

Grace Notes

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March 3

“Dealing with Divorce”
 Memory Verse - Jeremiah 29:11



Lent begins

March 6

Ash Wednesday Service at Noon

Know God Series

March 10

“God Knows You” (Hebrews 4:13)

March 17

“God Is With You” (Psalm 139:7-12)

March 24

“God Is Powerful” (Jeremiah 32:17)

March 31

“God Is Eternal” (James 1:17)





"Lent, don't be scared!

"Jungil, we don't require much from you, we have a few prayer meetings in the Spring, and in the Fall, but other than that, you just need to show up on Sundays." The senior pastor told me, during my hiring interview at a church, two decades ago. I thought it was a great deal! Soon I found out, showing up on Sundays meant there were preparations all throughout the week, and weekends.

Then comes Lent in Spring. We had special early prayer meetings at 5:00AM, everyday during Lent. Well, at least, that was "just a few prayer meetings in the spring" kind of a thing. He didn't expect me to be there, nor was it a requirement, but there was ... uhm... social pressure?! So the next thing I found myself doing was, at the end of the day, I arrived at the church, with my sleeping bag, to be there by ... 4:30AM in the morning. Well, that was my Lent experience at my first "church" job.

And here comes my first Lent at Grace! But don't be scared. Because we won't declare a national emergency for prayers (though we need one), nor send a wake up call in the morning every day (though I wish we'd get excited as much as our own birthday). But rather, we'll have an Ash Wednesday Service at noon on March 6th to kick off the Lenten season, and Lenten devotionals will be available for you to take home. How convenient is that? :-)

In the Bible, 40 Days is the minimal breakthrough period for transformation: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus prayed for 40 days. In the days of Noah, it rained for 40 days. 40 days of focused prayer, self denial, and devotion will be a challenge, but at the end, I expect some of us will experience breakthrough, transformation, healing, reconciliation, find direction, peace and freedom. If nothing happens, at least, we'll have Easter breakfast at church, for FREE! "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat... without money and without cost!" (Isaiah 55:1) After all, Lent is about filling ourselves, fully with the Holy Spirit for free, paid by Jesus Christ. So let's get this started!

Your servant,
Pastor Rhee



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT FOR LENT

This year the children's ministry asks for your help in collecting items for a special mission project during Lent. We would like to support the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, located here in Illinois, by collecting, assembling, and sending items for the

Personal Dignity Kits that they provide for disaster relief.

Beginning in March we will place collection baskets in the lobby and at the entrance to the children's area at church. We will assemble the kits after Easter and send them to the Distribution Center.

Please help us by donating NEW items needed for the kits, even if it is just one of the items. Thank you for showing the mercy of Jesus to people in need!

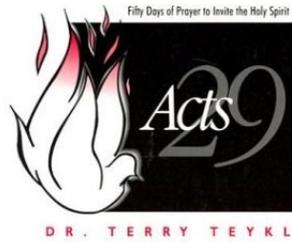
ITEMS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS

- 1 Bath Hand Towel -No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth -No kitchen towels
- 1 Comb -sturdy -No rattail or picks
- 1 disposable Razor -with guard
- 1 Nail Clippers -No nail files or emery boards
- 1 Adult Toothbrush -No multipacks
- 1 Toothpaste -2.5 oz. or larger
- 1 Bar Soap -3-4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo -3-4 oz.
- 1 Deodorant -2-3 oz. -stick or roll on



LENT DEVOTIONS FOR YOU

Beginning in March, booklets will be available for daily Lenten devotions. Look for them on a table in the church lobby if not in the worship service. There are booklets for both individual and family devotions. Easter countdown sheets for kids are also available!



Acts 29: Fifty Days of Prayer to Invite the Holy Spirit

"Have you noticed? There is not a formal closing to the book of Acts. Could it be that we are writing the 29th chapter as we fulfill the Great Commission? Experience the power

of praying the word of God. It will change the way you perceive prayer! Acts 29 is an intense prayer journey that works well as a group experience or an individual pilgrimage." These are the words of Dr. Terry Teykl the author of the study guide, and beloved speaker, and spiritual leader. Dr Teykl spent his life encouraging and teaching churches how to develop a passionate and meaningful relationship with the Lord. Some of you will know him by his recent visit at the Fall District Rally. I invite you to a prayer & study group during this Lent, to invite the Holy Spirit in your life. We'll be meeting on Thursdays, 12:00-12:30PM at the Conference Room starting March 7th, till April 18th. Sign up via Connection Card during worship, call in the office, or send email to pastor Rhee at carbondaledgepastor@gmail.com. Books are \$10 per copy, and prior inquiry of the book is appreciated in order to acquire an adequate number of books.

Pastor Rhee

Post-General Conference 2019 Briefings



Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced he will host meetings throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference following General Conference to discuss the action taken by the special session of General Conference. Persons planning to attend one of the five sessions are asked to register online (via web address below) in order to ensure adequate accommodation for those wanting to attend and the seating capacities of the venues.

<https://igrc-reg.brtaapp.com/PostGC2019briefings>

Sign up for the New Members Class coming up on Sunday, March 24th, 12:30PM at church in the conference room. Find out more about Christ, your faith, and about Grace church, and how to plug in. Sign-up via the Connection Card during worship, call in the office, or send email to pastor Rhee at carbondaledgepastor@gmail.com



MaTT Club-

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

MaTT Club did not meet in February due to my mother's sudden death and memorial service schedule. We will meet again on Sunday, March 3. That meeting will focus on Goodness- doing good for others. As part of that we are proposing a friendly competition between early service, late service and MaTT Club to collect the most items, in March, for the food pantry. Watch for more details!

Happy March birthday to Timothy, Lily, JooYoung, and Ashleigh.

Flossie Langin

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 10. Clocks will "spring forward" 1 hour.





**THANK YOU
FROM UM WOMEN!**

Thank you to all who bought home-made soup and gave generous donations for our "Have a Heart for the Hungry" project. Sixty-six quarts were sold! The money will be donated to hunger pantries and agencies. Special thanks go to Lena Hake and Shirley Smith, who supervised the cooking and bought and organized ingredients and helpers.

Our deepest sympathy is given to Flossie Langin and family on the recent death of her mother.

Sandy Monahan passed away February 8. Her funeral was held at Grace Church on February 12. Our heartfelt sympathy is give to her brother Tommy Adams and to the rest of the family.



**CACHE RIVER DISTRICT
CLERGY & LAITY TRAINING**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019
Carterville First UMC (301 Pine St.)

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Topics to be discussed are:
Livestreaming your Worship Services
Green Churches
Children's Ministry
& Teen Ministry



**Youth Group Highlights:
Upcoming Events & Announcements:**



All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for these events!

~ **Evolv the 'dale** - Our next service & fun day will be Saturday, March 30th. Please meet at the church at 8:45 a.m.

~ **The Table** - Our next meeting of The Table is Sunday, March 17th. Come to Jack's house on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fun. Anyone interested in providing a dish or complete meal for this or a future meeting of The Table, please contact Jaci Arthur.

~ **Sunday School** - The junior and senior high school will continue meeting together in the high school classroom until further notice.

~ **Pre-Prom Dinner** - Jaci is considering hosting a pre-prom dinner at the church for our youth, their dates, and their friends. If any youth attending CCHS are interested, please contact Jaci ASAP.

~ Check your email, the bulletins, and Grace Notes for more information on volunteer opportunities, including Mission Meals.

~ Do you have any suggestions for discussions, activities, service projects, or anything else? Let Jaci know!



Circle of Friends Potluck

Tuesday, March 12

Noon

Bring a dish and join the fellowship. The lunch is held in rooms 19/20, just off the big kitchen.

HELP WANTED AT LITTLE GRASSY CAMP

Little Grassy United Methodist Camp is looking for help this summer. We need experienced cooks, kitchen help and dish room people. If anyone works in a school cafeteria and is looking for summer work, we need you. We are willing to look at part time people, maybe retired people looking for part time work. We will be very competitive in wage rate. We prefer people of faith, but not necessary.

We also need a head lifeguard (meaning lifeguard experience) who either has or is willing to get certified in Waterfront also. We are looking for lifeguards, either part time or we can offer full time lifeguard/maintenance positions. We have positions that can include housing and meals too. We prefer people of faith, but not necessary.

We are a drug free facility and will require background checks for all employees. The camp email is: littlegrassy@igrc.org, or the camp phone # is: 618-457-6030.



Spring Good Samaritan Mission Meal Dates

March 10
April 14
May 12

Meal preparation begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Grace UMC large kitchen.

Please have articles for the April Grace Notes newsletter to the church office by March 15.



March Birthdays (by date)

4 - Timothy Park
5 - Lily Morthland
6 - Mu-Son Cates
6 - Tim Crosby
14 - Flossie Langin
16 - Dylan Edwards
21 - Matthias Schurz
22 - Sharon Ebersohl
23 - Katrin Schurz
23 - Monty Smith
24 - Gay Biggs
25 - Ed Herman
29 - Tommy Adams
30 - Danie Dawson
30 - Jim Frailey
30 - Myunghie Kim



MARCH
BIRTHDAYS

Early April

4/2 Paula Arthur
4/6 Marshall Anderson
4/7 Jamal Kinchen



MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES

March 7 Ryan & Laura Morthland
March 10 Dave & Ellie Fisher

Grace United Methodist Church Rev. Jungil Rhee, pastor

9:00 a.m. Praise and Worship Service
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Grace UMC Mission Statement

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