



**GRACE NOTES**  
**November 2020**

**Grace United Methodist Church**

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**November Calendar**

November 11 - Church Council via Zoom 6:30 pm

November 21 - UMW via Zoom 1:00 pm

**Weekly Activities**

Sundays

No Classes

Sunday worship on Facebook

Monday - Thursday

Office Hours 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Pastor Zach's Hours

Call to make an appointment.

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**Grace's Vision: Grace Sharing Grace Unconditionally**

**Grace's Mission: Grace Strives to be a Church that Gathers, Responds, Acepts, Cares, and Engages.**

## Greetings Grace and Community,

It is no secret that tensions, anxieties, and our hearts are heavy at this time. Not only because we are awaiting the results of a major election, but we also have the weight of 2020 pushing down on us. To say this last 11 months have been unpredictable, overwhelming, and all out exhausting is almost an understatement.

I know we all long for "normal". I know we all long to be back in our sanctuary, favorite restaurants, friends and families homes, and just out in public without having to worry about the virus. Every last one of us is feeling the weight of uncertainty and I know our hearts and souls are heavy.

We are three short weeks away from the beginning of Advent! ADVENT! We are three weeks away from the beginning of the Christian new year where we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. The four Sunday leading up to Christmas are spent preparing our heavy hearts and souls for the coming of hope to the world. The beautiful thing about Advent, it's not a reminder of some far off hope of the future but Advent is a reminder of the hope of Christ that is already here with us. Hope is here with us. Hope has been with us not only the last 11 months, but since the Christ child was welcomed in the manger. Advent and Christmas bring a certainty in the uncertainty of our lives. We will prepare our hearts and souls as we search for hope, peace, love, and joy during this season of Advent.

In the uncertainty of the last year, where have you found moments of hope, peace, love, and joy in your life? I want to hear from you, call, email, text, Facebook, send a letter in the mail. I want to hear where you have experienced hope, peace, love, and joy in the last 11 months.

I have found a lot of hope in how Grace has responded during the pandemic. I know we all miss being in the church and being with each other. I know it is hard to change pastors in a normal year. I know being online, outside, in Grace Hall, and back online again is a lot of change. What is hopeful for me, as your pastor, is not only your response and support and effort to get to know The Bechtolds but also your continued creativeness with life changing ministry inside and outside the walls of Grace. Through online services, we are engaging over 200 people a week! That is amazing and something to celebrate, even if it's not exactly how we thought we would be doing church.

Keep up the good work. Continue to share hope, peace, love, and joy because we need it now more than ever! We need the reminder that the hope that Christ brings to the world is not far off, it is here and now. May we embrace and embody the season of Advent.

Do Good...

Pastor Zach



## Notes from Your Lay Leader

Last month I spoke about N<sup>2</sup>, the New Normal. It was kind of nice having church on the lawn. At least we got to see each other, if from a social distance. Now that cold weather has set in, we are back to Virtual Church. If you haven't tuned in, I encourage you to give it a try. Pastor Zach and our Praise Team put together a meaningful and inspiring service each week. The comments on the Facebook Live program on Sunday morning allow us to connect with each other in another "new" way.

My biggest concern about the Virtual Church is that we may have members who feel they don't have the skills to connect to the Facebook Live services or the replays on YouTube. We have a number of folks in our congregation who can tutor you so you can "get connected" for our worship services.

If you would like to have someone talk you through the process, please call me or Pastor Zach. I know Missie Martin would be willing to help as well. Just let one of us know, and I am sure we can have you "connected" in no time at all. You hear people say it's easy, but it's only easy if you know how to do it. Don't be reluctant to ask for some help.

More and more we are being required to rely on technology to stay connected. Many of you were worried about using Zoom for meetings. Now you are doing that with ease. Tuning in to Facebook Live and YouTube worship services will be the same. Once you learn how, you'll Try it; you'll like it.

We are all family and we are all anxious to help however we can. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance. Be well, and be safe,

Dave Orr



wonder why you didn't try it sooner.

### How to Support Our Church

**Mail a check** to Grace UMC, 2950 Spruce Dr.,  
Cheyenne WY 82001

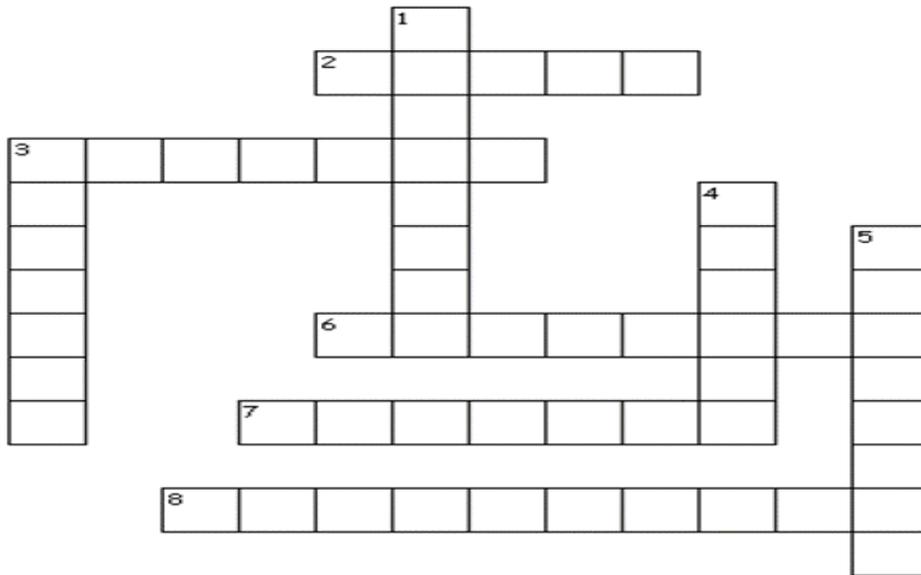
#### **Donate online:**

- Go to <http://www.cheyennegraceumc.com/giving/>.
- Click on "Click here to donate using Breeze."
- Type in the dollar amount.
- Check pay by Credit/Debit or ACH Bank Transfer (checking account).
- Choose fund.
- Complete the information and hit "Donate Now"

**Text-to-Give.** Text dollar amount to the phone number 307-209-9908, then complete the information.



# November's Missions



## Across

2. Cooperative Ministry for Emergency Assistance
3. People helping and people receiving are both \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Transitional living, Pay-to-stay, Journey Program and emergency shelter are all \_\_\_\_\_ in place to help those in need.
7. We help \_\_\_\_\_ it is the right action to take.
8. Who completes jobs such as serving meals, working the desks, organizing donations, property clean-ups, fundraising, and working on special projects.

## Down

1. Churches, organizations, grants, local support & a loving community working \_\_\_\_\_ to care for those in need.
3. 6-7 lbs. of food
4. Grace UMC is happy to \_\_\_\_\_ Big Cans as our Mission Project each Oct/Nov.
5. A list of items that are needed on a regular basis, you can look COMEA's up on [comeashelter.org](http://comeashelter.org)

## Word Bank

Because    blessed    COMEA    Big Cans    volunteers    programs    together  
 wish list    donate

## UMW

We held our meeting via Zoom on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Our program was entitled, *"Righteousness Flows Like a Stream"* and we studied Exodus 2:15 b – 22. We discussed the difficulty of not having running water for the family and how, in most situations, it is the women who have to go fetch water, sometimes, walking miles to do so. United Methodist Women's new program book for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 is called *"Knitted Together for God's Good Work"*. The next meeting will be held on November 21 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. It will be "World Thank Offering: The Give and Take of Gratitude."

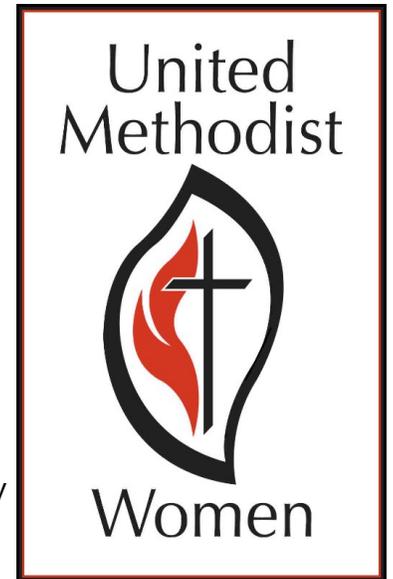
The UMW officers held a Zoom Business Meeting on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and approved the 2021 budget presented by Mary Aughe. We voted to help Glenda Haley fill the Christmas Stockings for Family Promise with gloves for the children.

We have not been able to meet together in Grace Hall since February 2020 so we are asking members to check to see if they have paid their 2020 pledges. Please send pledges to Mary Aughe.

We continue to be in touch with our members via phone calls and cards.

Martie Curl

President, United Methodist Women - GUMC



## Eileen's Cookies

Do you love cookies? Did you finish the cookie dough from our summer sale? Or, are you hoarding it because you are worried you can't get anymore? TADA! There is another opportunity to purchase Eileen's Cookie Dough for yourself or to give as a gift.

Reach out to Kathy Orr or Missie Martin if you would like to order any dough. The dough will be ready to be picked up on November 21 (just in time for the holidays)!

Flavors include M&M, Chocolate Chip, Cranberry White Chocolate, Oatmeal, Sugar, Peanut Butter and Oatmeal Raisin. All tubs are 3 lbs. and are \$12.00 per tub. The proceeds will go to the Cheyenne Zonta Club.

The Zonta Club of Cheyenne is a member of Zonta International, an organization whose members are dedicated to advancing the status of women through voluntary service and advocacy. We support local agencies whose purposes are to help women and families through difficult situations, through scholarships, educational opportunities and donations. The cookie dough profits will help us continue our outreach.

Thank you!

Missie & Kathy



## **Birthdays**

- November 5 - Mary Aughe
- November 10 - Mary Lou Marcum
- November 11 - Michelle Anderson
- November 13 - Martie Curl
- November 14 - Isaac Fitzgerald
- November 14 - Gary McKee

## **Anniversaries**

- November 14 - Sean & Wendy Horton - 28 years!!



I want to thank Martie and Bruce Curl for their help. When we were first isolated, they brought me items several times. And today (Oct.27) I contacted Martie for some items from the store -- and bless her heart she arrived with the items and flowers. To Martie and Bruce, a VERY BIG thank you for your kind and generous help! Grace members "Do Good".

Dee Melander

