

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Graceful Seniors - Tuesday, December 4th (9:00 am) Meet at the Des Moines Food Bank to pack the school backpacks for our neighborhood children. Then off to Jack's Country Restaurant for coffee and fellowship brunch. Questions? Contact Dick & Avona at dna1957@comcast.net.

Today's Adult Forum @ 9:45 am Building Our Future - Stewardship Sunday Let's talk about God's good gifts and our response to living as good stewards

2018 Community Choir Christmas Concert TODAY at 7:30 pm at Grace. Participating church choirs: Grace, St. Vincent's and St. Luke's.

Next Sunday's Adult Forum @ 9:45 am Merry and Bright - December 9 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, photo booth, cookies and coffee, & crafts! - Don't miss this fun day!

Empty Nesters Winter Weekend in Tacoma... February 1 - 3, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Express. Flyers available in the Fireside Room.



Today is the First Sunday of Advent, as we count down the days to the birth of Jesus.

In December...grab a few items for the Des Moines Food Bank: Oatmeal packets and toilet paper

CAN YOU HELP?

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.

WANTED: Your good stories and thoughts for our Lenten devotional to focus on our SALT emphasis this year! Our topic/theme will be



#howiserve... what are the ways you serve and stories that go along with it? Email your writings to debbie@gotgrace.com and we'll edit and put together a special version for Lent 2019. Questions? Contact the office or Debbie for more info.

Haiti Summer Camp 2019 Do you have a passion to serve and raise the poorest of the poor on planet earth out of abject poverty? Do you have a love for children and a concern for their future? Are you willing to activate that passion and travel to Haiti to serve in July 2019? I am looking for four more young adults and two more adults to say YES! Now is the time! This is the place! Come on Grace - let's pour out life! Contact: pastorchad@gotgrace.com

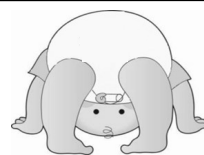
Uganda Mission Donate your laptops, notebooks or tablets (tablets 9 inches or bigger) to computer labs and a wireless router for two schools we are setting up. Also collecting travel size bar soap and 100% cotton flannel (any color) for our sewing project. Questions? Call Dale & Jan Dann at 253.856.8731.

Angel Tree THANK YOU for your overwhelming response to ensure there is **No Angel Left Behind** in Washington state. All Angel tags and envelopes are dispersed. Here are a few ways you can still participate:



- ⇒ **Donate:** Cash is used to purchase last minute gift needs and to mail cards to children in remote areas of Washington state. Please designate "Angel Tree" on your offering envelope.
- ⇒ **Pray:** Pray for this ministry. For the prisoner, the children (forgotten victims), and the caregivers of the children.

All gifts and gift cards are due next Sunday, by December 9th by noon. If you have any questions, please call Mary Kay Metcalfe at 206.669.0143 or email at mkay206@hotmail.com.



December Diaper Drive

NO CHILD WET BEHIND...We're collecting diapers for Westside Baby at the church (in the Fireside Room) throughout December. All sizes of diapers are appreciated and the most needed sizes are sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. Pullups and wipes are also widely needed.



Prefer to donate dollars? **\$25 will diaper a baby for 10 days.**

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

Children's Choir, Handbells & other events see next week's calendar on other side.

Senior High Study (Grades 10-12) & Confirmation Classes (Grades 7-9) Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm

WOW (Grades 7-12) Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30 pm

BUDGET UPDATE: Year-to-date operating income received through October 31, 2018: \$687,963.83. Year-to-date operating expenses for the same period: \$752,952.83. Year-to-date shortfall: \$64,989.00.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

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: Winnie Bjelland; Lloyd Hartley (shoulder surgery); Fred Feiertag; Reynold Eicke (back surgery); Robert Walowek; Rand Barnard; Gary and Marilyn McLaughlin; Kris Detamore; Koki Osborne; Dorothy Smith; Robyn Schultz (surgery); Marilyn Hilsen; Sheryl Clark.

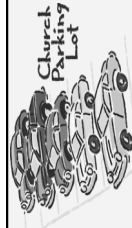
Extended Family and Friends: Lois Dye's sister, Beulah; Clyde and Janice Halstead; Debbie O'Neal's brother, Mike; Carole Geis' grandson, Chris; Rand and Barb Barnard's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Marvia Stratis' friend, Diane; Barbara Ray's son, Richard; Carol Schluter's daughter, Heidi; Nola Irish's sister, Marsha.

Homebound: Lucille Bredberg; Bob Hedge; Gene Cason; Jerry and Donna Larson; Tom Mariner; Bert Strobel; Joe Widen; Mal and Donna Soine; Betty Dokken; Wes Hjalmer; Nancy Mitchell; Jamel Barden; Janene Ryan.

- Worship and Music Ministry;
- Sister church in El Salvador and Haiti Ministry;
- El Refugio Women's Shelter, Uganda mission;
- 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 law enforcement and their families;
- All those men and women serving in the military 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 2 - 9, 2018

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent / Building Our Future - Stewardship Sunday

8:30 AM Worship - traditional
 9:45 AM Sunday School / Education Hour
 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary
 7:30 PM Community Christmas Concert

Monday:

5:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom Choir
 5:45 PM Joyful Ringers
 6:20 PM Scouts

7:00 PM Nar Anon
 7:00 PM Resounding Grace Ringers
 7:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study

Tuesday:

5:30 PM Women's Candlelight Dinner
 6:30 PM God & Family Cub Scout Class
 8:00 PM AA

Wednesday:

6:30 PM Confirmation Classes & Senior High Study
 7:00 PM Grace Choir
 7:30 PM WOW

Thursday:

12:30 PM AIAnon
 6:30 PM KidReach

Friday:

8:30 AM Moms in Prayer
 6:30 PM Youth - Christmas Movie Night
 7:00 PM NA

Saturday:

9:00 AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent / Ugly Sweater Day

8:30 AM Worship - traditional / Holy Communion
 9:45 AM Sunday School / Education Hour—Merry & Bright
 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary / Holy Communion
 6:00 PM Jubilant Ringers Rehearsal

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