



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27, 2016

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm – Saturday in the **Sanctuary**

7:45 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

9:00 am – Sunday in **Grace Hall**

11:15 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

10:15 Education Hour

*** Nursery is available for children 3 and under during the Education Hour in Room 100.*

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

9:00 a.m. – We welcome to the Lord's Family by the waters of Holy Baptism,
Helena Ulani Moore, daughter of John Moore and Lori Bowen.
Her sponsors are Joel Whitson, Regginette Whitson and Sarah Whitson.

Quiet Worship – Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas

While the world identifies Christmas as a time of joy, parties, and lights, for many people it is a time of darkness, loneliness, or at least frustration. For Christians, this time of year can bring hope and peace no matter what our circumstances may be at the present time. Join us for Quiet Worship to prepare your heart to receive the best of what the coming season offers, our Lord Jesus. Whether you need a pause before the whirlwind begins or hope for the days ahead, you will find this worship opportunity to be meaningful. Please join us.

Quiet worship will include live music by harp, flute, organ and vocal. There will be opportunity for prayer and a blessing for healing. The service is led by Pastor Martha, Pastor Kevin, and Stephen Leaders, Pete Tabatsko and Kathy Bare. Laura Miller serves as Cantor. Musicians are Ted Dix (organist), Ed Poling (flutist) and Diane Younkings (harpist).

The Labyrinth will be open in Grace Hall from 4:00 - 6:30 and from 7:15 - 8:00. Harp and flute will be playing as well. So, stop by Grace Hall to walk the Labyrinth or come and sit in the quiet space to recenter your heart and mind.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
to be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016,
following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service



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 2017
4. Election of the Congregation's voting members of the Synod Assembly for 2017; and
5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Nominees for the 2017 Congregation Council

Nominees for a second term: Richard Chaney, Donald Meyers, Patt Patterson Jones, Jan Mickey

Nominees for election to a first term: Robin Hoff-Skrtic, Ginger Myers

Robin Hoff-Skrtic

Robin attended Grace as a child. In 1985, she left the area to pursue a career in Information Technology. Robin returned to the area in 2014 to be closer to her family. She currently works as a remote employee for HUMANA supporting one of their claims processing systems. She has 2 grown children. Her son, Steven, lives in Herndon, Virginia and her daughter, Suzannah, lives in Chicago, Illinois. Before moving back to Westminster, Robin was active in her church, Faith Lutheran, in Rochester, New York. She taught Sunday school for many years, participated in and sometimes lead a women's Bible Study group, was an offering counter, and even was an usher for a while. Here at Grace, she's been able to participate in the CWS (Cold Weather Shelter) and will be teaching Sunday school in the spring. Robin is happy to be back and looks forward to playing a more active role in the Church.

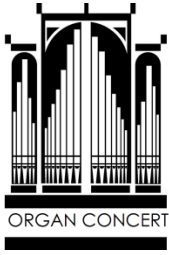
Ginger Myers

Ginger S. Myers is the Director of the Maryland Rural Enterprise Development Center and Extension Marketing Specialist, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Maryland Extension. She currently works with rural entrepreneurs and new and beginning farmers, helps to develop new markets and networking opportunities, and assists with business development and business planning. She also publishes several newsletters, maintains both a rural business development and a marketing website, and is a regular contributor to the agricultural press. She and her husband also operate a grass-based diversified livestock farm in Carroll County, Maryland and markets all their products through direct marketing channels. As a life-long Lutheran, she has serviced on Church Council, Stewardship, Finance, and Call Committees, was active in the Music Ministry, and served as a Stephen's Minister.

2017 Nominees for Voting Members and Alternates
Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly

Youth/Young Adult: Kara Schuster

Voting Members and Alternates: Arthur Pease, Rich Schuster, Sharon Glass,
Taylor Glass Button, Rachel Fairchild, Ron Fairchild, Jan Mickey, Sue Bachtel,
Laura Heller, Leanne Elliott, Craig Giles



8th Annual Ted Dix and Friends

**Christmas Organ Recital &
Soup and Salad Lunch**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016
10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary**



What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!
Invite your family and friends of all ages to this great event.

NOTE: A free will offering will be taken at the lunch to help cover costs.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this inspirational event.

Little Friends of Grace Drop & Shop



The holiday season is arriving quickly. Do you need a few hours to finish those last minute items or maybe just get a start on your holiday preparations! Little Friends of Grace will be having a Drop & Shop fundraiser on Wednesday, November 30 from 12:00-3:00 and Saturday, December 3 from 9:30-12:30. For three hours your child/children will be supervised by LFOG staff while you have some time to yourself. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each child thereafter. Please contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext.113 if you have any questions.

Grace Boomers Christmas Party

Cathy and Harry Barnes will host the Grace Boomers Christmas Party once again this year. This is an opportunity for adults to gather together for an evening of fun and relaxation as we prepare for the holidays. Each person/couple is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The date is Saturday, December 3. The time is 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by using the RCR card or by calling Cathy at 410-875-4291.



Grace Christmas Caroling



You are invited to join our confirmation students, families and mentor for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 11 at 1:00. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome for an afternoon of bringing Christmas joy to others!!!!

Cookies are Needed for December 11

Can you help provide cookies for Sunday, December 11? We will be having a reception to celebrate the children of our congregation immediately following the 9:00 Worship Service. It will be held in the Upper Gathering Space. Our 9:00 Worship Service that morning will include the Children's Christmas Program. If you can help by providing a batch of cookies (3 dozen or so), please sign the RCR card.



"Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online"

Parents, as well as middle school and high school students are invited to a very important program sponsored by Carroll Lutheran School. Vincent DeVivo, Community Outreach Specialist from the US Attorney's Office will offer a multimedia presentation providing information to keep children and young people safe on the internet. Topics include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting and internet predators. The program provides prevent and intervention strategies and internet safety resources.

It will be held at Carroll Lutheran School on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. Parents with children of all ages are urged to attend. Middle and High School students are invited. Children below 6th grade should NOT attend.

Leanne Elliott and Mandy Gilbert have heard Mr. DeVivo's presentation and highly recommend attending. If you have questions, please feel free to contact them. It will be an evening well spent!

Faith Talk for Women – November 30

Faith Talk for Women



We will meet this Wednesday, November 30 at Johansson's Restaurant beginning at 5:30 for dinner and fellowship. From 7:00 - 8:00, Pastor Martha will lead us in discussion of our preparations for the holidays and share ideas for finding spiritual depth in the midst of the secular traditions. We still have room, so please feel free to join us even if you didn't have a chance to sign up!

"Mandy's Story"

Dr. Hermine Saunders, Mandy Kent's aunt, has written and published the story of Mandy's short but powerful life. Many of us here at Grace were impacted by Mandy's love and spirit in spite of physical limitations. The book is not being sold for profit. To receive a copy of the book, you are asked to make a meaningful contribution to the Scholarship Fund of Carroll Lutheran School in Mandy's memory. If you'd like to receive a book, please see Stacie Dowling. Checks should be made to Carroll Lutheran School.

RoadTrip 2017: Global Grace

It's time to start getting ready for RoadTrip 2017 the Synod's High School youth gathering in Ocean City! This year the theme is Global Grace where we will explore God's love beyond our cozy living rooms. 9th through 12th grade students are invited to join several hundred of their Lutheran friends from around the area **January 20-22**. The cost is **\$195/person** and scholarships are available. To register you must fill out the synod registration form (sent home with the flyer or can be found on the website) and turn in your \$100 deposit by **Sunday December 4**.



Sunday School Teachers

We are looking for additional help with our 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School class as well as the 5th & 6th grade class from January-May. If you are interested in being part of a teaching pair (you will be paired with a teacher already in place) please let Stacie Dowling, Carrie Oddis, or Leanne Elliott know. If you do not feel ready to be a teacher but would like to begin to get involved in Sunday School we are always looking to add substitutes to our list-if interested please let one of us know!

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK



Preacher: Pastor Martha Clementson

December Altar Guild: Cyndy Beckhardt & Sharon Deardorff (S, GH)

SERVING THIS WEEK – November 26 & 27:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease, **(7:45)** Dena Hodges,

(9:00) Beth Roegner, **(11:15)** Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Dena Hodges, Jan Mickey, Stacie Dowling, Murph Murphy, Jo Murphy

Ushers: (9:00) Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Theresa Harrod, Michelle Harrod

Element Bearers: (9:00) Caitlin Plendl & Emma Riley

SERVING NEXT WEEK – December 3 & 4

(All Grace Worship):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Laura Heller,

Reader: Meg McCulloch

(10:00 – All Grace) Bob Lichtfuss

Communion Assistants: (10:00) Beth Roegner, Leanne Elliott, Ron Fairchild, Charlie Beckhardt, Carrie Oddis

Ushers: (10:00) Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Bill Comegna

Element Bearer: (10:00) Caitlin Plendl

The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and to give thanks for His many blessings by Dick and Linda Humbert.

The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given by Ed and Becky Leister in honor and in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary and prayers for healing of Donna and Richard Kent.

**November 14—November 20, 2016: (Bible Conversations) 10
(5:00) 25 (7:45) 21 (9:00) 187 (11:15) 169 (TOTAL) 412**



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, Chris St. Germain, Steve Haines, Christopher Hutchins, Nathan Karlson, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Joel Whitson, Lieutenant Tyler B. Yingling and all those individuals serving in our military

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Middtun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ruth Senseney, Barbara Serghini, Eleanore Spears, Ellen Terry and Charlotte Waltz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Kelly Allen, Irene Bailey, The Bellgrau Family, Sherry Blaze, Jerry Bowers, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Peter Boyce, Kyle Bruchey, Kevin Campbell, Seria Carter & Family, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorien Cole, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Bill and Marion Fourhman, Lynn Grim & Family, Stephen Michael Grimes, Dick Haines, Gordon Jenkins, Tommy Joy, Philip Kirk, Jeff Landy, Gio & Patricia Liquefatto, Sandy and Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Richard Mason, Rose Ann Meinecke, Laurie O'Banion, Dail Pease, Brandon Philips, Linda Pixton & The Pixton Family, Charlie & Carol Plunkert, Rita Petry, Sandy Reilly, Kriss Russell, Andrew Schaber, The St. Cross Family, Lee & Sharon Strine, Tiffany Stoddard, Charlie Walkling, Teresa Walkling, Cade Wineke, Michael Williams, and Jessica Young

Seminarians: Nancy Brody and Beth Roegner

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, 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.*

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, November 27

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
10:15 am Christmas Program Rehearsal (GH)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

Monday, November 28

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, November 29

12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
4:15 pm Children's Chorus
Rehearsal (FH, T, MR)
7:00 pm Adult Education Committee (Parlor)
7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107)
7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

Wednesday, November 30

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:30 pm Faith Talk for Women (Johansson's)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

(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

Thursday, December 1

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
7:50 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, December 2

6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans)
9:00 am Connect Bible Study (112)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, December 3

8:30 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric
FA/CPR/AED (109/110)
1:00 pm Cub Scouts Holiday Party (FH, T)
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 4

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
9:00 am Brunch for New Members, Sponsors
and All Members (FH, T)
10:00 am All Grace Worship Service
11:00 am Annual Congregation Meeting
4:00 pm Labyrinth and Music (Grace Hall)
6:30 pm Quiet Worship (GH/S)

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 3
5:00 pm
Traditional Worship

Sunday, December 4
10:00 am
All Grace Worship



The deadline for the next
Grace Notes newsletter
(combined December 2016/
January 2017 issue)
is December 6.

