

Sunday Service is at 9:45 AM

- June 4 Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20
- June 11 Genesis 12:1-9
 Romans 4:13-25
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18 Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
- June 25 Genesis 21:8-21
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39
- July 2 Genesis 22:1-14
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

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GROW
*in love of
God and neighbor*

REACH
new people

HEAL
a broken world

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Rev. James Crecelius

Administrator

Jodi Martin

Accompanists

Susan Hoolihan

**Ready Set Grow
Preschool**

Mary Hanson
Shari Tverberg

Custodial

Justine Williams

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Jodi:
M-F, 9am-3pm

Pastor Jim:
M-F, 9am-Noon &
By appointment

Justine:
Tu, Th, F afternoons
and as needed

MISSIONS

NEWS

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP UPDATE: Thank you to the UMC volunteers Pam & Dave Bloom, Bonnie Drake, Kathy Mahaffey, Randy Savage and Pastor for going to Kentucky to help finish the house. Margaret expects to be in by fall. Cabinets will be installed; painting and trimming will be done.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Please mark your calendars!! We will have a team working on the local Habitat house in Grand Rapids on Tuesday (6/20) and Thursday (6/22). Wednesday is the Habitat Community Work Day in Bovey. Each work day will be 8:30 – 3:30. We will meet at UMC at 7:30 – 8:30 AM for coffee and rolls as well as devotions and fellowship. If we are lucky, Dave Bloom will lead us in stretching exercises prior to leaving for the site. Lunch will be provided each day either at the site or at UMC. It is not necessary to commit for all 3 days. Help out when you can give the time.

The SIGNUP SHEET will be at the Information Desk on June 1. Please consider this opportunity to volunteer with friends from UMC and to serve our community.

BINGO AT GRAND VILLAGE: Servant Opportunity!! Renee Veit has recently started a Thursday BINGO at Grand Village. She is looking for volunteers to help the residents. This is run the 4th Thursday of each month from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Contact Renee at 218-398-0903 if you can help.

MAY MISSION: As of printing, \$62 has been collected for UMCOR to be used for relief in Turkey. Thank you to everyone who prayed and for the monetary donations.

LOVE OFFERING: Our Love Offering this year will tangibly share God's extravagant love with a hurting world by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota. A check for \$271 will be sent with Pastor Jim to the conference. Thank you for your donations.

We don't expect everyone to donate and/or volunteer for every opportunity we present, but we hope that you will prayerfully consider missions that speak to your heart!

A long past report on Ruth's Free Wig Closet.

Things have been a little slow so far this year. Which I am hoping would mean good news for everyone. If anyone knows someone in need please refer them to Ruth's. It's not just wigs we offer we also have a lot of head coverings. Thank you all and God Bless.

It's "that time of year"congratulations, graduates! Whether it's high school, or college, or community college, or trade school or academy, or whatever....Congratulations! Enjoy your accomplishment and bask a bit in the feeling of reaching a milestone. As you look out toward the road leading into the next seasons of your life, I offer you a few words of advice from the experiences from my "road-going".

The road leading to fulfillment is rarely easy.

I was listening to a grandparent sharing their hopes and wishes for their grandchild who had just graduated from high school and talked a bit about "Joy" and how to find it. My wish for you is that you'll know a deep and abiding sense of Joy in your life. I believe this deep joy is found in a sense of fulfillment and purpose which gives life meaning. The road can get very hard at times. Other roads will look very appealing to you when you are weary, discouraged, confused, angry, tempted by some desire, or grieving. They will appear much easier. But here's a truth; The path of least resistance is often the path of least reward. Jesus says, "Follow me." As you follow Christ, you'll discover the "Joy" this grandparent was speaking about.

As people of faith, we are a pilgrim people: called to sojourn and discovery in grace & justice! While many may say, "life is all about the journey", it's not a call to meander meaninglessly. Do enjoy your sojourn but be mindful. Otherwise, you might just meander off a cliff or into quicksand. Go for joy. Even though the road to it can be tough going at times. Don't settle for piddly pleasures. Seek the prize of a life lived in God's grace.

Trust God's promises, not "your own understanding".

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understandings. In all your ways acknowledge God and God will make your pathways straight." Not a bad bit of advice! In a world of "alternative facts", "fake news", deep fakes, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) – it's best to follow Christ! God is with you, Jesus goes before you so that you may follow, and the Holy Spirit is within you! Consistent Bible reading isn't about your performing a ritual for God's approval, It does have everything to do with your spiritual health (if not survival). Scripture can keep you sane, because it tells you what's real. It gives you the big picture. You can learn scripture's truth of God's love and the promise that nothing can overcome it.

It may at times seem like God's promises are not real or will not come true. At those moments — I can't stress this enough — Lean into the promise of God's love and follow Christ even more purposefully!

Be proactive in Prayer and Persistent in Discipleship.

Ask God for everything. Be constant in conversation with God (that is what prayer actually is: conversing with God). Speak and listen. Remember the Holy Spirit is literally your Advocate! God is always seeking the best for you and God's gracious initiative is always engaged in your life – even before you were aware of it! God literally invites you to take the initiative: "ask, and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be open..." Be persistent in following Christ. In the journey there will be storms - but remember, you follow the one who stilled the storm!

One need not be graduating to have these thoughts be true. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself in life, no matter the milestones you may have reached or are in the season of trying to reach, may God bless you and may you know the love, the presence, and the power of God's all-surpassing love.

Be God's, Pastor Jim

Annual GRUMC Rummage Sale:



We are still looking for someone that is willing to coordinate the annual rummage sale. If we do not have a coordinator BY JUNE 1st we will NOT have the sale.

The sale is planned for July 13th & 14th with drop off of items beginning on the 9th following church. Plan to stay and help set up that day.

Expectations of the Coordinator: The coordinator is not expected to be there the whole time, they will just organize the event, get workers, make sign-up sheets and things like that. There is a guide from the previous coordinator to follow and people that have already agreed to help, we just need a leader to organize the event. Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve your church family in this way.

KITCHEN FUN IN JUNE

Mark these events on your calendar and plan to join the “church kitchen crew” for some fun and special projects.



BAKING GROUP:

Baking items for Sunday fellowship time that follows the church service. Barb’s Date cookies, Sandy’s Tea Biscuits, Pound Cake, and maybe a new recipe, Snickerdoodle Bars. Friday, June 2 at 1:00

TUESDAY CONCERT SERIES MUSIC LUNCH FUNDRAISER:

PREP & SERVING on Monday & Tuesday, June 19 & 20. The Quilting Group is looking for individuals to bake a cake for the event. Contact Nancy for the recipe.

RHUBARB FESTIVAL: Sunday June 25th (Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Pie following the service.)

- Rhubarb Donations needed; please leave the stocks whole (remove the leaves), wrap, and place in the refrigerator beginning on Wednesday, June 21st.
- Rhubarb chopping on Friday, June 23. Time to be announced. WANTED: Guys with sharp knives!
- Baking pie on Saturday, June 24th at 10:00am.

As you look at your calendars, please contact Nancy O’Toole (218-256-7711) to sign up to help.

A Message from your Lay Leader:

In one of Pastor Jim’s recent sermons, he said that we should “follow the shepherd because he knows where to go”. I would add that the shepherd also know where not to go. In my daily prayers, I ask God to forgive me for the sins that I have committed and also seek His guidance in the future to show me the way. I want God leading me to resist temptations, make the right decisions, make the right choices and even think the right thoughts. I certainly do not want to make the same mistakes again. I will admit to my sins and make more effort to be a better Christian.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer. We waited a long time for warm weather, green grass and Summer adventures.

Blessings to all,

Wendy



A pretty productive May! The Mother's Day gifts were fantastic! It was a great gift to make blankets for foster kids! And the year end party at Pastor Jim & Jodel's is set for the 31st at 5:00. We'll have enjoyed that by the time this newsletter gets to you! Congratulations Youth fellowship on a great year of discovery, fun, discipleship, friendship, and mission! A reminder that our Summer Retreat is set for Friday, July 21st through Sunday, July 24th at Northern Pines Retreat Center (same place as last year!) We'll be swimming, canoeing, hiking, playing games, doing worship, making friends – all the good stuff we did last year (yes, go-carting too) Plus some new adventures! We'll be getting more specific information to you as we get closer to the dates!

Carpet Cleaning: June 28th - Help move furniture on June 27th and June 29th at 1:00 PM

Due to the carpets in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Conference Room, Choir Room, Nursery, and Offices on June 28th, all activities the week of June 26th—30th will be held in the Education Wing.

FIRESIDE READERS:



The Fireside Readers Book Club will be reading and discussing "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks the month of June. Geraldine Brooks is a popular Australian/American author who has written several historical fiction books. This book is based on a true story about "the greatest racehorse in American History".

We will be meeting at the church at 6:30 pm.

GRUMC ONLINE DIRECTORY

The Breeze GRUMC Online Directory is active, contact the church office for a link and emailed direction on how to join. Please note we MUST have an email on record for you in order to use the online directory.



I would like to thank you all for the notes of appreciation and gifts that were given to me for Administrative Professionals Day on April 26th. I am truly overwhelmed. I am so very blessed by you all. Jodi

From Bertha: Thank you to all that thought about me after my accident it was very thoughtful of you.



April 2023 Monthly Snap Shot			
	Income	Expenses	Net Income
General Fund	20,568	20,044	524
YTD - 2023	98,765	84,893	13,872
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Monthly average - 2023	20,900	21,658	(758)

Our Advance monthly offering YTD is \$23,280. The above monthly average amount has been adjusted to account for this. Thank you for your continued support of the day to day ministry of our church. We try to be careful stewards of your gifts.



Coordinator:

Alice Anderson & Faye Mostoller

The captain will contact you if there is a need for help serving a lunch, funeral or other event.

Chuck Becker
Marilyn Hutchins
Sandie Price
Julia Statsman
Ellen Verry
Roni Skoglund

Barb Green
Patricia Kutzorik
Nancy Shaw
Jane Todd
Rebecca Nellis

- 1 Avery Camilli
- 2 Beth Bloom
- 3 Janine Wagner
- 4 Carol Kerr
- 4 Shelly Broberg
- 6 Harriet Lucia
- 7 Darla Kirwin
- 9 Alana Holmstrom
- 13 Tony Larson
- 14 Rhoda Flinck
- 16 Andrea Major
- 16 Steve Zimmer
- 17 Bonnie Larson
- 17 Ed Maki
- 18 Niiwin Lasko-Norton
- 19 John Benzie
- 19 James Shaw

- 20 Joseph Spooner
- 20 Willie Nuorala
- 22 June Schmitz
- 23 Addison Linder
- 24 Megan Major
- 24 Sandy Verry
- 24 Jodel Crecelius
- 26 Brenda Brown
- 26 Patty Sawdey
- 27 Stephanie Zimmer
- 27 Mary Hanson
- 28 Ronald Williams
- 29 Marcia Brennan
- 29 James Crecelius
- 30 Peggy Stratmann
- 30 Mariah Linder
- 30 Dan Hess

Happy Anniversary



- 7 Ellen & Sandy Verry
- 7 Nancy & James Shaw
- 12 Nancy & Dennis O'Toole
- 12 Martha & Michael Lentz
- 12 Marie & Dan Duffy
- 12 Marc & Heather Simith
- 13 Dewayne & Virginia Loop
- 22 Julia & Chuck Brewster
- 22 David & Nancy Tank
- 23 Jarod & Jen Lund
- 25 Sean & Emilie Duffney
- 29 Dennis & Irene Drieman
- 30 Lisa & Mike Randall
- 30 Jim & Jodel Crecelius



JUNE



North Homes is looking for donations of fleece blankets for foster children placed in temporary homes. If you are willing to donate, or to give fleece material (1 1/2-2 yards each) please contact Lori Olson 218-391-7759

GRADUATION SUNDAY: JUNE 4th



We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 4th with cake following the service.

Thank you to those that have volunteered to serve the GRUMC church family during our worship service!

We are still looking for volunteers to help in the following ways: Usher, Greeter, Lay Reader, Discovery Zone Teacher, Nursery Attendant, Acolyte, Tech Team, or Fellowship Time Host. Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve on Sunday mornings in any of those ways. We are working on creating a rotating list for each way to serve. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity. Ushers: Can contact Skip as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

As you participate in or attend services and events at GRUMC you may be in pictures and videos taken while in the building. Those images may end up in presentations/publications, on social media, on YouTube (as our service is livestreamed), or used in ways to promote our church.