



¹⁰This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:10-11)

Embracing God’s Preferable Future

Another year has come and gone. Your 2018 may have been the best year of your life, or your worst. Although, more than likely 2018 was somewhere in between those two extremes. Every year is filled with ups and downs and 2019 will be no different for any of us. However, as we begin this new year together, how will you choose to move forward? Will you be held back by the events of the past, the problems that you have encountered? Or will you focus on the future, on what God is about to do in your life?

When we choose to get encumbered in our sins and the bad things that happen in our life we ignore the promises of God. Sin is a part of the human condition and is an inescapable part of our lives upon the earth. Not only are we affected by our own sins, but by the sins of others. We only compound that sin when we allow it hold us back.

In 2019 it is my hope that all of us will not be held back by the sin all around us. Rather that we will embrace God’s forgiveness and grace in order that we can move forward into God’s preferred future. Doing so will allow us to individually and corporately do great things for Christ and His Kingdom!

Pastor Jared

GRACE CHURCH HISTORY RECALLED

Researched by Leland Spencer- Historian

The following as taken from the history files from 1986 and reprinted here for today's congregation.

CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION

In 1961, this cornerstone was laid in the southeast corner of the sanctuary/multi-purpose room of the building erected to the glory of God by the newly formed congregation of Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church. By 1981, the congregation, now Grace United Methodist Church, had outgrown its facilities and began plans for new construction. This cornerstone was removed from its original location in 1984 when construction was begun on a new fellowship hall (now the Youth room) and the original sanctuary/multi-purpose room and narthex area were remodeled and enlarged.

In October, 1986, this original cornerstone, with new contents added (Packet #2) to the original material (Packet #1), is being replaced in the northeast corner of the original structure. We remember with gratitude the hands that, in faith, prepared and laid this cornerstone. We return it to the original structure with prayers that the building as remodeled and enlarged will continue to be used by God in service, nurture, and mission, sheltering a congregation of Christian servants.

The Amazing Grace Seniors

Twenty two senior members met at the Papa Bears Restaurant on December 6th for lunch and a great Christmas Party. Gale Spatafore led the group in a (White Elephant) Christmas exchange. As she read the story of "Twas the night before Christmas", every time she said the word "THE" gifts were all passed to the right. When she got to the end of the story, you kept the gift that you were holding.

Everyone had a great time. But the older you get it's harder to follow simple instructions. As Joanne was heard saying afterwards, "I thought it was confusing to teach preschoolers a game". She learned what it was like for all of us.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 11:30 AM. We will meet at Walters on Applegrove St NW.

HAPPY NEW YEARS EVERYONE

Church History
Compiled by Church Historian Leland Spencer

Confirmation Class- Palm Sunday- April 7, 1974



Left to Right- Front- Shelby Roby, Dawn Balboa, Amy Charleston, Rev. Dean Roush.
Rear- Scout Dunkle, Philip Brungard, Pat Thompson.

The following ladies were leaders of the United Methodist Women; Mrs. Vickie Yoder, President, Mrs. Dean Roush, Vice-President, Mrs. Kim Eby, Secretary, Mrs. Henry Snow, Treasurer. Carol Cocklin was director of Junior Choir and Ed Brandyberry Chancel Choir. In this year The Bible Study Group invited the ladies from Faith United Methodist Church to join them. The class was lead by Sandy Lutz, and was a real inspiration to all participants. That year a pictorial church directory was published.

In October, a Lay Witness Mission program was held. It was held at the church and in homes of Grace Church families. It was for our members and persons in the community interested in sharing. It was like a Spiritual Retreat. It was a weekend in which teams of lay persons from other churches came to share with us what their faith in Christ means to them. And we shared what it means to us. It helped each of us to grow to a deeper awareness of the Christian faith and brought it more alive in our experience.

10/23/18

Thank you for the thoughtful basket for me and my wife. We also enjoyed the visit from George (Kutinsky) to brighten up our day. He is a wonderful man.

We are in the middle of a cancer battle but hope with prayer and meditation that we will be successful in our fight.

Thank you to all in your parish for the thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
David J. Dailey

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards received recently.

Shirley Kalb

Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

Thank you for letting us use the church. We really appreciate your generosity. It really assisted us in receiving our Silver Award.

Love,
Girl Scout Troop 61713

I would like to thank my church family for the generous Christmas bonus. I appreciate you thinking of me. I am so blessed to be part of this wonderful church and to have such a supportive church family.

I love you all,
Paula Blaine

7th Day Youth

Grace 7th Day Youth meet on Sunday nights in the Grace Cafe from 6:00-8:00pm. There's always a delicious meal provided along with fun and fellowship. Please come and join us with a friend. Starting off the new year with some fun and setting up our new 9 square in the air. Please stay tuned as we prepare for our next church wide event the 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff in February!

Director

Thanks,
Kelli Law
Youth

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Rev. Jared Williams

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Matt Brown

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Kelli Law

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Eva Boszor

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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

MISSION:

We are a community of
Christians reaching up to God in
Faith and our to others in love.

VISION:

We will spread the net of Jesus
Christ to keep people from
slipping through the cracks of
life.

SERVICE TIMES:

- 8:00 Traditional Service in the
Chapel
- 9:15 Casual Service
- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:45 Traditional Service in the
Sanctuary