

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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MAY 5, 2024 | 9AM & 10:30AM

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LITURGISTS

9AM | Joe Venema
10:30AM | Michele Russo

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9AM | Holly Easterbrook,
Bob & Karen Messersmith
10:30AM | Chuck & Martha Moore

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12

LITURGISTS

9AM | Lexie Fisher
10:30AM | Bryan Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9AM | Jeff & Heidi Deethardt,
Ted & Becky Peterson
10:30AM | Megan Clark,
Neal & Sandy Burd

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE

"Toccata Quinta" | Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing a new song,

All: A song of love for all.

One: Sing of the Spirit of love,

All: The Spirit who loves us all.

One: Sing of God's abiding love,

**All: That we might love one another
and all of the world.**

One: Sing a new song,

All: A song of love for all. Amen.

*HYMN | "Ye Servants of God" | UMH 181

*OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship.

**Whisper your song of love in our hearts,
that love may flow through every word we hear,
every thought we think,
every word we speak
and every song we sing.**

Spirit of power and grace, abide in us,

that we may abide in your love

and proclaim your song of love for all. Amen.

SMALL TALK

The children are invited to come forward.

OFFERING

Your gifts can be given in the offering plate, online, mailed in or brought into the office. Let's continue to worship God through our giving.

OFFERTORY | "Simple Gifts" | Traditional, Arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY | "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow" | UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving

for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives.

We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit.

Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves,

that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*HYMN | "Seek Ye First" | UMH 405

*GOSPEL READING | John 15:9-17

*RESPONSE TO THE READING

One: This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you our Christ.

*ACCLAMATION | "Alleluia, Alleluia" | UMH 162 | refrain

SERMON | "Love One Another...It's So Simple!"

*HYMN | "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" | UMH 632

COMMUNION

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" | UMH 500

*HYMN | "They'll Know We Are Christians" | TFWS 2223

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN | "Threefold Amen" | Danish

*POSTLUDE | "Tuba Tune in D major" | C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

Sermon Notes

VISITORS

We are happy you are here with us today! Please fill out a Connect Card so that we may connect with you and send you information on our upcoming events.

NAMETAGS

If you have lost your nametag, or need a new one, please contact the church office.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

If you would like to celebrate or memorialize a loved one or event by dedicating flowers for the altar, please sign up at signupgenius.com/go/70a084eadae2aa4f94-altar by 10AM Tuesday before requested date.

THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BETTER WE CAN CARE!

The Grace Cares Team would love to care for you! This means we would like to know your joys,

celebrations, concerns and prayer requests. Please contact the Church Office (and ask for Melodie) at 574-288-4789 or send an email to the Grace Cares confidential email address at gracecares@gracemethodist.org if you or someone you know is in need of care because of hospitalization, illness, grief, or generally struggling. Grace Cares about you!

GIVING OPTIONS THROUGH BREEZE



If you would like to contribute online, 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.

PAPER PANTRY

- HELP US BUILD A MOUNTAIN OF TOILET PAPER IN 2024. Make a commitment to donate toilet paper every month to help with the 900+ rolls distributed monthly.
- COMMIT TO SUPPORTING ONE PAPER PANTRY FAMILY PER MONTH (OR MORE!). Donate at least \$8.13 monthly toward Paper Pantry for the remainder of the year. The orange Commitment Cards are in the pews and on the table in the Welcome Center.
- VOLUNTEER. Help pick up ordered items, help pack give-away bags, help hand out bags 2nd Saturday of each month (10AM - Noon)

NEXT PAPER PANTRY
MAY 11 | 10AM-12PM

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN PARISH

We are collecting men's and women's clothing and nonperishable food items for Broadway Christian Parish. Donations may be placed in the designated carts by the main entrance.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets on Sundays from 11:30AM - 1:30PM. We like to serve a light lunch to the youth and could really use some help. If you are interested in donating your time to provide food for 10, please let Melodie (children@gracemethodist.org) know.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN?

If you would like to be part of our church group that prays upon request, please contact the office with your email address.

OPEN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING | MAY 22 @ 6:30PM

All are invited to attend the Open Church Council Meeting on May 22. However, all voting will be exclusive to Church Council members. **If you plan to join us, please let us know (call 574-288-4789 or email communications@gracemethodist.org)** so that we may find an appropriate room to accommodate everyone.

FISH & CHICKEN FRY

MAY 18 from 3:30PM-7:30PM

Claywood Event Center

(13924 N. 1100 W Nappanee, IN 46550)

Enjoy a meal of fish or chicken strips. Dine-In includes pie & ice cream. Carry-Out also available.

BAKE SALE (pies, cookies, breads and more!)

COST is a "cash only" donation.

Questions? Contact Abe Ropp (574-904-5331).



SUNDAY 5

9AM & 10:30AM Virtual & In-Person

Worship Service

9AM | Facebook

10:30AM | YouTube

10AM Coffee Fellowship Hour | Parlor

10:30AM Sunday School

PreK-2nd Grade | Upstairs

3rd-5th Grade | Upstairs

6th-8th Grade | 113

9th-12th Grade | 103

J.O.Y Adult Class | 104

Serendipity Adult Class | 107

11:30AM 1st Sunday Potluck | Great Hall

11:45AM—1:30PM Youth Group | 103

MONDAY 6

1PM Pilgrimage Healing (appointment only)

7PM A.A. | 107

TUESDAY 7

5:30PM Positive Outlook Basketball | Great Hall

WEDNESDAY 8

6PM Blue Star Mothers | Parlor

6PM Sky Digg Soldiers 2026 | Great Hall

THURSDAY 9

8AM Bible Study | Parlor

11:30AM Euchre Group | 104

5:30PM Positive Outlook Basketball Group

6PM Canoeing the Mountains Study | Zoom

7PM Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary

FRIDAY 10

7:30PM A.A. | 107

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