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# The Grace Connection

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**RETHINK CHURCH**

open minds  
open hearts  
open doors



**February 29**  
**Speaker: TBA**  
**Cook: Pastor Diana**  
Ham Mac & Cheese, Vegetables, Fruit and Dessert  
Dinner: 5:00 pm



### WE'RE LISTENING!

There are now 16 people involved with *Ignite Grace*. They are looking at all sorts of things with fresh eyes. It's a good thing!

A questionnaire was included in last Sunday's bulletin wanting your anonymous input about Grace Church. Thanks to all who completed theirs! If you did not receive one, they will be in this Sunday's bulletin also. If you can't make it to church, call the office and one will be mailed or emailed to you. Please plan to complete your form this Sunday or have it into the office by March 1, which is the next meeting of *Ignite Grace*. Of course, the best thing would be for you to bring it to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!

### DAYS of GRACE

- Daily**  
12:00 pm Al-Anon Family Group Meeting
- Thursday, February 23**  
5:30 pm Children's Choirs of Southwest Missouri
- Friday, February 24**  
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study
- Saturday, February 25**  
8:30 am Good to Great Lebanon Workshop
- Sunday, February 26**  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 pm Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 am Celebration of Worship  
12:30 pm 4th Sunday Dinner
- Tuesday, February 28**  
10:00 am Sew 'n' Sews  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs of Southwest Missouri

Rachel circle met on Tuesday evening the 14th of February at the church. We discussed future activities. Our devotion was a speech given by Pastor Aaron Brown of St Paul's Methodist Church in Joplin, titled *Death Does Not Get The Last Word*. This was given at the community memorial service held on May 29. We then adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.



~Bette Holmes

Thank you for all of the calls, cards and prayers while I was in the hospital.

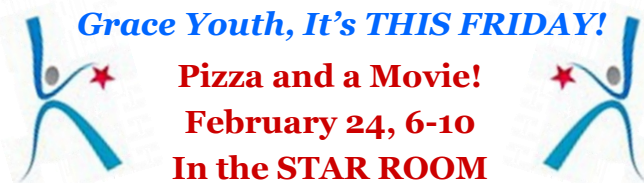


~Bob McArthur

We want to thank everyone at Grace for their prayers and kindness during Jim's recent surgery. We really do appreciate it.

We have missed everyone and are looking forward to being back in church as soon as we are back in our routine.

~Jim and Louise Morris



Friends, Bring Friends!

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### They're Everywhere, They're Everywhere!

It's a really busy week at Grace!



The Ozarks Districts Committee of Ordained Ministry met at Grace on Tuesday and truly, there were ministers everywhere all over the church! Pastor Diana serves on the committee. She and the Grace office were involved in quite a lot of prep work in making our building visitor friendly with directional signs, coffee and snacks, and on Tuesday, serving as building guides. It was a pleasure to have the ministers and Ozarks Districts staff with us!

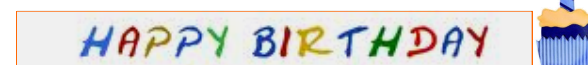
Not only was the dCom meeting this week, but it is also Ash Wednesday. That explains why we have an abbreviated newsletter with no letter from Pastor Diana. We should return to our regular format next week.

Volunteers from the Grace Missions Team, Del and Ginny Hannah, Cindy Woodworth, Jeanette



Kennemer and Betty Fraley, attended Civil Rights training at Ozarks Food Harvest on February 14th. The meeting was held in order for agencies, such as Crosslines, which receive government commodities to be in compliance.

The training presented criteria for volunteers to consider to help them be fair, equal and respectful; to eliminate illegal barriers and have a knowledge of rights and responsibly as they assist clients to "shop" at the Crosslines Food Pantry.



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| Rodwin Mammah | Mar 2  | Lynlee Burlison | Mar 11 |
| Lydia Smith   | Mar 3  | Matthew Gross   | Mar 14 |
| Jerry Martino | Mar 5  | Jeff Carney     | Mar 21 |
| Bob Miller    | Mar 7  | Rachel Webb     | Mar 26 |
| Jordan Kukal  | Mar 8  | Sadie Beth Lee  | Mar 30 |
| Debra Holmes  | Mar 10 | Everett Green   | Mar 31 |



**It's Fried Chicken! All come! This Sunday, February 26 right after worship. No charge. (Love Offerings are always appreciated and welcome.)**

- Julie Cook's Patients & Co-workers
- Deanna Bette Holmes' Daughter
- The Gray Family
- Friends of Corliss Crabtree
- Jesse
- Friend of Don Sanders
- Judy's Grieving Family
- Bette Holmes' Family
- Vergie Harmon
- Bob & Mary Hayes
- Grace Howard
- Friend of Yvonne Moran



- Ruth Holmes
- Linda Janet Lassley's Sister
- Bob McArthur
- Jim Morris
- Patrick
- Betty Prather's Nephew
- Evie Tropp
- Joe Venturoni
- Claudia Young's Grieving Family
- Friends of Julie Cook



From Rod Mammah for God's mercy and protection during the past week.

From Ashlee Piacentini for Yvonne Moran being able to be back with us in worship.

### Our Attendance and Gifts

<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	78
Sunday School	37
<b>Wednesday, February 15</b>	27
Ministry Offering	\$ 1019.75
Other Donations & Income	\$ 437.22

### Yup, They're Down There Alright!

Do you know we have a bunch of Sew 'n' Sews in the basement of this church? They quilt, stitch, sew, knit, cut, snip and crochet...all for the good of Grace Missions.



They eat, they pray, they talk and they laugh. (Boy do they laugh! They are directly beneath the church office!) And they would love to have you join them. They will teach you to help, or they welcome you to come just for fellowship. (Bring your lunch!) They meet the 1st Thursday of the month and on Tuesdays the rest of the month, all at 10:00.

Oh...and did we mention they just donated 5 comforters to the Women's Cold Weather Shelter at Pathways United Methodist? They did. AND look in Hawkins Hall to see some of the results of the knitting lessons they are providing on Saturday mornings (10:00)...also for Grace Missions.