

A message from Pastor Rebecca,

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. Mark 13: 32-33

We do not know when Jesus will return and bring the Kingdom of Heaven, however, we do know we have a calling to answer now. In the meantime, we are called to be the church; to recognize the inbreaking of the kingdom, and to know Emmanuel (God with us). As the church we do not only look for the light of Christ, we reflect it even in darkness. This week, prepare your hearts to welcome the Christ Child by taking time to notice where God is with you.

ADVENT STUDY - Pastor Ken will lead an Advent Study on **Wednesdays** at **10:30 AM** in the Prayer Room, continuing December 6, 13, and 20.

ANGEL TREE & GIVING TREE - 4 Angel Tree Tags and 8 Giving Tree Tags are left to pick up this week, shop and wrap, and return to church. If you get a chance, pick up your tags this week, and thanks in advance. **Angel Tree tags are due NEXT Sunday, December 10. Giving Tree tags are due Sunday, December 17.**

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM - Grace's Senior Boy's basketball team will be playing this Saturday against St. John's at Tirzah ARP at 9:00 AM.

FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS - we begin **Parish Choir** rehearsals at **6:45 PM Wednesdays**. **Grace Alone** rehearsals 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 6:45-7:45 PM. Then the regular choir rehearsal will continue at 7:45 PM.

GRACE'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL - "Holy Light - A Candlelight Service of Carols" is **Saturday, December 9** at **5:00 PM**. There will be light refreshments served.

FAMILY PROMISE - Comes to Grace at the end of the year. We begin hosting on Sunday, December 31 and will have our families the first week of January, 2018, through Sunday, January 7. Sign up sheets have been posted in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the offering envelopes.

HUNGER OUTREACH - Hunger Outreach is **Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8**. Sign up sheets are already posted in the Fellowship Hall - please check and see if you can be of assistance.

SENIORS@GRACE - Seniors@Grace annual Jubilee Christmas Party is fast approaching! Come join us on **Thursday December 14 at 11:00 AM** for pictures with Santa. (Remember to wear your holiday best as there will be a prize for the "best dressed"!) Bring a dish to pass for our pot-luck lunch and a wrapped gift for our wild white elephant gift exchange. (Bring something you might have received last year that needs a new home!) Join us for a fun filled party of fellowship and frivolity! All are welcome! Sign-up on Sundays Tear and Share with number attending and pot luck dish bringing.

CALLING ALL GRACE GOLFERS - We are considering a golf tournament sometime in the near future (April 2018) for the purpose of fellowship and supporting Grace Youth Ministry in raising funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Texas. If you play golf, can assist with securing sponsorships or prizes for the tournament, or just want to help, sign up on table in Fellowship Hall to let us know of your interest.

2018 SUPPER CLUB - Supper Club is a social gathering of 8 people who share a meal & get to know each other. It's a lot of fun especially if you are new to the congregation. Please indicate on the tear & share or on the sign up in the fellowship hall if you'd be interested in joining for 2018. There are typically 4 suppers scheduled between January and September: 3 where you will be with 8 people to share a meal, 1 where everyone in supper club & anyone interested in finding out about supper club have a group gathering held in June, July or August. Welcome your new chairpersons, Nick & Jill Grossoehme. They will set up the schedule for 2018 in January. If you are interested please sign up and or call the Grossoehmes at 803 372-8180.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - December 4

9:30 AM YMCA Silver Fox Club Lunch (FH & Kit)
1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
5:30 PM Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders (FH)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
6:45 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - December 5

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - December 6

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

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

THURSDAY - December 7

HUNGER OUTREACH

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Commission (108)

FRIDAY - December 8

PASTOR REBECCA VACATION

HUNGER OUTREACH

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - December 9

PASTOR REBECCA VACATION

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

8:00 AM Property (Patty Wagon Café)
9:30 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY - December 10

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
2:30 PM GYM Caroling
7:00 PM AA (101)

December 10, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Adult Sunday School

Muggers:

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

Nursery:

Leslie Dunnett

Tabulators:

Bea and Jack Lockwood

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney

8:30 AM

Lector: Anne Johnson

Communion Assistant: Earl Gatlin

Petitioner: Laura Maciag

Acolyte: Grace Bell

Greeter: Jackie Wille

Ushers: Jack Lockwood, Bob Schavey,

Bob Goodbar, Eddie Hinson

11:00 AM

Lector: Kathy Schwandt

Communion Assistant: Bill Davis

Petitioner: Eric Schmidt

Acolyte: Michael Echegaray

Greeters: Don Horst

Ushers: Larry Winsch, Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett

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DECEMBER 2017

Children's Christmas Program Practices -
Saturday, December 9, 16: 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Christmas Music Festival - December 9 - 5:00 PM
Seniors@Grace - December 14 - 11:00 AM
Photos with Santa/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
Family Promise - December 31 - January 7

FEBRUARY 2018

GYM Ski Trip - February 9-11, 2018

JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering - Houston, Texas
June 27 - July 1, 2018