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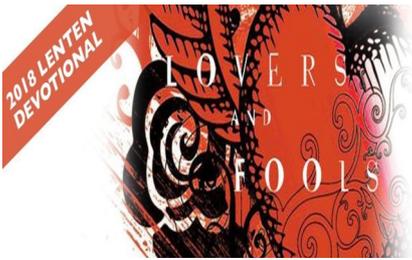
Worship—March 11 @ 10a.m.—The Stage @ Island Park

That's right! It is time to set your clocks ahead. And if you do arrive late, no worries. We'll welcome you and be glad for you to share light refreshments.

This Sunday we hear the familiar words of John 3:16, "for God so loved the world..." And God still loves the world.

Everyone is welcome.

Lovers & Fools



The UCC Still-Speaking Writers have published a new Lenten Devotional: Lovers & Fools. We are reminded we spend our days worshipping a God in love with weakness; following a foolish savior, even to the cross.

Join us on Saturday mornings, through March 31 at 8:30a.m. We will get together in the deli area of Cashwise at 1401 33rd St. S, Fargo, just off 13th Ave S, to reflect on the readings together. It is a great way to deepen your faith, and get to know your friends from **People's UCC**.

Don't have a copy of the book? No worries! We select a couple of readings (which are quite brief) and have a wonderful discussion.

Good Friday Worship—7pm- March 30—1st Congregational UCC, Moorhead

We will gather with our fellow UCC congregations for this year's Good Friday Worship. We'll hear the story of Christ's trial and crucifixion from both the Gospels of Mark and John.

The offering received during the worship service will benefit the Harbor Clinic, our area's only clinic providing services for hormone therapy to the transgender community. Please come and share in this moving time of worship.



Church-Goers



Don't experience the horror of arriving to church just as everyone else is Leaving!!!!

set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed Saturday Night



Native American Christian Ministry

Pastor Grace is on the board of the Native American Christian Ministry. This ministry brings together the Native Spiritual tradition and the Gospel of Jesus.

We've been invited to help support the ministry by providing paper goods for the meals the participants share as part of worship. Needed are cups, plates, napkins, and utensils. Bring them any Sunday to

worship. Thanks for your support.

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.



We will receive this offering this Sunday, March 11. You may also donate on-line at https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/one_great_hour_of_sharing.

Grace Notes

“For we are God’s masterpiece. God has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things they planned for us long ago.”

- Ephesians 2:10

One of the saddest things I know of is to hear a person lament, “I’m not worth anything. I’m no good to anyone.”

I imagine that most of us have felt that way at some point in our lives. But that is a lie. Every human being is a person of sacred worth. Every one brings a gift to the life of at least one other person, usually many other people.

I wish everyone would carry these words in their hearts: “I am God’s masterpiece.” Each person that has ever been born is created by God and imbued with God’s love. That in itself ought to be enough.

But we live in a world that doesn’t just say we are not enough. We live in a world that seems to scream that we must be more than the next person, and that we should not only claw our way to the top, but that we belittle others on the way up.

What would life be like if we all recognized God’s handiwork within each other. Recognized God’s beauty in ourselves. Perhaps we would live in a world where children aren’t slaughtered in school. A world where we aren’t trying to defend our right “to be,” by claiming another has no place in society.

If we saw each other as God’s masterpiece, as a critical piece of the puzzle of life, perhaps we would have no need to have more than we need. We would know that we, in community with our siblings, are enough.



You are God’s masterpiece. You are enough.

Shalom,

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