

GraceNOTES

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ASK THE UMC

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One of the goals for Grace Notes is to provide you with information you may not know about the United Methodist Church. The content which follows is from **Ask the UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications** published June 4, 2019 and talks about the Season after Pentecost which falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. It's an annual Christian festival which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples after Jesus' ascension from earth to heaven.

Ask the UMC: What is Ordinary Time?

The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Each of these seasons begins with a **time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration**. Ordinary Time follows each cycle. The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin ordinalis, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and tempus ordinarium, "measured time."

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. For some congregations, this will mean a focus on evangelism, as found in the Old Testament and **Gospel readings** for each week. For others, the focus will be preparing to help others grow in their discipleship. The **Epistle reading** each week emphasizes this.

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost. Every year, Christians experience the contrast between
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the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God’s ongoing work in the world. We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration and action in ministry each year, with the Ordinary Times as the primary periods of action.

For more information about the United Methodist Church go to: <http://www.umc.org>

For all Grace Kids

First of all I would like to congratulate everyone on another successful Family and Friends Day. Also I would like to thank all of the people who threw water balloons and water on me (got soaked and sick). This article goes out to our kids of Grace UMC. As the school year has ended I would like to say congratulations to all of the kids who put in **effort** this year. We have our students who are officially graduating high school (lucky dogs) and will be making their mark on the world through their journey to college. And we have the little munchkins making their way to 1st grade. Just remember that you’ve made it this far because of **God, your family, and your determination.**

Enjoy your summer!

Destiny Lewis, Youth Journalist

Opportunities to Serve

Serving is about forming relationships. God calls us to be in relationships with one another. It is an opportunity to share Jesus’ love as we serve. Everyone has a place at Grace. Serving is about investing a portion of the time God has given you to help benefit the life of another. Current opportunities: ushers, greeters, communion stewards, choir members, church treasurer, media team members, outreach members to help spread news about Grace, Sunday school teachers. We ask for a 1 year commitment. Please see a member of the Leadership Team for additional information.



June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2	3	4 Praise Team 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	5 Worship Meeting 6:15 pm Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Class 7 pm	6	7	8 College Prep 8-10 am
9 UMW Reception at Hurst UMC	10 Finance Mtg 6:15 Ad Council 7 pm	11 ANNUAL CONFERENCE		12 Worship mtg 6:15 Bible Class 7 pm	13	14 Prayer 9 am
16 FATHER'S DAY	17	18 Praise Team 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	19 Prayer in sanctuary 6:30 pm Worship mtg 6:15 pm Outreach 6:15 pm Bible Class 7 pm	20	21	22 Prayer 9 am UMW/UMM 10am SPPRC 11am
23	24	25 Praise Team 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	26 Worship Meeting 6:15 pm Bible Class 7 pm	27 Info for Grace Notes DUE TODAY!	28	29
30 Information meeting after Sunday School						



Save the Date!
Pastor Appreciation—July 14

