

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

January 7, 2019



## Thoughts from Pastor Gregg:

We celebrated the Epiphany of our Lord yesterday in worship. In this story ([Matt 2:1-12](#)), some rather unlikely characters prove more insightful than all the scribes and chief priests available to King Herod. The mysterious characters – the Magi – were from a foreign land, and likely followed a foreign religion, yet their willingness to be open to new possibilities enabled them to see Christ for themselves. Like Herod, the chief priests and scribes, we often have ‘blind spots’ in our lives that prevent us from seeing new possibilities and receiving new insights. In community, however, we can help one another see what we would otherwise miss. Who can help you see something new today? Are we willing to follow another way, like the Magi?

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**GET ON REALM** - Join us on Realm, Grace's community network system. Realm allows members & committees to connect more easily, share information quickly, and access resources for ministry. Don't have a Realm account yet? On January 13th, **after BOTH services**, members of the Stewardship team will be in the Fellowship Hall with computers, ready to help you create your personal Realm account. Not sure if you have an account? We can help! Get on Realm today!

**GYM IN JANUARY** - Jan 11-13th is our GYM Ski Retreat at Winterplace in Princeton, WV. On the 20th, we'll have GYM study, and on the 27th, we'll have a GYM Movie Night. Come grow in faith with friends! Church events start at **4:30 PM** and meet in the **Youth Room**. See Pr. Rachel or Art Harris with questions.

**QUILLOW WORKSHOP** - Just a short reminder of the Quillow Workshop on Saturday, January 12 from **9:00 am** until **12:00 pm (noon)**, in **Rooms 107, 108, and 110**. Contact ShirLee Alfors for details (803) 548-1751.

**TIME AND TALENT** - It's a new beginning at Grace with a new church year and calendar year as well as new Pastoral leadership. It's the perfect time to reassess personally how God is calling us to fulfill our ministries at Grace. The Stewardship Committee kicked off our annual Time & Talent survey campaign yesterday! We invite you to try something new in how you serve God by serving others. This year, we're providing a way to help discern your talents - The ELCA Spiritual Gifts Assessment (see the January Grace Notes newsletter for a link). Once you learn about your Spiritual Gifts, you can check out what areas of ministry might benefit from the gifts God has given you, using our ministry description booklet. Then, you can fill out your Time & Talent survey on Realm or use a paper survey if you prefer. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to grow in sharing your time and talent this coming year to fulfill our Mission. Come by the Fellowship Hall to learn more!

**BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM** - Grace's Senior Boys' Basketball team plays next on **Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 am** against New Kirk at Woodhaven. Contact Floyd Ritchie for details (803) 322-2412.

**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!

**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 soon. Please edit and return your report for **2018 by January 31, 2019**.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - January 7

6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders (FH)  
6:20 PM Grace Ringers Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)  
7:20 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanc)

### TUESDAY - January 8

#### **FEB 2019 COUNCIL REPORTS AND NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

10:00 AM Staff (Pr. Gregg's Office)  
1:30 PM NO Newcomer's Knitwits (Common)  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (106-107)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
6:30 PM SCWW (107)  
7:00 PM Junior Women's Club of Rock Hill (FH)  
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

### WEDNESDAY - January 9

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)  
5:30 PM Health Cabinet (Conf)  
5:30 PM Outreach (108)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY - January 10

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Common)  
2:00 PM Rock Hill Music Club (FH & Kit)

### FRIDAY - January 11

#### **GYM SKI TRIP (PR. RACHEL)**

5:30 PM AA (101)

### SATURDAY - January 12

#### **GYM SKI TRIP (PR. RACHEL)**

8:00 AM Property (Patty Wagon)  
9:00 AM Quillow Workshop (107, 108, 110)

### SUNDAY - January 13

#### **GYM SKI TRIP (PR. RACHEL)**

#### **REALM WORKSHOP AFTER BOTH SERVICES**

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

**January 13, 2019**

### **Worship Assistants**

#### **Hospitality:**

Adele Evans

#### **Muggers:**

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

#### **Nursery:**

Heather Litzinger

#### **Tabulators:**

Pat Kirk and Bob Stonebraker

#### **Altar Guild:**

Dee Westbrook and Betsy Bartel

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

*Lector:* Pam Kirby

*Communion Assistant:* Kevin Wunsch

*Petitioner:* Earl Gatlin

*Crucifer:* Grace Caroline Bell

*Acolytes:* Emory Beer, Kaila Stegall

*Greeter:* Vicky and Bob Goodbar

*Ushers:* Sig Huitt, Kendall Anderson,

Harold Williams, Dan Bartell

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

*Lector:* Linda Horst

*Communion Assistant:* Deb Gignac

*Petitioner:* Kathy Schwandt

*Crucifer:* Cameron Cassidy

*Acolytes:* Michael Echegaray,

Emma Lowrance

*Greeters:* Dewain Theissen

*Ushers:* Ray Reynolds, Eric Waataja,

Dennis Hogue

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#### **JANUARY 2019**

GYM Ski Trip - January 11-13

Quillow Workshop - January 12, 9:00 am

Boys' Basketball - Saturday, January 19  
10:00 am at Woodhaven

Seniors@Grace - January 24, 11:30 am -  
Carolina Copy Cats

Confirmation Class-January 26, 8:30 am  
Boys' Basketball - Saturday, January 26 -  
10:00 am at Ebenezer

#### **FEBRUARY 2019**

Boys' Basketball - Saturday, February 2 -  
12:00 pm at Woodhaven

Boys' Basketball - Saturday, February 2 -  
3:00 pm at Mt. Holly

Family Promise - Sunday, February 24  
through Sunday, March 3