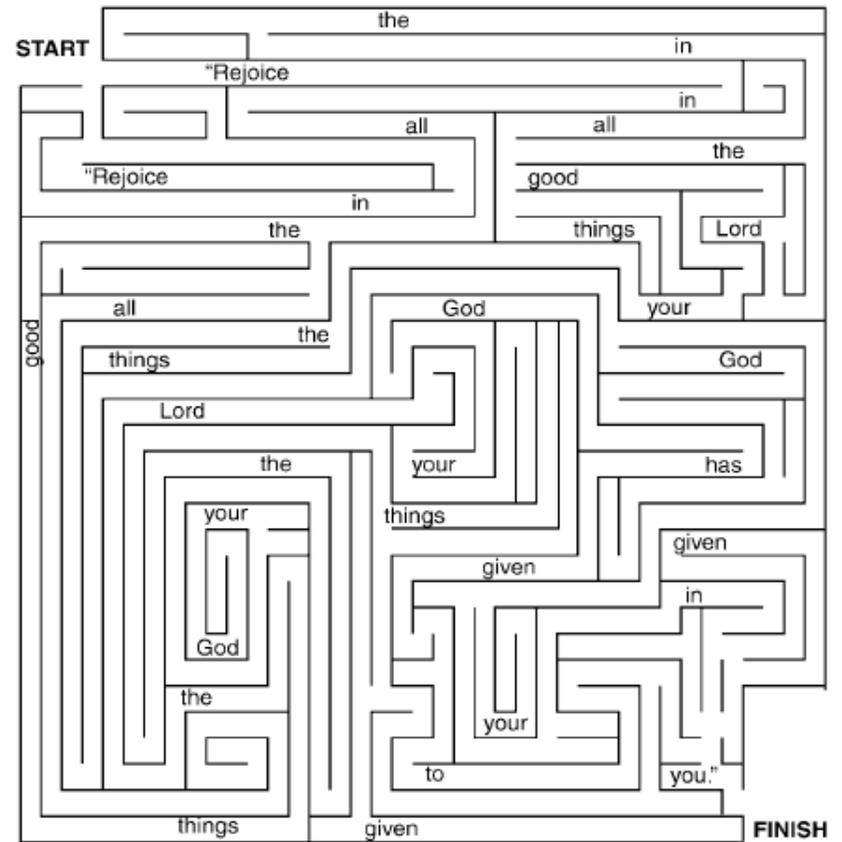
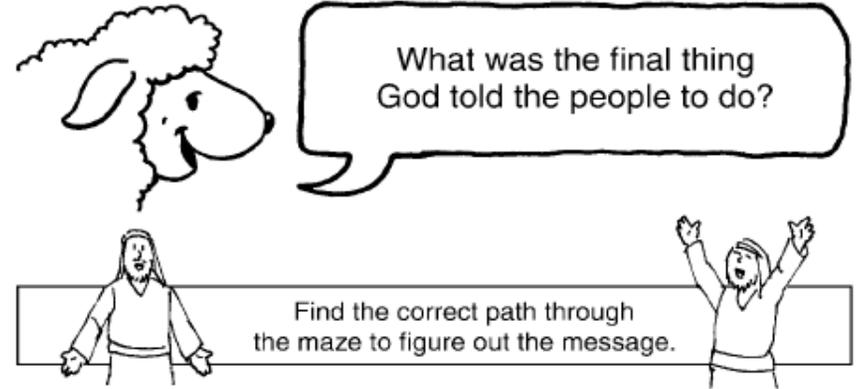
May the Lord our God bless you and your family and Grace Unite Methodist Church! Peace in Christ!! - *Pastor John*

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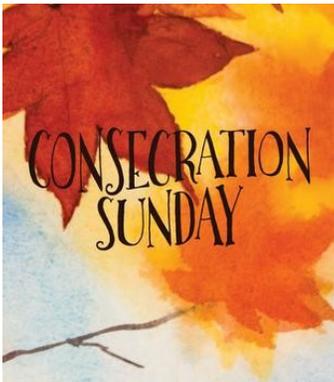
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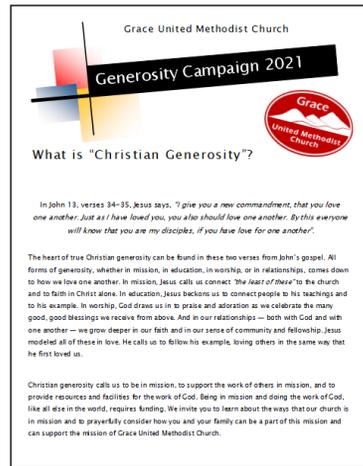
During the month of October, Pastor John and the Finance team invite you to participate in our “Generosity Campaign”!!

Early in the month of October you will receive a mailing inviting you to consider how you (or your family) can be generous towards the church and community. There are many ways that you and your family can live out a generous faith. We ask that you read the information and take some time to prayerfully consider how you can respond.

Also during the month of October, the messages from the new “Thriving” sermon series will focus on practicing faithful stewardship. We will explore the idea of generous giving. When we practice this discipline, we will see how our church, our relationship with Jesus, and how we personally benefit from the practice of faithful stewardship. The sermon series will guide us in developing a deeper sense of generosity while still respecting our rationality, personhood, and value. We hope you will join us each Sunday in worship!



On Consecration Sunday, October 25, there will be a special part of worship when we dedicate our gifts to God. If you are prepared to offer your gift to God and the church on this day, we ask that you bring the pledge card included in the mailing on October 25th. If you need more time, return the card when you are ready. Thank you in advance!!



Upcoming Events and Meetings at Grace UMC

Weekly Meetings:

- Sun. — 8 AM — Adult Sunday School (starts Oct. 4)
- Wed. — 10 AM — Ladies’ Bible Study
- Wed. — 5:30 PM — Youth Group
- Thur. — 5:30 PM — Men’s Group (starts Oct. 1)
- Fri. — 6:30 AM — Early Risers Ladies’ Study

Monthly Meetings:

- Tues., Oct. 13 — 6:15 PM — Team/Committees
- Tues., Oct. 13 — 7:00 PM — Leadership

Special Events:

- Trunk or Treat — Sat., Oct. 31 — 6-8 PM
- Turkey Dinner — Fri., Nov. 6 — 4:30 PM



Mission of the Month: “SOCKS”

In October the church will be collecting socks of all shapes and sizes!! Some will be sent to our local schools and some will be sent to the HOPE Center in Rapid City. This is a great



mission because there are always children in our communities and folks at the HOPE Center in need of new socks. Thank you for helping those in need!

Birthdays for October:

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| Oct. 2 — Mark Hauan | Oct.17 — Meja Helstein |
| Oct. 2 — Bill Hagman | Oct. 19 — Larissa Shaff |
| Oct. 3 — Ty Evans | Oct.22 — Jordan Sullivan |
| Oct.7 — Nicole Swigart | Oct.23 — Brent Teachout |
| Oct.12— Carrie Regelin | Oct.25 — Tamra Backes |
| Oct.12 — John Britt | Oct.27 — Don Walker |
| Oct.13 — Nora Cornford | Oct.29 — Halea Toenneiss |
| Oct.13 — Emma Gingras | |
| Oct.15 — Jude Bergstrom | |
| Oct.15 — Brandon Fogelman | |
| Oct.15 — Glenda Hall | |
| Oct.16 — Tristan Anderson | |
| Oct.16 — Adelynn Whitman | |
| Oct.17 — Mary Jane Clark | |



Notes from Christian Education and Youth:

Christian Education:

The annual “Fall Family Festival” cannot happen this year as it has in the past. So this year we are planning to do a simpler version. We will call it “Trunk or Treat” and invite families from the area to stop by the church on October 31 from 6-8 PM to pick up a treat bag from the church.



In order to make this happen, WE NEED YOU!! There are three ways to help. First, if you are able, please pick up a bag of Halloween candy and bring it to church. Second, come and help assemble bags on Thursday, October 29. Lastly, come help with directing cars and with handing out the bags of candy. Thanks for your support!!

Youth Group:

NEEDED: “Sunday Readers” for Worship:



PLEASE sign up to be a “Sunday Reader”!! The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board inside Fellowship Hall. It is very bright pink. We will even send you the readings ahead of time.
Thanks!!