

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 13, 2017



A message from Pastor Ken,

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:13

None of us really knows what may happen today, tomorrow, next week, this month, or in the coming year. We get blindsided by one life surprise after another. We have little control over what happens to us, but one thing we can do is prepare and be ready for whatever may happen, living lives of faith in God's promises. Faith is our entire life-response to what God has done to save us! May the oil of abundance that God pours upon us keep us awake and ready, living lives of faith until Christ returns and gathers us home with all the saints!

ANNUAL DINNER - is on **Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 PM**. Dinner includes Turkey, Ham, Rolls, Green Bean Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Salad, Pie, Ice Tea and Coffee. Cost: \$8.00 per adult; \$5.00 children 7-12; Children 6 and under free. \$25.00 maximum per family.

TIME AND TALENTS - The Stewardship Committee is asking Grace membership to submit a Time & Talent survey during the month of November for the coming 2018 calendar year. Surveys can be completed online at gracelutheranchurch.onthecity.org. If you have a City account, please skip the paper survey and enter your selections directly into your City Account Settings > Skills section. Paper surveys are available at the Information Center in the Fellowship Hall.

GRACE DROP AND SHOP - Need some extra time to yourself this holiday season? Take advantage of **GYM's Drop and Shop on Saturday, December 2, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM**. Drop your children (ages 3 years through 5th grade) at church with the GYM youth, and they will be fed and entertained for the afternoon. **Cost: \$20/child, \$15 additional per sibling**. RSVP's are on Pastor Rebecca's door and must be turned in by November 26. All funds raised will go toward defraying the cost of the National Youth Gathering.

GYM SKI TRIP - Grace's annual GYM Ski Trip is **February 9-11, 2018**. Registration and non-refundable payment is due in Pastor Rebecca's box no later than **November 19**.

FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS - we begin **Parish Choir** rehearsals at **6:45 PM Wednesdays**. **Grace Alone** rehearsals will also begin at **6:45 PM on Mondays** for anyone wanting to sing in the Festival Chorus for the December 9th concert. We will rehearse the festival music first from 6:45-7:15 PM. Then the regular choir rehearsal will continue at 7:15 PM.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS/CANDLE CHART - please take a moment to reserve your favorite date for sponsoring a vase of flowers (\$35.00/each) or the Sanctuary Candle (\$20.00/month). The new 2018 flower/candle chart is posted in the Fellowship Hall - stop by today.

SENIORS@GRACE - Seniors@Grace will be on the road November 16th! We meet at **11:30 AM** at Luigi and Sons Italian Restaurant (2387 Cherry Road, Rock Hill) for a "casual fine dining experience, with fresh ingredients." Sign up on Sunday's Tear and Share for a fun afternoon of good food and fellowship!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY - Grace is exploring a rejuvenation of the Bereavement Committee. Providing a meal or a reception is a tangible way for their church family to console and support them and to share their grief. Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry. You can sign-up on the Sunday's Tear and Share, or call the church office. If you have any questions, call Pat Kirk at 803-322-7772.

CHRISMON TREE DECORATING - will be **Friday, December 1 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary**. Please fill out on Sunday's Tear and Share if you are willing to come help decorate our tree.

CHRISTMAS PARADE - Grace will once again help spread the Christmas cheer by providing hot chocolate and popcorn for folks watching the **Rock Hill Christmas parade on Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm**. We need volunteers: (1) to pop popcorn between 4:00 - 6:00 pm; (2) to make hot chocolate between 5:30 - 7:30 pm; and (3) to help serve popcorn and hot chocolate between 5:45-end of parade. If you can help, please email Donna Richter at Rrichter@comporium.net or call Donna at 803-367-2996.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - November 13

10:00 AM	Staff (Prayer)
4:30 PM	First Communion Instruction (Common)
5:30 PM	Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
5:45 PM	Campus Ministry (WH)
6:30 PM	Public Relations (Conf)
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (Youth)
6:45 PM	Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - November 14

COUNCIL REPORTS AND NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

1:30 PM	Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
6:30 PM	WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM	SCWW (105)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
7:00 PM	Jr. Women's Club of Rock Hill (FH)
7:30 PM	Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - November 15

9:30 AM	Grace-C Quilters (103)
5:30 PM	Outreach (108)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
6:45 PM	Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - November 16

7:30 AM	Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
11:30 AM	Seniors@Grace (Luigi's)

FRIDAY - November 17

11:00 AM	Racial Reconciliation (Common)
11:30 AM	Affinity Health Staff Meeting (FH & Kit)
5:30 PM	AA (101)

SATURDAY - November 18

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

SUNDAY - November 19

FIRST COMMUNION AT BOTH SERVICES

8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
4:30 PM	NO GYM (Annual Dinner)
5:00 PM	Annual Dinner (FH & Kit)
6:00 PM	Annual Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM	AA (101)

November 19, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Linda and Raymond Zieverink and Kathy Taylerson

Muggers:

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:

Lockwoods

Altar Guild:

Deb Gignac and Linda Horst

8:30 AM

Lector: Diane Senn

Communion Assistant: Sig Huitt

Petitioner: Ruth Wasserman

Crucifer: Dustin Stegall

Acolytes: Jaxon Sidden and Tyler Stegall

Greeter: Vicky & Bob Goodbar

Ushers: Dan Bartel, Tom Sturniolo,

ShirLee Alfors, Jim Alfors

11:00 AM

Lector: April Hershey

Communion Assistant: Bill Davis

Petitioner: Melissa Tucker

Crucifer: Caroline Corbett

Acolytes: Jacob Corbett and Abby Ketner

Greeters: Norma and Frank Surratt

Ushers: Bill Sliney, Chris Cassidy, Kenny Meetze

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NOVEMBER 2017

Seniors@Grace - Nov 11:30 AM - TBD

First Communion at Both Services - Nov 19

Annual Dinner and Meeting -

November 19 - 5:00 PM

DECEMBER 2017

Chrismon Tree Decorating - December 1 - 4:00 PM

Christmas Parade - December 1 - 6:30 PM

Children's Christmas Program Practices -

Saturday, December 2, 9, 16: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

GYM Shop and Drop - Saturday, December 2

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Christmas Music Festival - December 9 - 5:00 PM

Seniors@Grace - December 14 - 11:30 AM

Jubilee Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Program - Dec 17 9:45 AM

Advent 4 Worship - December 24 - 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2018

GYM Ski Trip - February 9-11, 2018

JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering - Houston, Texas

June 27 - July 1, 2018