



Grace Notes

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10:30 a.m. Worship

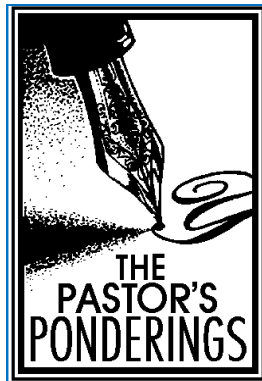
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Sermon Series: "Dare to Be Great"

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| Jan. 5 | "Dare to Follow"
Matthew 22: 34-40 |
| Jan. 12 | "Dare to Care"
Luke 10: 30-37 |
| Jan. 19 | "Dare to Serve"
Matthew 25: 34-41 |
| Jan. 26 | "Dare to Grow"
Matthew 28: 19-20 |



Trusting God in 2020



I remember a lady who panicked over not being able to hang a picture on the wall the right way - her hands were shaking, and eyes were filled with tears. Fear comes from focusing on the issue that overwhelms you. Our level of fear can range from not having your perfect scrambled egg to whatever brings up a panic attack in your life. I still struggle over making a perfect scrambled egg, and public speaking (a.k.a. preaching!)

is the most fearful experience people go through in their lives - so I live in between both extremes!

Jesus says in Mark 5:36 "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." (CEB) God knows our life can be filled with fear. So He says "do not fear" for more than 365 times in the Bible. When you fill your life with faith and trust, the fear goes out the opposite side. Trusting God is the number one, proven stress reliever in your life. The more you trust God, the less fear and stress you will have.

For 365 times a year, once every day, how about intentionally focusing on God's promises for you? Romans 10:17 says, "faith comes by hearing the Word of God." Fear doesn't naturally go away. Bring in faith, by focusing on God's Word daily. Remember His love and blessings. And trust God by proclaiming your faith in prayer. How about praying Psalm 31:14-15, "I trust in you, Lord; You are my God. My times are in your hands!"

May your 2020 be in God's hands - increase faith, reduce fear!

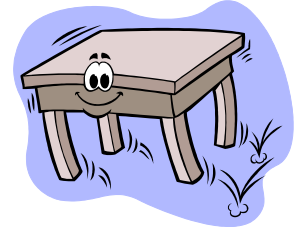
Pastor Rhee

Circle of Friends Potluck

Noon -Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Bring a dish and join the fellowship.



MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus.



MaTT Club held its annual Christmas party December 1st. Our theme this year was jingle bells. We played some games using jingle bells. The children threw a soft ornament at a cardboard Christmas tree, trying to get the ornament to go through one of the holes and ring the bell. It was harder than it looked! After that players scooped up spoonful's of bells and ran to dump them in a stocking. Their favorite game was a cup on the end of a stick with the bell attached by a string. The children had to swing the bell out and try to catch it on the cup.

After games we used jingle bells to make a wreath, a reindeer and a letter tile ornament. The children enjoyed pizza for snack. Be sure to check facebook for pictures of our fun.

Thank you Natalie for providing snacks at this meeting.

Happy January birthday, Jooah.

In January we will bridge to Madagascar and India. If you look at the back of the MaTT Club bulletin board, in the foyer, you can track our worldly travels.

Fasa



Thank you to everyone for the donations to Fasa, medical missionary in Indonesia. On December 6 we were able to send a bank wire to him for \$3,122.86.



Notes of **THANKS**

Thank you, Grace United Methodist!

I want to thank everyone who bought gifts for the Spirit of Christmas program this year. Your generosity is appreciated.

I especially want to thank Karen Downey, who helped sort the gifts Sunday, December 1 and Monday, December 2. Also, Barb Dunlap-Berg worked on Monday, December 2.

Some of the agencies the gifts went to are: Centerstone, Good Samaritan and Archway I and II.

Rosemary Hubenthal

Grace UMC Spirit of Christmas Coordinator

Your participation in the 2019 Spirit of Christmas gift-giving program of the Carbondale Interfaith Council was part of providing holiday gifts for 846 recipients. The individuals receiving these gifts are some of our region's most vulnerable community members and the 12 recipient agencies who will deliver these gifts are ever grateful for the Spirit of Christmas program. Your congregation's coordinator, Rosemary Hubenthal, deserves thanks for her work in organizing your involvement.

Grace's role in Spirit of Christmas of course goes beyond just being a participating church. Grace gives the Spirit program a perfect place to organize the gifts for distribution and the use of the space for three days each year is a huge help for which we simply cannot thank you enough.

On behalf of the many volunteers from the Spirit of Christmas project of Carbondale Interfaith Council, sincere wishes for the happiest, most loving of holiday seasons.

In the spirit of Christmas,

Jess Jobe

2019 Spirit of Christmas project coordinator

Thank you to the Anonymous donor who gave unconditionally to Grace Music Ministry. May you be richly blessed as we strive to inspire the congregation through our gift of music!

Alice Berry

Grace Choir sends a heartfelt thank you and deepest appreciation to Donna Biggs and Family for the Memorial Fund contribution to Choir scholarships for SIU students in memory of Gene Biggs. In addition, we thank you for assistance in keeping pianos tuned. Gene inspired us to make a joyful noise to the Lord and we will work to be worthy and praise Him for His love. We know Gene is singing with the angels!

Alice Berry

The Southern Illinois Children's Choir expresses sincere appreciation to Grace for hosting our "Tidings of Joy" concert and reception on December 14. We send our sincere gratitude to everyone who made these events possible. We especially thank Roy, Ryan and Laura, Gregory, Virgie, Shirley, Brenda, Debbie and Pastor Rhee.

Thank you, Grace Church, for inspiring us to make this world a better place through our gift of music. You opened your doors and hearts to SICC and we are truly grateful.

Have a blessed New Year.

Alice Berry

Dear Friends at Grace United Methodist Church,
THANK YOU so much for your donation to the 51st annual Thanksgiving Carbondale Community Dinner held here at the Newman Catholic Student Center. Your kind contribution helped to make Thanksgiving Day special for so many people. We could not have provided the dinner without wonderful people like you!

May God bless you abundantly,

Peace,

JP Dunn, Thanksgiving Coordinator,
and the Newman Catholic Student Center

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation. This will truly help our Meals on Wheels and Meals Program. We appreciate all the kindness you've given us over *all these years*.

Thanks again and may God bless,

Patrick Laws

Senior Adult Services Staff and Friends

January Committee Meetings

Trustees: January 5, 11:45 a.m.

Members: Bill Crain, Deon Egner, Joyce Fligor, Dorothy Frailey,
Joyce Fligor, Orville Hake, Rosemary Hubenthal,
Ryan Morthland.

Finance Committee: January 19, 11:45 a.m.

Members: Pastor; Church Council Chair; Lay Leader;
SPRC Chair; Trustee Representative;
Barb Dunlap-Berg, lay member to annual conference;
Joyce Fligor, treasurer; Jeff Williams, financial secretary;
Julia Long.

Church Council Meeting: January 21, 6:30 p.m.

Members: Pastor; Finance Chair; Lay Leader;
Church Council Chair; Staff-Parish Chair;
Trustee Representative; Representative of Witness Ministries;
Youth Representative;
Barb Dunlap-Berg, Lay Member to Annual Conference and Out-
reach Ministries; Jeff Williams, financial secretary;
Joyce Fligor, treasurer; Nurturing Ministries, Kay Eckiss;
UMM, Gregory Kupiec; UMW, Shirley Smith.



Grief Support Group

Meets Weekly starting January 5
Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Main Floor Lounge
Our Savior Lutheran Church
700 S. University Avenue
Carbondale, IL



Please have articles for the February 2020
Grace Notes newsletter to the church
office by January 17, 2020.

Birthdays
(by date)

2 - Chris Smith
 3 - Holly Chamness
 4 - Kevin Frailey
 8 - Tom Berry
 9 - Sunhee Park
 10 - Dave Fisher
 12 - Bong Choul Hwang
 12 - Mike Long
 14 - Kenny Fisher
 14 - Charles Vale
 15 - Lynanne Parrish
 18 - Vernon Gerber
 21 - Gail Ayala
 24 - Marsha Hand
 28 - Barb Dunlap-Berg
 28 - Soo-Jin Edwards



Early February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Mary Ellen Searcy



January 17 Steve and Paula Arthur

Grace UMC Mission Statement

"Love God, love people, make disciples of Jesus Christ."

Grace United Methodist Church

Rev. Jungil Rhee, pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

