

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 15, 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

Graceful Seniors - Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 am Packing backpacks and breakfast at Jack's. **January 21 at 11:30 am** Lunch @ Mandarin Kitchen Questions? Jan Slezak jansleez@aol.com or Dick & Avona dna1957@comcast.net.



Today - 8:30 and 11:00 am A special musical presentation by our Grace Choir and Celebration Gospel Band along with handbells & Kids of the Kingdom choirs.

Shelter Volunteer Meeting Today at 9:45 - 10:15 am in the Adult Learning Center.

Blood Drive Monday, December 16 1:00 - 3:00 pm & 4:00 - 7:00 pm Sign up in the Lobby or contact the church office at 206.878.2460.

Crafting begins again on January 11, 10:00 am in the Upper Room. Cost to make Valentines is \$3, all materials will be provided. Questions and to RSVP... please contact Terri Schmidt at 206.369.8847 or terri726@hotmail.com.

Next Adult Forum will be on January 12 @ 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall Grace's Vision and Purpose

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

Family Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (no nursery provided)

Bring your children to experience the Christmas story with Mary, Joseph and the dancing angels.

Bring an unwrapped Christmas gift to the manger for the Christ Child. Gifts will be taken to Seattle Children's & Mary Bridge Children's Hospitals.



Candlelight Christmas Eve

(no nursery provided)

6:00 pm Contemporary Celebration Worship

8:00 & 9:30 pm Traditional Festival Worship

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

10:30 am (no nursery provided)

Christmas Morning Holy Communion

Christmas is a morning festival! Sing Christmas morning hymns, share in Holy Communion, and enjoy the beauty of Christmas Day.

GOOD TO KNOW...

Attention all wrappers! Help support the Des Moines Food Bank with our wrapping talents. Grab your friends or family, a son or daughter home from school, or a co-worker. To sign up, look for Becky Grall at church on Sundays or call her at 206-719-9647 or bgrall315@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY CHAIRS AND MINISTRIES!

All submissions for the Annual Report are now due in the Church Office. Deadline extended to Monday, December 16. Submit in Word format to: graceoffice@gotgrace.com

BUDGET UPDATE: Year-to-date operating income received through October 31, 2019: \$782,472.76. Year-to-date operating expenses for the same period: \$865,028.71. Year-to-date shortfall: \$82,555.95.

Thank you for turning in your 2020 intent cards as we budget for the coming year.

Des Moines Food Bank needs for December ...

Oatmeal packets and toilet paper. Thank you!

CHILDREN (BIRTH - GRADE 6) & YOUTH (GRADES 7-12)

Sunday School today

Senior High Study (Grades 10-12) & Confirmation Classes (Grades 7-9) Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 pm

Kids of the Kingdom Choir Rehearsal Mondays 5:30 - 6:15 pm (Upper Room) Questions? jason.astrup@gmail.com

Joyful Ringers Mondays 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Resounding Grace Ringers Mondays 7:30 - 9:00 pm

For additional information, please contact **Brian Tervo** at bells@gotgrace.com or 206.713.6103.



Protect your valuables at Grace, inside and in the parking lot.

Do not leave your valuables unattended during or after Sunday worship, or at any time.

Volunteer for GLC Media Team!

Be part of the team that runs the lights, sound, camera, and video during church services and other events! Contact Kyle at 206.422.1382 or kylebyquist@gmail.com.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Prayer Support next meeting...Sunday, December 15 at 12:30 pm



We would love to pray with and for you! **Moms in Prayer**, a group of mothers who pray together weekly, meet each Friday morning at 8:30 am. Everyone welcome to attend. Do you have a **prayer request** for the prayer chain or prayers of the church? Contact the office at 206.878.2460 or graceoffice@gotgrace.com.

Prayers of the Church: Sharon Van Zandt; Mavis Bensley; Lloyd Hartley (shoulder surgery); Kathy Martinson (shoulder surgery); Karen Borowiak (knee surgery); Joe McGoran; Charlotte Trout; Kris Detamore; Anne Kinsley; Avona Lehmann; Jeannie McGuire; Brian Dahl; Sheryl Clark.

Extended Family and Friends: Stan Jacobson's sister, Fran; Koki Osborne's mother, Marilyn; Heather Halbakken's brother-in-law, Erik; Sybel Johnson's aunt, Carolyn; Dorothy Smith's son, Steven; A J Wheeler's daughter, Fawn; Eric and Ruth Johnson's son, Paul; Karlene Chavez' granddaughter, Kristine; Rand & Barb Bamard's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Barbara Ray's son, Richard; Nola Irish's sister, Marsha.

Homebound: Barbara Ray; Orile and LaVonne Sorenson, Betty Dokken; Lucille Bredberg; Bob Hedge; Gene Cason; Tom Mariner; Bert Strobel; Joe Widen; Mal & Donna Soine; Wes Hjalmer; Nancy Mitchell; Jamel Barden.

- Blood Drive Ministry;
- El Refugio Women's Shelter, Uganda mission; Rutilio Grande Lutheran Church;
- Orfanatorio Emmanuel in Tijuana, Mexico;
- Word of Truth Bible Church;
- Peace in the Far East and Middle East, and especially for our Christian sisters and brothers in Iraq and Syria;
- All those men and women serving in military and law enforcement and their families;
- Our nation;
- All hungry, homeless and oppressed people;
- All who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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NEXT WEEK AT GRACE: DECEMBER 15 - 22, 2019

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship - Voices & Bells of Christmas
8:45 am Dancing Angels
9:45 am Education Hour / hot cocoa and cookies
9:45 am Shelter Volunteers
11:00 am Worship - Voices & Bells of Christmas
12:00 pm Youth Band
12:30 pm Grace Prayer Support
7:00 pm Young Adults

Monday:

1:00 pm Blood Drive
6:15 pm Joyful Ringers
7:00 pm NarAnon
7:30 pm Resounding Grace
7:00 pm GLC Board meeting
7:00 pm Mom's in Prayer—Mt Rainier HS group
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday:

6:30 pm Confirmation Classes / Senior High Study
7:00 pm Grace Choir
7:30 pm WOW - Christmas Party

Thursday:

12:30 pm AIAnon

Friday:

8:30 am Mom's in Prayer
7:00 pm NA

Saturday:

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship - traditional / holy communion
11:00 am Worship - contemporary / holy communion
12:00 pm Youth Band
7:00 pm Young Adults

GIVE+

A mobile giving "app" GIVE PLUS is available. Download the GIVE PLUS app from the App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android). Follow the prompts to enter Grace Lutheran Church or click Churches near me. Users can make a one-time donation without creating an account by clicking GIVE NOW or can create an account for reoccurring donations.