

## GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Grace Notes December 2019



#### ***Nursery Open***

9:00 - 10:30 AM

#### ***Sunday Worship Service***

9:00 AM

#### ***Sunday School Children-Youth***

every Sunday  
10:45-11:30 AM

#### ***Adult Sunday School***

10:30 AM

#### ***Fellowship Hour***

Follows the worship service

#### ***Office Hours***

Monday – Thursday  
7:45-12:45 PM  
Closed Fridays

#### ***Grace UM Church Staff:***

Rev. Mike Kelly, Pastor

Kathy Scudder,  
Administrative Assistant/  
Treasurer

Evelyn Einfeldt,  
Financial Secretary

Terry Oakden, Custodian

open hearts  
open minds  
open doors



# Grace United Methodist Church

December 2019

Re. Mike Kelly, Pastor

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## *Pastor's Christmas Message*



*It's the most wonderful time of the year, for most of us. But others suffer everyday with homelessness, food insecurities and many other issues. I am blessed to have churches that care and that live by the Word that tells us in **Deuteronomy 15:11 New King James Version (NKJV)**:*

*<sup>11</sup> For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'*

*and*

***Proverbs 22:9 New King James Version (NKJV)**:*

*<sup>9</sup> He who has a generous eye will be blessed,  
For he gives of his bread to the poor.*



*So, as we prepare ourselves for Christmas, I ask that once again you participate in the Reverse Advent program that we did last year (see page 5 in the newsletter).*

*I am excited that we will again be participating in the Angels program from the Salvation Army and that on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 we will have our first Community Christmas Party. If you wish to participate please bring a wrapped gift or gifts of a 5 to 10-dollar value, for Santa to give to a child. We will also be providing a lunch of kid friendly items that will include ice cream for dessert. All of you are welcome, and if you are bringing children please let me know the age and whether male or female.*

*Our Christmas Eve service will be at 8 P.M. on December 24<sup>th</sup> and leading up to Christmas will be special Advent services beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Together let's make this the best Christmas for many people!*

*Pastor Mike*

# Advent & Christmas Activities

## WORSHIP SERVICES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**December 1** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**December 8** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
*Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater!!*

**December 15** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**December 22** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
**8:00 PM** Candlelight Worship  
*(Please note time change from last year.)*

## MITTEN TREE

Each year we decorate a Christmas tree outside of the church office with warm winter mittens, gloves, hats and scarves, which are then given to the children in the Head Start program. Please bring in new or gently used items for the tree and help keep a child warm.



## RINGING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Every year members of Grace UMC ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Program. This year we will be at Wal-Mart in Gang Mills on Friday, December 13, from 12-4. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during worship for those who would like to participate.



## POINSETTIAS

### LIVING FAITH ENDOWMENT FUND

It is that time of year when we remember our loved ones by sharing the beauty of poinsettias on the altar or giving a gift to the Living Faith Endowment Fund. If you wish to place a poinsettia on the Chancel for Poinsettia Sunday (Dec. 22 service) and Christmas Eve, please call Northside Floral (962-3103) or florist of your choice to order and have delivered to the church by noon on December 19. If giving to the Endowment Fund, please mail your check to the church office. Names of givers and those honored or memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. The deadline for the bulletin is December 18. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

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Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_

Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_



In memory of

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In honor of

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Given by

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## GUMM – Grace United Methodist Men

December's Men's Group will be held on Monday, December 2, at 6:00 pm when the men will start preparations for the Women's Dinner. On Tuesday, December 3, at 9 am the men will prepare the pies for the dinner. The men will then serve the women of the church for their UMW Christmas dinner.

All men of the church (of all ages!) are invited to the **annual Christmas breakfast** on Saturday, December 7, at 8:30 am at **The Central Restaurant** in Painted Post. Join us there or if you need a ride, contact the church office. If you would like more information on the Christmas breakfast, helping with the UMW dinner, or the group itself, please contact Rusty Dye or Rick Bostwick.



The office will be closed for the Christmas & New Year's Holiday December 25 & 26; January 1

Kathy Scudder will be out of the office from Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> returning on Monday, January 6.

If anyone is willing to fill in for Kathy while she is away, please call her at 936-6145.

## UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER

Make sure to wear your ugly Christmas sweater on Sunday, December 8. Let's see how many crazy sweaters are out there!!



The United Methodist Women invite women/girls of all ages to their annual Christmas Dinner Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6 PM

\$12.00 per serving  
Prepared by the UMM

Menu: roast beef and all the trimmings, homemade pie

Reservations to the Church Office (936-6145) by December 2.

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## LIVING NATIVITY

Grace UMC will be performing a Live Nativity on Friday, December 20, from 5-7 PM.

Volunteers are needed for the nativity and also to bring in cookies, etc. for a reception. Please call the church office or contact Pastor Mike if you are interested.

## GIFT CARDS

Pastor Mike has Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards for sale, any denomination. The cards will be in soon, definitely for Christmas. The church receives 10% of the face value. Call Pastor Mike (220-7873) if interested in buying a card.

## GIFT IDEA

Looking for a unique gift for that certain someone - or maybe a gift for yourself? Look no further. Grace Church has coffee mugs for \$6. The mugs have a picture of the church on one side and the Cross & Flame on the other side. Contact the church office if you are interested in purchasing a mug(s).

# Supper Club

## SUPPER CLUB - COME JOIN US!

Saturday, December 14, 6:00 pm  
The Central Restaurant in Painted Post  
Please call Pat Edger for reservations at 607-368-2726.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for January 11, 11:00-1:00 pm for the Second Annual Chili Cookoff. There will be more information in the January newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

*Join us....*



*Christmas Eve  
Worship  
8:00 PM*

*(Note change of time from last year.)*

## STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

As we prepare for another celebration of Christ's birth this Advent season, let me take this opportunity to wish you a joyous and fulfilling holiday season.

Traditionally, those individuals who wish to do so have contributed to a staff Christmas gift so that we might remember our staff in a special way at this time of year. This is being done again this year. Please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and give to Dave Patterson on any Sunday between now and December 15 or you may mail it to the church office to my attention. **If writing a check, please make it out to Dave Patterson.**

Again, best wishes to you and your family, and thank you for your continued support of our church.

Yours in Christ,  
*Dave Patterson*





# Advent & Christmas Activities

## Community Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM



Sponsored by our young people, for ages 12 and under, come celebrate with us, crafts, lunch, a visit from Santa Claus, and much more fun.

Call 936-6145 to RSVP by December 7th or call Pastor Mike @ 607-220-7873 for details. See additional information in Pastor Mike's column.

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Here is an idea to help our local food pantry and/or the church's emergency food pantry. Each day in December, add to a box the following food items (or as many as you can):

December 1 Box of Cereal  
December 2 Peanut Butter  
December 3 Stuffing Mix  
December 4 Boxed Potatoes  
December 5 Mac & Cheese  
December 6 Canned Fruit  
December 7 Canned Tomatoes  
December 8 Canned Tuna  
December 9 Dessert Mix  
December 10 Jar of Applesauce  
December 11 Canned Sweet Potatoes  
December 12 Cranberry Sauce



December 13 Canned Beans  
December 14 Box of Crackers  
December 15 Package of Rice  
December 16 Package of Oatmeal  
December 17 Box of Pasta  
December 18 Spaghetti Sauce  
December 19 Chicken Noodle Soup  
December 20 Tomato Soup  
December 21 Can of Corn  
December 22 Can of Mixed Vegetables  
December 23 Can of Carrots  
December 24 Can of Green Beans

You can bring these items in at any time to the church office before December 24.  
Thank you for your continued generosity in helping feed the hungry in our area.

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - OCTOBER 2019

	October
Operations Income:	9,927.00
Operations Expense:	10,320.00
Net Gain / (Loss)	(393.00)

A big heartfelt thank you goes out to all who donated to the sound system – which is up and running – and to the roof repair – no leaks after a couple of strong storms! Your continued support of Grace Church is overwhelming and so very much appreciated.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The October rummage sale was a big success, with a profit of over \$1600. Thank you so much to those who donated clothes, books and household items. Thank you also to those who helped set up, worked the day of the sale, helped in the kitchen and cleaned up. The left-over clothes went to the Salvation Army Citadel and the rummage left overs went to the Northern Tier Children's Home.

Barb Coles & Betty Lou Taynton

Grace Church: Thank you for the prayers, shawl, cards, flowers, calls and all of your love. You welcomed Dave and I back with open arms and open hearts. It really felt like coming home. I am improving every day after some very rough times, but I know God was with me all the way. Thank you again to Pastor Kelly and all of you for your love and support and prayers.

Nancy & Dave Johnson

## FREE CPR TRAINING

On Tuesday, December 10, 5:30-7:00 PM at the Corning Hospital, a Family and Friends CPR training will take place. The Adult Hands-Only CPR/AED portion of the class is approximately 25 minutes long. To register, call 570-887-6390 or email Bethany.Altieri@Guthrie.org.

## PAY PAL

The church is set up to accept secure donations through Pay Pal. You can access Pay Pal by going to the church's website (gumccorning.org). Please be aware that when using Pay Pal, 2.9% of the donation and \$.30 per transaction is taken from the contribution.

## CHURCH BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Yvette LeBaron
- 3 - Robert Bush
- 4 - Betty Darcangelo
- 6 - Kathy Hostrander
- 10 - Julie Einfeldt Kellon
- 12 - Laura Dickerman Kram
- 19 - Andrea Ervay  
Pat Bennett  
Stephanie Monastra
- 24 - David Bush
- 25 - John Slaven, Jr.  
Terry Johnson
- 30 - Zachary Bush



### WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOLERS

- 2 - Hanna Hagadone

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 - Michael & Roxanne Mourhess
- 21 - Marvin & Hyung Lee

## BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Grace Church wants to celebrate your birthday!! On the last Sunday of each month, during the fellowship hour, we hold a brunch and celebrate those having birthdays in that month. For December the date will be the 29th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. All are welcome!



# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2019

*Please note that there are many areas in need of volunteers.  
Let the church office know if you would like to help out in any of these areas.*



Date	Greeters - 3	Liturgist	Fellowship	Communion	Ushers - 3	Flowers	Bulletins
12/1	1. Jim Metz 2. Cheryl 3.	Nancy VanEtten	Pat Edger	1. Dan Towns 2. Gail McIntyre	1. Marvin Lee 2. Dan Towns 3. Rusty Dye		Mary Molewski
12/8	1. Barb Coles 2. 3.	Dan Towns	Betty Lou Taynton, Rick Bostwick		1. Rick Bostwick 2. Gary Fisher 3. Rusty Dye		Ed & Phyllis Crook
12/15	1. Pat Osborn 2. Rick Bostwick 3. Betty Lou Taynton	David Patterson			1. Jeff Smith 2. Pat Osborn 3. Rusty Dye		Pat Osborn
12/22	1. 2. 3.	Vida Johnson	Ed & Phyllis Crook, Gerry Bruielly		1. Gail McIntyre 2. Pat Edger 3. Rusty Dye	Poinsettias	Vida Johnson
12/24 Christmas Eve	1. No Greeters 2. 3.	Ted Tubbs			1. TBA 2. 3.	Poinsettias	Pauline Wilson
12/29	1. 2. 3.	Nancy VanEtten	Birthday Brunch		1. Jeff Smith 2. Rick Bostwick 3. Rusty Dye		

Thank you to all who volunteer their time for these ministries and to those who donate flowers or bulletins.  
Your time and help is very much appreciated!



*Merry  
Christmas*










# December 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 First Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	<b>2</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Men's Grp, K 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	<b>3</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 UMW Christmas Dinner, DR 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmon. Choir, S	<b>4</b> 10:00 NA Study Grp, 205 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, RH/DR 7:00 Choir, BC	<b>5</b> 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 	<b>6</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	<b>7</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast The Central 12:00 AA, 201 5:00 Boy Scouts, RH
<b>8 Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	<b>9</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	<b>10</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205	<b>11</b> 10:00 NA Study Grp, 205 11:30 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, RH	<b>12</b> 9:00 Membership Care, K 12:00 AA, 201	<b>13</b> 12:00 AA, 201 12:00-4:00 Kettle Ringing, Wal-Mart 6:00 NA, DR	<b>14</b> 12:00 AA, 201 1:00 Community Children's Party, DR 6:00 Supper Club, The Central
<b>15 Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	<b>16</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders, 201 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>17</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205	<b>18</b> 9:00 WIC, DR 10:00 NA Study Grp, 205 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, RH/DR 7:00 Choir, BC	<b>19</b> 12:00 AA, 201	<b>20</b> 12:00 AA, 201 5-7 Living Nativity 6:00 NA, DR	<b>21</b> 12:00 AA, 201
<b>22 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	<b>23</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	<b>24 Office Closed</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 	<b>25 Office Closed</b> 12:00 AA, 201 	<b>26</b> 12:00 AA, 201	<b>27</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	<b>28</b> 12:00 AA, 201
<b>29</b> 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Birthday Brunch, DR	<b>30</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	<b>31</b> 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205				<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b> K = Kitchen L = Lounge S = Sanctuary BC = Bethany Chapel DR = Dining Room RH = Reed Hall

