

IT'S TIME TO **REGISTER!**



Registration has begun for the 2021 camping season! Check out the camp sessions at the [Camp Minnesota](https://www.campminnesota.org/registernow) website (<https://www.campminnesota.org/registernow>) and pick your favorite camp location: Northern Pines, Koronis Ministries, or Kowakan Adventures.

Registration and all information for the 2021 camping season will be digital and available at the above website address. With the potential for changes to schedules and events leading up to summer due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Dakotas and Minnesota Camp & Retreat Ministry team chose to forgo the traditional printed camp brochure this year. Instead, all camp listings and registration information are on the website where details will be updated quickly, and changes made in real time. This ensures you will always have the most up-to-date information.

The early bird incentive, bring-a-friend discount, and camperships are all still available. Space may be limited this season, so sign up soon using one of the four convenient options: over the phone, on-line, mail in paper form or e-mail the form.

SEND THEM TO CHURCH CAMP!

Due to the Covid pandemic we have not been able to do our usual children and youth ministries for over a year now. Sunday school classes, Vacation Bible School, youth events, and last year's summer church camps were all unable to meet.

This year our United Methodist church camps are re-opening with appropriate guidelines. As an effort to "catch up" on our lost Christian education time let's get more of our children and youth to UMC camps!

But we need your help. We need to replenish our camp scholarship funds to make this more affordable for all of our families. Camp registrations are already happening and families are weighing the costs. This might be a special way for you to share some of your stimulus check!

Please consider my pastoral invitation to donate whatever you can to Grace church with your contributions designated as Grace UMC Camp Scholarships.

Church camping was a very formative part of my Christian life as a youth as well as in my later years as a camp counselor. I can testify to God's work through church camps!

Gratefully,
Pastor Rory

Grace Notes

*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*

JOHN 11:25

April, 2021



Grace United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

PLEASE NOTE that we are part of the statewide mask order.
Don't forget your mask when you come in the building.

**40th
Anniversary**



NOW THROUGH APRIL 11TH

We will again be participating in the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign. As in the past years, you will simply need to drop the food off in the barrel located in the narthex. See below for the office hours. We realize this isn't as convenient as in the past, so we appreciate your willingness to help out this worthy cause. At the end of the drive, the food will be brought to 360 Communities in Burnsville, whom we have chosen to be our community partner.

Items most needed: Proteins—canned meat, fish, and beans, nuts and nut butters; dried herbs & spices; white, wild & brown rice varieties; Gluten-free flours & flour blends; Personal care items—shampoo/soap, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper; Household supplies—laundry & dish detergent, kitchen & bathroom cleaners, paper towels.

If you would rather make a donation, you can e-mail the program manager at santhony@gmcc.org or call her at 612-276-1556.

GENERAL CONFERENCE: With COVID-19 still menacing the globe, the Commission on the General Conference again has rescheduled the United Methodist meeting — this time to Aug. 29-Sept. 6, 2022, in Minneapolis. The global gathering originally was set to take place in May 2020.



Our sympathies to James Milne and the family and friends of Nancy Milne who passed away on Sunday, March 26th. Nancy was a very active and dedicated member of Grace Church for many years and will be dearly missed. A service will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour before. For more details see the

following link: <https://www.gillbrothers.com/memorials/nancy-milne/4571025>

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Berean Baptist Church is doing Farmers to Families Food Distribution on April 2nd, 9th and 23rd. There are two distribution locations: Lakeville Arts Center in Downtown Lakeville on Holyoke Avenue and the Berean parking lot at 309 East County Road 42 in Burnsville. Distribution begins at 2:00 p.m. and goes while supplies last.

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Pastor's  Post

Sometimes all it takes is this:

The pink or yellow crocus in front of the church.

The first robin.

The first red wing black bird or mourning dove.

A sunny day with snow melting.

Even the sight of Easter candy, eggs, and bunnies in the stores can do it.

Humming to myself “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.”

Reading the story of an empty tomb.

Remembering Easter Sundays of days past.

Hearing the words “Christ is Risen!”

Or maybe, simply, a feeling of hope and future, arriving as a gift.

My prayer is that whatever it takes, it will be there for you.

Christ is risen and still rising for you, for us,
in this world today.

Resurrection is our Good News.

This is what I believe.

Sometime all it takes is this.



OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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