

# WORDS OF GRACE

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## The Delightful Fragrance of Grace

*For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.*

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

**W**hat we actually say is a very small part of communication. Our real motivations and perceptions always leak out. Our passage calls this leaking a fragrance. We are either unleashing condemnation or unleashing grace. People either experience us as the aroma of life or the aroma of death. Where would you rather hang out—in a morgue or in a botanical garden?

When we try to model perfection and arrival, acting like we have it all together and have all the answers, we smell like death, not grace. When we are honest and open about our inescapable sin, struggle, and shame, and model grace in the face of it all, people are drawn to Christ. We either stink like a skunk, as arrogant or phony people, or we let off the delightful fragrance of grace. The only way to be dispensers of grace is to have our souls always overflowing with grace through abiding in Christ daily.

**“...we look past the deed to discover the need, past the hurtful behavior to discern the hurt...”**

To enter into grace-giving relationships, we must first believe,

deeply believe, that there is something better in the soul of every person, regardless of how good or bad they may be treating us. For the Christian, that something deeper and truer is the new self in Christ. For the non-Christian, that something deeper and better is the remaining image of God and the hunger for Christ in every soul.

Thus, to be dispensers of grace, we look past the deed to discover the need, past the hurtful behavior to discern the hurt, past the old self to draw out the new self, past the sinner to see the potential child of God. Grace-unleashing relating evokes each other's beauty and strength, polishes the image of God in one another, and brings out the best—the Christ—in one another.

The movement is this: “Because I believe that there is something truer about you than your current ugly behavior—who you are or could be as an adopted child of God—and that there is or could be someone deeper in you stronger than your sin—Christ within—through the Holy Spirit, I will always choose to look past your sinful false self, even your hurtful movement—acknowledge its sinfulness and yet forgive—and bravely move into your heart to dispense grace, and so continually call you to be who you truly are or could be in Christ.”

*Pastor Chris*



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## In Your Wounds Hide me

*Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" -John 20:24-28*

**W**hat gives rise to the desire to see and touch the wounds of your beloved to believe in their return? If you deserted a loved one during a time of excruciating suffering, thus missing out on a chance at deeper intimacy, what would it take to believe they forgive you? If, during that suffering your heart gave in to despair and you lost all hope, what would it take to hope again? For Mary of Magdala, she was so united with Christ's suffering that all it took was, "Mary!" — a knowing no words can explain. For Peter, hearing that "It is the Lord." was enough to get him to jump into the sea, and although his betrayal was still a sore subject, he was willing to risk the rejection. For John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, his soul was so intricately woven into Christ that he instinctively *knew*. But Thomas wanted not only to see, but to put his hand into Christ's suffering.

In John 11:16, Thomas pledges his love as he urges his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." So, when Thomas along with the other disciples flee and desert Christ during the arrest, he, like Peter, breaks his promise to give his life to Christ. So for Thomas, the crucifixion of Christ is more than losing a friend, but a collision of losing the Lord of his soul *and* facing his cowardice and inherent wretchedness without *Him*. As many of us would, he hides in despair, and grief confounded by guilt buries him in desolation.

As it so often happens, when we slither away into the darkness of our shame and pain, we miss God's blessings. Thomas missed Christ's first visit: the jubilation, the commissioning, the invitation to *receive the holy spirit*, and a lesson on the forgiveness of sins. But by God's mercy, Jesus, in His own way, continues to seek out Thomas. Rather than force His way into Thomas' bubble of pain, Jesus invites him to unite his suffering with His, and Thomas seizes the opportunity to confront the pain and the guilt, "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." On the surface, Thomas' demand comes across as arrogance and stubbornness. The power of guilt and the fear of vulnerability can add a certain unattractive element of harshness, just like embracing vulnerability can bring with it a spontaneous, sweet declaration of love. The statement, "We have seen the Lord." challenges Thomas to abandon a grief and guilt that is slowly morphing itself into his identity, dares him to open the door to hope, and as preposterous as it sounds, to "forgive" Jesus for abandoning him. Thomas, maybe not in the most humble way, seizes the opportunity to ask for what he needs. And the door opens.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house..." (Rev. 3:20). Thomas waited anxiously with the others. Is it really true that Jesus is risen—that his beloved is back?

*(Continued on page 8.)*

# Thank You!



Thank you to Doug Storlie and Roger VanDerZyl for working to beautify and fix the planter around the “welcome” sign at the driveway entrance of the church. The two men worked diligently on a scorching summer day to remove the rotting timbers surrounding the small garden and to replace them with bricks. They also updated the welcome sign to reflect the changes GracePoint has undergone over the past few months—Pastor Dana’s resignation and resuming the regular worship schedule.

## Another opportunity to “*Serve Dubuque.*”



**Almost Home**  
-serving our neighbors-

Every year GracePoint supports St. John’s Lutheran Church- sponsored program, *Almost Home*, by donating necessities to their Guest House. This is an emergency and immediate homeless shelter for men that operates seasonally (November to April). You can help by donating some of the things on the list.

- Pillowcases
- Single bed sheets
- Towels
- Gently used backpacks

***Please watch for more information in the bulletin about where to drop off donations.***

# Pill Bottle Fundraiser—We Need Filled Bottles!



We received an abundance of empty pill bottles, and do not need more. We do need people to fill those empty pill bottles with pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and bills.

This money collected is used toward postage for the Shoe Boxes that are filled and wrapped at church. The cost to ship each Shoe Box is \$7.00. This money would otherwise come out of the Missional Outreach Fund, so whatever is collected in the pill bottles and used for the Shoe Boxes leaves funds Missional Outreach can use elsewhere.

The EMPTY pill bottles are in a basket on the shelf in the Connect Way. Please fill and return them to the basket marked FILLED pill bottles.

I thank all of you who participated in the Pill Bottle Project last year, and hope you will continue. Let's make the PILL BOTTLE PROJECT bigger than last year, collecting more money for the shipping of the Shoe Boxes.

*Pat Kohler*

Operation Christmas Child  
Missional Outreach Ministry Team



Get kids involved by talking to them about Operation Christmas Child. Encourage them to put loose change in a pill bottle

and bring it back to church to help another child celebrate the joy of Christmas. This is an opportunity to open up your child to the needs of others around the world and the value of giving, serving, and sharing.

## Thank You!



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
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Thank you, thank you, thank you is the note from Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive for our great 3rd blood drive this year. We were so fortunate to have 15 people come to donate, and had 12 successful donations to serve 48 patients at local hospitals! It is my pleasure to let you know that through our January, July, and September donations, we were able to serve 160 patients. Wow! Thank you all for your time, commitment, and support that gives us opportunities to fulfill our mission of Serving Dubuque!

January: **17** donors = **68** patients served

July: **11** donors = **44** patients served

September: **12** donors = **48** patients served

**160** patients served in **2016**

*Pam De Meester*

Blood Drive Coordinator



## GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE

# Ted & Karry Yeats 40 Years of Marriage 40 Years of Service to Christ

For this month's global mission report, I would like to highlight Ted and Karry Yeats' forty years of marriage and serving Christ. They presently work under the auspices of the Navigators and live in Washington, DC.

- JUNE 1976 Married at Knox Presbyterian in Minneapolis, MN.  
Moved from Iowa City to Long Beach State with Campus Crusade for Christ.
- MAY 1979 Moved from Long Beach to Texas. Ted began seminary.
- MAY 1980 Ted received his MABS at Dallas Theological Seminary.
- SEPT. 1980 Moved to South Central Los Angeles for 13 weeks of Overseas Cultural Training. Poland was a piece of cake compared to this.
- SEPT. 1981 Moved behind the iron curtain to Poland.
- DEC. 1981 Martial Law enforced; no communication with the outside world. Watched by the government 24/7. Could not drive anywhere without the entire car searched through. Militia men marched the streets with machine guns. Food was difficult to find. A crazy time; our walk with God was intimate like never before.
- JUNE 1989 Nine years in Poland. Challenges were seemingly insurmountable, but were loved by the Polish people, and the people were open spiritually. The Lord called many nationals on staff with CCC and they were more capable of leading their own country. An incredible time, yet we sensed the Lord moving us to London.
- AUG. 1990 Ready to go back to London after having been home for the summer. Shockingly and suddenly lost their scholarship to the American School in London. They remained stateside.
- DEC. 1990 Arrived in DC to work on Capital Hill. Leaving Europe and adjusting to DC was extremely difficult, but what an honor! The tales, experiences, people, and great joys could easily fill a book.
- MAR. 2005 Wonderfully invited to join the Navigators. What a blessing!

"We have the privilege and pleasure of serving together, often thinking we actually get to do this for a living! You are all heroes, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping make this possible."

Ted & Karry Yeats

1 Chronicles 16:11 "Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually."

Submitted by *Scott Arnold*

2016

October

2016

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>2</b> 10:30a <b>Special Worship</b> 11:15a Town Hall Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00p Food Pantry	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast	<b>6</b> 6:30p Precepts 7:00p Emmaus	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> (no listings) ***** <b>8</b> (no listings)
<b>9</b> 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 1:30p Bethany Home	<b>10</b> 6:00p Food Pantry 6:30p Property Team	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00p Deacons	<b>13</b> 6:30p Precepts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>
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<b>30</b> 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship						

**Membership to Date**

Active	148
Inactive	8
Perm. Inactive	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

**Clerk's Report**

A Christmas event will be held Saturday night, December 3rd. Watch for further information.

Death of Lorraine Scherf on August 16, 2016. Funeral service on August 20 at GracePoint; Internment at Linwood Cemetery. Rev. Christopher English officiated.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX collection is starting. Wrapped empty shoe boxes are in the Connect Way along with a list of items for the shoe boxes. Take empty shoe boxes, fill and return them by November 5th. 100 shoe boxes were collected last year. Our goal for this year is 200 shoe boxes. Thanks to all who help.

The Pill Bottle Fundraiser is still in progress. The money collected goes toward the shipping of the shoe boxes.

3rd Quarter Mission Giving was approved at the August 17, 2016, Session meeting.

**EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Bailey, Ben & Monica—Middle East	\$250.00
Furr, Chris & Kristen—France	300.00
Hamd, Robert—Lebanon	575.00
Total EPC Quarterly Giving	\$1, 125.00

**GENERAL QUARTERLY GIVING**

Aisenbrey, Lou & Debbie—Wycliffe	\$250.00
Busse, Durwood & Barbara—Allegro Solutions	250.00
Clarity Clinic—Dubuque	200.00
Dios es Amor—Cancun, Mexico	200.00
Dubuque Rescue Mission	225.00
Elangwe, Isaac—Cameroon	250.00
Grote, Scott & Jessica—Mission Air Group	600.00
Krohn, Jeff—SIM	250.00
Meyer, Stan—Jews for Jesus	200.00
Leverington, John & Becky—Wycliffe	250.00
Prasad, Philip—Witnessing Ministries	275.00
Schoofs, Sam & Elizabeth—Frontiers	300.00
Shiloh Christian Children's Ministries	175.00
Siloam Eye Hospital—South Korea	250.00
South Sudan Education Mission (SSEM)	200.00
Weber, B. J.—New York Fellowship	250.00
Yeats, Ted & Karry—Navigators	250.00
Total General Quarterly Giving	\$4,375.00

**OTHER SPECIAL GIVING**

SSEM—Food to Paul's Village	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING FOR 3RD QUARTER</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>

Clerk's Report Prepared by

*Pat Kohler*, Clerk of Session

**Treasurer's Report for August**

Beginning Balance, August 1, 2016	\$224.32
Direct Transactions	.00
Income	15,755.48
Expenses	-18,792.95
Transfers	-833.33
Ending Balance, August 31, 2016	<b>-\$3,646.48</b>

**Christmas Party!**

GracePoint is planning a Christmas Party for December 3rd.

Watch for more details about time, activities, and volunteering in the coming months.

## BIRTHDAYS

4 Pastor Chris English  
 5 Elaine Boettner  
 6 Pauline Brimeyer  
 6 Gerry Vandenberg  
 12 Karen Storlie  
 13 Zoey Roling  
 15 Ben Temple  
 15 Lucas Perreard  
 24 Verna Davis  
 27 Nicole Roling  
 27 Dick Hennings  
 29 Sharon Jensen  
 29 Russell Trenkamp  
 31 Rachel Lemon  
 31 Kristen Pope



## ANNIVERSARIES

12 Andy & Ann Baumann  
 16 Tim & Connie Walsh  
 24 Dick & Ramona Hennings  
 26 Steve & Sue Lemon

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Will He reject or ridicule him in front of the others? Will He condemn or forgive? Will He even show up or is his waiting in vain? Thomas' waiting, anxious or not, more than his request is *hope* beyond logic, the soft embers of faith. Christ, sweet and merciful, enters the house and doesn't make him ask again. Right away He invited him to courageously leave the comfort of self-condemnation and embrace the risk of love.

John's gospel says nothing as to whether Thomas did indeed put his finger and hand into Christ's wounds—maybe he only had to see. Perhaps, not ready, to touch Christ's suffering in all its fullness would have sent him deeper into despair rather than out of himself into Christ. But, by God's grace, in that moment, Thomas understood very well that Christ intimately *sees* all the darkness that threatens to drown him. Beyond that, Thomas *knows* deep within him that by mysteriously sharing in Christ's suffering, he too is being commissioned, invited to share in the same holy spirit, and learns intimately the lesson of forgiveness. Thomas knows something that no pain can ever take away: in whatever pain, guilt, and shame that is to come, Christ is right there in the mess, loving him until the end of age, and that He still wants him as a loving friend and disciple. Thomas learns that like Christ, he can serve, wounds and all. As mercy comes pouring out of Christ's wounds, love shatters the idol of pain and shame, and love responds to Love: "My Lord and my God!" The words that follow, rather than condemnation from Jesus, are a mysterious fulfillment of Thomas' desire to die with Him. Christ's words are mercy, a love-filled pointing out of how Thomas' weakness and preferences hinder his faith intertwined with a calling to trust and step up in faith.

Humbly in Christ,  
*Seabelo*

## What's Brewing at Common Grounds?



- **Open Hours**

Sundays: 10am-12pm

*More hours coming soon.*

- **Classes**

Thursdays: 6:30-8:30pm

Precepts

Teacher: Mary Hirschey

- **Live Video Streaming**

Sundays: 10:30am

Watch Worship on TV.

# Stories OF Grace

## Following the Golden Thread of Hope

Welcome to Stories of Grace! Each month we will feature a story of how God's grace carried one of us through difficult times, and how we continue to experience the transforming power of this grace in our lives. We welcome anyone wishing to share his/her story.

“Do you ever feel like you would go to Heaven if you were to die right now?” asked my mom five days before her death. “Because I do.” That was the last coherent conversation my mom had with her parents.

My mom was the oldest of seven siblings and had four children and four grandchildren of her own. She always had someone looking up to her and learning from her examples. The end of her life was no different. A few days after I found out I was expecting a baby, my mom discovered a tennis ball-size lump under her right arm. She refused to get it looked at, stating she felt fine and wanted to make sure her ‘baby’ had everything I needed for my first baby. She found the lump the end of December 2007. After my daughter was born, we begged her to get the lump looked at, and again she refused. This time she needed to make sure that my brother’s wedding was all set and ready to go off without a hitch. And she believed she was doing what God intended her to do. In January 2009 she slipped on ice and hurt her lower back. At one point she was going to get adjustments three to four times a week. Finally, in April she went to Madison to have labs and scans done. The results showed she needed breast and liver biopsies to determine the origin of her cancer.

May 19, 2009, she sat us all down to tell us together that she had Stage 4 Breast Cancer, which had spread throughout her body. There were multiple spots in her breasts, liver, lungs, lymph nodes, and bones, and it was even starting to appear in her brain. My mom knew what that meant. She opted for at-home treatments, which were a little less aggressive, but still gave her more time with all of her loved ones. On June 3rd she was at an appointment in Madison when she rolled over onto her right hip and shattered it into 70 pieces. She needed to stay in the hospital for a while, but demanded to be sent home in time for my daughter’s first birthday. In September she was able to get a hip replacement and yet again, she demanded to be home in time for my son’s birth at the end of October.

Chemo took its toll on her mind and body. We saw them slowly wasting away; but it couldn’t touch her spirit or her faith. Even on her worst days she was thanking God and finding something to laugh at. And while my siblings and I were questioning why God would allow someone to suffer so much, not once did she ever ask God “Why?” As the end of her battle got closer, she pulled each of us off to the side so she could have a one-on-one talk and answer questions. When my time came, I asked about parenting and relationships, and for some stories like she used to tell me. Finally I looked straight at her and asked, “How can one believe in a God that allows cancer to exist?” She told me, “Trust in the things you don’t understand and have faith that everything happens for a reason. It’s all part of the big plan of life.”

March 19th she called my siblings and me together one last time to give us ‘marching orders’ for the rest of our lives. Three days later, we knew it was time to say our final goodbyes. We let her know we were proud of her fight, but it was ok now for her to let go and stop fighting. On March 24, 2010, at 7:58pm, she took her last breath and went home to Heaven.

In Mom’s final 10 months she taught me more than I thought was possible. I learned how to be a better mother, and that it was important to take care of myself as well; to be a better sister and allow the stupid sibling fights to stay in the past (sadly that didn’t work for all siblings); and to be a better friend. She made sure I knew how to live each day to its fullest, laugh even in the toughest times, love with no regrets, and to hand over control to God. It’s been more than six years since her passing. The days have gotten easier; the memories have not faded. And I believe that without this journey my mom took, I would never have opened my heart to God. Today I can proudly say that I am a Christian. For that I am truly grateful.

*Nicole Roling*

**PRAYER CHAIN**

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler.

**Daytime Prayer Chain**

Pat Kohler 583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg 583-5338

Ramona Hennings 583-8739

Wilma Sanders 582-7346

Mable Boelk 557-9166

Sue Lemon 583-4454

Lois Trausch-Wolfe  
583-0534

**(Lois starts the evening chain.)**

**Evening Prayer Chain**

Glenda Temple 582-0464

Kim or Jerry Bell 582-4956

Barbara Berg 608-732-3035

Sharon Baker 451-4557

Karen Storlie 556-7548

**Volunteers are Priceless at GracePoint!**

**Worship Venue 10:30am**

**Communion Preparers** (October 2) Barb Berg, Shirley VanDuser

**Communion Servers** (October 2) Ben & Glenda Temple  
Steve & Sue Lemon

	Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Room
<b>October 2</b>	Janet Metelak Mike Boland	Sandy Tilton Bev VanDerZyl	Janet Metelak
<b>October 9</b>	Mike Boland Mike Vandenberg	Dan Baker Sharon Baker	Patti Scheer
<b>October 16</b>	Ben Temple Glenda Temple	Dave Gaylor Lisa Gaylor	Pauline Brimeyer
<b>October 23</b>	Ray Wlochall Robin Wlochall	Vic Learn Marilyn Learn	Lisa Gaylor
<b>October 30</b>	Isaiah Roling Sara Scherf	Doug Storlie Karen Storlie	Kelly English

Please find your own subs. Substitute ushers are Mike or Ralph Vandenberg. Substitute greeters are Pat Kohler or Dixie Shaffer.

**ChildCare**

October 2	Patti Scheer, Sue Lemon
October 9	Kelly English, Mary Ann Hopkins
October 16	Martha Intveld, Pam DeMeester
October 23	Marilyn Learn, Anna English
October 30	Glenda Temple, Carolyn Arnold

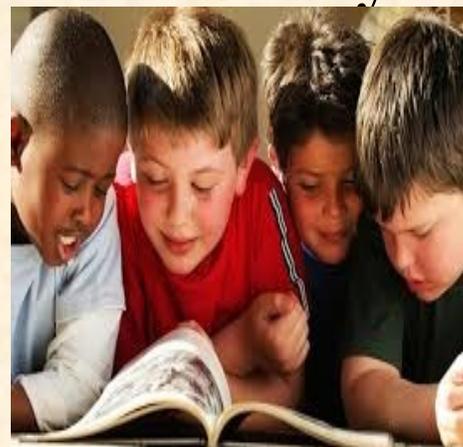
**Check Out the Library**

The library is open Sundays from 9:00am—noon.

Videos and books are available for checkout.

Stop by on Sunday to see the recently updated library!

Donations of new books or videos are always welcome. Questions? Contact Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



# GracePath for Adults

## Module 2—October 2016

### Companions in Christ

This course builds on some of the previous classes Pastor Chris has taught. This class will give an overview of the Christian spiritual life and the practices that help people enter into the formative pattern of Christ's life: a life of prayer, study, and service. It touches on topics such as spiritual formation, scripture, prayer, vocation, and spiritual companionship.

*Companions in Christ* offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in opening oneself to God's presence and guidance. The class will explore classic spiritual practices and develop new daily patterns that will open your life to a deepening relationship with God and with your group.

**Teacher:** Pastor Chris English

**Participant Guide:** TBD

**Date:** October 23 to December 18

### The Second Half of Marriage

The second half of marriage can be a time of fulfillment no matter what challenges you've previously faced. Couples can rediscover each other and build a more personal, satisfying, and romantic life together. This course is designed to facilitate this rediscovery and rebuilding for the empty nest years.

Sessions include:

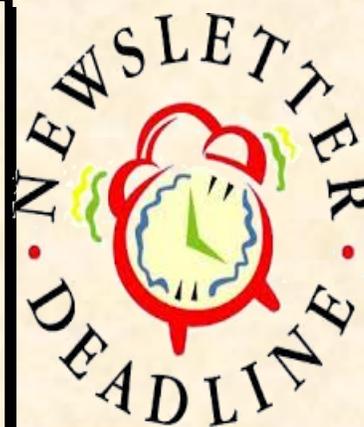
1. Letting go of the Past and Focusing on the Future
2. Creating a Marriage that is Partner, not Child Focused
3. Building an Effective Communication System
4. Using Anger in a Creative Way to Build Your Relationship
5. Building a Deeper Friendship
6. Renewing Romance and Intimacy
7. Relating to Aging Parents and Adult Children
8. Growing Together Spiritually

**Teacher:** TBD

**Participant Guide:** TBD

**Date:** October 23 to December 18

*Watch the bulletin for updates and more information.*



**Saturday  
October  
15**

Don't forget to sign up to bring treats for fellowship time on Sundays.

You may also honor a birthday, anniversary, or special event.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Center.





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## Congregational Town Hall Meeting



**What?** A special meeting following Worship. Session Elders will share and review their work from the Session Workshops held over the past few months, and preview possible future plans for GracePoint.

**When?** Sunday, October 2nd, 11:30am

**Where?** Common Grounds

GracePoint Church

**Note:** We will begin with a special worship service, with communion, at 10:30am.