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GRACE NOTES

The monthly newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
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December, 2015

Advent – Christmas 2015

7th Annual Christmas Concert by Ted Dix – Wednesday, December 2 10:00 AM
Soup and Salad Lunch follows immediately. Concert is free; lunch is a free will offering.



All Grace Worship and Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 6
10:00 AM All Grace Worship Service; Congregational Meeting follows immediately after worship.
(Saturday 5:00 Worship Service also will take place.)

Quiet Worship: Overcoming the World's Expectation in December – Sunday, December 6
Labyrinth Open 5:45 – 6:30 and 7:15 – 8:00 PM Quiet Worship **6:30 PM**

Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, December 13 9:00 AM Service – Grace Hall
“The Wonder” is the story of the birth of our Savior told through the eyes of the Innkeeper and her son Benjamin. This will be part of our worship service.

Christmas Caroling – Sunday, December 13 12:30 PM
Confirmation Students, Mentors and Families invite you to join in bringing Christmas cheer to people who can't get out for the holiday. All are welcome!



Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 20 11:15 AM Service – Sanctuary
“Night of Wonder” will be presented by the Festival and Luther Choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, and narrators as they come together in heralding the Christmas Season.



Christmas Eve Worship Services – Thursday, 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 & Carols for Christmas – All Grace Service
Saturday, December 26 5:00 PM (Followed by Fellowship Meal)
Sunday, December 27 10:00 AM

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 and at www.gracelc.org.

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Deadline for *January*

Grace Notes is Tuesday, December 8. Please email your news to Dawn Stem – 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: Millie Markle, Dorothy LaRue Long, Edward Beck, Fred Rogge, Marie Daumant, Gertrude Hirt, James Myers, Mike Button, Charles Stem, Bertha Black, Ronald Weisgerber, Sylvia Haines, Bonnie Downing, Daisy Leppo, Betty Geiman, George Robinson, Hellen Widerman, Jim Handley, Richard Bollinger, and Elaine Everett.

The following individuals were baptized into the promise of God's ever-present care: Zachary Baiocchi, Nora Walsh, Brayden Guerra, Elizabeth Deisterhoft, Landon Fletcher, Emri Grace Fletcher, Regginette Whitson, Martin Whitson, Lisa Davis, and Celina Davis.

Quiet Night Worship December 6 6:30PM

This year, we are offering a new kind of worship opportunity. It will be offered periodically during the year. "Quiet Night Worship" will be a structured worship service, but it will be different from other worship experiences that we offer here at Grace. "Quiet Night Worship" will include music, prayer, Scripture readings, healing liturgies, reflections, and occasional silence. Each time there will be a theme appropriate to the season of the year. Dress is casual. The length of the worship service will be about 45 minutes and will take place in the Sanctuary.

On December 6, the theme of our first Quiet Worship will be "Overcoming the World's Expectations in December." While the holidays are meant to be a happy time of year, the reality is that it is often a very stressful time of year. It is at this time of year when family life is revealed as fragile and less than perfect! It is at this time of year that we most miss our loved ones who are no longer with us. So often the holidays fall short of our hopes and expectations. And so, where do we find our hope and our meaning as the party swirls on around us?

We have a wonderful leadership team for the first "Quiet Night Worship". It will be led by Pastor Martha with Ted Dix playing the organ and Ed Poling playing the flute. Songs will be led by Laura Miller. Kathy Bare and Don Myers will be the Assisting Ministers.

In addition to the structured worship time, you are invited to walk the labyrinth or pray at prayer stations in Grace Hall. The labyrinth and prayer stations will be available before the worship service from 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. and after the worship service from 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. Ed Poling will be playing the flute during this time. In the midst of a crazy, noisy, busy world, these opportunities for quietness and contemplation can be few and far between. So, come early or stay after the service for an even richer experience.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
to be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015,
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 6, 2015, 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 2016
4. Election of the Congregation's voting members of the Synod Assembly for 2016; and
5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Nominees for the 2016 Congregation Council



Kari Ebeling

Kari has strong Lutheran roots having grown up in southern Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota. Kari has spent the last 20 years of her career making a difference in the non-profit community where she is committed to helping others achieve their goals. She has served as Director of Resource Development for The arc of Howard County, and Director of Special Event and Support through Sports and the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults and currently is the Special Events Manager at Howard Community College. Kari is active in the community and serves on the Howard County Police Foundation Board of Directors, Howard County General Hospital's Quality, Safety & Service committee of the Board of Trustees, Women's National Committee for USA Triathlon and Grace's Personnel Committee. She has 3 grown children, Mitchel, Elizabeth and Emma and lives with her husband, Tom Meachum, in Westminster. Kari is excited to join the Council at Grace and is looking forward to forwarding the church's mission.

Arthur Pease



I have been a Lutheran all my life. Before coming to Grace ELC 14 years ago, my wife, Carol Ann, and I had been members of St. Peters ELC in Fullerton. I was co-chair of the Fellowship Committee and had served on their council. I joined the Grace staff seven years ago as the Facilities and IT Manager and with your support we improved and maintained the complex and brought the IT (computer stuff) functionality up to date. Pastor Martha seeing we had no Fellowship Committee asked me to help her start one and we've done a pretty fair job at it thus far. I'm still co-chair of Fellowship and have joined the Worship and Music Committee. I retired from Grace in April of this year. It was hard to leave something you love and not be part of it anymore. After some thought, I'd like to put my hat in the ring now for Church Council. My other working years were spent as a corporate Facilities Manager after leaving IT as a Technical Systems Programmer and Senior Operations Specialist. Arthur is thankful for your consideration.

Nominees to Serve as Voting Members to the 2016 Synod Assembly

Youth/Young Adult: Kara Schuster

Voting Members: Leanne Elliott, Rich Schuster, Arthur Pease, Beth Clementson, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Ron Fairchild, Rachel Fairchild, Laura Heller, Michelle Krichinsky, and Jan Mickey

How to Help Others Who Are Grieving



There are many myths about grief – false beliefs that only add to the worries of those who experience losses and make them hurt even more. One of those myths is that grief proceeds through very predictable and orderly stages. In this course we'll discuss how the phases of grief are unpredictable and vary widely among different people and their circumstances

Beginning January 14, 2016, a five-session course on "How to Help Others Who Are Grieving" will be offered at Grace Lutheran Church*. This course will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. During these classes, participants will learn about the phases and process of grief, and how to provide comfort and care for those who have experienced a loss. The course will be taught by Don Myers, one of our pastoral care associates and a student at Gettysburg Seminary.

To register for this course, please call the church office at 410-848-7020, or email info@gracelc.org. This class can still accommodate eight more people.

*This same course will be held at Carroll Lutheran Village beginning on Tuesday, January 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Property Report for November 2015

by Charles Crown, Facilities and IT Director

There will be two major projects going on during November and December.

1. The attic ventilation system is being installed in the attic of the Sanctuary. This work was part of the major renovation that we did last year. It consists of removing the three small windows at the peaks of the sanctuary roof and installing metal louvers that will allow airflow inside. There are also two large circulating fans in the wall above the roof of the upper Gathering Space that are being replaced as well. This work is necessary to provide the proper airflow that is needed with the new insulation in the attic.
2. The oil tank under the front flowerbed in front of the sanctuary will be closed in place. Since converting our boiler from oil to natural gas, state laws and environmental regulations require us to have it professionally cleaned, tested and closed. The tank will be closed in place rather than removed to help cut down on the cost and risk.
3. A major roof leak above the elevator shaft and glass door entrance to Grace Hall was repaired. This leak has been plaguing us for several years and with the help of a professional roofer, it was finally found and repaired.
4. Numerous cleaning and decorating projects will be going on over the next few weeks.
5. Some minor electrical work and repair was done to the outside parking lot lights. This includes the lights in the Carroll Street parking lot, the lights on the exterior of the Fellowship Hall above the windows and the lights on the rear canopy at the rear entrance. This provides extra security and safety as these areas are now lit for anyone who uses these areas at night.

Heifer International

As of November 16, 2015,
the balance of the
Heifer International Fund is \$3,456,556.



Thank You Note

Dear Grace Congregation,

My name is Tyler Snyder and I had the opportunity to attend Kalos this past summer due to the kindness and support of our church. Having this opportunity to attend this motivational weekend truly allowed me to open my heart to God and continue to grow in my faith. I had the opportunity to meet many people my age that are also navigating their way through high school while holding onto the belief of keeping Jesus first. Thank you to everyone who supported me by sending cards and letters, they were delivered to me at the most perfect time in which they lifted my spirits in knowing how the people in our congregation care for one another. This was a weekend I will never forget and it has allowed me to become stronger in my faith.

Sincerely grateful, Tyler Snyder

Card of Thanks

The family of Elaine Sharkey Everett would like to give special thanks to Pastors Kevin and Martha and Ted Dix for the beautiful funeral service. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the entire funeral luncheon committee for the delicious meal. And lastly, thank you everyone for your loving prayers for Elaine and our entire family.

Sincerely, John Everett and Family

Personal Notes



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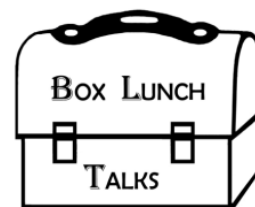
10/25/15 – Lisa Ann Davis (wife of Rodney Davis and mother of Celina Rose Davis)

10/25/15 – Celina Rose Davis (daughter of Rodney and Lisa Davis)

Historical Society Box Lunches

The Historical Society of Carroll County (www.hsccmd.org) holds monthly Box Lunch Talks (BLT) for the community to attend. These talks are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church in Grace Hall at 12 Noon. (The information below is taken directly from the Historical Society's information brochure.)

The December topic will be *Tales of the Western Maryland Railroad*. On May 27, 1852, the Maryland General Assembly granted a charter to the Baltimore, Carroll & Frederick Rail Road to build a line from Baltimore northwest to Westminster and on to Hagerstown. The name of the enterprise was soon changed to Western Maryland Rail Road. Bob Parks examines the line that cut across the heart of Carroll County and the society that preserves the line's legacy.



Participating is inexpensive and easy! Parking is free on the Carroll Street parking lot. **Please enter the building through Entrance #2 (double glass doors) on Carroll Street.** Attendees are asked to bring their lunch and enjoy a small selection of beverages and dessert. Admission is \$5 for Historical Society members and \$10 for non-members.



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

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!

Greetings from the Music Room!



On Wednesday, December 2 at 10:00am, the Seventh Annual Christmas Organ Recital by Ted Dix and Friends will be held in the Sanctuary. Come join us for what has become a yearly tradition at Grace!

On Sunday, December 20 at 11:15am, the Festival and Luther Choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, and narrators will present the Christmas cantata, *Night of Wonder*, by Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht in the Sanctuary. This has become an outstanding way for folks of all ages to come together in heralding the Christmas season!



The remaining Festival Choir rehearsal schedule is as follows. All rehearsals are held in the Music Room unless otherwise noted.

- Thursday, December 3 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, December 10 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, December 17 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Saturday, December 19 – Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 10:00am
- Sunday, December 20 – Christmas cantata in the Sanctuary at 11:15am with a warm-up call at 10:30am.



Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Wednesday, December 2 at 10:00am – Sixth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 6 at 10:00am – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the All Grace worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, December 20 at 11:15am – Christmas Cantata with narrators, vocal choirs and soloists, and instrumentalists at the worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday, December 24 at 4:00pm – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship service in Grace Hall.
- Thursday, December 24 at 8:00pm and 10:30pm – The Chancel and Agape Handbell Choirs and soloists will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship services in the Sanctuary.

Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!



The Wonder

Our Sunday School students have been working very hard on our annual Christmas Program. This year we will present "The Wonder" during the 9am service on Sunday December 13. We hope that you will join us for worship and watch the story of the birth of our Savior unfold as told through the eyes of the Innkeeper and her son Benjamin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott



Wait What???

It's the high schoolers turn to learn about Jesus' parables! All students 9-12 grade are encouraged to attend RoadTrip (counterpart to FreeRide)! This is a retreat hosted by the Delaware-Maryland Synod each January in Ocean City, MD! We stay at the Clarion Resort Hotel and YES we take a trip to the boardwalk/beach! RoadTrip is **January 22-24, 2016!** The cost is \$190/person (LYOers are \$100/person). Forms have been sent home to you but can also be found on the Grace website under downloadable resources! If you plan to attend please submit your Registration Form ("DE-MD Synod Youth Event Registration Form") and \$100 deposit (\$60 payment for LYO) to Leanne by **December 6, 2015!**

TECT Christmas Party!!!

TECT students...don't miss our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday December 16 from 7-8:30! There will be games, snacks, and a gift exchange...BUT it won't just be any old gift exchange...this year your gift must incorporate the color red somehow! Everyone is asked to bring cookies or other dessert items to share and we will provide the drinks!



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 14

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)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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/Given By (as shown in dedications) _____

Phone _____

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Dining out

Please join Little Friends of Grace on December 11 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 from December 17 through December 22. Our two-year olds will be singing and celebrating in Fellowship Hall while the three-year old and pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting the sanctuary for their programs and Grace Hall or Fellowship Hall for their parties.

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 195 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 3. School will reopen on January 4.

2016/2017 Registration

We will begin registration for the 2016/2017 school year on January 4. The first two weeks registration will be open to returning students and their siblings. On January 18 we will begin registering students of families in the Grace Lutheran congregation. Registration will be open to the public on January 25. 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 26. 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.

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☺



December Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (107)
7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

10:00 am Ted Dix's Annual Organ Concert (S)
11:00 am Soup & Salad Luncheon (FH)
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Gathering (Various)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
7:00 pm Grace Boomers Christmas Party (Barnes' Home)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015 – ALL GRACE WORSHIP

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
9:00 am New Members Breakfast (FH)
10:00 am All Grace Worship Service (GH)
11:15 am Annual Meeting immediately after worship (GH)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
6:30 pm Quiet Worship (GH, S, LGS)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

GRACE NOTES ARTICLES DUE TODAY

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
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)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

8:30 am American Red Cross Basic Life Support Class
9:30 am "The Wonder" Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal (S)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
9:00 am Christmas Program & Praise Worship (GH)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
12:30 pm Christmas Caroling (FH)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 Christmas Party (FH, T)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

2:00 pm WELCA Christmas Tea (CLV)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Gathering – Christmas Party (Various)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
7:45 pm Festival Choir 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

December Calendar of Events (continued)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015

10:00 am Christmas Cantata Rehearsal (S)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

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 (various)
11:15 am Christmas Cantata & Traditional Worship (S)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON – STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2015

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
6:00 pm Christmas Decorating (GH, S)
7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING 12 NOON

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)
7:30 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (S)
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Carols/Candle Lighting (S)

****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2015**

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY –

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

10:00 All Grace Worship with Readings & Carols:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:30 pm Troop 393 (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



December Worship Leaders & Assistants

DECEMBER 5-6, 2015 – ALL GRACE – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

5:00 pm – Yvonne Aasen
10:00 am (ALL GRACE) – Erika Tobin
Communion Assistants: Jan Mickey, Craig Giles,
Pastor David Bare, Beth Clementson, Leanne Elliott
Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Randy Bachtel, Gary Ganjon,
Charles Beckhardt
Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button

DECEMBER 12-13, 2015

5:00 pm – Laura Miller
7:45 am – Caroline Babylon
9:00 am – Kathy Rehak
Communion Assistants: Rich Chaney, Stacie Dowling,
Amelia Dowling, Dena Hodges, Sharon Glass
Ushers: Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes, Jillian Tanzey,
Mark Tanzey
11:15 am – Kara Schuster
Acolyte – 11:15 am – Emma Border

DECEMBER 19-20, 2015

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss
7:45 am – Dena Hodges
9:00 am – Adam Fairchild
Communion Assistants: Don Myers, Karen Baust,
Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Tyler Snyder
Ushers: Ron Fairchild, Theresa Harrod, Michelle Harrod, Katelynn
Casper, Kathleen Casper
11:15 am – Karen Ganjon
Acolyte – 11:15 am – Jessica Sachs

DECEMBER 24, 2015 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Leaders to be announced.

DECEMBER 26-27, 2015 – ALL GRACE – READINGS & CAROLS

5:00 pm – Rich Schuster
10:00 am – Greg Hare
Communion Assistant: Rich Schuster
Acolyte: Sean Burk
Bible bearer: Kayla Sherfey
Torch bearers: Dustin & Lainey Oddis

December Altar Guild

Cyndy Beckhardt and
Sharon Deardorff

December Birthdays

December 1

Diehl, Amy
Duncan, Joshua
Gist, Eileen
Gressieux, Noel
Miller, Laura
Zayed, Johanna

December 2

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

December 3

Bair, Ruth
Baumgardner, John
Visocsky, Levi
Weber, Ashley

December 4

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

December 5

Border, Emma
Lawlor, Benjamin
Rice, Robert
Rosendahl, Grant

December 6

Hadden, Kristin
Liebno, Grace

December 7

Garrett, Nancy
Holler, Janet
Huffman, Noell
Patten, Carol
Tanzey, Jillian

December 8

Rice, Zachary
Romanowski, Nicholas

December 9

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

December 11

Allred, Kim
Dennis, Linda
Waldrop, Bonnie
Winterstein, Charles

December 12

Glennon, Grace
Hoppe, Jessica
Smith, Joel

December 13

Fino, Heather
Schaeffer, Hannah
Schreyer, Andrea



December 18

Fogle, Danny
Hollinger, Joan
Walsh, Nora
Weihs, Matthew

December 19

Spreitzer, Bob

December 21

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

December 22

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

December 23

Schneider, Cosette

December 25

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

December 26

Blomster, Erik
Buttner, Bonnie
Carr, Joey
Miller, Robert
Wilton, Carly

December 27

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

December 28

Fordi, Heidi
Hirt, Matt
Weihs, David

December 29

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

December 30

Darby, Wendy
Jenkins, Colin
Weidman, Rose

December 31

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

Merry Christmas

from the pastors and staff of

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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, Captain Ryan Chaney, PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Steve Haines, Nathan Karlson, Ben Keefer, Jeff Kelly, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Joel Whitson, and for all those unnamed individuals serving in our military, especially in war-zone areas

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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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