

Wednesday Ministry Information 2024-2025

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Grace Youth Mission Statement: There is nothing more important to us than our kids! We put a lot of energy into creating a safe and fun environment where kids of all ages can learn about Jesus. This is a place where faith, learning & fun go hand in hand. We encourage our youth to be involved in inviting, participating & serving. It's a place where God is cool!

Grace Kids (Grades K-5th)

Welcome to Grace Kids! This is Grace UM Church's after school ministry for youth in grades K-5. We meet on Wednesdays immediately after school until 5:30 pm. We start our time with a snack, followed by singing songs, a Bible story, game & craft. Sometimes there will be other large group activities.

Grace Youth (Grades 6-12)

Welcome to Grace Youth! This is Grace UM Church's youth ministry for youth in grades 6-12. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm. During that time, we'll have a game and/or large group activity along with splitting the middle school & high school kids for a lesson & Confirmation. Sometimes there will be other large group activities and/or service projects.

*Please note there is NO cost to enroll your child/children in any of our youth programming.

Attendance:

It is incredibly important for us to know if your child will be absent in any given week. Please call the church office or email Kari ahead of time to let us know if your child will be absent. If your child does not get on the bus, please expect a phone call from us unless we have been notified beforehand.

Transportation: (Elementary kids only)

The church bus will be transporting the kids from the Paynesville Elementary School to church right after school is dismissed. Please look for the "White Grace United Methodist" bus parked near the regular buses.

Wednesday Evening Meals:

Please join us Wednesday's from 5:30-6:30 pm for a meal. All kids, parents & families are welcome to attend. There is a free will offering for this meal. Additionally, we need volunteers to prepare, serve & clean up this meal each week. Please consider helping with this important ministry.

Weather-Related Announcements or Cancellations:

If school is cancelled or let out early due to bad weather, there will be no Wednesday activities. If we need to cancel because of a different reason, we will:

- Make a post on the Grace UM Church & Grace Youth Facebook page
- Send an email to all parents

Parent Involvement:

The success of our youth programs depends on the active involvement of parents. So, we ask parents to pray for and with their child/children. We ask you to worship with your child/children on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings. We ask you to talk about your faith & theirs with your child/children regularly. Finally, we ask for your help. If you have time to volunteer on Wednesdays or help with meals, we would greatly appreciate it.

Wednesday Time Schedule:

3:00pm Bus to pick up at the Elementary school

3:15-5:30 pm Grace Kids (Gr. K-5)

5:30-6:30 pm Meal for ALL

6:30-7:30 pm Grace Youth (Gr. 6-12) & Confirmation

Calendar:

Youth programs run Wednesdays starting September 25th through May 14th for the 2024-2025 school year.

Regular schedule on dates listed below unless otherwise noted.

September:

Wed. 18th: Open House Meet & Greet (5:00-6:30pm)
Wed. 25th:

October:

Wed. 2nd:
Wed. 9th:
Wed. 16th: No programs
Wed. 23rd:
Wed. 30th:

November:

Wed. 6th: No programs
Wed. 13th:
Wed. 20th:
Wed. 27th: No programs

December:

Wed. 4th:
Wed. 11th:
Wed. 18th: Christmas Party 5:30-8:00 pm
Wed. 25th: No programs

January:

Wed. 1st: No programs
Wed. 8th:
Wed. 15th:
Wed. 22nd:
Wed. 29th:

February:

Wed. 5th:
Wed. 12th:
Wed. 19th:
Wed. 26th:

March:

Wed. 5th: Ash Wednesday
Wed. 12th:
Wed. 19th:
Wed. 26th:

April:

Wed. 2nd:
Wed. 9th:
Wed. 16th:
Wed. 23rd:
Wed. 30th:

May:

Wed. 7th:
Wed. 14th: Last Night

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kari Schaefer at (320) 243-3601 or kari@paynesvillegrace.org.