

Good News from *Grace*

December 29, 2019



Matthew 2:13-23

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

1st Sunday of Christmas

Property & Maintenance Fund Clarity

There has been confusion over the years concerning the "property and maintenance" line on your envelopes. To clear confusion, in the new year, all gifts designated "property and maintenance" will be applied first to property & maintenance items paid out of our budget--such as regular repairs, contracts to keep our elevator running, snow removal, and new windows, etc. When that obligation is met, we will apply your gifts to a "reserve fund" held for larger property projects, such as if the boiler would break.

Should you wish your gift to go directly to the reserve property fund, please indicate "reserve property fund" on your envelope under Comments after listing the amount next to Property & Maintenance or on the memo line of your check if not using an envelope.

Please speak to the office if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Youth Coffeehouse January 4, 2020 at 7pm

CoffeeHouse for all ages! Come out for some great fellowship with for all ages! There will be live music, board games, coloring and many other activities to enjoy while sipping your favorite drink! Some drinks include, specialty coffees, root bear floats, hot cocoa and many other options. There will also be snacks. \$5 a person or \$20 for a family will get everyone in the door. All donations go towards the mission trip in Wilmington NC this summer! Thanks in advance for your support of our youth!



Blizzard of Giving

Catch a snowflake on our Blizzard of Giving board and help us bring the GYG Coffeehouse to fruition on Saturday, January 4th! Snowflakes each represent a \$5 donation for supplies for this event. If you want to make a double impact, buy a grocery card and donate it! Thanks in advance for your support!

December

12/28 5:15pm Wine & Cheese
12/30 Church Directory Photographs

January

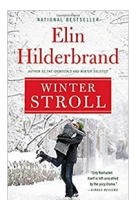
1/1 No Community Meal
1/3-5 Winter Retreat @ Kirchenwald
1/4 7:00pm Coffeehouse
1/5 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY
1/7 9:00am Quilters
1:00pm & 7:00pm Bible Study
1/8 5:30pm Community Meal
1/14 9:00am Quilters
11:00am Caregiver & Grief Support
1:00pm & 7:00pm Bible Study
1/15 1:00pm The Gathering
5:30pm Community Meal
1/20 6:00pm Hills & Valleys Women's Group
1/21 9:00am Quilters
1:00pm & 7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Book & Dessert Club
1/22 5:30pm Community Meal
1/25 5:15pm Wine & Cheese
1/26 Annual Congregational Fiscal Meeting
1/28 9:00am Quilters
1:00pm & 7:00pm Bible Study
1/29 5:30pm Community Meal



Update of Contact Information

With the New Year starting in a few days now is a good time to take a minute and update your Contact Information with the Church Office. Soon it will be time for mailing our your 2019 Contribution Statement and we would like to make sure we have everyone's correct address. Also, if you have an email address please provide it to the church so we can send you the Church Newsletter and other correspondence that way and save on postage. Every little bit helps.

Finally, many of you have gotten rid of your land lines and are now only using cell phone; however, we have not always been updated and often find that the number we have is no longer in service. Please let us know if you have recently made such a change. You can review what the Church Office has on record by either going to the website at www.gracecamphill.org and selecting Church Resources/Church Directory (if you need the password contact the Church office) or by contacting the Church Office at 717-737-0439 or gclc@comcast.net to find out what contact information we have on record.



Book & Dessert Club

The next book we will be reading is "Winter Stroll" by Elin Hilderbrand. This is the second book in the series that started with "Winter Street". Even if you didn't read her first book you can still join us and start the series with "Winter Stroll". We will meet on **Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm** to discuss this book. Hope to see you there.



Christmas Eve Music Sponsorship

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman" that was sung on Christmas Eve was sponsored by Garry Murray in honor of the Hearn Family.



Family Promise Volunteers

Our next hosting week is next month: **January 26th through February 2nd**. We are using a new electronic sign up - see the link below. You will receive the reminder e-mail two days prior. Thank you for serving!

Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4fa8ad2da4f58-family>

Any questions, please contact Terry Snyder (717-645-5645 or tmsnyder100@gmail.com)

Lutheran Camping Corporation Upcoming Events



Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald

Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice skating on the lake or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Freewill offering accepted. Please RSVP by calling 717-677-8211

DATES: January 19, 2020 1-6pm
February 9, 2020 1-6pm

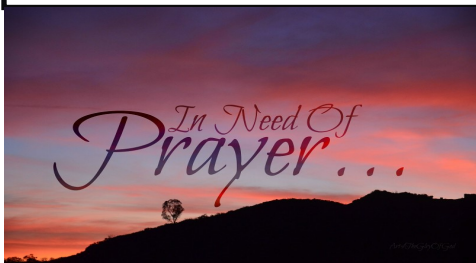


Chicken & Waffles at Nawakwa

Spend a Sunday at camp on **January 19th from 1:00pm-3:00pm** with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

Freewill offering accepted. Please RSVP by calling 717-677-8211

More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/chicken-waffles-2020/>



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Garry Murray, James Silcox, Dave Buchanan, David Feaser, Tim Butler, David Ozimok, Janet Gordon, Art Hall, Sr., Vernon Frazier, Barbara D., Diane Brokenshire, Rhonda Blair, Sue Daniella, Dean Jury, Charlie Buchanan, Tricia Snively, Larry Sayre, and Brad Bert.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Caroline Witmer, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Kathy Rhoads, Delores Miller, Frank Blizzard, Jim Stoll, Susan Blumberg, Lisa Leen, Eileen McCann, Mary Heverling, Mike Lutz, John Eck, Destiny Glenn, and Reinhard C.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Phyllis Patterson, John Titzel, Jane Peters, Betty Bennett, Phyllis Probst, Harlow Fluevog, and Dick Cromer.

In our military:

Charles Hildebrand, Corey Latsha, Michael Dubas, Alex Robison, Larry G. Lackey and Gabriel Bailey.

Note: On the Care Table in the Library, there are cards for you to write notes of encouragement to our shut-ins as well as a box for confidential prayer requests.

Winter Overnight Shelter at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven

Once again the Winter Overnight Shelter for homeless men needs our help. Quite a few of our brothers and sisters at Grace have helped in past years and I am so grateful for that.

This winter we are **committed to staff the week of February 16 to February 22, 2020**. Two

Volunteers are needed per night, one of whom must be male. **The hours are 7:30 pm to 7:00 am.**

Paid staff are there to check the men in and this person stays until 10 pm, which is lights out for the guests.

All we have to do is make coffee, set out snacks, be available during the night, (you can go to sleep in a separate room), and get the guests out the door in the morning. Staff is available in the residential facility next door if needed.

If you have any questions or wish to help please contact, Brigitte Storey at 717-730-0286. She will explain more and give you pertinent handouts.

Please support this vital mission and thank you to all who have helped in the past.

Grace Youth Group (GYG) Schedule

January 2020

1/3-5 Winter Retreat
@Kirchenwald
(3rd - 8th grade)

1/4 **7:00pm** Coffeehouse

1/19 GYG Night

February 2020

2/2 GYG Night

2/8 **5:00pm** GYG Babysitting
Service

*Thank
You*

Thank you to all who pitch in and make our Christmas Eve worship offerings memorable, beautiful, and meaningful for all! A lot of work behind the scenes goes into preparing our worship services and welcoming our members & friends. A special thanks to our altar guild who turned over three services in one night, and Chris Jury who live streamed all three so that our friends near and far could be a part of the wonder of the night.

-Pastor Cover

Dear Members of Grace:

Thank you for living Grace's story by helping to provide Christmas for the Giving Tree Families. I hope it makes your Christmas experience more meaningful knowing that you have made a difference for so many children on Christmas morning. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Laurie Zimmerman
Washington Heights Elementary
School

Music Sponsorship Opportunities

Light of the World
January 6th
\$ 35.88

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

PARTICIPANTS	THIS WEEK DEC. 28TH & 29TH	NEXT WEEK JAN. 4TH & 5TH
Acolyte:	Addie Weber	Henry Buchanan
Altar Guild:	Collette Runkle	Star Peiffer Deb Fickes
Assisting Minister:	Jennifer Graf	Jesse Woodrow
Coffee Hour	Quilters Bob Hillegas	Social Ministry Committee Brigitte Storey
Communion Assts.:	Linda Lippert Terry Snyder	Rick Keen Star Peiffer
Counting Team:	(12/31) Team # 3 & 4	(1/7 9:30am) Team #1
Greeters:	Larry & Ann Hoffman Bill & Sandy Robison	Pat Good Star & Jeff Peiffer
Lector:	Bill Robison	Lisa Sheaffer
Night Security:	Andy Smith	Andy Hoff
Officer of the Day:	Open/Close Susan Dickinson	Open: Tracy Douty Close: Kyle Flook
Panera Pickup:	12/31 No Pick-Up	(1/7) Marta & Randy Hamme
Sabbath Leaders:	Tom & Gloria Boyer	George & Karen Osswald
Sabbath Musician:	Carolyn Houck	Karen Jury
Sound:	Rick Keen	Larry Hoffman
Ushers:	Jesse Woodrow, Capt.	Todd Galle, Capt.
Van Driver:	(1/2) No Community Meal	(1/8) John Ozimok
Crucifer:	None	Sydney Angus

This Weekend at Grace

Sat. December 28th & Sun. December 29th

The **Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Wendy Smith and her sisters in honor of Gerald Crawford's 80th birthday.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for the month of **December** is given by Janet Gordon in memory of her husband, Duane.

The **Special Benevolence** for **January** is **Ecumenical Food Pantry**. Please indicate "**Ecumenical Food Pantry**" on the front of envelope, and make checks payable to GELC.

The **Sabbath Wine & Cheese** is sponsored this week by Tom & Gloria Boyer.

Inclement Weather
Stay Informed!

Inclement Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather, we post closings or delayed openings on the church phone at extension 14, on the website, and most will also appear on CBS 21 and ABC 27 as

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12:00pm on Tuesdays**. Email to gelc@comcast.net

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00 PM
in Barkley Chapel

Sundays at 9:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Livestream available at
www.gracecamphill.org

Sundays September to May
at 10:45AM
Sunday School for ALL ages!



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