

Welcome

GUESTS OF GRACE FELLOWSHIP...

We are so glad you are here! Would you please take a few moments to fill out the *Grace Connect Card* attached to this brochure. Please tear it off and either drop it in the offering basket when it goes by, or place it in the *Grace Connect Box* located between the Worship Center main entrance/exit doors.

PRAYER REQUESTS — If you have a prayer request that you would like to have lifted up during the Worship Service, fill out the connect card and take it to the Ask Me Desk in the foyer prior to the start of services. There is always an elder or deacon there who can help you.

WE LOVE KIDS! — There is a supervised nursery available for children ages birth to 3 years old in room 102. If you have kids 4 years through 3rd grade, we invite them to join **KIDS CONNECT**. Youth are dismissed for **Kids Connect** during the Worship Service. You may pick up your child after the Service in Room 103A.

WE CHERISH YOUR FEEDBACK! — If you have any concerns, questions, or need more information about anything you have experienced here please note them on the Connect Card. We take these things seriously and will respond as soon as possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 15th, is the next scheduled Council Meeting, 7:30p.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A CHURCH POTLUCK! Please plan to stay after the service next Sunday, January 6th to help thank Pastor Piet & Carol for their time with us and to wish them well as they move. Please bring one hot & one cold dish to share.



OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: Due to New Years, the office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Beginning January 3 we welcome you to join us at Women's Bible study on Thursdays at 10AM. We will be working through Max Lucado's book Unshakeable Hope. Contact Sheryl if you have questions 515-779-2010, shanthorn@iowatelecom.net.

NEXT SUNDAY: Please join us next Sunday as we are beyond excited to celebrate those who are publicly declaring their faith through baptism.



PIET'S CORNER 12/30/2018

This weekend, Carol and I will be dedicating a tree on the grounds here at Grace Fellowship. It is a thank-you we want to share with the church for your kindness and responsiveness to us in this last year. Many of you have been kind enough to say positive things about our tenure at Grace. It has been a fruitful and rebuilding season for the church – with lots of reasons for rejoicing! Many people helped make that happen. We feel blessed just to have been a part.

What you should also know is that this last season has been really good for Carol and me too. I have loved living in a Dutch community. Carol has relished her opportunity to launch an AirBnB at the Villa. And our ministry experience at Grace has been filled with memorable baptisms, professions of faith, new members, and life-changing events. We have loved every minute of it – and much of that is due to your cooperative and risk-taking spirit. Thank-you!

But the tree isn't just about saying "thank-you." It is also our way of expressing hope for your future. I am quite confident that Pastor Chris will serve you extremely well, in this next season of ministry. Yet, not every day will be an easy day. There will be times where it gets hard. There will be days where you doubt. That's just the reality of life.

In the ups and downs of ministry life, our hope and prayer is that you find the tree an inspiration. May it serve as a reminder that a church (like a tree) stands strong and true when its roots are deep. In the case of the church it is about being rooted in God's word and remembering his promises. Every time you pass the tree, may you be reminded of the good you have known and the good you have yet to discover!



Your best days are still before you

~Pastor Piet



PRAYER REQUESTS OR COMMENTS

PLEASE DIRECT TO:

- Prayer Team
- Council/Staff
- Grace News
- Weekly Email Info

I would like to serve in some way, please contact me at:

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

GRACE CONNECT CARD

Please print...

Name(s): _____

My Children: Name/Age _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

How did you find us?

- Newspaper
- Facebook
- Personal Invitation
- Just Looking/Visiting


Other: _____

We hope that you found our Worship Service relevant to you in some way.

Did you find our message to be:


- What I was expecting
- I'm not sure - I have questions
- Not at all relevant
- I really needed this message!

Please drop this card in the Grace Connect Box (by the doors) or place in the offering basket as it is passed.



Offering for January 2019 is being collected to support the work of AJS (Association for a More Just Society)

AJS works to promote justice, especially for the poor and the downtrodden. They support efforts in Honduras that promote the interests of the most poor in legislative projects, defend the rights of the most vulnerable in judicial processes, increase the awareness and democratic participation of churches to practice the Biblical teachings on justice, and publish journalistic investigations on issues that affect the poor of Honduras. As Jeremiah 22:16 says, "He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the LORD."



Reduce Stress

Stress ~ Has stress gotten in the way of reaching goals you set for yourself? Learning some new management techniques could make for a more successful New Year. Our CAP program offers free and professional support to help you reach your goals. Call 641.628.9599 for free and confidential help.

This Week At A Glance

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018

8:45a – Pre-Service Run-through
9:15a – Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:00a –Worship Service

MONDAY DECEMBER 31- OFFICE CLOSED

No Scheduled Activity

TUESDAY JANUARY 1 -OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY NEW YEARS!

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2

No Scheduled Activity

THURSDAY JANUARY 3

7:00p – Praise Team Practice

FRIDAY JANUARY 4

No Scheduled Activity

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

No Scheduled Activity

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

8:45a – Pre-Service Run-through
9:15a – Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:00a – Worship Service
11:15a – Church Potluck

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DECEMBER 30, 2018

Praise Jesus Firm Foundation

Welcome Piet

Praise All My Hope
Cornerstone

Announcements/Offering

KidsConnect Dismissed
Christy

Message God is ALWAYS Faithful
Piet, Matt & Carol

Praise The Stand/You Are Here

Benediction Piet

