

ARMA/GRACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

9:30 am Worship Service -- Grace
11:00 am Worship Service – Arma
Church School – following Children’s Moment -- Arma
COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!

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#blessed is one of the most popular hashtags on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. So, we can imagine the word “blessed” still has high currency in U.S. culture. Also, we frequently speak and see the sign “blessed” on the sidewalk and in our households. Yes, we hope to be blessed and pray it for our lovely family, friend, and neighbor.

The word “blessed” has power and tends to encourage people and to move their lives forward. On the other hand, we should consider and learn about what sort of blessing we are now pursuing and producing.

As we are Christian, the question is whether what others call blessed is what Jesus calls blessed. Sometimes it is. Sometimes it is not. And sometimes it’s hard to tell. But, when we look at the Bible, Jesus Christ commands us only one thing, “Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12 NRSV). This is true. God has blessed us because God loves us. The word, “blessed,” is love. The word gravitates us to get closer to people, even if we’ve been in conflict with somebody. The word evolves us to reconcile with somebody to forgive them. The word inspires us to make peace. If the word causes conflict with and tends to lynch vulnerable people, we need to ask.

We take a step back in time and think about the word, “blessed,” to move steps forward to the next generation. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Pastor K Lee

GRACE NEWS

Ash Wednesday Services Scheduled

Ash Wednesday, is Wednesday, March 1st, and services for Ash Wednesday are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. that day at Grace UMC.

Church Fellowship

Grace UMC will have a church fellowship for every Fifth Sunday during 2017. These include the months of January, April, July, October and December.

We would like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday!! Hope your day is Great!

Feb 12	John Amershek
Feb 15	Sam Yoder
Feb 18	Jeanine Rogers
Feb 20	Wilrose Bough
Feb 26	Tyler AnnDee Lynn
Feb 28	Scott Free

We would like to wish the following couples a Happy Anniversary!! Hope your day is Great!

Feb 14	Greg and Teri VanBecelaere
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Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 1:00 at Arma UMC
Thursdays, 9:00 – 1:00 at Grace UMC
Wednesdays – Chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Ft. Scott

ARMA NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 29 Carry-in luncheon following worship services
Feb 8 Administrative Board at 7:00 pm
Feb 12 Valentine's Day Dinner, 5:30 p.m. in the church basement
Feb 15 Worship Committee at 2:00 pm
Feb 17 U.M.W. at 11:00 am
Mar 1 Ash Wednesday, 3:00 – 7:00 pm come and go

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 4	Rob Kaelin	Feb 21	Allyson Dugan
Feb 5	Troy Graham	Feb 23	Mark Price
Feb 6	Karter Dugan	Feb 25	Katie Banks
Feb 6	Ray Vail	Feb 25	Kennie Baker
Feb 15	Damien Willard	Feb 28	Brett Garrett
Feb 16	Hunter Newberry	Feb 29	Gerald Wayman
Feb 18	Joseph Polhlopek		

FEBRUARY GREETERS

Feb 5 Dave & Dolores Bierbrodt
Feb 12 Wilma Lollar
Feb 19 Susan Herrell
Feb 26 Sheri Pyle

READERS

Sheri Pyle
Dolores Bierbrodt
Youth
Susan Herrell

U.M.W.

The U.M.W. had their January luncheon at the Oriental Star. The next meeting is Friday, February 17th at 11:00 a.m. We are still collecting items for the Wesley House and we are collecting personal hygiene products for boys and girls for the Northeast HS Pantry.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee wishes to report that \$90.50 was collected in coins for December. The coins for December and for this January are designated for benevolences.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING -- February 19th

There will be a leadership training workshop on Sunday, February 19th, at Faith UMC, 3035 Crawford, Parsons, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Anyone serving on a church committee is invited and encouraged to attend. See Pastor K Lee if you are interested.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are happy to report that the remodel project in the master bath has been completed. Thank you to all of you who made pledges to support this project.

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5th Sunday Carry-in Dinner

Each 5th Sunday during the year provides an opportunity for the church community to plan something special. For 2017, the Board has approved sponsoring a carry-in dinner following the worship service on most 5th Sundays during 2017.

The first carry-in dinner for 2017 will be Sunday, January 29. Please bring a covered dish and plan to stay for the fellowship and dinner following worship service.

VALENTINE'S DINNER ON FEBURARY 12th

Please join us for an evening of fellowship, good food and entertainment on Sunday, February 12th. Dinner, including roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, dessert and drink will be served at 5:30 p.m. Great entertainment and door prizes will follow dinner.

Tickets are only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 3-15 and can be purchased at the Sunday worship from Joan Cleland. To make reservations, call Joan at 347-4696 or Emma Louise Ales at 347-8658. A limited number of carryouts will be available.

Don't miss this evening of fun!