

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

October 16, 2017



A message from Pastor Rebecca,

*Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. - Matthew 22: 8-10*

Our Gospel reading takes a few uncomfortable turns. It is important to keep in mind that it is a parable, and does not necessarily call for a straight forward interpretation. If we read it at face value, we might come to the conclusion that God punishes those of us who do not have what it takes to be worthy of heaven. It is important to keep a few things in mind: God calls us all, and gives us the free gift of grace. On the cross, Jesus made us worthy of our call to be with him. Perhaps this parable is less about who belongs and who doesn't, and more about responding to an invitation we don't deserve with gratefulness and regard for what we have been given. When we do not live into the grace we've been granted, and strive to love and forgive as we have first been loved and forgiven, it is easy to walk in darkness, rather than partake in the kingdom of heaven now.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - meets Saturday, October 21 at 8:30 AM.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL** - is Saturday, October 21 at 1:00 PM.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Congregational Event** – The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to serve on the Call Committee (that will recommend a candidate to Grace's Council for recommendation to the congregation). The meeting will follow the 10:30am worship and covered-dish meal.

**CONGREGATIONAL EVENT - Bishop Herman Yoos** comes to Grace on **October 22**, for a **10:30 AM** worship service (NO Sunday School), covered dish brunch, and a discussion of how God is at work in our congregation during this time of transition. Please plan to attend this important Sunday.

**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** - is coming **November 5**, and Grace is asking for names of deceased loved ones to print in the bulletin that day. You can write them on Sunday's Tear and Share.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - please take a moment to stop by the flower chart and sign up for a vase (or two) of altar flowers. Many weeks are still open - and thanks in advance for your sponsorship.

**GRACE MUSICKIDS** - Grace MusicKids rehearses Mondays @ **4:30 PM** and conclude on either October 30 or November 6<sup>th</sup>. This group is for children in grades 1-5.

**GIFT** - meets **Mondays** from **4:15 - 6:00 PM**, in conjunction with Grace MusicKids. We have snacks, followed by a parent Bible study during music time, and a Bible based intergenerational program. Text Amy Gamerl if you have any questions. 803-389-1024.

**GRACE WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT** - is Friday evening, **NOVEMBER 10** - Sunday morning, **NOVEMBER 12** at the Crow's Nest at beautiful Lutherock in Arden, NC. This year's theme is "**Re-formed through God's Grace.**" The Retreat cost is \$150. Contact Laura Maciag at [lmaciag@lmaciag.com](mailto:lmaciag@lmaciag.com) or 216-789-6716 with any questions.

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** - **Monday, November 6 and 13** at **4:30 PM** with First Communion being on Sunday, November 19. For details, contact Pastor Rebecca. Please sign up on Sunday's Tear and Share.

**FALL FESTIVAL** - The Children's Ministry is so excited about our Fall Festival, coming up **Saturday, October 28th, from 4 to 6pm**. There will be games, hosted by our youth, prizes, candy, crafts, a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and snacks for purchase. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors, as this is an event for all ages! Please text Amy Gamerl at 803-389-1024 if you have any questions.

**SENIORS@GRACE** - Come join us **Thursday, October 26** for the 2nd in a series of authors and their new books. We will meet at the usual time 11:30 am, lunch at high noon and then Greg Paxton will join us to talk about his new book *The Epiphany Short Story Collection*. *The Epiphany Short Story Collection* is his first book and is available on Amazon.com and Amazon Kindle. Sign Up on Sunday's Tear and Share.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - October 16

1:30 PM Newcomers Knitwits (Common)  
3:00 PM York County Quilters (FH)  
4:30 PM GIFT  
4:30 PM Grace MusicKids (Music)  
5:30 PM Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)  
7:00 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

### TUESDAY - October 17 ROCK HILL CITY ELECTIONS

5:30 PM Chrysalis (Conf)  
6:30 PM NO WELCM (Fall Break)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
7:00 PM Seeds of the Reformation (Oratory)

### WEDNESDAY - October 18

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

### THURSDAY - October 19

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

### FRIDAY - October 20

5:30 PM AA (101)

### SATURDAY - October 21

8:30 AM Confirmation Class (107, 108, 110, 111)  
11:00 AM Festival Choir Rehearsal (FH)

### SUNDAY - October 22 BISHOP YOOS AT GRACE PASTOR KEN ON VACATION

10:30 AM Festival Worship Service  
11:30 AM Covered Dish Pot Luck (FH & Kit)  
12:30 PM Congregational Meeting (FH)  
12:45 PM Bishop Yoos Presentation (FH)  
4:30 PM GYM (Youth)  
7:00 PM AA (101)

## October 22, 2017 Worship Assistants

### Hospitality:

Covered Dish Brunch

### Muggers:

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

### Nursery:

Patti Saunders

### Tabulators:

Madeline and Harry Hazen

### Altar Guild:

Katie Romero and Sue Waataja

### Home Communion Ministers:

Huitt; Gignac; Sliney/Westbrook

### 10:30 AM

Lector: Pam Kirby

Communion Assistant: Nora Sliney

Petitioner: Dee Westbrook

Crucifer: Noah Gamerl

Acolytes: Kaila Stegall and Grace Bell

Greeters: Norma and Frank Surratt

Ushers: Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett, Eric Waataja

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### OCTOBER 2017

#### Bishop Yoos Visits Grace - October 22

10:30 AM One Service (No Sunday School)  
Brunch, Presentation

& Congregational Meeting Following  
Seniors@Grace - October 26 - Greg Paxton  
Fall Festival - October 28 - 4:00 PM

### NOVEMBER 2017

First Communion Classes - Nov. 6 & 13 - 4:30 PM  
Women's Retreat - November 10-12 - Lutherock  
Seniors@Grace - November 16 - TBA  
First Communion at Both Services - Nov. 19  
Annual Dinner/Meeting - November 19 - 5:00 PM

### DECEMBER 2017

Chrismon Tree Decorating - December 1 - 4:00 PM  
Christmas Music Festival - December 9 - 5:00 PM  
Seniors@Grace - December 14 - Jubilee Christmas  
Christmas Eve Day Worship  
December 24 - 10:00 AM  
Christmas Eve Services  
December 24 - 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

### JUNE 2018

NYG - June 27 - July 1, 2018 - Houston, TX