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# GRACE NOTES

The monthly newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church  
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**December, 2013**

## Advent – Christmas 2013



Advent Gathering

**Congregational Advent Gathering – Sunday, November 24 3:00-6:00 PM**

Activities for children and adults of all ages. Crafts, music, fair-trade products and much, much more!! Light dinner is offered.

**All Grace Worship and Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 1**

10:00 All Grace Worship Service celebrates the First Sunday of Advent

Congregational Meeting follows immediately after worship.

(Saturday 5:00 Worship Service also will take place.)

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert by Ted Dix – Wednesday, December 4 10:00 AM**

Soup and Salad Lunch follows immediately. Concert is free; lunch is a free will offering.



**Grace Boomers Christmas Party – Saturday, December 7 7:00 PM**

This year's party is hosted by Cathy and Harry Barnes. It is open to all adults.

Please bring a side or dessert to share. RSVP needed.

**Christmas Celebration – Sunday, December 15 3:00 PM**

*"A Night in Shining Darkness"* includes music and drama and features Festival, Chancel and Luther Choirs, Akaloo kids, Soloists and Instrumentalists. A reception will follow.



**Christmas Eve Worship Services – Tuesday, December 24**

**12:00 Noon, 8:00 PM** (Candle light), **10:30 PM** (Candle light) – in the Sanctuary

**4:00 PM** (Especially for children), **6:00 PM** (Candle light) – in Grace Hall

**Readings and Carols – Saturday, December 28 – 5:00 pm**

**Readings and Carols – Sunday, December 29 – 8:30 & 10:30 AM**

All Grace Services in the Sanctuary

**Congregational Fellowship Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:30 am** Lower Gathering Space

Members, Friends, and Guests of Grace Lutheran are invited to share in all of these events. Details about each event can be found in the Weekly Announcements, *Grace Notes*, and at [www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org).

**Christmas Greetings  
from the Pastors and Staff of  
Grace Lutheran Church**



**May the peace of Christ transform  
our hearts and our world.**

## **Report of the Co-Senior Pastors**

The Reverend Kevin C. Clementson  
The Reverend Martha W. Clementson

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great  
a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside  
every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race  
that is set before us (Hebrews 12: 1)**

The year 2013 has been a time during which the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church have continued to faithfully serve our Lord. Each week our community of faith has gathered around word and sacrament, feeding us with the life-giving food of God, and then sending us out into the world to be Christ's witnesses by serving the needs of our neighbors and sharing the good news that God's love in Jesus overcomes all evil. We give thanks for the members of this congregation who partner with us serving Christ through the ministries of Grace as well as in a great variety of places in our daily lives.

### **Worship, Teaching, and Fellowship**

These three areas of ministry happen almost daily! We give thanks for the dynamic worship services offered in a variety of worship styles. All of our services are grounded in word and sacrament and seek to give worshippers the "fuel" needed to enable us to serve Christ in the world. When we think about worship at Grace during 2013, two highlights come to mind. The dramas and music shared at the Mid-week Lenten Worship Services was especially outstanding. We give thanks for Ted Dix and Karen Ganjon who coordinated those efforts. We give thanks for the many, many people who participated. The services were well attended and received with gratitude by those who participated.

During June and July, we attempted to do something different by focusing our preaching on the topic, "The Means of Grace." The two weekends that included sitting at round tables for worship provided a different perspective and gave us an opportunity to think about Christian worship and fellowship from a different light. While a few people complained or refused to participate, the vast majority of people joined in with a great spirit and found the services to be very meaningful. We delight in serving a congregation of people who are willing to take the risk to do something different every once in a while!

We teach through regularly scheduled classes, by writing monthly newsletter articles and through frequent conversations with people who are searching for information and spiritual guidance. Fellowship happens every time we gather as people of God! We give thanks for the host of volunteers who lead meals, youth events, servant events, and many, many other opportunities for Christian fellowship here at Grace.

### **Financial Support for Ministry**

Throughout the year, several important steps were taken toward stabilizing the financial base for our ministry. The houses on Carroll Street were sold. The loan was refinanced. The Growth for Ministry campaign was initiated. These steps are intended to be the base from which our congregation can better fund the many ministries to which we feel called to carry out. We can assure you that the staff and committees are very careful with spending. We need to see increased giving in order to meet our current obligations and have the opportunity to continue to grow our ministries. This can no longer be an area where we think that "someone else will do it." Each and every person/family who cares about Grace needs to participate in addressing our financial needs.

### Outreach

Serving our local community is a hallmark of this congregation. We are grateful for the many, many volunteers who live out their vocational calling by interacting with our neighbors who are in need of physical, emotional and spiritual care. For the meals that are served, the donations of material goods, the support for local agencies such as Shepherd's Staff and the Cold Weather Shelter, we give thanks.

We'd like to give special thanks to Pat Goldberg who has been a tremendous leader here at Grace as well as in our community. Most of us know Pat from her work with Ardent Folk, but she is also the citizen chairperson of the Circle of Caring, a community group that brings non-profit and governmental agencies together to address the needs of homeless and marginalized people. Pat and her husband, Moses, have announced that they will be moving in the summer of 2014. We will miss Pat very much. We thank her for the outstanding ministry while living in Westminster.

### Pastoral Care

As we have written to you before, the expectations and demands on our time is great. In today's context, there are many ways in which pastors must be involved with the congregation, the community, and individuals. Providing faithful pastoral care to our elderly and shut-ins has been an ongoing concern for us. We do our very best, but we know that isn't providing the kind of coverage that we would like to see.

We are happy to have Don Myers and Craig Giles join us as Pastoral Care Associates. Both of these men bring special gifts and training to this position. Their visits will be an extension of the pastoral office, letting people know that they are not forgotten by our faith community. We will partner with Don and Craig to better meet the needs of our elderly members. In addition to these two men, we give thanks for all those who serve as Stephen Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sonshine Callers. Together we bring the comfort and peace of Christ to those who are in need.

### Connection to the Wider Church

When we were called by Grace, we were encouraged to strengthen the ties between our community of faith and the wider church. One of the ways we do that is by our own service to the church beyond the congregation. This year, Pastor Kevin was elected Dean of the Westminster Conference, which includes all of the Lutheran congregations of Carroll County. The dean presides over the monthly meeting of the pastors, serves as liaison between the conference and the bishop, helps in certain congregational situations when requested by the bishop, and serves on the Carroll Lutheran Village Board of Directors. Pastor Kevin also serves as a mentor to pastors and lay rostered persons who are in their first three years of ministry. Pastor Martha serves on the Delaware-Maryland Synod Candidacy Committee and is going onto the Board of Carroll Lutheran School.

### Looking to the Future

Grace's mission statement is this: **Gifted with God's grace, redeemed by God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with God, one another, and community. Through word and sacrament, we gather to worship, learn, and go into the world empowered to serve.**

We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, setting the example of lively faith in Jesus. Now it is our turn to be good stewards and witness to the kingdom of God. In the coming year, we look forward to continuing opportunities to build relationships with God and our community. Please join us in serving Christ by caring for our neighbors, helping people to see God at work in our world, and proclaiming the good news that in Jesus there is forgiveness and new life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha Clementson  
Co-Senior Pastors

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**Deadline for *January***

**Grace Notes is Tuesday, December 10. Please email your news to Dawn Stem – [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org) or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

**GRACE NOTES IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. CHECK IT OUT!**

**[HTTP://GRACELC.ORG/NEWS/GRACE-NOTES/](http://gracelc.org/news/grace-notes/)**

**All Saints Sunday Recognition**

On All Saints Sunday we remembered in prayer members of our congregation who died during the past year as well as those who by baptism became members of the kingdom of God here at Grace.

The following individuals were called from our community of faith to their eternal home: Shirley Reiter, Sharon Lee Brubaker, Charles "Poe" Myers, Sr., Ruth McGinnis-Ensor, Wilda Miller, Elizabeth Fritz, Dale Boyles, Sr., Louise Myers, Adolf Daumant, Franklin Deardorff, Brenda Haines, Virginia Sparrow, Lois Crawford, Janet Harrison, Lillian Schaeffer, Anna Spittel, Joseph McKinney, Betsy Falkenstein, Caroline Byers, Les Null, Lucille Frebertshauser, Marcia Ford, Phyllis Guerra, Mary Ruth Mason, Lester Evans, and Donna Cook.

The following individuals were baptized into the promise of God's ever-present care: Ella Simpkins, Rose Duncan, Krista Jenkins, Michael Lawlor, Theresa Harrod, Adelle Beazley, Jullian Smith, Liliana Gosaguio, Landon Seabolt, Anthony Dix, Cadence Meador, Sierra DeGreif, and Jacob DeGreif.

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**Christmas Celebration  
Sunday, December 15 at 3:00**

Plan now to attend Grace's Christmas Celebration. This year, music and drama will be combined as choirs and Sunday School students join together to share the Christmas message anew. *A Night in Shining Darkness* will inspire you and encourage you as you prepare



your heart to greet Jesus' birth in your life once again. The program will be held in the Sanctuary and will be followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. It is an opportunity for all ages to join together in giving thanks for the greatest gift that we've ever received!!!



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**Women of the ELCA**

by Helen Englar

The WELCA of Grace will join the Brown Bag Bible Study at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 11 for a Christmas meeting at Carroll Lutheran Village. Please bring a lunch and something to drink. If you need transportation, call Helen Englar at 410-848-3874.





## **December 28 & 29**

### **Readings and Carols for Christmas**

This year, there will be three opportunities to join in a service of Readings and Carols for Christmas. All Services will be held in the Sanctuary. Both services on Sunday will be a blending of contemporary and traditional music. **Please note unusual times!**

Saturday, December 28 Worship with Readings and Carols at 5:00 in the Sanctuary.

Food and Fellowship will follow at 6:00 in the Lower Gathering Space.

Sunday, December 29 Worship with Readings and Carols at 8:30 and 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

Cookies and Fellowship begins at 9:30 in the Lower Gathering Space.



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### **Sonshine Callers Are Looking for New Volunteers**

Could you spare just two hours a month to bring joy and happiness to an elderly person in the name of Jesus?

Sonshine Callers volunteer to relate to a shut-in member of our congregation. The goal of Sonshine Callers is to touch base with your shut-in once a month through a personal visit or phone call. At Thanksgiving, the Women of the ELCA make gifts and Sonshine Callers are asked to deliver them. Likewise, at Christmas and Easter, the Sonshine Callers deliver a poinsettia or a lily to the person to whom they relate.

Joyce Hertsch is the new Coordinator of Sonshine Callers. We have a number of people who are waiting to receive Sonshine Callers. If you can help with this important ministry, please contact Joyce at [hertsch4@comcast.net](mailto:hertsch4@comcast.net) or 410-371-5387 or contact Pastor Martha.

Many of the older people who are now shut-ins were active leaders of this congregation. We don't want them to be forgotten in the midst of a busy world. Do you have just a few hours a month in which you could share the joy of Christ with another faithful Christian?

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### **Women's Tea**

#### **January 4, 2014**

The Holiday Celebration won't be over this year for the Women of Grace until we've gotten together for TEA!!! Please join other women of Grace Lutheran on Saturday, January 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Gypsy's Tea Room (111 Stoner Ave., Westminster) for a relaxing time of fellowship and food. The cost is \$30 per person.



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

We hope to have a wonderful intergenerational event. Girls in middle school and older are welcome to attend with their moms or friends. Perhaps there is another member or friend of Grace you'd like to invite to come with you! What a great way to reach out to others.

We hope to fill the entire tea room with Grace!!!! (That's 60 people!) Reservations already are coming in. Don't wait.....send in your reservation today!!

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."

## Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix

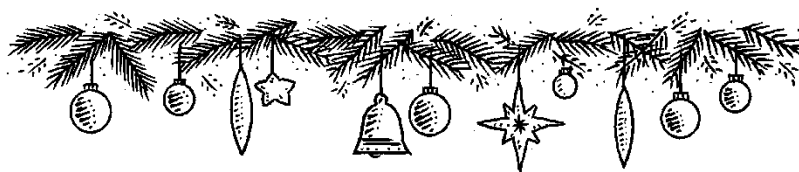
*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*

A Merry Christmas to all of you from all the directors and choir members of  
Grace Lutheran Church Music Ministry!

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.

### Upcoming Extraordinary Musical Events:

- 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.



### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary**



Concert is followed by Soup and Salad Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

A free will offering will be received.

What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott



That's right! We are going back to Hershey Park Christmas Candylane & Sweet Lights on **DECEMBER 21** because we had such a good time last year! This is an event for **ALL YOUTH 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!** And as always friends are welcome! The cost is **\$20** and you will want to bring money for food and spending money! We will be leaving the Carroll Street Parking Lot at **12noon!** We should be home no later than 9pm but we will call parents when we are leaving the park! Much of it will depend on how long lines are for rides, etc., and how long it takes us to eat dinner/drive through Sweet Lights! Please RSVP to Leanne [we will not be doing a sign-up sheet in class as money is due to reserve your spot] by **DECEMBER 5 [NO LATE ADDITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED-WE ARE PRE PURCHASING TICKETS]!**



**JANUARY 24-26, 2014** is the Delaware Maryland Synod's High School Retreat at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City Maryland! We had a great time last year and I am very excited for this year! The theme is Soul Food and this is a great opportunity to meet new people and have a great time at the beach in January! The cost is **\$185/person and your \$100/person deposit and registration form is due to Leanne by DECEMBER 8!** Forms can be found in Legacy or on the church website [www.gracelc.org] under downloadable resources.

### Books & Brew

Young Adults age 21-35 are invited to join us **December 11, 2013** at Johansson's in Westminster for our last Books and Brew meeting of 2013! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 for focused conversation and a drink. We have been studying the book of Galatians and our last meeting will focus on Chapters 5&6. 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 December 11** at Johansson's! We will resume meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in January!



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### Heifer International

As of November 18, 2013,  
the balance of the  
Heifer International Fund is \$2,733.13.





## **Little Friends of Grace Preschool News**

by Anita Erb, Director

### **Dining out**

Please join Little Friends of Grace on December 10 from 6:00am-10:00pm at Chick-fil-A for a Dining Out Fundraiser. Chick-fil-A will donate a portion of the LFOG sales that evening to the scholarship fund. We hope you can join us. If you are unable to attend, we welcome any donation to the scholarship fund.



### **Christmas Parties**

All of our classes will be celebrating the Christmas season with songs and parties afterward. Our Christmas programs and parties will be held December 12 and 13 along with December 17 – 20. Our two-year olds will be singing and celebrating in Legacy while the three-year old and pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting the Sanctuary for their programs.

### **Campbell's Labels**

Little Friends of Grace is collecting Campbell's soup labels as well as labels from other participating products such as Prego, Bic, Post and Pepperidge Farm to name a few. Collection boxes are located in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces. We are able to redeem the labels for various items such as playground balls, CD players, cameras and other classroom needs. We appreciate your help in collecting the labels.

### **Community Service**

As a community service project, we collected foods during the month of November for Carroll Food Sunday. Our first week was Italian foods followed by breakfast foods, fruit and ending with vegetables and soup. The first week we collected over 71 pounds of food! We also will be collecting mittens and hats for Shepherd's Staff. We would like to thank all the families who contributed to this cause.

### **Christmas Vacation**

Little Friends of Grace will be closed from December 23 through January 1. School will reopen on January 2.

### **2014/2015 Registration**

We will begin registration for the 2014/2015 school year on January 2, 2014. The first two weeks registration will be open to returning students and their siblings. On January 13 we will begin registering students of families in the Grace Lutheran congregation. Registration will be open to the public on January 20. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Anita Erb at 410-848-7020.

### **Family Fun Night and Silent Auction**

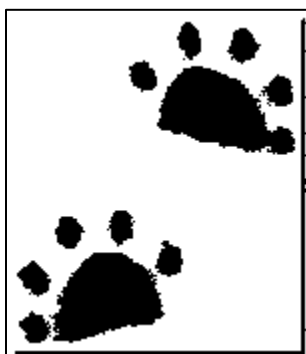
Our annual Family Fun Night will be held on February 28. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the auction, please call or email Anita in the preschool office. You may reach her at 410-848-7020 ext. 113 or [aerb@gracelc.org](mailto:aerb@gracelc.org).

**We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
We appreciate all the support we have been given by the  
congregation of Grace Lutheran Church ☺**





**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



### Timmy's Corner

Greetings from the pond,

By now most of your Thanksgiving Feast is either eaten or frozen for a later time. Some of you are still wondering how you ate so much including that second helping of dessert too. Be proud of yourself, not everyone can eat that much at one setting. I prefer to eat some now, rest a while and eat again. Pacing myself is more comfortable and there is less stress on the shell.

A lot of folks, by now, have started some sort of shopping for the Christmas season fast approaching. A sparkly new gift for that one and something warm, but different than last year, for another one. Does your gift list continue to grow or did you handle that problem some time ago? How about re-gifting, do you participate? I understand the purpose behind giving gifts and believe it is a warm and touching thing to do. It really makes me wonder why anyone needs all that STUFF? If something is worn out and being replaced, go for it by all means. Is it a new-fangled gadget they can't live without? Those advertisers really earn their incomes making us believe someone we know just has to have it. (The same there applies to us too; we also have to have it you know.)

I overheard two adults talking to their children about a new plan for this year. We're buying gifts for people we don't even know and just sharing some of what we have with others that don't have much. Have you seen anyone that could use a sweater or pants or gloves? Why not re-gift to someone in need or have Shepherd's Staff do it for you? Wait a minute; I'm on a roll now. You would not have to wrap it, worry about a size or gender for that matter either. Just give them your unwanted gifts of clothing, slightly worn things ... and they'll do the rest.

If you'd like to make some unusual gifts this year, why not give something to Heifer International? You can give the gift of something small like chicks, ducks or geese for as little as \$20.00 or go in with someone else and get rabbits or a lamb or even a goat. You can make the gift in someone's name and give them a card saying what was given in their honor. One additional suggestion would be either Lutheran Disaster Relief or Lutheran World Relief. LDR has already given one million dollars and LWR has sent a second crew to lead and assist in the Pacific Typhoon Response.

Whatever you do, don't forget what the gifting is all about. Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year,

Thank you,

*Timmy*

### Personal Notes

#### Baptized into the Body of Christ:

10/27/13 – Jacob and Sierra DeGrief, children of Kevin and Andrea DeGrief

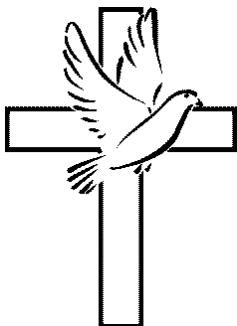
11/17/13 – Jacob Huffman, son of Norman and Lara Huffman

#### In Memoriam:

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

Family of Fletcher Arnold, Sr. (brother-in-law of Barbara Serghini) – November 2, 2013

Family of Mandy Kent – November 15, 2013



## Grace Boomers Annual 2013 Christmas Party

**Cathy and Harry** would like to cordially invite all adult members to attend the Annual Grace Boomers Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 7, 2013 (there will be no snowdate) at 7 P.M.

We have been blessed with many friends from Grace and would like to open the opportunity for **any adults of any age group** at Grace Lutheran Church to attend and make new friends on a more intimate basis as we have done in years past. This event is a great way to start off the holiday season and put you in a festive mood.

Invite someone to come with you that you have recently met at Grace so we can meet them as well. It is our goal this year to again make this the largest attended holiday event in the history of Grace Lutheran Church. There will be plenty of room for all!

**Cathy and Harry Barnes are hosting this year.**  
**4213 Buffalo Road, Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771**

Please RSVP by signing an RCR card at worship or by calling  
 Cathy Barnes 410-875-4219.

Please note: bring a side dish or dessert. Thank you.



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## 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 more present with God.

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

Give yourself the gift of quiet this Advent season and join us as we step outside the busyness of life to be present with God in the moment, to listen and respond authentically to God's calling on our spiritual journey.

Along with Centering Prayer to begin the evening in the Sanctuary, there will also be space to walk the labyrinth in Grace Hall, accompanied by "live" Native American flute.

Ample time is set aside for quiet reflection/prayer/meditation and journaling, and there will be a brief service of prayer to close our evening of quiet.

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.



## December Calendar of Events

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

7:30 am Fair Trade Product Sale (LGS)  
 9:00 am New Members Breakfast (FH, T)  
 10:00 am All Grace Worship (GH)  
 11:15 am Annual Congregational Meeting (GH)  
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)  
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 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, DECEMBER 3, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)  
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (107)  
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)  
 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

10:00 am Ted Dix's Annual Organ Concert (S)  
 11:00 am Soup & Salad Luncheon (FH)  
 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)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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 Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013

9:00 am First Communion Classes (FH, L)  
 10:30 am Christmas Celebration Rehearsal (S, FH, L)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 7:00 pm Boomers Christmas Party (Barnes' Home)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 Holiday Gathering (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

#### **GRACE NOTES ARTICLES DUE TODAY**

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

12:00 pm WELCA/Brown Bag Bible Study Christmas Meeting (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, DECEMBER 12, 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 Finance Committee Meeting (112)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
 7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)  
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013

9:00 am Altar Guild Meeting (FH)  
 3:00 pm Christmas Celebration Rehearsal (S)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

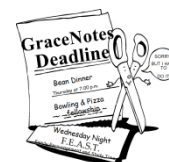
### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
 3:00 pm Christmas Celebration – *A Night in Shining Darkness* (S)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 Church Council Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

(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



## December Calendar of Events (continued)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON – STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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, DECEMBER 19, 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 Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2013

9:00 am Red Cross CPR/PRO for the Professional (108)  
12:00 pm Candyland @ Hershey Park  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
10:15 am Christian Education Hour  
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
12:15 pm Church Decorating (S, GH)  
2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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, DECEMBER 24, 2013

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
12:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)  
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – especially for Children (GH)  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (GH)  
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (S)  
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (S)



### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2013

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship with Readings and Carols (S)  
6:00 pm Food and Fellowship following Worship (LGS)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Readings & Carols (S)  
9:30 am Cookies and Fellowship following Worship (LGS)  
10:30 am Traditional Worship with Readings & Carols (S)  
2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)



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### December

**SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL –**  
Cyndy Beckhardt and  
Brenda Lightner



(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall  
(T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper  
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## December Worship Leaders & Assistants

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

**5:00 pm** – Laura Heller

**10:00 am (ALL GRACE)** – Ron Fairchild

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

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

### DECEMBER 7-8, 2013

**5:00 pm** – Lisa Turner, **Reader:** Laura Miller

**7:45 am** – Karen Ganjon, **Reader:** Al Doermann

**9:00 am** – Adam Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Sandra Harrison, Stacey Tanzey, Rich Chaney

**Ushers:** Linwood Van Horn, Bill Comegna, Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox

**11:15 am** – Kara Schuster

### DECEMBER 14-15, 2013

**5:00 pm** – Yvonne Aasen

**7:45 am** – Pat Goldberg

**9:00 am** – Pete Tabatsko

**Communion Assistants:** Bill Comegna, Alyson Guerra, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Craig Giles

**Ushers:** Jamie Krichinsky, Michele Krichinsky, John Yarish, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 am** – Cosette Schneider

### DECEMBER 21-22, 2013

**5:00 pm** – Bob Lichtfuss

**7:45 am** – Leonard Cherry

**9:00 am** – Joette Campanello

**Communion Assistants:** Greg Hare, Doris Hare, Sheila Law, Al Law, Mark Tanzey

**Ushers:** Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes, Tammy Lowman, Chuck Lowman

**11:15 am** – Charlie Beckhardt

### DECEMBER 24, 2013 – CHRISTMAS EVE

*Worship Leaders to be announced.*

### DECEMBER 28-29, 2013 – ALL GRACE – READINGS & CAROLS

**5:00 pm** – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

**8:30 am (in SANCTUARY)** – Laura Heller

**8:30 am Communion Assistant:** Ron Fairchild

**8:30 am Ushers:** Richard Liebno, Ted Deardorff, Sharon Deardorff, Linwood Van Horn

**10:30 am (in SANCTUARY)** – Pete Tabatsko

**10:30 am Communion Assistant:** Rich Schuster

**10:30 am Ushers:** Glen Bair, Gary Ganjon, Ron Wentz, Rick Tschiegg



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## Poinsettia Orders

Members and Friends are invited to order poinsettias to adorn our worship spaces on Christmas Eve. The cost is \$10 per plant. Order forms are available in the Weekly Announcements and at our website ([www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org)). **Deadline for ordering is December 16.**

***FLOWER DONORS ... Please take flowers after the last worship service in each particular worship space (6:00 pm in Grace Hall and 10:30 pm in the Sanctuary). Flowers may be picked up in the Kemper Avenue doorway beginning on Thursday, December 26.***

## December Birthdays

**December 1**

Duncan, Joshua  
Gist, Eileen  
Zayed, Johanna

**December 2**

Bitzel, Jack  
Bowersox, Barbara  
Grigg, Liam  
Hazen, Yvonne  
Lewis, Kevin  
Pigeon, Raiden  
Schreyer, Nathaniel  
Sexton, Katelyn  
Shiple, Michael

**December 3**

Bair, Ruth  
Baumgardner, John  
Visocsky, Levi

**December 4**

Steinbrenner, Cate  
Weishaar, Emma Jane  
Zielske, Amanda  
Zielske, Greg

**December 5**

Border, Emma  
Rosendahl, Grant

**December 6**

Liebno, Grace  
Garrett, Nancy

**December 7**

Holler, Janet  
Huffman, Noell  
Patten, Carol  
Tanzey, Jillian  
Widerman, Hellen

**December 8**

Denton, Paul  
Rice, Zachary  
Romanowski, Nicholas  
Swartz, Nicole

**December 9**

Allen, Stephanie  
Capece, Doreen  
DeKett, Lisa  
Fairchild, Ron  
Waltz, Norman

**December 11**

Allred, Kim  
Waldrop, Bonnie  
Winterstein, Charles

**December 12**

Glennon, Grace  
Hoppe, Jessica  
Smith, Joel

**December 13**

Fino, Heather  
Schaeffer, Hannah  
Schreyer, Andrea

**December 14**

Boyles, Helen  
Miller, Carlye  
Schuster, Lisa

**December 15**

Engle, Debbie  
Guerra, Alyson  
Janke, Mendy

**December 16**

Baumgardner, Pat  
Null, Donald  
Ordway, Eric

**December 17**

Arbaugh, Kristin  
Roth, Madeline  
Trotta, Paul

**December 18**

Fogle, Dan  
Hollinger, Joan

**December 19**

Spreitzer, Bob

**December 21**

Bish, Betty  
Kirby, Sam  
Roberts, Linda  
Stauffer, Dana  
Wildesen, Carol Ann

**December 22**

Cherry, Leonard  
Harbaugh, Travis  
Harbaugh, Cory  
Pasek, Barbara

**December 23**

Schneider, Cosette  
Weller, Darleen

**December 25**

Goetz, Rodney  
King, Kevin  
Lichtfuss, Ellen  
Wetzel, Judy

**December 26**

Blomster, Erik  
Carr, Joey

**December 27**

Chaney, Janice  
Frieze, Zachary  
Fullerton, Sarah  
Reaver, Thelma  
Strevig, Brooklyn

**December 28**

Fordi, Heidi  
Hirt, Matt

**December 29**

Casper, Kathleen  
Frazier, Benjamin  
Gillispie, Matthew  
Hazen, Randy  
Lentzner, Kurt  
Staub, Dwayne  
Strevig, Brianna

**December 30**

Darby, Wendy  
Jenkins, Colin  
Weidman, Rose

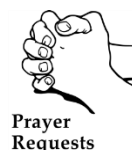
**December 31**

Burnett, Jessica  
Ridder, Herbert  
Schilling, Eleanor  
Schneider, Mark  
Swartzbaugh, Jaymee  
Velez, Tara  
Warehime, Bonnie  
Zavandro, Eva



***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](mailto: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:** Charles Adams, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Janet Clingan, Devan Curet, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Patsy Evans, Cecelia Eyler, Ken Gist, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Philip Kirk, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Dail Pease, Barbara Serghini and The Arnold Family, Karen Stoner, Michael Williams, Jessica Young

**Seminarians:** 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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