

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

December 11, 2018



Thoughts from Pastor Gregg:

We carry the Gospel with us into the week: In God's tender compassion, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, dispelling the darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace. As we make our way through this Advent, where do you see God's light breaking into your life? Take time to acknowledge and give thanks for the places in your day where darkness gives way to something brighter.

ANGEL TREE AND GIVING TREE TAGS - If you still have presents for the Angel Tree or Giving Tree gifts, please return them to church Today, Tuesday, December 11. Several gifts are still not returned (due to weather conditions), and our pick up dates have been slightly delayed to adjust.

RACE AND RECONCILIATION IN ROCK HILL - Topic: We are One; We are Many: 50 Years Into Desegregation
When: Thursday, December 13, 6:30-8:00 pm **Where:** Bannon Hall, 902 Crawford Road, Rock Hill (across the street from St. Mary's Catholic Church). We are returning to the topic of school desegregation for our December meeting. We have teachers and students from two local high schools who will share their insights into how much or how little our schools are integrated today. Our discussion will be facilitated by Cleopatra Allen, and we will break up into small groups for discussion after hearing from the panelists. The weather forecast for Thursday has no mention of snow or ice. Fingers crossed!

SENIORS@GRACE IN DECEMBER - Our annual Jubilee Potluck lunch with Santa is **Thursday December 13 at 11:30 am**. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped gift for our fun Christmas gift exchange. Also dress in your best holiday clothes for a chance at the "Best Dressed 2018 Award".

GYM THROUGH END OF 2018 - On December 16th GYM will meet at 4:30 PM for our amazing Christmas party. It will be just the event to get the youth ready for the holidays and being out of school! Finally, NO GYM on December 23, and on December 30 at 4:30 PM GYM will meet for the end of the year and beginning of the New Year's party. We will have refreshments, movies, and games. Contact Art Harris for more details (artharris56@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - Christmas Eve falls on **Monday, December 24**. We will have three worship services: **5:00 PM** worship service geared toward children; **7:00 PM** worship service with piano, drum, flute, guitar, and Grace Alone Choir; **10:00 PM** worship service with organ, piano, and Parish Choir. *We need worship assistants for the following:*

5:00 PM - PETITIONER.

7:00 PM - TWO USHERS, ONE ACOLOYTE.

10:00 PM - TWO USHERS, PETITIONER, CRUCIFER, TWO ACOLYTES.

Contact Debra Gignac (gigette85@comporium.net) if you can help out.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP - Take a moment to stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall that has Grace's 2019 Offering envelopes on it. If you are an online donor, your need to pick up the card with this year's giving number on it. The envelopes are conveniently located between the Name Tag Table (which you will continue to use for several more weeks) and the Coffee Hour Table. Thanks in advance for collecting your envelopes today!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - if you have not responded to Stewardship's request to update your information in the Time and Talent booklet, now is the time to do so. **Deadline is December 16**. If we don't hear from you, the information from last year will remain the same for 2019. Thanks in advance. Stewardship Team.

ANNUAL REPORTS - are coming due in January for **ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS**. Linda Rhead, Parish Administrator, will begin working on emailing last year's reports to committee chairs this week. Please edit and return your report for **2018 by January 13, 2019**.

GRACE CALENDAR

TUESDAY - December 11

**COUNCIL REPORTS AND NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE
FOR JANUARY 2019**

6:30 PM Public Relations (Conf)
6:30 PM SCWW (107)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - December 12

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
5:30 PM Outreach (108)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY - December 13

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer)
11:30 AM Seniors@Grace Jubilee Pot Luck (FH)
6:30 PM Stewardship (Common)

FRIDAY - December 14

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - December 15

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY - December 16

8:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 PM GYM Christmas Party (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

December 16, 2018

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

Nursery:

Barbara Davis

Tabulators:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney

8:30 AM

Lector: Jill Grossoehme

Communion Assistant: Brian Beer

Petitioner: Cindy Rowan

Acolyte: Jaxon Sidden

Greeter: Sig Huitt

Ushers: Floyd Ritchie, Eddie Hinson,

Kevin Winsch, Doug Gay

11:00 AM

Lector: Robin Ketner

Communion Assistant: Nora Sliney

Petitioner: Dee Westbrook

Acolyte: Jacob Corbett

Greeters: Dewain Theissen

Ushers: Wally Seigler, Larry Winsch,

Walker Stockley

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DECEMBER 2018

Seniors@Grace - December 13, 11:30 AM -

Annual Jubilee Christmas Party and

White Elephant Gift Exchange

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES

All with Holy Communion

5:00 PM - Children's Service

7:00 PM - Worship Service with piano, drum,
flute, guitar, and Grace Alone Choir

10:00 PM - Worship Service with organ, piano,
and Parish Choir