

## Thoughts from Pastor Rachel:

As we enter into the last week before Christmas, we remember that we are still watching and waiting for the coming of Christ. And we do not wait idly. As John the Baptist told the crowd at the River Jordan, we are called to live as God's baptized people, acting generously and honestly, loving our neighbors. We are invited into God's kingdom work, which brings great joy. How are you called to participate in God's loving work this week?

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**GYM THROUGH END OF 2018** - NO GYM on December 23, and on December 30 at (time to be figured out soon) 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).

**GYM SKI TRIP** - GYM Ski trip is planned for Jan. 11-13, 2019. The cost of the ski trip will be \$150. This includes: 2 nights at the Sleep Inn, in Princeton West Virginia; 2 great morning breakfast bars; all day skiing or snow tubing w/ lunch voucher and dinner at Ryan's Steak House Saturday evening; then an amazing worship service Sunday morning over looking one of WV river gorges. Questions: call Art (803) 493-5969.

**WEBSITE UPDATE** - You may soon see a camera in and around the church. The Public Relations committee is designing a new website for Grace. We look forward to including new photographs of our church and some of our members on the website. Alli Waataja, a member of Grace, a student at SCAD and an excellent photographer, will be in and around the church taking photographs over the next several weeks. Specifically, she will be taking photographs during worship services on December 23 and 24. Don't worry - you don't need to do anything different - just be yourself! We do hope to have a good attendance for these services. We look forward to using these photos on our website and on our social media posts. If for any reason you (or anyone in your family) do not want to be photographed and/or do not want to have your photographs used on our website and/or social media, contact Donna Richter ([rlrichter@comporium.net](mailto:rlrichter@comporium.net)) before Dec. 31, 2018.

**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: 7:00 PM - ONE ACOLOYTE. 10:00 PM - ONE USHER, ONE ACOLYTE.* Contact Debra Gignac ([gigette85@comporium.net](mailto: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**.

**THANK YOU** - Dear Grace Family, thank you so very much for the cards, phone calls, prayers and memorials sent during and following my sister's death. My faith reassures me that Dianne is in a much better place surrounded by family and friends but most importantly she is with her Lord and Savior. Thanks be to God! God's Peace, The Seigler and Clowney Families.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - December 17

6:00 PM York County Quilters (FH)  
6:20 PM NO Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)  
7:20 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY - December 18

1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)  
6:30 PM AA (101)

### WEDNESDAY - December 19

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

### THURSDAY - December 20

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Common)

### FRIDAY - December 21

5:30 PM AA (101)

### SATURDAY - December 22

No Events Scheduled

### SUNDAY - December 23

8:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 AM NO Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:30 PM NO GYM (Youth)  
7:00 PM AA (101)

### MONDAY - December 24

#### CHRISTMAS EVE - OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PM Children's Worship Service  
7:00 PM Worship with piano, drum, flute,  
guitar, Grace Alone  
10:00 PM Worship with organ, piano, and Parish Choir

### TUESDAY - December 25

#### CHRISTMAS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

**December 23, 2018**

### **Worship Assistants**

#### **Hospitality:**

Coffee Only

#### **Muggers:**

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

#### **Nursery:**

Katie Romero

#### **Tabulators:**

Bea and Jack Lockwood

#### **Altar Guild:**

Nora Sliney

#### **8:30 AM**

*Lector:* Steve Johnson

*Communion Assistant:* Bob Schavey

*Petitioner:* Ruth Wasserman

*Acolytes:* Jaxon Sidden

*Greeter:* Sig Huitt

*Ushers:* Floyd Ritchie, Eddie Hinson,  
Kevin Winsch, Doug Gay

#### **11:00 AM**

*Lector:* Don Horst

*Communion Assistant:* Melissa Tucker

*Petitioner:* Rachel Wasserman

*Acolyte:* Palmer Floyd

*Greeters:* Don Horst

*Ushers:* Wally Seigler, Larry Winsch,  
Walker Stockley

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#### **DECEMBER 2018**

#### **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