

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- † **Covenant Prayer Team:** Tuesdays, at 10:00 am, at GUMC. Contact Pastor Eric at 906-281-4181 or eric.gumc@gmail.com.
- † **Crafty Ladies:** Wednesdays, 9:30 am @ Melanie Wall's home.
- † **Ember's Glow:** Group study for young adults. Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall (basement) at Grace UMC. For rides or more information, call Anita Quinn 906-370-1388.
- † **Bible Study with Pastor Eric in Painesdale:** Thursdays, 9:30 am, at Painesdale UMC, on Iroquois St.

NEW Advent Study - Grace UMC will be offering a four-week advent study called, "[Who Needs Christmas?](#)", starting Sunday, November 1st, at 8:30am, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Books for the class will be available on Sundays if you would like to join the study. Contact Judy at judyell4@gmail.com for more information.

Confirmation Class has begun! Pastor Eric is looking for adult mentors who will tell their faith story to the students. Please contact him at eric.gumc@gmail.com.

You are invited to participate in the **Operation Christmas Child (Shoebbox)** mission. Simply take an empty shoebox and brochure from the church, and fill it as indicated. Or create your own special shoebox at home. Instructions can also be found at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>. Grace UMC will offer to pay the shipping costs (\$9 per box), however donations are welcome. For more information, please speak to Judy Lell or Michelle Miller.

Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly will be collecting jam for their Christmas Baskets through November 22nd. You can contribute, either by making a financial donation or bring a 14 oz. store-bought jar to the church office.

Want to receive up-to-date information about the church and events? Email us at churchoffice@houghtongraceumc.org We are also in the process of creating a **pictorial directory**. Please send profile photos of you and your family to Anita Quinn at aquinn@mtu.edu. Thank you.

Electronic giving is available! Go to **HGUMC.ORG** for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

FYI: Friday is Pastor Eric's Sabbath Day.

Grace United Methodist Church

October 25, 2020

201 Isle Royale Street
906-482-2780

Houghton, MI 49931
hgumc.org

www.facebook.com/houghtongraceumc

E-mail: churchoffice@houghtongraceumc.org

Eric Falker, Pastor. Vicki Bradsberry, Office Manager

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9 am - 1 pm

The mission of Grace United Methodist Church is to invite all people to encounter and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, all for the glory of God.

"Something Smells Fishy"



Image from pixabay.com

Memory Verse: Luke 5:10b (NIV)
Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid;
from now on you will fish for people."

Welcome to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Karen Kelley

* Call to Worship (*from Ephesians 2:8-10*)

L: By grace we have been saved through faith.

P: And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

L: For we are God's handiwork,

redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,

**P: works God has prepared for us,
that we should walk in them.**

L: Praise the Lord!

P: The Lord's name be praised. AMEN.

Songs – “You Never Let Go” & “Testify to Love”

Unison Prayer - (*by Mary J. Scifres, ministrymatters.com*)

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word. Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call. Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough to answer when you call. Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us go. Amen.

Prayer for the Children

Song “Grace Alone”

Praise Band

Testimony

Michelle Miller

Scripture Reading – Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

Message “Something Smells Fishy”

Pastor Eric

Closing Song - #344 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Blessing

* - *Please stand as you are able.*

We are allowing people to **sing through masks** during worship.

Please secure your mask **over both your chin and nose.**

Children through 6th grade are invited to the Connection Cafe after Children's Time for their own special lesson.

Questions for Reflection

1. What is your best “fish” story? (Literally or figuratively speaking.)
2. Have you had a moment when you stood in the presence of greatness? What was that like and how did you feel?
3. Why do you think Peter agreed to follow Jesus? Would you have done the same?
4. What things do people give up for the sake of the gospel call?
5. Are you willing to give up everything so that you can know Jesus? Make a list of some things you are giving up to follow Christ.

Upcoming Messages of Grace “Big Buts in the Bible”

Anyone can make excuses to God, and many did, BUT God still used them for the kingdom of heaven. Join us as we learn from those who thought (wrongly) that there was no way God could ever work through them.

October 11 - “Mumblin’ Mo” (Exodus 4)

October 18 - “Great Things in Small Packages” (Judges 6)

October 25 - “Something Smells Fishy” (Luke 5)

November 1 - “Never Too Old” (Genesis 15)

November 8 - *Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Paulson*

November 15 - “Child’s Play” (Jeremiah 1)

Transcripts of all pastor’s messages can be found online at www.houghtongraceumc.org/sermon-transcripts.html

We want to pray for you!

The monthly prayer list is available in the rotating stand across from the church office. If you have any additions or corrections, please email the church office or Pastor Eric, eric.gumc@gmail.com. Our Covenant Prayer Team meets on Tuesdays at 10 AM at GUMC. ***If you would like to receive regular prayer requests via email, please contact Pastor Eric to be put on the distribution list.***

Upper Room devotionals are available near the church entrance.
Please take one with you.