

AMAZING GRACE NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

JANUARY 2023

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Dear Grace UMC Members and Friends,

I am honored to be appointed to serve as the senior pastor at Grace UMC. My wife, Megan and I look forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and learning more about Grace and the South Bend community.

Megan and I are high school sweethearts. We will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2023. Megan started a new education and career journey in 2021. She will continue her education at Ivy Tech in South Bend until she graduates in May. Then she plans to pursue a Bachelors of Social Work at Indiana University South Bend. She is excited to start an internship at Center for the Homeless in January.

We have three adult daughters. Jamie (27) is a youth leader at Temple UMC in Evansville. She is finishing her bachelor's degree in sociology at Indiana University South in New Albany. She will graduate in May of 2023. Josie (24) is in Nursing School at Hopkinsville College in Tennessee. She and her husband Clay live in Clarksville, TN. Clay is in the Army and stationed at Fort Campbell. Jenna (22) is a professional dog groomer and lives in DeMotte, IN.

I am a second career pastor. I spent 10 years working for the Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo, IN before hearing God calling me to full time ministry in the United Methodist Church in 2002. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University I spent one year at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary before finishing my seminary education at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. I was ordained by Bishop Michael Coyner on May 31, 2014 at the Indiana Annual Conference session.

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We have been serving in appointed ministry in the Indiana United Methodist Church since 2005. We served two 2 point charges; Caley and White Oak UMCs in White County, then Faith and Hillsdale UMC's in Howard County. In 2011 we moved to northwest Indiana where we served the Dyer UMC for seven years. In 2018 we moved to Evansville, IN where I have served as the senior pastor of the Aldersgate UMC ever since.

I am excited to get to Grace UMC to learn more about the ministries, the missions, and the people. One of my favorite things about the United Methodist Church is the diversity of the people. I believe it is our diversity of thought, theology, background, and so much more that makes us a great denomination. We are better and stronger because of our differences. I look forward to experiencing that kind of strength at Grace.

We are excited to meet you, to be in ministry with you, and to see where God will lead us together on this new journey with him.

We will see you in January!

Peace,
Pastor Jim

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 1 | 9:30AM

Rev. Bill White will be leading the worship service on New Year's Day.

JANUARY 8 | 9AM & 10:30AM

We will resume two services on January 8. Pastor David Schrader will lead worship.

JANUARY 15 | 9AM & 10:30AM

January 15 will be Pastor Jim Clark's first Sunday with us. Don't forget to wear your nametag!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9AM Virtual & In-Person Service
10:30AM In-Person Service
10:30AM Sunday School

MONDAYS

1PM Pilgrimage Healing (by appt.)
5PM Children's Dispensary
7PM A.A.

TUESDAYS

5:30PM Get Better Basketball

WEDNESDAYS

7:30AM Bible Study

THURSDAYS

5PM Baller Opportunities
7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAYS

5PM Baller Opportunities
7:30PM A.A.

JANUARY 7

8AM Men's Breakfast

JANUARY 11

10AM Gathering at St. Paul's

JANUARY 14

10AM Paper Pantry

JANUARY 17

7PM Finance Meeting

JANUARY 25

8AM Lifeline Screening

JANUARY 29

Youth Sunday

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES (beginning January 8)
9AM (Livestream & In-Person) & 10:30AM (In-Person)

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION CALENDAR

If you would like to celebrate or memorialize a loved one or event by dedicating flowers for the altar, please sign up at signnugenius.com/go/70a084eadae2aa4f94-altar.

THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BETTER WE CAN CARE!

If you or anyone in your life needs care, love, prayer and support, please contact Melodie at 574-288-4789 or email the Grace Cares confidential email address at gracecares@gracemethodist.org. Grace Cares about you!



MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO GRACE UMC

If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR Code or text 574-444-3044 and follow the prompts. Please remember Grace United Methodist Church when doing your estate planning.

NEXT AMAZING GRACE SUBMISSION DEADLINE | TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
