



# APRIL 2024 CHIMES

## Grace United Methodist Newsletter



On **Sunday, April 28th** Our Christian Education Team welcomes all our 2023-2024 Sunday School, Wednesday evening and volunteer substitutes to our 10 AM worship. The best teachers teach from the heart. We welcome all our children and Youth to help us acknowledge them and join together for an end of year group photo after worship.

**APRIL 20TH**  
9 am-12 pm  
**Grace UMC**  
**Parking Lot**  
TABLES AVAILABLE  
BY REQUEST

**HOST YOUR SALE HERE**



**COMMUNITY  
GARAGE SALE**

DONATE 3 CLEAN KIDS  
OUTFITS FOR THE  
**SIouxLAND FOSTER CLOSET**  
OR \$20 FOR A SPACE

Grace Mothers Club welcomes you to utilize **OUR** tables for **YOUR** Garage Sale in a great outdoor Morningside parking lot/lawn event.

Sell **YOUR** gently used household goods, clothes, toys, books, and gear, all to help the Siouxland Foster Closet.

Set up will be at 8 am and the sale will run from 9 am-12 pm.

### Cost to participate:

Donate three clean outfits to be donated to the Sioux City Foster Closet to participate. (Ages newborn to teen clothes welcome). Or \$20.00 to be donated to the Foster Closet collected by Grace UMC.

You keep your proceeds by manning your own table. Pop tents welcome.  
Tables available upon request. (limit 3 unless available day of). Contact Tamera Albert if you have any questions at 712-276-3452 ex 13.



### Baptism Blanket/Prayer Shawls

Grace UMC is in need of volunteers to donate their time and talents to knit or crochet shawls, lap robes, and/or baby blankets. Baptism Blankets are presented to the families at the time of babies baptism. Your help is needed to keep Pastor Supplied. Any color is welcome.

Prayer shawls are made available to give to members, family and friends, who need the warmth and comfort of prayer in the form of a shawl or lap robe. Our Small prayer and Devotion groups are then asked to prayer over them before being presented. Thank you :) Contact Tamera Albert if you've any questions.



**OVER 50 YEARS**

Craig & Marilyn Evans	4 -7-1972	52 years
Gary & Jan Fridley	4-13-1969	55 years
Jerry & Judy Weimer	4-30-1966	58 years



**OVER 80**

Grace Becker	4-21-1934	90 years
Craig Evans	4-26-1937	87 years
Jerald Goehring	4-10-1941	83 years
Lloyd Hawes	4-06-1943	81 years
Ron Rachuy	4-12-1942	82 years
Ruth Shortenhaus	4-14-1930	94 years
Jon Wagoner	4-1-1936	88 years
Jim Watkins	4-24-1938	86 years
Jerry Weimer	4-4-1940	84 years
Donna Wooldridge	4-9-1936	88 years
June Zediker	4-2-1922	102 years
Horst Zittlau	4-19-1942	82 years

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Bell Choir	Don Nelson

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Church Phone 712-276-3452

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Sioux City IA 51106

**Personal Care**



Due 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.

**April - Household Cleaners**



**Coffee Chat - Fridays at 10AM**

Join us for a time of devotion, conversation, and fellowship to refresh your soul and a cup of coffee or tea to quench your thirst. Men and Women are welcome to connect, encourage, and inspire one another each week in our Grace Parlor. For more info contact Tamera at [Tamera@gracesiouxcity.org](mailto:Tamera@gracesiouxcity.org)



**RADIO SPONSORSHIP  
GRACE SUNDAY WORSHIP  
BROADCAST  
ON RADIO STATION KSCJ  
CHANNEL 1360**

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](http://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. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



**FEBRUARY**  
**2024**  
**Finance Report**

<u>Contributions and Other Funds</u>	<b>For the Month of February 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date thru February 2024</b>
Giving to Budget	26,031	52,261
Building Use	500	950
Directly to Connectional Giving	100	200
Transfer from Designated Funds	223	2,519
Investment Income	<u>1,642</u>	<u>3,121</u>
<b>Total Giving/Income</b>	<b>28,496</b>	<b>59,051</b>
 Expenses	 <u>31,916</u>	 <u>61,926</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b><u>(3,420)</u></b>	<b><u>(2,875)</u></b>
 <u>Other Giving</u>	 <b>For the Month of February 2024</b>	 <b>Year to Date thru February 2024</b>
Food Pantry	510	1,010
Human Development	194	275
Radio Sponsorship	2,625	2,750
Memorials	85	85
Computer Fund	20	30
Upper Room	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>
<b>Total Other Giving</b>	<b><u>3,434</u></b>	<b><u>4,161</u></b>

GRACE UMC COLLEGE MINISTRY FREE

MIDNIGHT

Breakfast

Four Fridays This Semester

10:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Feb. 9    Mar. 15    Apr. 12    May 3

Free food for hungry college students! You and your friends are invited to breakfast.

Pancakes, waffles, and juice. Served by your friendly neighbors at Grace United Methodist Church 1735 Morningside Ave (Just behind the Science Building)

Follow the signs inside, then downstairs.





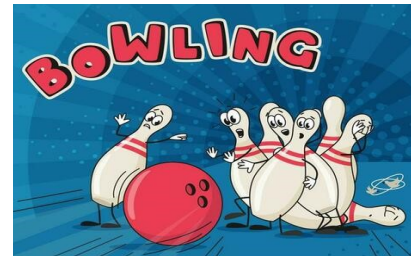
**Faith Meets Fiction** is our reading group and they meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm to discuss the most recent book. May will be the last month before summer break. The books are very interesting and all different kinds of books. Something for all.

Selection for April: *The Second Mrs. Astor*: by Shana Abé.

Perfect for fans of “Jennifer Chiaverini and Marie Benedict, this riveting novel takes you inside the scandalous courtship and catastrophic honeymoon aboard the Titanic of the most famous couple of their time—John Jacob Astor and Madeleine Force. Told in rich detail, this novel of sweeping historical fiction will stay with readers long after turning the last page. “



Naomi Group meets the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm at Grace. This is a group whose purpose is to know God through Jesus Christ.



1st & 3rd Tuesdays at Stadium Bowl Starting at 7 pm. You can call the office For additional information or just go and try it.



If you can cut paper, glue paper and sprinkle bling, you could join the Heartfelt Greeting Group. They take used cards and turn them into a wonderful new messages. If you have any questions, just give our office a call. They meet every Thursday at 9 am.



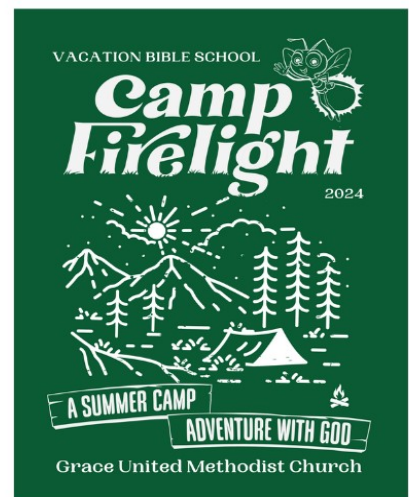
Our Nurture Group meets on Tuesdays starting at 9am. This small group will focus on prayers, concerns and inspirations at well as leaving more about the scripture that supports us. If you feel this would be something you would enjoy, call our office for more information.



### 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: Gail Haight at [gghaight1978@gmail.com](mailto:gghaight1978@gmail.com) Please let us know if you are having a crisis, health issue or have a family member need of prayer. Grace is here for all.





Our Vacation Bible School is **FREE** thanks to the generosity of members and friends at Grace.

Be sure to mark your child's T-shirt size on the Registration Form, (online or in person) as all orders need to be in by **May 13th**.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Held at Grace United Methodist Church our Camp Firelight VBS will welcome your students to enjoy an interactive, Bible-based good time on their summer camp adventure with God.

Students will be sorted into age groups and become Campers in one of our animal themed cabins, Chipmunks, Raccoons, Owls, and Foxes.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Campers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal each Firelight Focus to equip your Campers for an active life with God.

They will also discover our Firelight Focus (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. and hear about our mission project and as their respond to a call for action!

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats and a provided nightly dinner.

On our last night we invite students back for a fun camp water day, including a 35 foot inflatable water slide and smores.

Join us as we discover how to put our trust in God in every situation!

**REGISTRATION DAY**  
**APRIL 25TH ONLINE &**  
**APRIL 28TH IN PERSON**

### Dates and times:

June 2nd- 6th  
 from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM

### Important Dates for Volunteers

VOLUNTEER Meeting ...  
 Sunday, April 14th | 11:15am Fellowship Hall

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**CREW LEADERS-** Extra hands to help kids walk from station to station while teachers do the lessons.

**PHOTOGRAPHER-**Takes photos each night of different stations.

**DECORATING-DECORATING....**  
 Every year, our buildings are transformed for VBS!




At Grace United Methodist Church, we believe that middle and high school students are a vital part of our congregation. Our Student Ministry strives to be an invitational and welcoming place for students of all backgrounds where they can find community and a place to belong. We want to meet students wherever they are in their faith journey, walk alongside them as they grow, and be a safe place where they can ask questions and learn to seek faithful answers.



**GRACE UMC  
YOUTH**  
6th-12th Grade

**Sunday School**  
**BE BOLD**  
8:45 AM-9:45 AM



**Our Sunday School Youth Students are reviewing Be Bold!**

A series created to help pre-teens and teens engage with the weekly BE BOLD Bible lessons while exploring their deep faith questions. Each student will receive a Bold Action Student Book and weekly Mystery Mission challenges.



Why Be Bold



**Wednesday Night Youth Group**  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM  
**A SERIES ON FAMILY**

Our relationships with our families can sometimes feel a little bit like a way-too-competitive game night. With our families, sometimes it's fun . . . but other times, we might fight for first place, gang up on each other, betray each other, and walk away with frustration and hurt feelings.

Families can be sources of joy and laughter but also stress and tension. But what if our families could be places where we could all help each other win? In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll look at how the earliest followers of Jesus created a new kind of community as God's family.

Through their example, we'll learn that there is enough when we share what we have— and if there isn't enough, God provides. We'll also learn that our actions can speak when words aren't enough and that God's love is always enough

**YOUTH SPRING RETREAT**  
April 12th -14th to  
Lake Okoboji UM Camp

All students 6th - 12th grade are welcome!  
Registration & additional information is available on our Grace website.

**We are asking \*\$25.00 per student.**  
\*Financial assistance is available for those in need.

**RSVP by Wednesday, April 10th**



PLEASE CONTACT BROCK BOUREK W/ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CHAPERONE FOR THIS EVENT. BROCK @GRACESIOUXCITY.ORG

**SAVE THE DATE**



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**  
**Cinco De Mayo TACO BAR**  
**Sunday, May 5th**  
**11 AM-1 PM**  
**FREE WILL DONATION**





# YOUTH MISSION TRIP

## 2024: FUNDRAISER

### YOUTH FOR HIRE

#### April 20th & 21st

To help the students plan and help as many as we can, we are looking for no more than 2 hours per job. Hours available below.

**Saturday, 4/20: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, 4/21: 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

This won't be our only youth for hire weekend, it's just the first!



Contact Kristina Weber to schedule: 712-389-6314



**This summer our students are headed to...  
Kansas City, Missouri for our Youth Mission Trip!**

Please contact Brock Bourek to learn about costs, fundraising, packing lists, and what to expect from this week long trip filled with fellowship, fun & serving the lord and others.

Contact Brock Bourek at [Brock@gracesiouxcity.org](mailto:Brock@gracesiouxcity.org)  
OR Text/Call 402-270-0226  
for Questions



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APRIL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
8:45 AM -9:45 AM  
**PRESCHOOL -5TH**  
A 4-Week Series on  
Jesus' Teachings

From retro toys to fashion trends, we all love a good throwback. (Especially for grown-ups because it reminds us of being young again.) There are things that remind us of a moment in time, but other things feel timeless and like they're always in style. In this four-week series, kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are always trending. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.

**FOR PARENTS:  
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- April 7th**

This week, kids hear Jesus teach about the speck and the plank.

**WEEK 2- April 14**

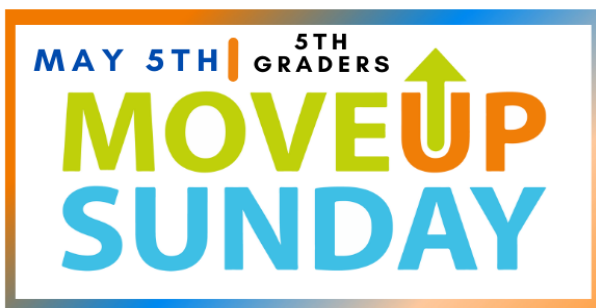
This week, kids hear Jesus share a parable about the unforgiving servant.

**WEEK 3- April 21st**

This week, kids hear Jesus tell a story about the workers in the vineyard.

**WEEK 4- April 28th**

This week, kids hear Jesus share a story about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus.

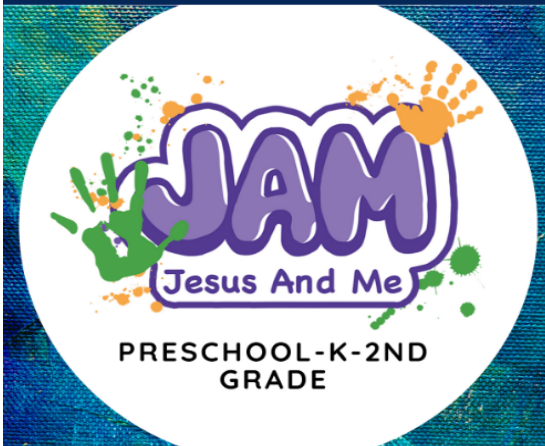


**ON MAY 5 WE WILL HAVE "MOVE UP" SUNDAY FOR OUR 5TH GRADERS TO MEET OUR MIDDLE/HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.**

They will start in the gathering room to wave off the younger kids and then be walked upstairs for games and a new Sunday school lesson. This gives them a chance to get to know the older kids before next year and welcome them to any Wednesday or Summer Activities. Contact our office with any questions.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



LOCATED IN OUR GATHERING ROOM

6:30-7:30 PM FOR CHILDREN FROM PRE-K-5TH GRADE.

JOIN US FOR DINNER, GAMES, CRAFTS, SCIENCE, SKITS, & MORE.



OUR JAM/BLAST BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M. AND WE WILL IMMEDIATELY START AND DESIGNATE THE FIRST 15 MINUTES TO OUR MEAL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

<p><b>April 3rd</b> 5:30-630PM All church Potluck. <b>No 6:30PM Meal</b></p>
<p><b>March 10th</b> Tuna Casserole with peas</p>
<p><b>March 17th</b> Mini Meatloaf Mashed potatos</p>
<p><b>March 24th</b> <b>LAST NIGHT</b> Pizza/Salad</p>



It's our tradition to invite teachers, work-study, kids and their parents of our Wednesday evening and Sunday School classes to an end of program year celebration.

HELLO, FAMILIES OF GRACE UMC.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR LAST NIGHT OF EVENING PROGRAMMING.

**On Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm** Kids ministry will host a main dish of pulled pork and invite our families to participate in a Pot luck with sides and desserts!

**We will have family activities, some crafts, and our summer calendar available.**  
Please RSVP to [christianed@gracesiouxcity.org](mailto:christianed@gracesiouxcity.org).



In this four-week series, kids will discover through the stories in the books of Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel the unexpected ways God can help them grow.

For a lot of us, recess is one of our favorite parts of the school day. We get to play dodgeball, hopscotch, or race our friends around the play area. Recess helps us to stay active so we can grow strong, but it also gives us a chance to grow in our relationships.

As they do, they'll learn how God helps us grow stronger, helps us belong, answers our prayers, tells us what is true, and can use anything we give

# April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 am <b>Nurture Mtg</b>  6:30 pm <b>Mission Mtg</b>  7 pm <b>Bowl- ing at Stadi-</b>	<b>3</b> 9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>  5:30pm <b>Last Potluck</b>  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	<b>4</b>  9am <b>Heartfelt Greeting Cards</b>	<b>5</b>  10 am <b>Coffee Chat</b>	<b>6</b>    5:30pm <b>Chapel Worship</b>
<b>7</b>  8:45— <b>Sunday Sch.</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 11 am <b>Youth Lead Team Mtg</b>	<b>8</b>  9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>9</b>  9:00 am <b>Nurture Mtg</b>	<b>10</b>  9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	<b>11</b>  9am <b>Heartfelt Greeting Cards</b>	<b>12</b>  10 am <b>Coffee Chat</b>  10:30 pm—12 am <b>Midnight Breakfast</b>	<b>13</b>    5:30pm <b>Chapel Worship</b>
<b>14</b>  8:45— <b>Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> 11am <b>VBS</b> <b>Volunteer Mtg</b>	<b>15</b>  9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>  7 pm <b>Christian Ed.</b>	<b>16</b>  9:00 am <b>Nurture Mtg</b>  7 pm <b>Trustees</b>  7 pm <b>Bowling at Stadium</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Food Pantry</b> 9 am  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	<b>18</b>  9am <b>Heartfelt Greeting Cards</b>	<b>19</b>  10 am <b>Coffee Chat</b>	<b>20</b>  9—Noon <b>Community Garage Sale—</b>  5:30pm <b>Chapel Worship</b>
<b>21</b>  8:45— <b>Sunday School</b>  10 am <b>Worship</b>	<b>22</b>  9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>  7 pm <b>Faith Meets Fiction</b>	<b>23</b>  9:00 am <b>Nurture Mtg</b>  7 pm <b>Naomi</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Food Pantry</b> 9 am  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	<b>25</b>  9am <b>Heartfelt Greeting Cards</b>	<b>26</b>  10 am <b>Coffee Chat</b>	<b>27</b>    5:30pm <b>Chapel Worship</b>
<b>28</b>  8:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10am <b>Worship</b> 10 am <b>Teacher Recognition</b> <b>DECORATE VBS</b>	<b>29</b>  9 am <b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>30</b>  9:00 am <b>Nurture Mtg</b>		<b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	JAM/BLAST Youth Group Bell Choir Chancel Choir p.m.	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.