

CONNECT CARD

GRACE CHURCH
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Please complete, tear off, and place in the offering plate

_____ Service time attended
 _____ I have a prayer request (please list on back)
 _____ I am a first time visitor
 _____ I would like to be contacted by a pastor
 _____ I would like to join the church
 _____ Sign me up for weekly email updates
 _____ Sign me up for this small group/class:

(Please list)

Sermon: Reputation vs. Reality Sermon Text: Revelation 3:1-6

- I. **The City of Sardis**
 - a. *Powerful, wealthy and arrogant*
 - b. *The city that died*
- II. **The Church of Sardis That Died**
 - a. *False reputation of being alive*
Revelation 3:1b "I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead."
 - b. *How this happens to churches*
Luke 6:26 "What sorrows await you who are praised by the crowds, for their ancestors also praised false prophets."
 - c. *Their warning to wake up*
I Thessalonians 5:6 "So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be sober."
- III. **Threefold Reward for Waking Up**
 - a. *Dressed in white*
Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."
 - b. *Names not blotted from book of life*
Revelation 3:5 "All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine."
 - c. *Acknowledged as God's own by Christ*
Matthew 10:32 "If anyone acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before my Father in heaven."

New 4-Week Bible Study of 1 Peter: Mondays at 10:00 am in Room 106 with Pastor Bill leading. Begins on October 30. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Childcare servants needed for a small group that meets Sunday evenings, twice a month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Must have clearances and be a member of Grace. Current needs: November 12, and December 10. The goal is to have enough servants sign up so we can make a rotating schedule so you would only have to do every other month. Also, childcare needed for the November 19 Concert of Praise. Please see Mary Beth in the nursery to sign up. Thank you. You will be a blessing to the children and this small group.

The Adult Choir will present **Go Tell It!**, a Christmas Cantata by Jack Schrader on **Sunday, December 10, 2017** during the **9:00 am** worship service. If you are not a regular member of the choir, but are interested in singing for this event, rehearsals will be Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the choir room beginning. Listening CDs and books are available. Please contact Tina St. Clair (tstclair@indianagrace.org) or Debra Moore (dlwm99@gmail.com) for more information.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the UMCOR personal hygiene kits. Your generosity enabled Women's Evening Fellowship to ship 100 kits to the distribution center in Louisiana. We feel blessed to be part of such a caring congregation!

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October 29, 2017

Our Pastors

Rev. Bill Blair - Senior Pastor

Pastor Kathy Mihoerck - Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries

Pastor Dennis Marshall - Visitation

We gather in grace

The coffee is ready! Please enjoy a time of fellowship in our Welcome Center between worship services. Meet and greet your friends and make new ones.

Check your bulletin today for information on special events, including the annual In-Gathering and the Thanksgiving Concert of Praise. Get connected with a Grace Group and Sunday School! There is something for everyone!

More information is available in the Welcome Center. Check our website for other opportunities to Gather in Grace!

Child care

Child care for children up to age 4 is available in the nursery Sundays during worship services.

Children K-5 can attend Kid's Church: "The Train Station" - an exciting worship experience - at 11:00 am (please sign your child in downstairs before the worship service begins).

Children ages 3-5 can attend Kid's Church: "The Caboose" during the 11:00 worship service (located down the main hallway past the Welcome Center).

Order of Worship

Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Gathering Music

Announcements

Prelude

*All Creatures of Our God and King/Joyful, Joyful
Sounds of Grace Orchestra*

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn of Praise - No. 398
Jesus Calls Us

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn No. 545 verses 1, 2 & 5
The Church's One Foundation

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:18-22

Response - No. 601
Thy Word is a Lamp

Anthem - *I Will Keep My Eyes on You*
Chancel Choir

Message: Reputation vs. Reality at Sardis

*Hymn No. 420, verses 1 & 4
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory - *Give Thanks*
Sounds of Grace Orchestra

*Doxology - No. 95
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - No. 57
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
verses 1, 2, 3 & 7

*Benediction & Postlude

*Indicates the congregation standing as able



If you are joining us for the first time today, we extend to you a very special greeting! We have a gift for you in our Welcome Center. Additionally, please take a moment and complete a connect card and return it to the Welcome Center host. Thank you for joining us!

Mark your calendars now! The annual **Thanksgiving Concert of Praise**, produced by The Christian Witness, Inc. will be Sunday, **November 19**, here in our sanctuary. Many outstanding musical groups will be praising and performing, including the Sounds of Grace Orchestra, our Modern Worship team, Debra Moore, a Mass Handbell Choir with members from many community churches, and much more. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Prelude music starts at 6:00 pm. A Dessert Reception will follow the concert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF IS TODAY!

Pre-K: Room 108

K—2nd grade: Train Car 2

3rd—5th grade: Train Car 1

Journey Class: Room 208

Marriage Matters: Room 205

Youth: Grace Growth Center—upstairs

GEMS: Room 202

Wednesday Dinner

Serving 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
Adults: \$5 Kids 4-12: \$2.50 Under 4: Free

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Cheeseburger Meatloaf
Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables
Roll, Dessert

To properly plan,
reservations are required.
Sign up in the Welcome Center,
or call the church office.
by 4:00 pm on Tuesday.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Monday, October 30

10:00 am 1 Peter Bible Study - Room 106
4:00 pm Women's Prayer Group - Room 205
6:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting - Room 207

Tuesday, October 31

6:30 pm Orchestra - Room 106



Wednesday, November 01

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 102
10:00 am The Seekers Women's Group - 173 Valley Rd., Indiana
3:30 pm Women's Grace Group - Room 201
5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm Case for Christ Study - Room 208
6:15 pm Men's Grace Group - Room 201
6:30 pm Co-Ed Lifers Grace Group - Room 101 & 102
7:00 pm Agape Bells - Room 105



Thursday, November 02

6:30 pm Puppet Ministry Meeting - Room 208
7:00 pm Chancel Choir - Room 203
7:00 pm Worship Team Practice - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 04

7:45 am Prayer Fellowship - G.I.M. (1st Floor)
7:00 pm Saturday Night Worship - Fellowship Hall

Marriage Matters Sunday School Class starts today, October 29 at 10:00 am in room 205 (off of Fellowship Hall). This class is **for married couples of all ages** to discuss God's word and apply HIS guidelines to everyday marital matters.

Next Sunday: Annual In-Gathering bag distribution - Please help us fill our food pantry! Grocery bags will be distributed in the pews next Sunday and we ask that you fill them with non-perishable items and bring them back to church with you on Sunday, November 12 or November 19. Trucks will be parked outside in the front and back of the church and people with strong backs will be available to help load bags onto the trucks. We will also accept monetary contributions. You may make your check out to Grace Church Food Bank and drop it into the offering plate.

Find out what your spiritual gifts are! The Spiritual Gifts Assessment helps individuals find meaningful ways to use their gifts in connection with others through the community of faith. Go to umc.org/what-we-believe and take the assessment. Share your results on the Connect Card in your bulletin next week.

Next Youth Meeting: November 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please bring a snack. Speaker: Katie Mihelcic. Hope to see you there! It will be awesome!

Youth Event: Escape Rooms—three rooms, one hour! November 18, 6:30 pm. Cost \$8 per person. You **must RSVP by November 5**. Sign up in the Welcome Center. We'll have a blast!!

Remember in prayer....

North Korea
Heidi Allison
Joan Shirley
Micah Taylor
Terry St. Clair
Betty Scarpino
Chris Lybarger
Andrew Manzek
Debbie Douglass
Hurricane Victims
Dale Cunningham
Rosemary McDowell
All First Responders

Deployed Military
Personnel



*Next Sunday: Daylight
Saving Time ends; turn
your clocks back one
hour before going to bed
on Saturday night!*

GRACE CHURCH FEATURED EVENT - Helping Hands Ministry

The Evangelism ministry team is bringing back the Helping Hands! Need help with things like small chores, basic car maintenance, yard work or seasonal cleaning? To get help, complete the form below or call Terry Luce at 724-465-4917. If you are interested in being a Handy Helper, complete the form below or call Lisa Adams at 724-541-8297. We are willing to train!

I need assistance with _____ at my home.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please contact me to be a Handy Helper! My areas of expertise are:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Prayer Request: