



Grace Notes

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Go forward with the Grace of God and the motivation of the Holy Spirit

A Message from Pastor Jim Milligan

Dear Friends at Springs of Grace,

As we close my time as your interim pastor I wish to thank you for your love and many considerations shown to Peg and myself. It is always hard to leave a loving congregational family, but I leave with the knowledge that Pastor Outten is coming as your new shepherd. I ask that you welcome him and his family with the same love and cooperation that you have shown me. As Pastor Outten serves you please remember that he is there to join with you in fulfilling the great commission given to the church in Matthew 28. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." "Go", this means you. You cannot do church business sitting in the pews; that is where you are nourished in order to go into the world. "Make Disciples", to do this we must first become disciples ourselves. The word disciple means learner. This learning is a life-long task. It is explained very well in "Six Marks of Discipleship" from the book "Power Surge" by Rev. Michael W. Foss, Those marks are:

- PRAY daily
- WORSHIP weekly
- READ the Bible
- SERVE at and beyond Springs of Grace
- Be in RELATIONSHIP to encourage spirit
- GIVE of my time, talents and resources

As you learn and practice these marks you will find it easy to go and make disciples. The balance of the Great Commission is for you and Pastor Outten to join in a partnership of the Gospel. He will lead you into this coming year with God's grace, your love, and the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is present and working at Springs of Grace.

With love and peace Peg and I say goodbye. Remember that God is behind you to encourage you, God is ahead of you to lead you, God is above you to watch over you and God is beside you to be your constant companion as you enter into a new start in fulfilling the commission that Jesus gave all of us.

God's blessings and love,
Pastor Jim

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A Time to Celebrate

As we enter February, we come to a bittersweet time of saying goodbye to Pastor Jim Milligan who has served us faithfully for the last several months, and shortly thereafter welcome Pastor Hobby Outten to start a new chapter in the Springs of Grace story. During this time, there are many important activities, as well as an opportunity for revitalization of our individual involvement with the church.

On Sunday, February 2nd, Pastor Jim will lead us in worship for the final time as Interim Pastor. Please join us as we give him our best farewell wishes and thank him for the leadership and guidance he has provided for the last 12 months.

On Sunday, February 9th, Pastor Hobby Outten will lead us in worship for the first time as the pastor of Springs of Grace. Please come meet Pastor Outten and his family and introduce yourself if you have not yet had the chance.

On Sunday, February 16th, we will celebrate our new beginning as Bishop Herman R. Yoos leads the official installation of Pastor Outten at our Sunday morning service. Following the service, we will enjoy further celebration and fellowship through one of our wonderful Lutheran potluck meals. Please come and join us as we celebrate this joyous event.

Ideas & Contributions Needed for Grace Notes

As the new editor of the Grace Notes, the Springs of Grace newsletter, I am interested in growing the value of this publication in our congregation. To that end, I welcome any suggestions that you might have about things we could do to make Grace Notes better, more informative, or more interesting to the Springs of Grace family. All ideas are welcome! Guest contributors and articles are welcome at any time. Announcements and events of interest to the church family may also be included if you let me know in advance. Please share ideas or suggestions with Rich Donaldson after church, or RichardADonaldson@yahoo.com.

Additionally, we will once again produce a limited number of paper copies of Grace Notes each month. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please let Rich know.

Financial Secretary News

Giving statements for 2013 are available and are being distributed before church. Those not delivered in person will be mailed. The statements will also include a letter confirming your pledge for 2014. If you find any mistakes on the giving statement or the recording of your pledge amount, please let Rich Donaldson know as soon as possible so that he can correct the mistake.

Please also remember that pledges can be made at any time. If you would like to make a pledge, but haven't done so yet, Or if you wish to change your pledge amount, just let Rich Donaldson know and he will happily provide you with a pledge card. Pledge commitments are important to help the Church Council determine what actions we can take not only to develop and improve our congregation, but also to serve the communities and world that we are part of.

Quick Notes

Mailbox Changes

Diane Ablett is working to update the mailboxes with new labels and putting them in alphabetical order. As a result, the location of your mailbox may change. Additionally, friends and families new to Springs of Grace will be assigned mailboxes. The Mailboxes can be found between the tables and the counter's desk beside the Pastor's office wall.

Men's Bible Studies at the Beacon

Weekly bible studies for men are held each Tuesday and Wednesday morning at the Beacon. The Men-A-Plenty group meets on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and the Beacon Men group meets Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Both groups share a breakfast meal, bible study, and great fellowship. Open to all.

Nametags

Throughout February and beyond, we expect to see many new faces. A new pastor and his family, visitors to our church, and even old friends will find it easier to learn names and faces if we all wear our nametags at worship services and other church events. Please remember to put on your name tags when you arrive and return them to your mailbox before you leave. We have also created new name tags for those who are new to our family, and they can be found in your new mailbox. If we have accidentally overlooked your name tag, or if you need anything changed, please see any of the Church Council members so we can assist you.

A Helping Hand

We at Springs of Grace have many things to celebrate this month. Unfortunately, not everyone is as fortunate as we are. In our community, many people struggle to feed their families on a daily basis. As temperatures drop and weather conditions become more difficult, the local foodbanks face an even greater demand. Please prayerfully consider bringing non-perishable food items to the church for donation to Harvest Family Ministries.

February Lessons

<u>February 2</u>	<u>February 9</u>	<u>February 16</u>	<u>February 23</u>
Micah 6:1-8	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Deuteronomy	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18
Psalm 15	Psalm 112:1-9	30:15-20	Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians
Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	3:10-11,16-33
		Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 5:38-48

As a part of your regular Bible study incorporate the texts that we will use on Sunday mornings.

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Worship with Communion Pastor Jim Milligan's last service as Interim Pastor. 10:30 am	3 Women's Group Meeting. Time TBA	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship with Communion Pastor Hobby Outten's first service as Pastor. 10:30 am Upstate Cluster Meeting @ Redeemer in Greer. 2 or 4 pm.	10	11	12 Men's Group. 6:30 pm	13 Church Council. 7 pm.	14	15 Breakfast, Cleanup and Setup. 9 am
16 Worship with Communion Installation of Pastor Outten by Bishop Yoo. 10:30 am. Celebration Potluck afterwards.	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Those Who Serve

Date	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 2
Refreshments	Joyce Calvert & Susan Rinkema	Bob & Connie Faulks	Potluck	Rich & Christine Donaldson	Betty DeBerry & Patricia Morton
Ushers	Jim Voris Rich Donaldson	Melton Roof Tom Wuerfel	Ray Cromer Melton Roof	Larry Cantrell Bob Faulks	Norm & Jane Lewis
Greeter	Betty DeBerry	Richard Barraud	Poni Bishop	Jane Lewis	Mary Ellen Wuerfel
Communion Assistant	Gail Hackett	Bob Faulks	Ron Crawley	Norm Lewis	Betty DeBerry
Counters	Melton Roof Rich Donaldson	Jane Lewis Jim Voris	Rich Donaldson Robert Faulks	Ron Crawley Norm Lewis	Susan Rinkema Rich Donaldson
Altar Guild	Mary Ellen Wuerfel Diane Ablett	Betty DeBerry Patricia Morton	Diane Ablett Helen & Melton Roof	Jane Lewis Nellie Varner	Diane Ablett Mary Lou Saville
Lector	Gail Hackett	Robert Faulks	Ron Crawley	Hunter Crawley	Diane Ablett

If there is a change or error in this list, please update the copy of this schedule on the Notice Board.

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February Birthdays

Feb 6: Abigail Donaldson

Feb 15: Jennifer Crawley

Feb 18: Kris Loburk

Feb 26: Joseph Outten

Feb 27: Karl Jones

February Anniversary

Feb 23: Tom &
Mary Ellen Wuerfel

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Special Invitation

Please join us on:

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