



GRACE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Grace UMC Worship Topics and Scriptures for January and February 2022

Everyone is invited to join us as we gather to worship God on Saturday evenings at 5:30 and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Our Sunday wor-

ship happens in our Sanctuary AND on Facebook Live and KSCJ radio.

Here are the projected topics and scriptures for January and February.

Jan. 1/2 "Any Questions?" Luke 2:41-52

This "stand-alone" topic focuses on a story from Jesus' childhood which may raise a LOT of questions in our minds. Join us in worship as we explore some of those questions and what the possible answers might mean to our relationship with God.

Enjoy Winter Break!

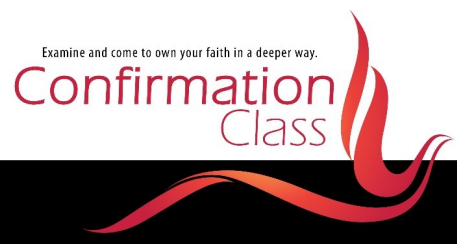


**WINTER BREAK:
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

January 2nd

**NO Wednesday
Evening JAM**

January 5th



Interested in Confirmation Classes?

"Confirmation" is a study and discussion experience for youth designed to help them explore possible membership in a local United Methodist congregation. Our last, recently completed Confirmation Class experience was fractured by COVID19 and now we're assessing the interest in Confirmation 2022.

If your family includes one or more children in 7th through 9th grades interested in participating in Confirmation classes this year, please contact Rev. Jim Shirbroun (jjim@gracesiouxcity.org).

Discover THE LECTIONARY

January 2, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalms 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 9, 2022
EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalms 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalms 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalms 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 30, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalms 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



Pastor Jim

Konversations

Our “Konversations” gatherings which happen after worship via Zoom each Sunday at 11:30a.m., are going strong. We welcome EVERYONE to come be a part as we check in with one another, talk a bit about the worship experience we just shared, then move into a topic which emerges from the participants.

You’ll find the Zoom link for Konversations on our Grace Facebook page as well as our website. Not a computer user? We can help you connect with Konversations via your cell phone. Just contact the church for information.



If you are unable to join us for worship on Sunday mornings or If you know of someone who is unable to attend, please listen to KSCJ frequency 1360 AM & 94.9 FM to hear a live radio broadcast of the 10AM Sunday worship service each Sunday. You can also go to www.kscj.com to listen to it live on the web. If you would like to help sponsor a Sunday broadcast, please contact the church office at 276-3452 or send in your donation and we will put your name on the list. Each broadcast costs \$125 to air and your donations are greatly appreciated.



Caring Through Grace

To keep us aware of your needs while in the hospital, please state “Grace United Methodist” as your religious preference during admittance.

If there is someone in need of prayer or if someone should be removed from the prayer list, please contact Betty Watkins at: **712-276-7621** or email:

betwat3a@gmail.com





God is Holding Your Life

A Journey of Assurance for the New Year

“God is Holding Your Life: A Journey of Assurance for the New Year”

The next seven weeks make up the Christian season of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means “manifestation” and refers in particular to the manifestation of Jesus as Savior not only of the Jews, but of all the peoples of the world.

After the rush and activity of the holiday season (even in pandemic), the new year can offer us a time of slowing down, simplifying and leaning on reflection and prayer to help us sustain the journey toward a time when we can move to the rhythms of life for which we yearn. It is difficult to be patient in the midst of difficult times. The Psalms can help us with that.

I look forward to sharing this Worship Series with you. It’s entitled “God is Holding Your Life: A Journey of Assurance for the New Year”.

While the worship experiences are linked thematically, each also “stands alone” in the sense that, should you be unable to join us for one or more weeks, you’ll still find much meaning in each worship experience. (And remember...you may “catch up” with worship by watching the videos on Facebook or on our Grace website.)

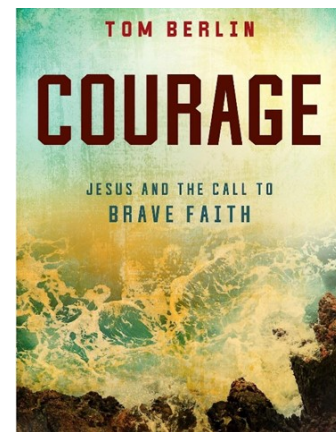
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| Jan. 8/9 | “These Lives are Precious”
Psalm 72 "God delivers the needy when they call..." |
| Jan. 15/16 | “Awe and Wonder”
Psalm 29 "My God gives strength to the people and blesses the people with peace" |
| Jan. 22/23 | “Where Can I Go?”
Psalm 139 "You have searched me and You know me" |
| Jan. 29/30 | “In God Alone”
Psalm 62 "God alone is my rock and salvation... I shall not be shaken" |
| Feb. 5/6 | “Whole Heart Hallelujah”
Psalm 111 "the works of God's hands are faithful and just" |
| Feb. 12/13 | “We Wait, We Hope, We Stay”
Psalm 147 "God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds" |
| Feb. 19/20 | “The One is Shining Forth”
Psalm 50 "God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun its setting" |

Begin the New Year with COURAGE!

Courage is a foundational virtue required for the Christian life. But we may often wonder if we have what it takes to live the vital life Jesus offers his disciples.

In *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, pastor and author Tom Berlin challenges us to unlock the courage we already possess as Christ followers.

You are invited to join other Grace folks and friends in a six-week study (beginning in mid-January) to read and discuss Rev. Berlin's book. By examining the life of Christ, we will strive to understand what true courage is and how God works in the lives of Christ followers as they exhibit a brave faith. Once we have eyes to hear what Jesus is showing us, once have ears to hear, we can begin to find the remarkable life Jesus offers us.



Two, identical weekly discussion sessions will be held to provide participants some flexibility in scheduling. Each session will be hybrid...offered both in-person and via Zoom. Participants should choose the session which best fits their typical schedule, with the option of switching as necessary. Participants may purchase the book via Cokesbury (cokesbury.com) or other on-line bookseller.

1 p.m. Saturdays (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22)

OR

7 p.m. Tuesdays (Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26)

Lenten Study “Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times”

Back in March of 2020, three groups of Grace folks and friends had barely begun a Lenten study when COVID19 changed everything. The name of the curriculum resource we were using was, “Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times”.

That study, along with so many other things in our individual and congregational lives, was put on hold. Now, two years later, much uncertainty remains and I think it's time for us to re-start this study.

Here are some words from the publisher: Learn to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties this Lenten season.

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can alter the lives and landscapes of entire communities. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail.

Uncertainty can definitely be uncomfortable. Many of us prefer stability and a predictable future to an unknown fate. We are wired to want to control our destiny.

The reality is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world there are few guarantees in life. It's those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and make the risky decision to follow Jesus despite the many "unknowns" who will reap the greatest rewards.

Embracing the Uncertain invites readers this Lent to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. Each of these stories are signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

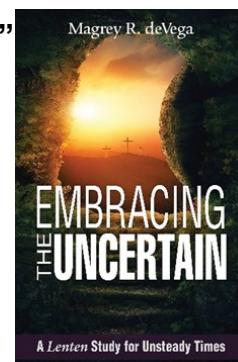
Participants may purchase the book via Cokesbury (cokesbury.com) or other on-line bookseller. There is also an optional devotion guide available (but not required).

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1 p.m. Saturdays (Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9)

OR

7 p.m. Tuesdays (Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12)





BIRTHDAYS—Over 80

Diane Clark	1-4-1939	83
Lois Crawford	1-28-1934	88
Jan De Witte	1-7-1933	89
Tom De Witte	1-27-1931	91
Joan Johnson	1-13-1938	84
Mary Johnson	1-8-1927	95
Bev Mildenstein	1-25-1937	85
Pauline Sneller	1-21-1934	88
Betty Watkins	1-5-1939	83
Jerry Wooldridge	1-27-1937	85



Wedding Anniversaries Over 50 years

Audrey & Jack Lambert	1-15-1956	66
Janice & Vern Marine	1-10-1967	55



SUMMARY OF THE 2021 CROP WALK FOR 2021

- \$29,008 DONATIONS
- \$6017 ONLINE DONATIONS
- 355 PARTICIPANTS
- 30 GROUPS
- PERFECT WEATHER, 1441 POUNDS OF DONATED FOOD
- 45TH ANNIVERSARY AND

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL



11-17-21

Dear Grace UMC,

Thank you for all the support that your Team Grace gives to CROP—you are an outstanding congregation for walkers and donors! Also we greatly appreciate using your church building and parking lot for our Recruiters Rally in Sept and the CROP walk day in Oct! Happy Thanksgiving!



Sincerely,
Rolene Beauvais

The Annual Twelfth Night Handbell Festival

Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 4:30p.m.

Eppley Auditorium

Morningside College
3625 Garretson Ave
Sioux City, IA 51106

Siouxland handbell Choirs will
Present a Free Concert
Bringing together a variety of
Faiths and talents of musicians
To ring out the music of the season

Our Grace Food Pantry has been helping people in need for several years and especially during the Pandemic.



Our food supply has gotten quite low and we are asking each of you if you could help us out. If you have any extra vegetables, fruit, meats, etc., in your cupboards and could spare it, please drop the food off at Grace United Methodist Church.

This would be such a blessing during this holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact the church at: 712-276-3452 or drop the food off during morning hours.

Enjoy this season of Giving

Thank you so much if you are able to spare some groceries for our Grace Food Pantry.

Our Walk-Up Food Pantry is Open

We are open Monday and Wednesdays from 9AM to Noon. Just bring your ID and you can come once each month.



Nurture Devotion Group for Women

Nurture Group will start meeting once again on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM in the library. This small group will focus on prayers, concerns and inspirations as well as learning more about scripture that supports us. Each session will begin and end with prayer while the time in-between will offer us an opportunity to grow and be uplifted in our faith, Judy Keith will be facilitating the group. For questions and to sign-up please call Judy at 712-251-1490. If you are not able to be with us every week, come when you can to be inspired and uplifted!



CHILDREN'S JANUARY MISSION PROJECT

WE WILL BE COLLECTING BODY WASH AND BODY SOAP FOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST PERSONAL CARE PANTRY. PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL GATHERING TIME.



ANGEL GIVING TREE

A HUGE thank you to all who donated to the Food Basket Giving Tree this year!!!

35 children from Spalding Park Elementary were given a brighter Christmas through food gift cards purchased by

those from Grace Church. Your abundant giving allowed us to give 35—\$75 gift cards that were distributed to families at the school that would not be able to afford a Christmas dinner.

Thank you for your love, kindness and goodwill. Blessings, Missions

Personal Care



Do to the need of non-food items, the members of 1st UMC, Sioux City have created a Personal Care Cupboard which stocks these items. The cupboard is open on Wednesdays from 5-6pm and Thursdays from 2-3 pm at 1st UMC, 1915 Nebraska St., Sioux City IA. Each month the members of Grace collect items to be given to the Personal Care Cupboard. Items can be brought to Grace and placed in the red donation box located in the Parlor.

For January: Body Wash & Body Soap



PRESCHOOL –5TH GRADE



SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 8:45 AM -9:45 AM

A 4-WEEK SERIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT ON SOLOMON:

Lots of kids dream about becoming famous . . . and why shouldn't they? It sounds awesome to have fans who celebrate your wins with you! On the flip side, it would be pretty tough to have people always watching, even when you're not having the best day.

In Famous, we are going to talk about a family in the Bible who lived in such a spotlight. Through their stories, kids will learn that no matter our celebrity status, we can make things right, God gives us friends, we can ask for God's guidance, we can give God what we have. Fame and fans may come and go, but you don't need to be liked by everyone when you're loved by God!

FOR PARENTS

FAMOUS

GROW AT HOME THIS MONTH

HEY PARENTS! HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE COVERING WITH YOUR KIDS THIS MONTH SO YOU CAN HELP YOUR KIDS CONTINUE GROWING AT HOME DURING THE WEEK.



WEEK 1- JANUARY 9

THIS WEEK, KIDS HEAR ABOUT THE TIME WHEN DAVID MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE AND THE PROPHET NATHAN REVEALS DAVID'S SIN.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES, WE CAN MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
- **THE BIBLE:** II SAMUEL 11:26-12:13A; EPHESIANS 4:14 -16

WEEK 2- JANUARY 16

THIS WEEK, KIDS HEAR ABOUT THE TIME WHEN ADONJAH TRIED TO BECOME KING EVEN THOUGH DAVID CHOSE SOLOMON TO BECOME ISRAEL'S NEXT KING.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** WHEN WE FEEL ALONE, GOD GIVES US FRIENDS.
- **THE BIBLE:** I KINGS 1:5-14; 29-35; EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

WEEK 3- JANUARY 23

THIS WEEK, KIDS HEAR ABOUT THE TIME WHEN SOLOMON BECAME KING AND ASKED GOD FOR WISDOM.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** WHEN WE NEED HELP, WE CAN ASK FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE.
- **THE BIBLE:** I KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14; EPHESIANS 5:8-17

WEEK 4- JANUARY 30

THIS WEEK, KIDS HEAR ABOUT THE TIME WHEN SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** WHEN WE ARE THANKFUL, WE CAN GIVE GOD WHAT WE HAVE.
- **THE BIBLE:** I KINGS 6:11-14; 8:22-30; PSALM 84



WE ARE ASKING ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR MASKS INDOORS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EVENING ACTIVITIES. OUR CHURCH COUNCIL WILL KEEP US UP TO DATE TO MAKE SURE WE CAN KEEP IN PERSON ACTIVITIES GOING. THANK YOU!



JAM IS OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

LOCATED IN OUR GATHERING ROOM

6:30-7:30 PM FOR CHILDREN FROM PRESCHOOL—5TH GRADE.

JOIN US FOR GAMES, CRAFTS, SCIENCE, SKITS, AND MORE.



WE ARE BEGINNING OUR SPIRITUAL HABIT "USING YOUR GIFTS" DURING OUR WINTER QUARTER.

IN THE WINTER WE FOCUS ON HELPING KIDS DEVELOP THE SPIRITUAL HABIT OF KNOWING AND USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS, THERE ARE LOTS OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE.



MEMORY VERSE:

"THERE IS ONE BODY, BUT IT HAS MANY PARTS. BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS MAKE UP ONE BODY. IT IS THE SAME WITH CHRIST."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 (NIRV)



One Body Many Parts
Our bodies are made up of many unique parts that serve very different functions.

These many parts work together as a whole to help us eat, sleep, play, learn, and enjoy life.

The church is like a body in that it is made up of many uniquely gifted talented people who are meant to come together and serve God.

January 12

GIFTS THAT LEAD & LIFT UP

Who uses their Gifts to bring people together and lead everyone closer to Jesus?

We welcome others and use wisdom to encourage.

January 19

GIFTS THAT WORK & CREATE

Not all Gifts are upfront and seen some hard work behind the scenes. While others are embraced upfront where using creativity like music, art, or drama.

January 26

USING YOUR GIFTS

God wants us to get involved and serve with other believers so the church can share Jesus with everyone.

KIDS WILL LEARN THAT GOD HAS GIFTED THEM TO SERVE THE CHURCH AND WE WILL BE HANDS-ON MEETING THOSE IN OUR CHURCH WHO DO GOOD WORKS.

JAM December Recap

December was a short month for Wednesday evening JAM (Jesus and ME) with holiday breaks and weather but a big message that I believe the students enjoyed and are starting to embrace.

We did a familiar object lesson **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**; that you know if you get something covered in pretty paper or the big bow, you're getting something special. We give each other gifts on birthdays and holidays because we care for that person. They may be a family member or a friend. We love gifts! They're usually something we want. Your family member specifically picks out that gift with you in mind because they want you to like it.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM JAM



Well, when you were born, you were given gifts specifically picked out for you. These gifts were given to you by God. We also like to call them talents. The talents God has given you can be whatever you're good at. Sometimes it involves a sport, maybe you have musical talent, or maybe you're good at science and math, or maybe you are more artistic and can draw well. Whatever the case, God made you good at something for a reason. He wants you to serve Him with your talents.



The Kids decorated a friend like a gift and then we talked about what was inside them that they liked. We will continue in January finding ways for missions and worship that the kids can use their talents.



Youth Ministry- Middle & High Schoolers Welcome!



MIDDLE & HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL; 8:45 - 9:45AM (RM. 208)

Have you ever been hurt so badly by someone that you desperately wanted revenge? When we're treated cruelly or unfairly, it's natural to want justice. But what does "justice" really mean? Is it only about handing out consequences and punishment to the people who have wronged us? Or could it be about something more? How do we balance forgiveness and grace with truth and consequences?

There's someone in the Old Testament of the Bible whose life has a lot to teach us about justice. In this 4-week series, the story of Joseph will help us see that justice is love in action and that, when we're wronged by others, we can hold on to hope, trust that integrity can withstand injustice, and learn to practice justice that restores what's broken.

Youth Sunday School Lessons for January

- Justice is love in action.
- Integrity can withstand injustice.



- When there is injustice, hold on to hope.
- God's justice restores what is broken.



NO Sunday School Dec. 26 & Jan. 2nd. Sunday School will return on January 9th.

Lessons & Dates for our 6:30 - 7:30pm Middle & High School: WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

All 6th - 12th Grade Youth meet in our Middle School Room (107)



A 13 Week Series for deep Bible exploration & awesome faith-in-action projects!

Jan. 12th: How Do I Know Who to Believe When I Have Questions about God?-- Some questions we have about God we won't get answered this side of heaven. But some questions do have answers, so let's figure out who can help us find them!

Jan. 19th: Why is There So Much God Doesn't Tell Us?-- When life feels hard or confusing, you might wish God would just *tell* you what's going on or what to do. But there are things God doesn't tell us. Does that mean we just have to guess the answers?

Jan. 26th: Do Miracles Happen Today Like They Happened in the Bible?-- Sometimes when people talk about things that are really hard to do, they call that a miracle. But in God's view, a miracle is something impossible that only God can make possible.

NO Youth Group December 22nd, 29th or January 5th.
Youth Group will be back on January 12th.





2021 Christmas Program: A Modern Nativity

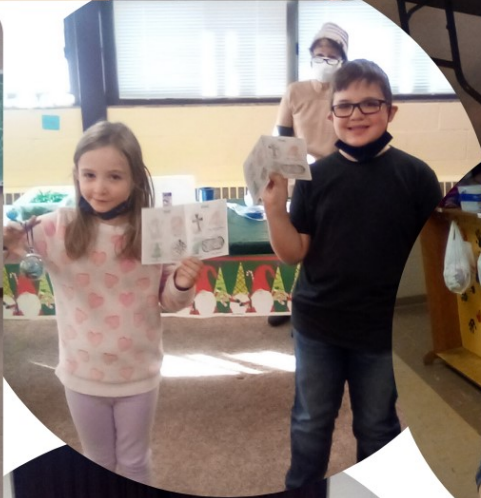
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Opening
Performance



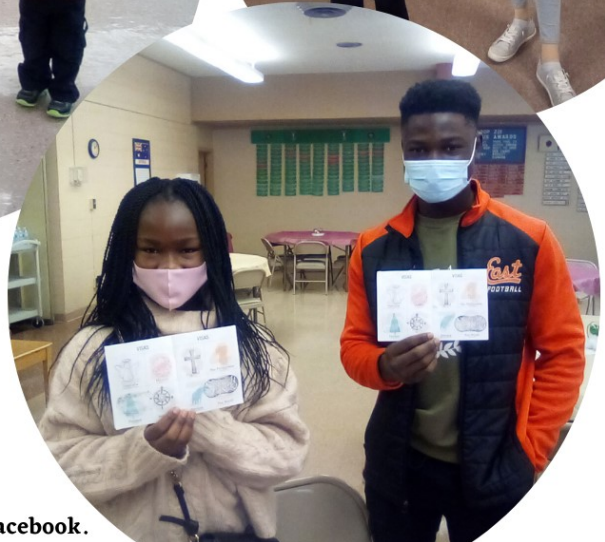
Christmas City!

An event where families traveled the world to learn about different cultures & their Christmas traditions.



**A special thank you to all of our volunteers:
Larry Martin, Jill Sponder, Doug & Robbie
Johnson, Pat Kruse, Emma Kock, Camrie Miranda,
Allison Franks, Sarah Babatz, Donna Wooldridge,
Heart Felt Greetings & Bazaar Committee;
who helped bring this event together.**

**More photos found on Facebook.*



JANUARY

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MON

TUES

WED

THURS

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SAT

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<p>2</p> <p>No Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:30 am Konversation</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9AM Food Pantry 10MA Nurture Group 630pm Mens Bible 6:30pm Purls of Faith 630pm Bell Choir 730pm Chancel Choir NO JAM/YG</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Wor-ship</p>
<p>9</p> <p>830AM Trustees Mtg 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:30 am Konversation 4:30 Eppley 12th Night Concert</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9AM-Noon Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9AM Food Pantry 10MA Nurture Group 630pm Mens Bible 6:30pm Purls of Faith 630pm JAM/youth Group 630pm Bell Choir 730pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Wor-ship</p>
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Faith Meets Fiction book group is a monthly group that is open to anyone who loves to read, talk about books and enjoy having the reading experience. We meet in the church parlor the fourth Monday of the month to discuss the selected book.

There will not be a meeting in December but here is a list of upcoming books.

- Jan. 24: The book of Woman of Troublesome Creek
- Feb. 22 This Tender Land
- Mar. 22 Christy
- April: 25: At home in Mitford

If you would like more information, please call our church office and be very happy to help you. Our number is: 712-276-3452



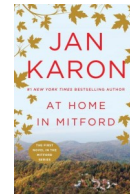
JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



April



SUNDAY SERMONS

If you were unable to join us for worship or if you would like to view a past sermon, they are available by going to the Grace website www.gracesiouxcity.org, and found in the drop-down menu under Grace-filled Worship.



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Grace United Methodist Church



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Special points of interest:

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www.gracesiouxcity.org

Church Phone:

712-276-3452

Church Address

1735 Morningside Ave.

Sioux City IA 51106

Live Radio Broadcast

KSCJ frequency 1360AM &

94.9FM at 10 AM

GRACE INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Grace UMC has a lot to offer its members for our evening activities, such as fellowship dinners, participating in bible studies or even a music program, however, sometimes weather does not cooperate with those plans. Our church cares about the safety of its members and guests and has a policy just in case that needs to be taken into consideration. If the Sioux City area is experiencing inclement weather, Grace United Methodist Church will follow the same closure policy as the Sioux City Public School District (SCPS). If SCPS closes its facilities for afternoon or evening activities due to weather, all of Grace evening activities will also be cancelled.