

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 9TH, 2018

Second Advent Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Graceful Seniors - Tuesday, January 8th 9:00 am Packing backpacks and breakfast at Jack's. **January 15th 11:30 am** Lunch @ Mandarin Kitchen Questions? Dick & Avona dna1957@comcast.net.

Today's Adult Forum @ 9:45 am Merry and Bright - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, photo booth, cookies and coffee, & crafts! - Don't miss this fun day **Next Sunday's Adult Forum @ 9:45 am Voices & Bells of Christmas musical presentation** in the Sanctuary.

Angel Tree All gifts & gift cards are today by noon. Questions? Contact Mary Kay at 206.669.0143 or mkay206@hotmail.com.

Free Community Dinner Tuesday, December 12th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive Monday, December 17th 1:00 - 3:00 pm & 4:00 - 7:00 pm Sign up in the Lobby or contact the church office at 206.878.2460.

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

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, 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

Tuesday, 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.

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.

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.

Volunteer Opportunity at Des Moines Food Bank.

January 12th 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Child care available at Grace. Signup sheet is located in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Jessica at jjtossey@aol.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 Still looking for three or four more young adults to say YES! Contact: pastorhad@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.

In December, grab a few items for...

Des Moines Food Bank: Oatmeal packets and toilet paper

Westside Baby: All sizes of diapers appreciated, most needed are sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6. Pullups and wipes are also widely needed.

Grace will NOT be participating in the Christmas Lights Recycle Program fundraiser this year.

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

Sunday School Today at 9:45 am

Senior High Study (Grades 10 - 12) & Confirmation

Classes (Grades 7 - 9) Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm

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

Thank you for turning in your 2019 pledge cards as we budget for the coming year.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY CHAIRS AND MINISTRIES!

All submissions for the Annual Report are due in the Church Office by December 14th. Submit in Word format to: graceoffice@gotgrace.com



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; Marilyn Hilsen; Sheryl Clark.

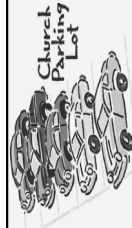
Extended Family and Friends: Heiga Rosholm's friend, Marcel; Lois Dye's sister, Beulah; Clyde and Janice Halstead; Debbie O'Neal's brother, Mike; Carole Geis' grandson, Chris; Rand and Barb Barnard's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Marvia Stratis' friend, Diane; Barbara Ray's son, Richard; Carol Schluter's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

- Altar Guild 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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Protect your valuables at Grace, inside and in the parking lot. Do not leave your valuables unattended during or after Sunday worship.

NEXT WEEK AT GRACE: DECEMBER 9 - 16, 2018

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 Jubilent Ringers Rehearsal

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:

5:00 PM Free Community Dinner
 6:30 PM God & Family Cub Scout Class
 6:00 PM Mission Leaders
 7:00 PM Ministry Leadership Team
 7:00 PM Grace Gospel Band
 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
 12:30 PM Esther Circle
 5:00 PM Annual Reports Due
 7:00 PM NA

Saturday:

5:00 PM Adulting with Grace Christmas Party

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Worship - traditional / Holy Communion
 9:45 AM Voice and Bells of Christmas
 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary / Holy Communion
 6:00 PM Jubilent Ringers Rehearsal

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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 recurring donations.