

# Good News from Grace



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## Our Purpose

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

**STARTING THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 29 YOU MUST SIGN UP TO ATTEND IN-PERSON WORSHIP. CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP**

## TIDINGS OF COMFORT & JOY: AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series for Advent is built around beloved carols—their history, themes, and scripture references — and we will sing a few verses each Sunday of that week's carol. Our first week's carol is "Joy to the World"

**Scripture Readings:** Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 98:4-9  
Gospel Reading - Mark 13:24-27

## ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT

**Pick-up for the annual Advent Event is this coming weekend. Saturday (11/28) 10am—12noon or for an hour after church on Sunday (11/29).**

## BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Tuesday, December 15** at 7:00pm via



**zoom** as we discuss our next book, "Seven Days of Us" by Francesca Hornak.

It's Christmas, and for the first time in years the entire Birch family will be under

one roof. Even Emma and Andrew's elder daughter—who is usually off saving the world—will be joining them at Weyfield Hall. But Olivia, a doctor, is only coming home because she has to. She's just returned from treating an epidemic abroad and has been told she must stay in quarantine for a week...and so too should her family.

For the next seven days, the Birches are locked down, cut off from the

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## WREATHS, POINSETTIAS AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

ALL sponsorships must be received by **Friday, December 18** in order to be listed in the newsletter. We still have **5** wreaths and **16** poinsettias at **\$11.00** each



available for sponsorship. As well as four choices for ELCA Good Gifts:

- ◇ Rooster \$15.00 sponsorship
- ◇ Pig or Piglet \$30.00 sponsorship
- ◇ Goat and flock of chickens \$60.00 sponsorship
- ◇ God's Global Barnyard Any \$ amount sponsorship and these will be used where it is needed most.

Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or [deppengele@gmail.com](mailto:deppengele@gmail.com) to reserve

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**Click Here** for more information regarding our services. Register online or by calling 717-737-0439

**Church Office will be CLOSED Thurs., Nov 26th**

Please continue to call

Pastor Cover (717-525-4617) or Pastor Evan (717-497-3742) directly if you need pastoral assistance during this time!

## Special Music this Week

"It is Well"

Jim Brickman

Emily Hartman

### SATURDAY WITH SANTA: AN OUTSIDE GREETING

This year, Santa is visiting the Grace Parking Lot on **Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm!**

At this walk-through event, you can safely greet Santa with an opportunity to take a photo with him, pick up a craft kit to complete at home, and get a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie for the road. Parking will be in the 2nd Grace lot or on the street. The rain date is Sunday, December 13, 12:00-2:00pm. Masks and 6 feet social distancing between families will be required.

If you would prefer to pick up crafts and cookies without getting out of your vehicle, you can do so on **Sunday, December 13, 10:30-11:30** in the church parking lot (Santa will not be in attendance).

We are encouraging everyone to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fob4ba8ac22a4fdo-saturday> so we are prepared with enough crafts and refreshments.

Thank you,

Hope Pankake, on behalf of the Grace Lutheran Fellowship & Arts Committee

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*\*\*If the government creates a mandate preventing us from holding this event as planned, we will have a drive thru to greet Santa and pick up your craft and snacks without getting out of your vehicle. \*\**

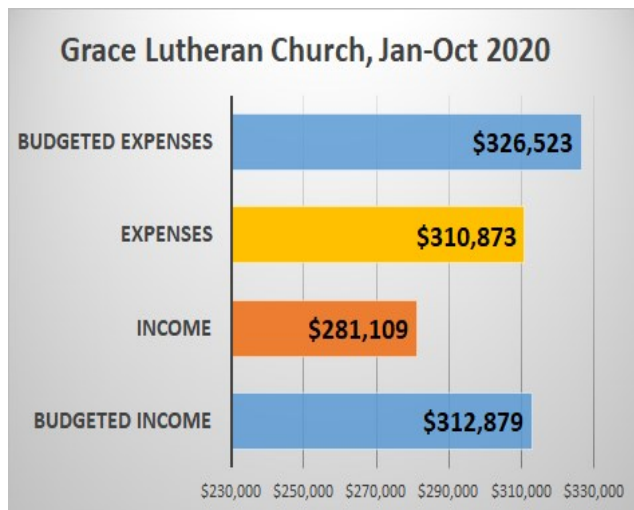
### FROM THE TREASURER...

Members of Grace,

The Congregation Council is in the midst of budgeting for 2021 and I continue to request that you keep them in your prayers. Their jobs are not easy, as leadership never is. Their December meeting will spark meaningful budget discussions and speculation on what we may face as a society and congregation in 2021.

You can see from the Income and Expense chart that income still lags behind expenses. However, Advent and Christmas are upon us, and giving traditionally rises during this time. Thank you for your faithful contributions to our ministries. Please remember that Grace was granted a PPP loan for \$41,900 which is not reflected in the chart. The loan will help in light of our lower-than-expected income this year, and may even put us a little ahead by the time we close the year.

Susan Dickinson, Treasurer



A yard sale of Mary Landis' estate is being held

by her daughter, Judy Zeiders, on **Saturday December 5 from 9am-4pm.** It will be indoors at 704 Haldeman Blvd., New Cumberland.

*Wreaths, Poinsettia, Good Gifts cont...*

a wreath or poinsettia or ELCA Good Gift. When paying please include a note listing what you are sponsoring and your dedication. Checks should be made payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*New this year you can pay for sponsorships online by [Clicking Here](#).* If sponsoring an ELCA Good Gift online please be sure to note which animal as well as your dedication.

### RAKING OF THE LEAVES HELP WANTED

Join us at Grace this **Friday, Nov. 27 at 8am** in the church parking to rake the leaves and get them in the street at the curb for pickup by Lower Allen

Township. **Masks will be required.** Please bring leaf blowers and rakes.



### GYG FSCHEDULE

#### November

29 Thanksgiving Themed  
Zoom **7:00 - 8:15 pm**

#### December

6 Afternoon at Kentland  
**Time TBD**  
13 GYG Night via Zoom  
**Time TBD**  
20 GYG Night at Hyatt's  
**time TBD**

Any Questions? Contact Jesse Woodrow at [gracechyg@gmail.com](mailto:gracechyg@gmail.com)

### *We hold in prayer especially those in the medical fields ...*

Katie Perella-Carvalhoes, Lauren S., Megan S., Dixie S., Ben S., Katelynn S., Tess J., Kay L., Art L., Addison McInnes, Corky Graf, Ken Graf, Kristin Quesenberry, Maureen Minard, Brad Moore, MD, William Schell, MD, Kirsten Hyatt, MS, Star Peiffer, Patty Rohde, Melanie Augustine, Jenny Castillo, Jill Green, Mary Brown, Kara, Sheri Hartzell, Tracy Hartzell, Josh Barr, Chrystal, Sante, Cindy Frost, Eileen Smith, Sharon Eppley, Kayleigh Titzel, Brendan Bergey, Judith Zeiders, Amy Evans, Laurie Colman, Connie Malmberg, Ashley Morris, Amy Schwab, Beth Gargiulo, Tami Heath, Julie Draper, Deb Fickes, Amanda McNally, Justin Young, Jessica Chestnut, Stephanie Sampson, Samantha & Peter Kang, David Bergquist, MD, Karen Redclift Albidrez, Elizabeth Brickell, and Maura White

### **JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP!**

While we are planning for some in-person attendance, we know that may change as December 24 nears. (Around the first of December we will post a sign-up to attend Christmas Eve services in-person with the current limit). We will live stream both services as well. We hope you can worship with us this Christmas near or far!

#### **4:00pm Swingin' Christmas**

A traditional structure with a Jazz ensemble playing beloved carols. This service will have a sermon and a special children's message. (We will not be able to have our annual Christmas play)

#### **7:00pm Special Music**

Our traditional half-hour of special music will be pre-recorded for safety this year. We will air it over the livestream at 7p.m. You can view this time of Christmas music performances live, or watch it on Christmas Day by visiting the livestream link and scrolling down to archived services.

#### **9:30pm Classic Christmas**

This service is marked by lots of special music, but will also have a sermon.

NOTE: Both services will celebrate Holy Communion and have candlelight and a performance of Silent Night.

#### *Book Club continued...*

rest of humanity, and forced into each other's orbits. Younger, unabashedly frivolous daughter Phoebe is fixated on her upcoming wedding, while Olivia deals with the culture shock of first-world problems.

As Andrew sequesters himself in his study writing scathing restaurant reviews and remembering his glory days as a war correspondent, Emma hides a secret that will turn the whole family upside down.

In close proximity, not much can stay hidden for long, and as revelations and long-held tensions come to light,

nothing is more shocking than the unexpected guest who's about to arrive....

**Francesca Hornak** is a journalist and writer whose work has appeared in newspapers and magazines, including *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian*, *Elle*, *Marie Claire*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Red*. She is the author of two nonfiction books, *History of the World in 100 Modern Objects: Middle-Class Stuff (and Nonsense)* and *Worry with Mother: 101 Neuroses for the Modern Mama*.

### **THE VIRTUAL GIVING TREE**

The gift cards and money collected will be shared with local families in need. Checks should be made payable to "Grace Lutheran Church" with a note that states it is for The Giving Tree. All gift cards and money must be delivered to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 6**. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for gift cards. Remember, if you choose to donate a food gift card from Giant, Weis or Karns, a purchase from the Church benefits our Youth Group.

### *We hold in prayer especially this week...*

Tom Boyer, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Morgan & Michael Hoffman, Hannalyn Kiser, Lois Kohnlein, Patti Reed, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Hope Stempo, Barry Fenicle, Ben & Marilyn Clark, Sally Snyder, Gerald & Darlene M, Ann Sheaffer, Sue Gasswint, Mr. Hunt, Rick Saar, Carm Mitchell, Amber Shearer, Steven Noll, Jennifer Heverling, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Tim Butler, Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury, Tricia Snaveley, and Brad Bert.

### *We hold in ongoing prayer...*

Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Dave Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, Dorothy Edquist, Michael Smith, Barbara D, Diane Brokenshire, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Caroline Witmer, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, 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:*

Louis Lore, 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, Alex Robison, Larry G. Lackey and Gabriel Bailey.

**Please contact us at  
717-737-0439 or  
gelc@comcast.net each  
month and let us know if you  
wish to have someone remain  
on the prayer list  
(Urgent, Ongoing, Military  
and Medical)**



## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, November 29** are given by Mary Marshall to all families that have lost loved ones during the COVID pandemic.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, November 29** is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **November** is given by Janet Gordon in loving memory of husband Duane Gordon.

The **Special Benevolence** for **November** is **World Hunger** Please indicate "World Hunger" on the front of the offering envelope under Comments, and make checks payable to GELC.

## NOVEMBER 29, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

*"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."* – Mark 13:37

Advent calls us to pay attention and to look for signs of Christ in the world. As we enter a new season of the church year, we continue to give thanks and show gratitude. Pay attention. Look around. Opportunities to be a blessing to others abound!

## MEN'S GROUP AT GRACE

On **February 24, 2021**, at **6:30pm** there will be an organizational meeting for a men's group at church called Men of Grace. The group would meet once a month, either on zoom or in person, if restraints on public meetings are eased, to discuss pertinent questions facing men and our nation.

For any questions contact Matt Hearn (717-695-6429) or Rick Keen (717-657-5563).

## Tuesday Bible Study

NO BIBLE STUDY  
ON  
TUESDAY, DEC. 1

## CAREGIVER & GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Will not meet in December 2020.**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 11 at 11:00a.m.** At this time the meeting is planned to be in-person. Contact Pastor Cover for more information.

## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

*There are Altar Flower sponsorships available for Dec. 6 and Bulletin/Mailing sponsorships available for Nov. 29 and Dec. 13, 20, & 27.*

To see what dates are available for Lamp Sponsorship, Altar Flower Sponsorship, and Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for 2021 go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships> or contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or [deppengelc@gmail.com](mailto:deppengelc@gmail.com). To reserve a date contact Diane.

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

## Join us for Worship!

**Sundays at 9:30 AM**

In-person or  
via Live Stream

## Sunday School

**Sundays September to May**  
**CLICK HERE** for Sunday School  
at Home videos.



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