

GUMC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- † **Bible Study:** Sundays, 9:00-9:50am, in Fellowship Hall @ GUMC
- † **College Connections:** Sundays, 11:30am-1:00pm @ GUMC
- † **Covenant Prayer Team:** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am @ GUMC
- † **Praise Band Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 5:00pm @ GUMC
- † **Potpourri Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7:00pm @ GUMC
- † **The Bluffs Chapel with Pastor Eric:** Dec. 14th, 3pm

Today is UM Student Day. This offering helps provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church.

Next Sunday is Potluck Sunday! Please bring a dish to pass.

Choir rehearses on Sundays right after worship, unless there is a potluck, singing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. **Listen for Jim to ring the bell for rehearsal**, then head downstairs to the music room.



The Advent Bible Study continues today and the next 3 Sundays, from 9:00 am to 9:50 am. *"The Advent Conspiracy"* is open to all. We will take a new and refreshing look at Advent and how we prepare for Christmas. Sign up sheets are available by the front door or call the church office. Walk-ins are welcome.

Everyone is offered the opportunity to fill out a "Gratitude Card" for 2023. Your giving matters! Cards are available at Grace and can be returned to the church anytime. You may also download a card on our website at <http://www.houghtongrace.org/donate.html>.

Christmas figurines are on display on tables and throughout the church, and available for purchase. Donations can be cash or check. Contact Judy Lell for more information at 906-281-4949. Checks should be made out to GUMC.

Grace UMC current giving stats

Last Sunday, 11/20/22: \$1,690

Year-to-date as of 11/21/22: \$123,112

Last year as of 11/21/21: \$179,312



Weekly offering envelopes for next year are available on the table across from the greeter. We are reusing envelopes from previous years, so the dates will be a little off. Please write your name next to the envelope # on the list provided.

FYI: Friday is Pastor Eric's Sabbath day.

Grace United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 27th, 2022

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The mission of Grace United Methodist Church is to invite all people to encounter and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, all for the glory of God.

Up to Restoration

AN ADVENT SONG OF ASCENTS WORSHIP SERIES



Psalm 122:1,3-4

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Jerusalem is...where the tribes go up...
to praise the name of the Lord.*

Welcome to Worship

** Indicates to please stand as you are able.*

***Opening Song** "God of Wonders"

Welcome Zach DeYoung

***Call to Worship** (from Zephaniah 3:14-20)

One: Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God's very own!

All: Rejoice in the Lord!

One: Good news! The times of trouble are nearly over!

All: Rejoice in the Lord, Always!

One: Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!

All: Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again we say rejoice!

One: Good news! Good news!

The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!

All: We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving. Thanks be to God!

Songs of Praise Go Tell It on the Mountain, O Praise the Name

Opening Prayer (by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr., inspired by Psalm 122)

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank You for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place. We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness. We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve You and others. May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves. Through Your only begotten Son, we pray. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle Bob and Mary Erva

Dismissal to Children's Church (through 6th grade)

Special Music "Even So Come"

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

Message "Up to Restoration" Pastor Eric

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Ministry Opportunities

Closing Song "Come We That Love the Lord" UMH #733

Blessing

Online giving is available at houghtongrace.org/donate

Need prayer? Post a note on our prayer wall in the Caf !

Sermon transcripts are available by the entrance to the sanctuary and online at houghtongrace.org/sermons

Reflection Questions:

1. How do you feel about biblical prophecy? Excited? Scared? Confused? Reassured? Why?
2. How does God's desire for justice and world peace change your worldview? Do you see yourself as an agent for peace?
3. How often do you consider the fact that Jesus will return to earth? Does that change how you live and serve?
4. Where does the world most need peace right now? How will you pray for the end of war and the beginning of restoration?

Upcoming Worship Services:

Advent: "The Hope of the Prophets"

Prophets played an important role in the Messiah's birth. Over the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we will explore famous passages in Isaiah that foretold the reign of Christ on earth.

December 4th—"Stand as a Signal" (Isaiah 11)

December 11th—"The Lord's Highway" (Isaiah 35)

December 18th—"Give You a Sign" (Isaiah 7)

"A Quiet Christmas service" will be offered for those who are lonely or grieving on **Sunday, December 11th, 3pm at GUMC** with Pastor Micah Cavaleri and Pastor Eric

December 18th—Children's Christmas Pageant, live in worship! Directed by Lynn Manchester

Christmas Eve Services, December 24th

Painesdale UMC Candlelight service at 2pm

The Bluffs Christmas Eve service with Pastor Eric at 3:30pm

GUMC Candlelight Service at 7:00pm