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Deadline for *December* Grace Notes is Tuesday, November 12. Please email your news to Dawn - dstem@gracelc.org or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).

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Finding Peace on Earth

As we approach the Thanksgiving – Christmas Season, we begin to hear those greetings and songs that wish for “Peace on earth.” It is certainly a worthy goal to find peace on earth, yet we all know how elusive that goal has been throughout the generations.

Helen Englar, a member of Grace and a retired elementary school teacher tells a wonderful story about two boys who were reported to be fighting on the playground. Helen called the boys over to ask what happened. Each was eager to tell his side of the story. “One at a time; I will hear from you both,” she said. The first boy she called on spoke boldly, “he hit me back first!” Helen scratched her head and said to the boy, “Let me see if I heard you correctly. He hit you back first?” “Yes,” the boy answered, “if he would not have hit me back, there would not have been a fight.”

Isn't that a wonderful story? It expresses so well why peace on earth is difficult to come by. Most of us sincerely believe that we are on the side of peace and it's those other people who are causing the strife.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.” (Matthew 5:9) Jesus also said, “I have not come to bring peace but a sword...” (Matthew 10:34-39) But notice, Jesus doesn't stop there. He goes on to say that he has come to call us to follow him in the way of the cross where we give up our lives for the sake of others. Jesus isn't referring to a sword that will get rid of the enemy. Instead, Jesus' sword marks the division that comes when one gives one's life away for the sake of others. It isn't always a popular decision to live for the sake of others. In fact, it can stir up unhappiness in some of our closest relationships.

It seems to me that we will never accomplish “peace on earth” until we find peace in our own homes and communities and most especially until we find peace in our hearts. The peace that Jesus offers is a contentment that calms our anxieties and concerns in the midst of any and all circumstances. It isn't outward peace, but inward peace that we need to find first.

Then once we know peace in our own lives we will be eager to share that peace with others. Just a few verses after Jesus talks about bringing a sword, he says this, “...whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” (Matthew 10: 42)

I think when I was a child, like most people, the phrase, “peace on earth” immediately stirred up thoughts of places far away...places like Vietnam and South Africa. Now, when I think of “peace on earth” I also think of places much closer to home....the halls of Congress, the streets of Baltimore, and our own homes too often disrupted by violence and fear. It brings a new meaning to being a part of making “peace on earth” a reality.

Mother Teresa once said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten we belong to one another." I would add that peace begins by knowing that we belong to Christ. From there, we are set free to belong to one another.

As we approach the upcoming holidays, I pray that you will take time to allow Christ to firmly plant peace in your heart, no matter what your outward circumstances and challenges might be. I pray too that you will share the Peace of Christ with those around you.

Pastor Martha



Show Up

In the early 1980's Pastor Martha and I lived in the Beaver Valley, a highly industrialized region known as part of the rust belt. In the height of the American Industrial Revolution this region produced the steel that built our nation. During World War II, plants along the Ohio and Beaver Rivers created the landing boats that would bring troops to the shores of such places as Salerno, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Tarawa and Guadalcanal. The Beaver Valley was long a place of great industry and sacrificial ambition as men and women laid shoulder to the great American industrial engine that produced the resources for a growing nation and handsome financial rewards to those who went into the mills and plants that lined the rivers surrounding Pittsburgh. Then in the early 1980's this great industrial engine began to sputter and in breathtaking fashion the once giant mills that dominated the landscape went silent and soon wrecking balls would lay flat the cathedrals of industry leaving behind toxic wastelands and dying communities. In the horror of the mid-eighties we watched nearly 100,000 flee the region in search of jobs and a new life.

The congregations of every denomination in that time began to suffer greatly as members left the region. The once filled churches were emptied of all but the elderly, the weak and the few who were fortunate enough to have found employment. One of the greatest lessons learned during this time was that the remaining members discovered just how important they were to each other for mutual support and loving care of each other. In time of great social change members of the body of Christ coming together in prayer and worship became an important weekly event. One could reasonably argue that they personally didn't need to be in Church every week, but attendance was important for the sake of others. To see and be seen in the context of Christian Community is an extremely important ministry for the sake others. People would ask, what can I do to make a difference? The answer is pretty simple; show up.

In our current day I see some very similar tendencies as we see our world going through radical social change. Technology has changed the landscape of our lives as we lose ourselves tumbling into the small screens of our e-tablets, smartphones and laptops. Relationships are neglected; just go to a restaurant and watch people at a table each lost in their own digital world.

We have become a world that demands to be fully entertained in every moment of every day. We abandon communities and families in search of that which will hold our personal attention. I am reminded once again of the 100,000 who left the Beaver Valley, only now people are leaving each other by simply focusing in on those silly devices.

Churches throughout the world are suffering as people disconnect from community or at least disconnect from communities that don't meet their hunger for digital and electronic media stimulation. The handshake, the hug and the consolation of the generations has been bargained away for the hype and swag of the new and the inventive.

Is it true that we have given up being the body of Christ for the sake of the baubles of technology? Have we decided that it is easier to start over someplace else rather than find the ways of overcoming the wounds and indiscretions of the past? We abandon the old for the new, walking away from the incubators of our faith as if we have no obligation or need to assist with the past and future generations of faith.

The world is changing and truthfully more than ever we need each other. The generations of God's children need each other for insight, wisdom and support. Christ speaks through us all and when we walk away from each other we in essence mute the message of love and support. It is always tempting to declare that some other place better meets our needs. It is harder to accept that the old places of our faith indeed need us, because if we are needed then we have to take on the responsibility to serve and not merely be served.

The world is changing and in these changing times many find themselves lost, alone and shut off from the world. The Church, as the Body of Christ, is a place where we can break the shackles of isolation not only for ourselves but for those around us. How can we accomplish such things? Simple, the first step is in showing up.

Pastor Kevin



Heifer International

As of October 15, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,661.68.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

Thanks to all those who helped at the Fall Fest

by Sheila Law, Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee thanks all those who volunteered to help at our booth at the Fall Fest. We had a total of 14 people who helped on Saturday and Sunday that weekend. We greeted many people, gave them popcorn ("we hope you pop in to see us at Grace Lutheran"), and facilitated crafts with the children. It was lots of fun.



Carroll Hospice – Coping with the Holidays



**Helping the
Hurting**

Every November, Carroll Hospice makes available a special one-evening program for those who have lost loved ones during the past year. The program is called Coping with the Holidays and its purpose is to help those who are grieving to prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

The date for this year's program is Tuesday, November 19. The time is from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Avenue in Westminster.

There is no cost for this event but reservations are required. Please call Kathy Bare at 410-871-7231 or Jessica Roschen at 410-871-7656 if you would like more information or to register.

Women....Please join us for tea and fellowship....

Saturday, January 4 at 11:30 a.m.

at Gypsy's Tea Room

111 Stoner Avenue, Westminster

Cost per person: \$30.00

The female members and friends of Grace are invited to join in a Post-Christmas Celebration at Gypsy's Tea Room. We hope to fill as much of the tea room as possible!

The meal will include: Soup, salad, scones, fruit, sandwiches, and sweets...and of course a pot of the tea of your choice!!

This is a great opportunity to invite another woman who has been special to you. Girls in middle-school and older are welcome to attend with their moms. Husbands could give their wives this special event as a Christmas gift!!!

Reservations must be in no later than Wednesday, December 18. Checks should be given to Pastor Martha and made out to Grace Lutheran Church with the memo "Women's Tea."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Books & Brew



Young Adults age 21-35 are invited to join us **November 13, 2013** for our first Books and Brew meeting at Johansson's in Westminster! We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 for focused conversation and a drink. We will be spending the first 3 meetings going through the book of Galatians; focusing on Chapters 1&2 for our first meeting on November 13. If you would like to enjoy a meal beforehand you are welcome to come at 6pm [or order when you arrive at 7]! We are asking that everyone bring cash to cover their meal and plan on 25% to cover tip and tax. See you **Wednesday November 13** at Johansson's!

HORIZON MINISTRY: BOWLING

Middle school students...we are going bowling! **7pm November 22 at Greenmount Lanes in Hampstead!** Join us for a fun night of bowling and fellowship! We will meet in the Carroll Street Parking lot at 7pm and will be home by 9:30pm! The cost is \$12 which covers your shoe rental and two games! Please plan to bring money for the snack bar if you plan to purchase anything! More information will be mailed to you! Questions? Feel free to contact Miss Leanne!



Legacy High School: National Zoo



High school students...who wants to go to the Zoo?!?! **9am November 23, 2013** your dreams will come true! We are going to the National Zoo in Washington DC! More information such as cost, rsvp, transportation, etc will be mailed to you! Questions? Contact Leanne ☺

ADVENT GATHERING

Can you believe Advent is almost here?! We are very excited about the Advent Gathering this year! Jim Helm will have his saw running and this year you can paint fabulous ornaments. Social Ministry will have the Fair Trade Products set out for purchase, or you can put together a basket to be donated! The youth will be selling Cookie Jars [mason jars with the fixings to make cookies] as a kick-off fundraiser for the 2015 National Youth Gathering to Detroit! Kids will be able to put together advent bags in preparation for the season and there will be other activities for kids and families! There will be music, fellowship, and fun! And it would not be an Advent Gathering without the delicious Sloppy Joe prepared by the Fellowship Committee! Don't miss out! **3-6PM NOVEMBER 24, 2013!**



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



The Christmas Celebration will be held in the Sanctuary this year and will feature Festival, Chancel, and Luther Choirs, Akaloo Kids, Soloists, and Instrumentalists. This year the music will be performed in conjunction with a Sunday School drama, *A Night in Shining Darkness*, by Lynda Pujadó. Don't miss what will surely be an event to remember for years to come! The Christmas Celebration will be held on December 15 at 3pm.

If you have musical ability, a fine way to contribute to the life of our church would be to join one of our vocal or instrumental ensembles. Please consider being a part of the musical life at Grace!

Upcoming Extraordinary Musical Events:

- Sunday, November 3, at 11:15am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the All Saints' service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 24, at 11:15am – Children's Chorus of Carroll County will be performing at the Christ the King service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 1, at 10:00am – Luther Choir will be performing at the All Grace Advent 1 service in Grace Hall.
- Wednesday, December 4, at 10am – Fifth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 8, at 9:00am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the Advent 2 service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, December 15, at 3pm – Christmas Celebration with drama, vocal choirs and soloists, and instrumentalists. Held in Grace Hall in the past, this year the event will be held in the Sanctuary.
- Tuesday, December 24, at 4pm – Luther Choir will be performing at the Christmas Eve service in Grace Hall.
- Tuesday, December 24, at 8pm and 10:30pm – The Chancel and Agape Handbell Choirs, and soloists, will be performing at the Christmas Eve worship services in the Sanctuary.

WELCA

by Helen Englar

The WELCA will meet on Monday, November 25 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30pm. We will be preparing fruit plates and favors for church members who are shut-ins. These will be delivered by Sonshine Callers.

Seafarer's Boxes

We will also be packing boxes for the International Seafarer's Center at the Port of Baltimore. Some crew members earn less than \$1,000 a month, so these boxes make a big difference in their lives. Even those earning more are moved to know that others are thinking of them and praying for them. One officer commented that he still treasures a ditty bag with a sewing kit which he was given in a Christmas at Sea box thirty years ago!

If you'd like to contribute to this project, the following articles are needed:

- Toiletries (no unwrapped soap or toothbrushes)
- Warm hats, scarves (most of the seafarers are men)
- Warm socks and gloves (small men's)
- Pens and pads of paper
- Playing cards
- Postcards of Baltimore



Collection boxes will be in both Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for your convenience in early November. **Donations need to be turned in by Sunday, November 17.** We can also use some extra shoeboxes if you have any.

The Westminster Cluster will be having their meeting on Saturday, November 9 at Carroll Lutheran Village in Krug Chapel. The speaker will be Steve Hull from The Least of These Ministries speaking on the feeding project in Jamaica. Registration with continental breakfast will begin at 9:30 and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Legacy Circle of Grace The Gratitude of Nanabeth Rankin



In January of 2011 Grace Lutheran Church received a generous gift from someone who was not known within our present congregation: Nanabeth Rankin of Colfax, North Carolina. She described herself as a 90 year old widow of a Methodist minister living in a Presbyterian retirement community. A graduate of today's High Point University, Nanabeth has lived in North Carolina for most of her life. At first glance she does not seem to be a likely donor to our church.

Nanabeth explained that her ties to Grace Lutheran Church come from her early years. She was involved in music and drama as a young girl and teenager before leaving the area to attend college. Her parents continued to be active members through the 1950's.

It is remarkable that after the passage of more than 70 years this lady chose to remember and honor our church. Nanabeth closed her gift letter expressing her "feelings and love for Grace Lutheran" and her intention that the gift be used "in the best interest of the church and God's work."

We thank Nanabeth and others like her who have looked back, reflecting on the role that Grace Lutheran Church played in their lives, and who have taken steps to assist the church in shaping the lives of future generations.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of our "Legacy Circle of Grace." Brochures and cards are available in the upper gathering space and the bulletin racks in the lower gathering space. Feel free to speak with our Pastors, any member of the Legacy Circle of Grace Committee or any member of the church council for more information.

Our Legacy Circle of Grace Celebration dinner has been postponed until spring because many of our members could not attend due to prior commitments. We would love to have you join with us in the spring.

November Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar

Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive in Grace Hall on Monday, November 11 from 2-7:30p.m. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.





Save the Date!!

5th Annual Ted Dix and Friends
Christmas Organ Recital
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary



What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!
Invite all of your family and friends of all ages to this great event.
NOTE: This year a Soup and Salad Lunch will follow the Recital in Grace's Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken at the lunch.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends

Once again this year we participated in the Bosco's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. During this fundraiser we sold \$5.00 tickets which enabled you to receive a 25% discount on many items throughout the store on October 22. We were able to raise \$250 for the scholarship fund. Thank you for your continued support of our program!

School Pictures

Mr. Roger Brackney and his wife Joyce came to Little Friends on October 16 & 17 for individual and class pictures.

Dining Out

On our first dining out evening of the year we visited Belisimo's in Finksburg. In November we will be at Baugher's on the 14th and December we will dine at Chick-fil-A on the 10th. All funds raised will benefit the LFOG scholarship fund. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more evenings out. If you are unable to dine out, we always welcome donations to the scholarship fund.

Field Trips

The Pre-K four-year old classes have been very busy; on October 2 and 4 the classes toured Pleasant Valley Fire Station. Sergeant Benfer of the Westminster City Police Department visited the preschool on October 9, and on November 13 and 15 we will be traveling to Sharp's Farm to learn about Pilgrim History.

Class Parties

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with parties in the two and three-year old classes on November 21 and 22. We would like to thank our parents for providing delicious snacks for our parties. The Pre-K four-year old classes will celebrate with a Thanksgiving feast.

Conferences

Informal parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26. Childcare is provided for our parents. The preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation November 27-29.

Operation Christmas Child

by Craig Giles

Twenty years and 100 million boxes sent around the world so far!!

It's a great family project. Brochures are located in the lower gathering space as well as a box for extra items you would like to donate. Those items along with donated cardboard and plastic shoeboxes will be used by the confirmation classes at their "packing party" on November 17.

Gift suggestions are small toys like yo-yo's, jump ropes, balls, school supplies, compact clothing and hygiene items. Please no liquids, aerosol cans, soft candy that might melt, or toy guns/toy soldiers.

If you decide to do a box, it's great fun! Write a note and pray for the child who will receive it and include a picture perhaps. You can leave it in the lower gathering space on Sunday, November 17 and we will be sure to get it to the local collection center. For more information, pick up a brochure or go to www.samaritanaspurse.org.

Thank you for demonstrating the love of Jesus to hurting children in such a tangible way.



Financial Report for September, 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>September, 2013</u>	<u>January-September, 2013</u>
Income		
General Giving Income	\$ 55,142.14	\$473,393.45
Debt Reduction Income	12,600.00	106,969.50
Other Income	<u>23,424.37</u>	<u>164,850.40</u>
Total Income	\$ 91,166.51	\$745,213.35
Expenditures		
General Expenses	\$ 77,535.96	\$744,698.59 *1
Improvements/ Cap. Exp.	00.00	4,471.50 *2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	<u>141,976.08</u> *3
Total Expenses	\$ 93,311.08	\$891,146.17
Net Income/Loss	\$(2,144.57)	\$(145,932.82)



*1 General Expenses for the year 2013 were budgeted at \$1,120,917

*2 Capital Expenses for the year 2013 were budgeted at \$25,805

*3 Debt Reduction Expenses for the year 2013 were budgeted at \$189,301

Proceeds from the sale of the rental properties have been disbursed as follows: \$201,477.37 from the sale of 20 and 22 Carroll has been transferred to the mortgage principal. \$112,267.43 from the sale of 18 Carroll has been invested short term with \$50,000.00 of the amount allocated for the Sanctuary, and \$62,267.43 set aside to be used for any expenditures that may arise in the refinancing of the mortgage in November 2013. Any excess of the \$62,267.43 will go against the mortgage principal. Our Principal balance as of September 2013 is \$1,793,502.82.

As you can see, we have a deficit for the year thru Sept. 2013 of \$145,932.82. We need to make sure we continue our giving for the remainder of the year

Give, and it will be given to you.

In His service,

F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

Fall In-Gathering

by Carol Arbaugh

Each week of the year, Grace Lutheran serves over 200 free meals to our neighbors through the Table of Grace and Ardent Folk ministries. During November all members of Grace may contribute to our feeding ministries by donating the following items:

- Large cans of green beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, kidney beans, navy beans, tuna
- Iced tea mix, powdered creamer, regular coffee
- Chicken broth, instant mashed potatoes, mayonnaise, ranch salad dressing

Grocery store gift cards are appreciated and welcomed year round. Please call Carol Arbaugh (410-848-4776) for more information.



On Sunday, November 24, we will be packing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to families in our church and community. The following food items are needed:

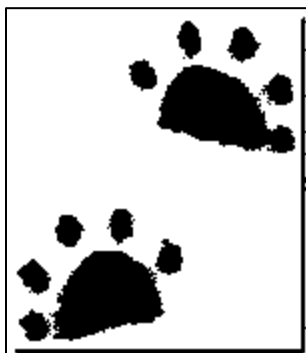
Small cans of gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, corn, applesauce, cranberry sauce and small boxes of stuffing mix.

The church will purchase turkeys, apples and potatoes to make a Thanksgiving meal.

If you would like to help pack and deliver the baskets, please come to the lower gathering space at 10:30.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Welcome to early fall everyone. I hope you enjoyed the little extra summer we had. I'm sure this mixed up weather altered plans for more than one creature in the surrounding pond and foliage. I saw a wooly bear caterpillar the other day inching along at a quick pace. He was wearing all black and no stripe on his brief but entire length. Some say that means a cold winter around here. Do you have any winter plans such as vacation or are you just gonna hunker down till spring, like me? I seem to go with the flow as there's nothing I can do about the weather, shelter or food supply. The weather is up to someone much greater than me; shelter for me is supplied by nature and food supply in winter means a tightening of the shell. Activity really slows down around here except for the occasional furry friend stopping be for a cooler than normal drink.

Here a news flash for you,

ELCA Malaria Campaign

As of September 20, 2013 the Delaware-Maryland Synod has given \$115,822.21 to the ELCA Malaria Campaign! Our goal is \$300,000. The campaign money is used to reduce the mortality rate in 12 countries in Africa. More than 1.7 million people have been helped so far.

Here's what I think....

You know how everyone wants to be on the winning team, whether it's a pick up baseball game, best quilt at the 4H entered by a group, a Raven / Steelers match up or even a presidential election? The problem here is, who do you think loses if the mosquitoes win? Is the answer a family, a neighbor, a country, or perhaps the world? Some would say of me, he's just another turtle, what does he know? Well first of all I'd reply, I'm a terrapin silly and then second, I'd remind them why I arrived at Grace Lutheran Church. I came here to thank all of you for your support in the past and to remind each of you 'it isn't over, till it's over'.

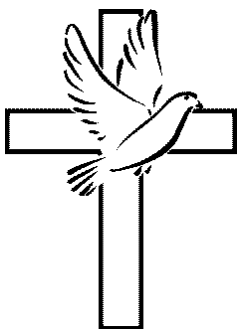
You can and do have the opportunity to continue your support either by online donations or giving through Grace and marking in the memo line of your check "ELCA Malaria Campaign."

Eat a mosquito or two and save a life!

Peace,

Timmy

Personal Notes



Baptized into the Body of Christ:

10/5/13 – Anthony Charles Dix, son of Tandy "Ted" and Gretchen Dix

In Memoriam:

We would like to express our condolences to the following families who lost a loved one recently:

Family of Marian F. Eusini (mother of Marian Shipley) – October 6, 2013

Family of Lester Evans (husband of Patsy Evans) – October 15, 2013

Family of Donna Kay Cook (mother of Ron Wentz) – October 17, 2013

Family of Elle Vilgats (mother of Aime Pringle) – October 21, 2013

Family of Conrad Pringle (brother of Jeff Pringle) – October 21, 2013

Cathedral Crossroads Program

by Sharon Glass

The Adult Education Committee of Grace Lutheran Church is planning another Advent pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC to attend the Cathedral Crossroads program on Tuesday, November 26. Cathedral Crossroads are evenings of contemplative practice on the last Tuesday of each month; they are free and open to the public.

Currently, we plan to depart by carpool at 2 pm. Please indicate if you are able and willing to drive, or if you will need a ride. We leave in time to visit the Cathedral Museum Shop, eat a bag meal (bring your own) together, and join the program which begins at 6pm with Centering Prayer. The special program for November is entitled "Sacred Circle Dancing." The evening is yours to structure as you wish. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes; the Cathedral is accessible to the lower level by elevator. Additional detailed information for the drive to the Cathedral will be provided once you have registered. There may be a minimal fee of \$5 to cover gas and parking. For more information, and the evening's schedule, visit the link listed here.

<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/crossroads.shtml>

If you would like to register for the Cathedral Crossroads program, please email Dawn Stem at dstem@gracelc.org with the following information. You may also provide your information on the RCR card at worship:

Please provide your name, your email address, your phone (best number to reach you/leave a message). Please also indicate the following:

- ☐ I can drive my van/car. (Please indicate how many individuals you can carry in your vehicle.)
- ☐ I will be a rider, and am happy to pay a minimal fee to go towards mileage and parking reimbursement.
(Please bring cash on November 26.)

Quiet Evenings Program

by Sharon Glass

WHAT: "Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice" Seasonal Offerings

WHEN: Friday, December 6, 2013, 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland

WHO: Quiet Evenings are for anyone who wants to step away from the busyness of their life and be present with God.

WHY: To listen and respond authentically to God's calling in your life away from life's distractions and interruptions.

When was the last time you allowed yourself even a moment of quiet? Our days are filled with the busyness of life, running here and there to appointments, events, games, and just "doing" in general. We hope you'll join this quiet, praying community as we give ourselves permission to let go of our responsibilities for a few hours, step outside the busyness of life and be present with God in the moment, and listen and respond authentically to God's calling on our spiritual journey.

While there is no fee, there will be a basket for a free-will offering. Other Quiet Evenings will be held on these Fridays-- March 7 and June 6, 2014.

Another Scholarship Thank You Letter



Dear Grace Lutheran Scholarship Committee:

I would like to thank you for choosing me as one of the candidates for your scholarship. I feel very honored! I will be using the money towards my tuition at McDaniel College. Thank you again, and I hope to see you all soon.

*God bless,
BreAnna Strevig*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
to be held on Sunday, December 1, 2013,
following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westminster, Maryland will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2013, following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service, in Grace Hall at the church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Maryland.



The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Election of new members of the Congregation Council
2. Annual Report of the Treasurer
3. Adoption of the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets of the Congregation for 2014
4. Election of the Congregation's voting members of the Synod Assembly for 2014; and
5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.



MASTERWORKS CHORALE OF CARROLL COUNTY

presents

FALL CONCERT 2013

Music from the British Isles

featuring

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten and *In Windsor Forest* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

MARGARET BOUDREAUX, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TED DIX, ORGAN

WIND ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013, 3:00 PM

BAKER MEMORIAL CHAPEL, MCDANIEL COLLEGE

WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance)

(All students with ID and children admitted free at door)

Tickets will be available **ONLINE** at www.MasterworksofCC.org,
at the **DOOR**, from **CHORALE MEMBERS** and at the **CARROLL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**

November Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 6:00 pm Time and Talent Show Rehearsal (GH)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Time and Talent Show (GH, UGS)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 10:15 am New Member Class (104)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Pack 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (LGS)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Happy Destiny AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013**

9:00 am Westminster Conference Listening Post (GH, FH, T, UGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 10:15 am New Member Class (104)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 5:00 pm Food & Faith Diners (FH)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (112)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Happy Destiny AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 5:00 pm Confirmation Retreat @ Mar-Lu-Ridge
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 10:15 am New Member Class (104)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 12:15 pm Confirmation Servant Event (FH, T)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
 Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
 (MR) Music Room (L) Library

November Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Pack 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (LGS)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Happy Destiny AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 7:00 pm Horizon Ministry: Bowling @ Greenmount Lanes
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2013

9:00 am First Communion Class (FH)
 9:00 am Legacy High School: National Zoo Excursion
 10:30 am Christmas Celebration Rehearsal (S, FH, L)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Stop Hunger Now Event (FH, T)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
 Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
 (MR) Music Room (L) Library

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 10:15 am New Member Class (104)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 3:00 pm Advent Gathering (FH, GH, T, UGS)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 2:00 pm Cathedral Crossroads (National Cathedral)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY –****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)
 7:30 pm Happy Destiny AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2013

9:00 am First Communion Class (FH, L)
 10:30 am Christmas Celebration Rehearsal (S, FH, L)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27
 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

*Begin your Thanksgiving celebration by giving
 thanks to God who provides everything we need.*



November Worship Leaders & Assistants

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2013

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner, **Reader:** Sharon Glass

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Donna Kent, Karyn Baust, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Jan Mickey

Ushers: Brian Sherfey, Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox, Randy Bachtel

11:15 am – Florence Tucker

Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button

NOVEMBER 9-10, 2013

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Kathy Rehak

Communion Assistants: Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Haley Hoff, Leanne Elliott, Chad Plendl

Ushers: Don Ludwig, Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges

11:15 am – Rich Schuster, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2013

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Sue Roach, Janet Bowersox

Ushers: Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

11:15 am – Christian Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

NOVEMBER 23-24, 2013

5:00 pm – Kay Betz, **Reader:** Elissa Streaker

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Murph Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Erin Sherlock

Ushers: Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor, John Yarish, Randy Bachtel

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1, 2013 – ALL GRACE – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

10:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Beth Clementson, Karen Ganjon, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Leanne Elliott

Ushers: John Yarish, Don Ludwig, Charlie Beckhardt, Gary Ganjon



NOVEMBER

SANCTUARY
Cyndy Beckhardt

GRACE HALL –
Nancy Suder

November Birthdays

November 1

Dietz, Megan

November 2Baocchi, Tony
Spreitzer, Jocelyn**November 3**Hoff, Georgia
Rehak, Matthew
Weishaar, Kendall**November 4**

Thomas, Carrie

November 5

Rath, Theresa

November 6Bonner, Christine
Dorsey, Natalie
Holmes, Linda
Smith, Diane**November 7**Bachtel, Nathan
Casper, Kate
Ellis El, Marvin
Taylor, Nancy
Ulsch, Joyce**November 8**Morelock, Sheryl
Rice, Grace
Ryan, Bill
Taylor, Thomas**November 9**Ellis El, Erika
Rogge, Fred
Vengroski, Aaron**November 11**Alvarez, Stephanie
Hoff, Samuel
Nightingale, Charles**November 12**Hegg, Laurie
Wilton, Craig**November 13**Gladden, Dalton
Myers, James
Smith, Eric**November 14**Marley, Leslie
Melville, Jake
Scocco, Ryan**November 15**Barnes, Zachary
Clatterbuck, Jared
Lowell, Justin**November 16**Albaugh, Tom
Hoff, David
Reitz, Isabelle**November 17**Babylon, Caroline
Cimbalista, Claire
Hoffman, David
Muse, Lorraine
Sackin, Lindsay**November 18**Fairchild, Adam
Johns, Jane
Seipp, Judy**November 19**Dorsey, Melanie
Seipp, Alex**November 20**Cimbalista, Sharon
DeKett, Chuck
Nixon, Chad
Roth, Kurt
Schreyer, MacKenzie
Visocsky, Curtis**November 21**Harris, Greg
Martin, Paul
McCulloch, Meg**November 22**Anderson, Amy
Harris, Kim
Helt, Shane
Holmes, Phillip
Schoenberger, Glenn**November 23**Buscemi, Sharon
Gray, Sullivan
Ross, John**November 24**Bowersox, Steven
Peltier, Benjamin**November 25**Anderson, Benjamin
Klein, Jill
Law, Sheila
Tobery, Irene**November 26**

Brocato, Caroline

November 27Arbaugh, Carol
Bowersox, Vickie
Everett, Elaine**November 28**Lockard, David
Rath, Drake
Roth, Marla
Staub, Jacob**November 29**Cox, Tiffany
Hodges, Don**November 30**Bauman, Carol Ann
Gist, Melanie
Pigeon, Remmy
Selby, Mari

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 16

This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with beautiful poinsettias. Helping to decorate the worship areas with flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one this holiday season.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each X _____ = \$ _____

My gift to Carroll Food Sunday \$ _____

Checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**

TOTAL \$ _____

(Please return order form and check to church office)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will pick up flower(s) **AFTER** Christmas Eve services: ____ 6:00 in GH ____ 10:30 in Sanctuary

____ On Christmas Day ____ Later in the week **OR** ____ Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name _____

Phone _____

Please remember in your prayers...

Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email dstem@gracelc.org.



Those who are serving our country: Marshall Brown, Lt. Ryan Chaney, PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Steve Haines, Nathan Karlson, Jeff Kelly, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Ben Weber, Joel Whitson, and for all those unnamed individuals serving in our military, especially in war-zone areas

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Helen Corbett, George Evans, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry, Dorothy Utz

Continuing Prayers: Brenda and Tom, Theresa, Cody, Caroline + McKenzie, Charles Adams, Gina Barnes, Gladys Bauerline, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Will Bowman, Mike Button, Gordon Caples, Tori Chandler, Lou Chappell, Janet Clingan, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Ken Gist, Barbara Gordon, Becky Gottschalk, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Grace Jones, Mandy Kent, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Dail Pease, Ron Wentz, Michael Williams, Jessica Young

Seminarists: Beth Clementson, Laura Heller

Global Ministry Partners: Barbara Robertson and Annie Bunio, ELCA Missionaries in Tanzania and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

Also please pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.

NOTE: *If you or someone you know is going into the hospital please call the church office as soon as possible.*



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