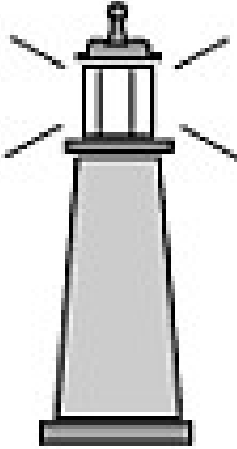


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## *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*

*Stress. Anxiety. Fear.* These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that,

"The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."

Join us in worship the next four weeks for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare. Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next five weeks, starting October 1, I will be teaching a study and the worship emphasis will be *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through our worship together and this small group study. We will hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on November 1.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity and joy.

### *Schedule of Events:*

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| October 1  | Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis (Small Group Study Begins) |
| October 4  | When Dreams Become Nightmares                                     |
| October 11 | Wisdom and Finance  |
| October 18 | Cultivating Contentment   |
| October 25 | Defined by Generosity   |
| October 29 | Small Group Study Ends  |
| November 1 | Consecration and Celebration Sunday                               |



# BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

## October Birthday Blessings

- 01 Elizabeth Rice
- Louann Stewart
- James Szopo
- Alexander Pelkey
- 02 Renee Schatzberg
- James Fischer
- 04 Valerie Caldwell
- 08 Amanda Bernard
- 09 Carly Schatzberg
- 10 Devon Butler
- 18 Kaitlyn Stocker
- 19 Hunter Carr
- 21 Kaitlin Arena
- Janet Meeker
- 22 Katelin Thomas
- 26 Meghan Root
- Joey Elliott
- 28 Brin Carr
- Christian Smith
- 30 Brenda DeJarnette



- 09 Brian & Amy Stanton
- 13 John & Cyndi DuCasse
- 16 Jim & Diane Westlake
- 17 Aaron & Beth Tazsreak
- 24 Gary and Jill Zundel
- Bror & Peggy Hanson
- 29 Matt & Renee Pach

*If your birthday, anniversary or other significant life event has been overlooked, we apologize. Please contact the church office, 586-725-1054 or drop a note in the offering plate so we can update our records. Also, if you have a new address (mailing or email), phone number, etc. please let us know.*

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

*Frances Moe, Eileen Rogers,  
Joyce McKenzie, Priscilla Burch,  
Dorothy Jacobs, Bror Hanson*



# 30th Anniversary Dinner Celebration and Church Conference

**Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm**

**Catered Meal for \$10 per person**

**See Pastor Jill for Tickets**

All members and friends of Grace United Methodist Church are encouraged to attend the Annual Church Conference scheduled for October 7th at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. A catered dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. We will celebrate what God has done through Grace Church over the past year, vote on the Pastor's Compensation package for 2010 and conduct regular annual business. All professing members of Grace have both voice and vote however everyone is invited to attend.



**Come and See What God Has  
Done and Is Doing In the Life of  
Grace United Methodist Church**

## All Saints Day - November 1

On Sunday, November 1, Grace will celebrate All Saints Day during both worship services. We will be lighting candles for those from our congregation who have gone on to glory in the past year. We would also like to celebrate those saints in your life by remembering and honoring any who have gone on to glory and those who are here with us now. We need your help! Pictures are needed of those who are saints to you in your life to prepare a slide presentation during the worship services. If you would like a picture shown, please give it to Pastor Jill and we will be sure to include it. Also, if you don't have a picture but would like a name lifted up, please write it down and turn it in to Pastor Jill as well.

# Bulletin Board



## OWLS

(Older and Wiser in the Lord's Service)

We will meet twice in October to work on projects. Layettes will be assemble on Tuesday,

Oct. 6th at noon and our "Octoberfest" regular meeting will take place on the 13th, also at noon, to work on bazaar projects. Both events will be held at the church. Call Linda McDonald for information at 586-498-8558

PAINT UP,  
FIX UP,  
CLEAN UP



October 24<sup>th</sup> is the day for you to help Grace UMC. Grace is in need of a top down cleaning, minor maintenance work, and some painting. There will be sign up sheets posted. We need volunteers for inside and outside projects. Let's get Grace ready for the winter. Only with your help can we get this done. Contact Cliff or Brenda DeJarnette at 586-725-4192 for information or to volunteer.



A new pictorial Grace church directory is underway. We have contracted with Olan Mills for development, photography and publishing. Individual and family pictures will be taken Wed. October 28th and Thursday, October 29th from 2:00 - 9:20 pm, Friday, November 6th from 2:00 - 9:20 pm and conclude on Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 am - 5:10 pm. Family, individual and grouped photos will be taken and you may include your pet, if desired. Every family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 photo plus a copy of the new church directory. You also have the opportunity to purchase additional photos that will be ready for you to give at Christmas. Appointments for photography sessions will be taken through October 18th. Questions can be answered by Candy Daily (949-1023) or Barb Nagy (949-0504).

## Grace Musical Opportunities

Check the calendar page for musical opportunity days and times or check out the calendar on the Grace web site.

Included are Adult and youth bell and vocal choirs. Children's choirs meet between Sunday worship services at 9:45.



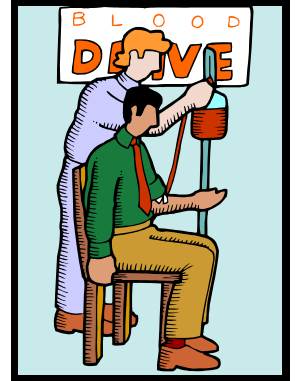


# Missions

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, October 21st. Grace has done great work in our community to help others to live. We have helped over 4,000 people in need regain their health since October 2004. If you have never given blood, please consider trying to. I am not fond of needles but I give so others can live. Most people do not realize how important that hour of their time is until they have a family member or friend that is in need of blood. Grace averages 35-40 walk-ins at each drive and each are appreciative of our hospitality. Even the Red Cross workers try to schedule to work our drives. In addition to blood donors, we need volunteers to help with promotion, sign up, food and other hospitality areas the day of the drive. Sign up continues through Oct 18 or call me at 949-1023.

Candy Daily, drive coordinator



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## Volunteer Opportunities - North Dakota

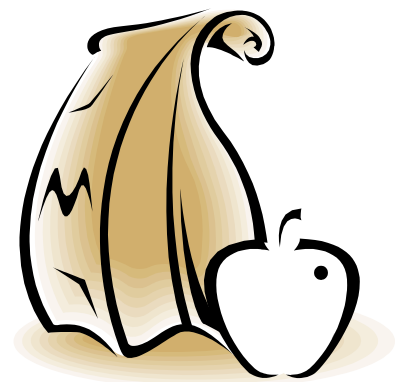
Are you interested in getting a taste of the great open spaces and western hospitality of North Dakota this year? They would love to put you to work while you stay with them. Volunteers are needed! They have started the rebuild process in Jamestown and surrounding area (flooding), some in Dickinson (tornado) and need folks to put in miles and miles of fencing (flooding) from the south central to southwestern part of the state. Besides the fencing, rebuild projects include installing sheet rock and mudding, electrical, some plumbing, step repair - i.e., general carpentry. If you can help, please contact Joan Buchhop, Volunteer Hotline, at 1-800-366-9841 or [LDRvolunteer@lssnd.org](mailto:LDRvolunteer@lssnd.org)

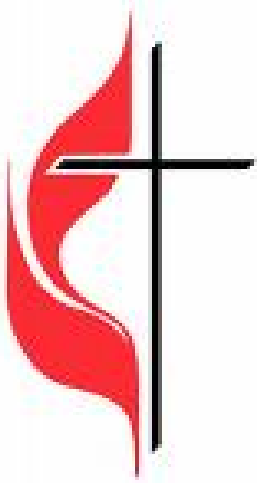
## Thank You from the Noah Project

Dear Pastor Jill and Grace UMC,

Thank you so much for your support at the NOAH project and our Bag Lunch Program. This program has been operating out of Central UMC since 1976. The Noah Project, founded in 1999, built on the already existing structure of Bag Lunch and now offers many emergency services and a sense of family and belonging to our volunteers and clients. Thank you for helping Noah support our brothers and sisters in downtown Detroit.

Sincerely in the service to others,  
Marissa





# Being United Methodist

Each month we will include an article or information dedicated to help educate and inform you what being a United Methodist is all about. From theology, church discipline, and thoughts of John Wesley, to our service, commitment and connection to the worldwide church. If you have questions about United Methodism or suggestions for subject matter, please submit them to the office or to Pastor Jill.

## God's Preparing, Accepting, and Sustaining Grace

God's grace is a wonderful gift to humankind. Grace is God's love freely offered to us. We do not do anything to "earn" it. Take a moment and reflect upon how you have experienced God's grace in your life. Jot some notes down, if you like, before reading the next paragraph.

Did you know that John Wesley believed that God provides us with three kinds of grace? He believed in:

- ◆ [prevenient \(preparing\) grace](#)
- ◆ [accepting \(justifying\) grace](#)
- ◆ [sustaining \(sanctifying\) grace](#)

God's **prevenient grace** is with us from birth, preparing us for new life in Christ. "Prevenient" means "comes before." Wesley did not believe that humanity was totally "depraved" but rather God places a little spark of divine grace within us which enables us to recognize and accept God's justifying grace. Preparing grace is "free in all for all," as Wesley used to say.

Today some call God's **justifying grace** "conversion" or being "born again." When we experience God's justifying grace, we come into that new life in Christ. Wesley believed that people have freedom of choice. We are free to accept or reject God's justifying grace.

Wesley believed that, after we have accepted God's grace, we are to move on in God's **sustaining grace** toward perfection. Wesley believed the people could "fall from grace" or "backslide." We cannot just sit on our laurels, so to speak, and claim God's salvation and then do nothing. We are to participate in the what Wesley called "[the means of grace](#)" and to continue to grow in Christian life.

Some Christians tend to focus on God's justifying grace, but Wesley asserted that the Christian walk does not stop with acceptance of new life in Christ. Wesley said in his sermon, "[On Repentance of Believers](#)":

It is generally supposed, that repentance and faith are only the gate of religion; that they are necessary only at the beginning of our Christian course, when we are setting out in the way to the kingdom.... And this is undoubtedly true, that there is a repentance and a faith, which are, more especially, necessary at the beginning: a repentance, which is a conviction of our utter sinfulness, and guiltiness, and helplessness.... But, notwithstanding this, there is also a repentance and a faith (taking the words in another sense, a sense not quite the same, nor yet entirely different) which are requisite after we have "believed the gospel;" yea, and in every subsequent stage of our Christian course, or we cannot "run the race which is set before us." And this repentance and faith are full as necessary, in order to our continuance and growth in grace, as the former faith and repentance were, in order to our entering into the kingdom of God.

# *Country Christmas Bazaar 2009*

The 2009 Bazaar is next month, Saturday, November 21, 9 am to 3 pm. The planning and crafting will come together to reach our church and community for raising money, fun and fellowship. The next workshop is Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 am. We will be sewing stockings, bring your portable machine. In November we will have workshops on Saturday, November 7 and November 14. These workshops will focus on the Gourmet Shop with making food items, doing pricing and packaging. Look for the sign up boards for food items and where you can work the day of the Bazaar. The profits from the Bazaar will go toward gift certificates for the Christmas food baskets, plus local and world wide missions.



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## *A Bit of Humor*

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

# *Grace Youth Ministry*



Haunted House at Cass UMC. October 18. \$8. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm. Cass is providing transportation there and back.

District Youth Meeting October 20 at Warren: First UMC. Putting together boxes for Operation Christmas Child. See Pastor Jill for more Info.

Seniors and others interested. Our youth group is going to Rake A Difference. Sign up with Pastor Jill for November 1. Our youth will come and rake and bag your leaves

A poster with a black border. At the top, the word "Announcing!" is written in large, red, sans-serif font. Below it, "A New Youth Sunday School Class" is written in black, sans-serif font. Three green lightning bolts point downwards from the text towards a central illustration of a man's head in profile, facing left. The man is wearing a purple, cloud-like hat with the words "Rethink Church" written on it in black. To the left of the man's head, the text "9:45 a.m. Every Sunday" is written in black, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text "Taught by: Deb Root and Carol Lanni" is written in black, sans-serif font. The background of the poster is a light, textured beige color.