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TWENTY *awesome* WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH

FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, EDUCATION, MUSIC, and WORSHIP

This fall, challenge yourself to take advantage of one of the many opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service at Grace!

[01] Retiree Rendezvous Potluck
Bring your favorite food, hot or cold, appetizer, or dessert on the **THIRD Thursday of every month** in Brown Hall. We share our food at noon and then open our ears to listen.

[02] Women's Breakfast & Conversation
Enjoy great food and conversation on the **second Saturday each month** beginning at 8:30AM in the Fireside Room. We take turns supplying breakfast so just bring yourself and your appetite!

[03] Women's Circles:
Miriam Circle welcomes all! We meet monthly from October through June, on the **first Tuesday of the month** from 7:30-9:00PM

in the Fireside Room. We have social time with dessert and refreshments at 7:30, and a leader for Bible study, or books in our library, or what's going on with music from our hymnals or the greater ELCA, or a book review—from guests who come each month. Hope to see you starting in October! If you have any questions please contact Miriam Teeter at 650-494-1175

Ruth Circle meets the third Monday of each month 10:30AM-1:00PM during the school year, except December. We drink a little tea or coffee when we come to chat, have a little discussion, usually led by Pastor Cora, and the hostess serves a light lunch at noon. We enjoy getting together at homes of ladies who come, and are happy to welcome any new ones who would like to join us; contact Mary Carlson, secretary.

[04] Young Adults Anyone who is finished with school or continuing school, married or single—all are welcome as we meet once a month or more for social activities. Everything from Beer Brewing Classes, potluck lunches, movie day, wine tasting to after church brunch. The goal is to provide fellowship opportunities, as well as a place to have relevant conversations about faith. Contact Elizabeth (elizabeth@gracepa.org)

[05] Exercise Group A group meets in Brown Hall three times a week for exercise—**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** from 8:30 - 9:30AM. The video used can be approached at varying levels of intensity - perfect for any level of fitness. All are welcome!

06 Wednesday Work Crew The Wednesday Work Crew meets the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month at the church from 8:30 to 11:00AM to do repairs and maintenance of the church's facilities. Our mission is to keep the lights on and keep the water running where it should and not running where it shouldn't. If you are interested, contact Steve Madsen. (s8madsen@yahoo.com)

11 Sunday Adult Forum A weekly opportunity for spiritual growth with relevant and interesting topics.

12 Middle School Mentors This program pairs an adult member of the congregation with one of our middle school students. They all gather **once a month on Sundays** for group game time and one-on-one conversations. This program is such a blessing and a way for us all to share our faith.

16 Chancel Choir Open to any singer of high school age and up of any experience level. Rehearses on **Wednesdays** from 7:00-8:30PM, beginning on September 7. The choir sings a wide variety of music and sings most Sundays, September through May.

17 Handbell Choir Rehearse **Thursday afternoons** from 5:30-6:45PM, beginning September 8; ring in church about one Sunday each month. We're always looking for a few good ringers. No prior experience with bell ringing is necessary, although some basic music-reading ability is helpful. We'll teach you all the rest!

18 Altar Guild generally working in teams of two, is responsible for preparing for communion and cleaning up afterwards. The time commitment is minimal, about two out of every ten weeks, but the rewards are worth it. It may look like we're just preparing a meal, washing dishes, and doing laundry, but our service gives us the chance to be in a quite sanctuary with a perfect opportunity for a little reflection and prayer. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact Maria Derrick or the church office.

07 Men's Breakfast

Every Tuesday at 7 am at Bill's Cafe in Midtown. This is a casual time to catch up and support one another. New faces are always welcome and there is no need to RSVP. Feel free to drop in when you are able. It will enrich your experience of Sunday morning worship by deepen your relationships with other men in the congregation.

08 Quilters & Crafts Grace's quilters meet on **Wednesday mornings** from 10 - 11:30AM in Brown Hall. We are a busy, involved, talkative group, and often bring our own "show and tell" projects to share with each other. We have made blankets for Project Linus, book bags for Lutheran World Relief, twin-sized quilts for adolescents aging out of foster care, pillowcase dresses for Africa, and large quilts for special benefits (such as *Bright Stars of Bethlehem*) and special people. We use donated fabrics and purchase batting. Quilts for our students graduating from high school have been an ongoing project since the 1990s. We cut squares and design quilts and blankets at church, and cut more squares and sew at home. Please do stop by on a Wednesday morning. We'd love to have you!

09 Tuesday Meal Preparation Two crews of Grace members prepare and serve the Breaking Bread meal for the hungry on Tuesday afternoons at Grace. Rotation is once every five weeks. Contact Pastor Tuhina if you can help! (pastortuhina@gracepa.org)

10 God's work. Our hands. Join us for upcoming Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds work days. We are helping seniors and low-income families stay in their mobile homes—some of the last remaining affordable housing in the Silicon Valley—by helping with paint and maintenance so these families can stay in their communities. Projects are scheduled for Saturdays; the next one is on September 10. Please contact Bruce FitzGerald for more information.

13 Open Bible Study (Sunday texts). Every **Thursday morning** in the library conversation on the texts for the coming Sunday is lead by one of our pastoral staff. Drop in any time, as each session is stand alone. No experience is necessary . . . all are welcome!

14 Tuesday Meal Clean-up

As Christians worshipping in prosperous Silicon Valley, Grace members have ample opportunity to put their talents (time) to work in the service of others. Every Tuesday Grace hosts a weekly dinner for the hungry. Some of our fellow members arrive at 4:30 pm to prepare and serve dinner (see opportunity # 09). Other members arrive at 5:15 pm to wash dishes and clean up the kitchen. Neither activity requires great skill, only the willingness to serve others. Please consider volunteering. For more information and to sign up, contact Pastor Tuhina (pastortuhina@gracepa.org).

15 Library Open every Sunday morning, or available any other time that someone on campus can unlock the door. Check out is self-service. We also maintain a cart in the narthex with rotating material for checkout. Wednesday mornings are on-site work time for the library committee. We welcome volunteers, book/video reviews, and book/video suggestions. Contact Mary Ashley at 650-494-1829 or meashley@pacbell.net.

19 Worship Leaders Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Greeters, Congregation. So many ways to be an integral part of the worship experience!

20 Labyrinth Available 24/7, labyrinths are currently being used world-wide as a way to quiet the mind, recover a balance in life, encourage meditation, insight, self-reflection, stress reduction, and to discover innovation and celebration. There is no right way or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. Use the labyrinth in any way that meets what you need while being respectful of others. ■