



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

TIDINGS

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DEAR PARTNERS,

As I write this, the service of Lessons and Carols for Advent this past Wednesday is on my mind. It was beautiful worship provided by **Dr. Tom Mitts**, Director of Church Music at Shenandoah University and Director of Music / Organist at Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington D.C.

A repeated congregation response in a litany from that service is a call to us as we begin a new year.

...Fear not, nor be dismayed

Tomorrow you go forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Tomorrow you go forth, and the Lord will be with you.

In the Advent season, we looked forward in hope and trust to the new beginning of God's coming among us in Emmanuel, which we celebrate at Christmas. We believe, that we will go forth into all of our tomorrows trusting that the Lord is with us and with our world, working to bring healing and redemption.

As the new year begins, we proclaim that this is true for each of us in our daily lives, at home, at work, at play, in our relationships with family, neighbors, friends near and far off, with co-workers and peers.

As you contemplate the new year with its new beginnings, in what ways will you go forth in your daily life knowing the Lord will be with you? And in what ways will we be called forth into tomorrow together as a congregation trusting that the Lord is with us in our mission and ministry, and in our relationships with each other?

On Sunday, January 5th, new council members will be installed. Please pray for all our congregational leaders, Congregation Council members, trustees, members of ministry councils, task groups and committees, and staff, as they work to lead us in mission and ministry this year.

We begin the new year with a new long-range plan, adopted in November, through which we will trust in God's presence and providence as we work in some new ways, with an emphasis on being welcoming.

We have a new congregation logo, artwork created by **Norma Fredrickson**, and a new mission statement:

Grace Welcomes All In Faith + Community + Service

The Facilities Master Plan Task Group, called for in the long-range plan, and the Organ Renovation Task Group have already begun their work which will continue in 2020.

We have commissioned **Norma Fredrickson** to create new paraments for the seasons of the church year (not including white, since those have been made already). This will be funded by the Thanksgiving Memorial Fund. We give thanks for all who have given to this fund in memory of loved ones who have died, in particular, special gifts that have been designated

for the paraments in memory of **Mildred Johnson** and in memory of **Margaret Greenwald**. There are beautiful new shutters also purchased through the Thanksgiving Memorial Fund. They provide security and privacy, help us darken the room if we need to, and they really look beautiful.

We have welcomed new members among us and other friends who worship with us, and we look forward to getting to know them better. And, of course, there will be new learning, fellowship and service opportunities for all ages.

So, tomorrow, we go forth and the Lord will be with us.

Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Martha Sims

OUR WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Sunday, January 5, 2020 – Second Sunday of Christmas – Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth. The readings are: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14 and John 1:1-18. We gather for two services of Holy Communion, **8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** **Congregation Council members will be installed in both services.**

Sunday, January 5, 2020—Grace Place—We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at **5:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – Baptism of Our Lord – In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of Baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing. The readings are: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17. Services of Holy Communion are at **8:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

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Saturday, January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany - The gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us. The readings are: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and John 1:29-42. We gather for two services of Holy Communion, **8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Sunday, January 19, 2020—Grace Place— We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at **5:00p.m.** All are welcome!

Sunday, January 26, 2020 –Third Sunday after Epiphany – In the Gospel reading, Matthew 4:12-23, Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples. The other readings are: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18. Services of Holy Communion are at **8:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – Grace Place – We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at **5:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

AGO BENEFIT RECITALS AND CONCERTS

On Sunday, December 29 the Winchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a series of recitals and concerts in the downtown churches of Winchester. We are delighted to invite you to one such concert here at Grace at 3:45 p.m. The concerts are free and open to all, but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit Winchester Rescue Mission and WATTS.

The program here at Grace is special in that it will feature many of our own musicians as well as others. Among the line-up, will be organ and piano duets for the Christmas season. Additionally, our Grace Ringers will perform a piece conducted by its composer Marilyn Shenenberger. **Dudley Oakes, Mark Lindgren,** and Tom Mitts will participate at the organ and piano. This should be an enjoyable, easy listening, and delightful event for all ages. Please Come!!

Closing of Financial Secretary's Record of Giving

The Financial Secretary's Records of Giving for 2019 will close on December 31, 2019. To be included on your 2019 Giving Statements, contributions for the 2019 tax year must be in the church office by December 31st or must be mailed to the church with a postmark of December 31st or before. Any offerings received after that date will be posted in records for giving in 2020. The IRS does not allow for any checks or gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2019, to be noted as a gift for 2019.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

All offerings received in envelopes marked "Christmas Outreach" and all loose offerings at the Christmas Eve Services and the Christmas Day service will be used for Service and Outreach Ministry to our local community.

Our Stewardship of Worship for Wednesdays	6:30
November 13	16
November 20	18
November 27	No WoW
December 4	34
December 11	58

Our Stewardship of Worship	Sunday School	8:15	11:00	Grace Place
November 17	108	115	153	8
November 24	85	99	120	8
December 1	70	130	131	10
December 8	Business Mtg	132	132	19

FOR THE RECORD "Growing in the Grace of Giving" Report of Offerings for 2019

	Anticipated Each Week	Given Each Week				Anticipated Year-to- Date	Given Year-to-Date
		Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8		
Promised Offerings Pledged Envelope Giving \$438,956 budgeted for 2019.	\$8,441	\$7,620	\$7,503.54	\$10,263.50	\$8,073	\$413,609	\$420,491.08
Grace Offerings Non-pledged Envelope Giving \$78,000 budgeted for 2019.	\$1,500	\$1,348.89	\$2,461.96	\$1,196	\$3,543	\$73,500	\$79,933.76
Faith Offerings Loose Cash/Check Giving \$15,000 budgeted for 2019.	\$288	\$324	\$457	\$367	\$603.91	\$14,112	\$20,513.59
Covenant Income Income from fees, interest, grants, \$5,600 budgeted for 2019.	\$108	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,292	\$7,598
Revell Trust Income \$290,502 budgeted for 2019.	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$273,763	\$273,763
Bartko Fund \$18,420 budgeted for 2019.	\$354	\$354	\$354	\$354	\$354	\$17,346	\$17,346

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

Adult FAITH FORMATION. . .9:45-10:45 am

Church and Society, Part 2 Starting January 12, 2020

We continue our reflection on Social Statements and Social Messages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America relating to the cultural issues and concerns of our time. How does the church relate to the culture? How and why do Christians engage in current social issues? What are Social Statements / Messages, and how do they impact congregations? Join us as we read and discuss Social Statements / Messages on topics such as: Health and Health Care, Community Violence, Homelessness, Human Sexuality, End of Life Decisions and others. Leader: **Pastor Martha Sims**

Listening for God

Where do you listen for God? The challenge is to pay attention everywhere. We will study a collection of stories and essays from Contemporary American Literature which may not be the most predictable place to listen for God but may very well be quite rewarding. This class will include some reading ahead of time to go with our conversations. Join **Pastor Boynton** in this conversation during Sunday School in January and February, you can get a book from him ahead of time if you would like.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Dwelling In The Word - 7:30 am Continental Breakfast served. Come together and prepare for worship on the coming Sunday by studying the Scripture readings ahead of time. Studying together helps Scripture come alive – Leaders: **Pastor Jonathan Boynton, Pastor Martha Sims** and lay leaders from the group. ALL ARE WELCOME!

W.I.L.D. Women (Willing, Inviting, Loving, Disciples)

Monday, January 13th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of T.'s office to help out. Thanks

Women of Grace will gather again on **Tuesday, January 21st** in the G.M.O.C. Assembly Hall

Beginning at 10:30 a.m.

with Pastor Jonathan Boynton and Pastor Sims leading using the resource *Manna & Mercy*

All Women of Grace are invited to attend.

Bible & Brew – Adults are welcomed to attend Bible & Brew held at Piccadilly Brew Pub the fourth Monday of each month. Next meeting is scheduled for **6:00 p.m. Monday, January 27th**. Come for fellowship and discussion. For more information contact Pastor Jonathan Boynton or T. Shafferman.



Dinner & A Movie Triple Feature

Sunday, January 5th

5:30 - 8:00 pm

GMOC Assembly Hall (adult showing), Eisenberg Hall (children),

Youth Room (youth showing)

Dinner, Popcorn/candy and great fellowship provided.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the admin. hallway to help out.

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH NEWS

Order of St. John - Calling all Confirmation Students to sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Just a reminder this is part of your confirmation commitment. We are now offering four worship services on Christmas Eve 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & 11pm. It takes many youth to make Order of St. John happen on Christmas Eve - Sign-up today. Please see T. Shafferman for training.

Winter Celebration - It is almost Winter Cell time. January 24 - 26, 2020. Please remember the following: Bible, Warm clothing including a coat, sleeping bag, fitted sheet, toiletries, flash light, snack & favorite soda to share, money for meals traveling and offering. Please arrive at Grace alley by 2:30 pm on the 24th and parent's are asked to pick up their Youth by 4:00 pm on the 26th. Thanks!

We rejoice with the following children on completing their Communion Instruction and receiving Holy Communion during the Christmas Season. They are:

**Jayden Ashwood, Hunter Brazelton,
Lydia Boynton, Graham Dame,
Andrew Percival & Matty Purtlebaugh.**



Sunday, January 5th - Triple Feature for Adults, Youth and children. Dinner & A Movie begins at 5:30 pm and is fun for the whole family. Dinner & snacks are provided. Hope to see you there.

WINTER CELEBRATION - Friday, January 22nd - Sunday the 25th

Sunday, February 2nd - Youth Group 12:15 - 2:00 pm 6th-12th Grades **SUPER BOWL PARTY**. Games, Football food and lots of fun. Friends are welcome. 7th Day Synod Youth Event forms are due TODAY along with the \$60 registration fee made payable to Grace Lutheran Church. 7th Day is help at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg, VA and is scheduled for March 7th-8th, 2020

Sunday, February 16th - Youth Group 12:15 - 2:00 pm. Help the Church Day! Parent's are welcome to stay but not required.

W.I.L.D. Women Valentine Lunch & Victorian Tea
Sunday, February 9th
12:15 - 2:00 pm
in the GMOC

All women of Grace and friends are welcome to attend this sweet event. If you would like to help with our tea please contact T. Shafferman at 540-327-5190 or tshafferman@gracewin.org

KINGS PARTY
Sunday, January 5th

9:30 am GMOC Assembly Hall
Come celebrate Epiphany!
Food, Stars, Kings and more . . .



20's/30's Group You are invited to attend the Triple Feature on Sunday, January 5th from 5:30 pm till 8:00 pm in the GMOC Assembly Hall. For more information or to help out with this event contact Sara Power at powerhouse525@gmail.com. This group also helps out at Highland Food Pantry on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. For more information on how to get involved with this ministry contact Pastor Jonathan Boynton at jboynton@gracewin.org

In Our Prayers

Members who have been in the hospital or are in need of our prayers of healing: **Karen Booth, Skip Braden, Marie Everly, Pastor Lowell Knauff, Jim Longerbeam, and Joyce Ray.**

Prayers of Comfort

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Susan "Sue" Auer**; wife of **Jim Auer**, mother of **Barbara Auer**, and grandmother of **Kay Ritenour** and **Tyler Diehl** whose funeral service will be at Grace on Saturday, January 4 at 11:00 am; to the family and friends of **Betty Jo Dickerson**, wife of **Myron Dickerson**, mother of **Jody Elson**, mother-in-law of **Rob Elson**, grandmother of **Nathan** and **Sarah Elson**, whose funeral service will be at Grace on Saturday, December 21 at 1:00 pm; to the family and friends of **Margaret Greenwald**, wife of **Rich Greenwald**; to the family and friends of Mike Scheffel, grandfather of **Pastor Deanna Boynton**; and to the family and friends of **Peggy Mendel**, wife of **Ken Mendel**.

Living Lutheran Magazine



Anyone not currently receiving the *Living Lutheran* magazine (The magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, formerly named *The Lutheran*) and would like to be added to the church's subscription list, please call/e-mail **Joan Carroll** in the Church office at 662-6678 or grace@gracewin.org. Please note: If you are **not** currently receiving *Living Lutheran*, you must call/email to be added, using your offering envelope to make a donation will not automatically add you to the mailing list. Thanks!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WATTS

Our Church has been asked to host the guests of **WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter) from January 11 - 18, 2020**. We never know how blessed we are until we see how a segment of the community must live, and it is wonderful to see our congregation open their hearts and facilities to help those in need. If you are new to the Congregation, it's a great way to meet other members. If you are looking for a way to give support and assistance to the folks who need it the most, WATTS is the way!

If you have not been involved with the WATTS shelter and would like to know more about this ministry, please email me or call the contact information below and I will explain things. We would love to have folks who have not taken part before so don't be bashful. The only restriction is that all volunteers in the shelter must be at least 18 years old. Of course, WATTS veterans are always welcome and needed!

We need folks to help set up and take down the shelter, provide dinners, breakfasts, lunches, snacks, fruit, drinks, activities and volunteer to be evening greeters and overnight support. There are many other opportunities for you to do a lot, or as little as you wish, the important thing is that you join us in helping the unfortunate.

Everyone can help by donating travel size toiletry items like shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, soap, deodorant, mouthwash, and first aid items. There is a box in the first-floor lobby of the administration building under the Service and Outreach bulletin board where you can leave your contributions.

We have the opportunity to do a little more for the homeless this year if there is support from our Members. **We have access to a shower trailer that would be installed against the parking lot wall in the alley.** This program is tentative depending on volunteers who would be responsible to monitor the use, provide towels, and make sure there are toilet items, and to keep it tidy. This idea is in the embryo stage and will be formalized depending on participation from the congregation. The program will need someone to organize the above, and then a number of volunteers. Every year our congregation is disappointed because we cannot offer showers, and perhaps this is a way to make it happen.

As always, I will be glad to answer your questions anytime. Please call 540-931-1487 or email jtconrad1004h@gmail.com.

Thanks for caring. Peace **John Conrad**

Historical Tidbit: Winchester Lutherans and the Virginia Synod 1820-2020

On January 6, 1793, on the Feast of the Epiphany, the first Special Conference of Lutheran pastors in Virginia was held in Winchester. It was probably cold. They traveled by horseback or in small buggies. They met at the old stone church on the hill and organized to meet annually for the next twenty-five years. This was one epiphany of a great idea!

The first group of Lutheran pastors in North America was organized by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg in 1748 and called the Pennsylvania Ministerium. In 1786, the New York Ministerium was established. This is just after the time that **Christian Streit** came to Winchester in 1785. Lutheran ministers were so scarce that there was a need to meet together to identify needs and share resources. They were willing to travel to Philadelphia each year if they could, but even Muhlenberg was encouraging these district conference meetings.

Streit was committed to the Special Conference each year until his death in 1812. He was elected president at the first meeting. Three other pastors attended from New Market (Henkel), Madison (Carpenter), and Martinsburg [then Virginia] (Young). Dry facts? Not at all! Several years ago local historian Gene Comstock presented to our church a cache of letters handwritten by men associated with our congregation. In many, Streit pleads with others to attend the annual conference.

The last meeting of the Special Conference was in 1818. Two years later, there was another meeting of vital importance--creation of the Maryland and Virginia Synod on October 11, 1820-- again, here in Winchester. As the Virginia Synod celebrates 200 years, the Lutherans of Winchester lift up their part in establishing a precedent for organizing to strengthen and share the faith.

Mary Froehlich,
Archivist
froeh@comcast.net

Stephen Ministry Alone

Your children are grown and gone with families of their own.

You hear from them at Christmas, on your birthday.

You don't have many friends left.

It's hard to get out.

A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you. He or she will listen and care. If you or someone you know needs a caring friend to listen and support call **Christie McKee** at (540) 431-1932 for a referral, or talk to **Pastors Sims** or **Boynton**, we can help. You/they are not alone in this community. If you know someone in need of help beyond our community, referrals are possible beyond Winchester as well.

David Ray



2020 Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelopes for 2020 were mailed recently by bulk mail. This year your envelope number remains the same number as your number in 2019. **Please do not start using these envelopes until January 2020.** Any 2020 offering envelopes, that we receive prior to 2020, will not be opened or processed until the Sunday, January 5, 2020, offering count. It would be very helpful to the Financial Secretary, if you would **write your name** on your envelope each week.

If you give online, you will still receive offering envelopes. This is to ensure your envelope number is not inadvertently issued to someone else and you may decide you want to utilize the special offering envelopes included in the packet.

Your 2020 offering envelope packet contains extra envelopes. The first envelope in the packet marked Initial/Special Offering is intended to defray the cost of the envelopes (\$10.00). The third envelope in your offering packet marked *Living Lutheran*/Special Offering may be used to help defray the cost of the *Living Lutheran* magazine (formerly *The Lutheran* magazine for 2020 (\$9.00)). (Please note: If you have **not** received the *Living Lutheran* magazine in the past, you must, also, call/e-mail Joan in the church office to be added to the list. [662-6678](tel:662-6678)/grace@gracewin.org) Scattered throughout your offering envelope packet are special offering envelopes marked for various ministries, please do not use them for your regular offering, as they will be used for the designated ministry as noted on the envelope.

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES will be available in the narthex. If your child had envelopes for 2018/2019, PLEASE DO NOT USE THEM IN 2020. Throw them away because their numbers will be different, and their offerings will not be able to be recorded if they are used.

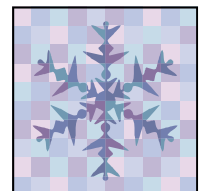


Snow Removal Team Needs Help

It is winter time again, and that brings with it the threat for snow. Following snow events with measurable accumulation, it is the responsibility of the church to keep the sidewalks and entrances to the church property clear. While the church contracts for plowing the rear parking area and alley, volunteer help is needed for sidewalk shoveling and salt spreading. At this time, we have no volunteers, so if you are able to assist with snow removal, please consider becoming a volunteer member of the snow removal team. Please contact the church office at 662-6678, so that your name can be added to the snow removal team call-out list. Thank you very much for your support.

SNOW AND ICE CANCELLATIONS

What is our cancellation policy when we are hit with bad weather? Worship Services are rarely cancelled because of inclement weather. Other church programs sometimes are cancelled. All cancellations will be placed on the Grace Church website (www.gracewin.org) and on WINC FM Radio (92.5 fm) as soon as a decision is made. Cancellation notices for religious organizations are not always announced in a timely fashion, but they are posted almost immediately on the website ~www.winc.fm



Welcome New Members!

On the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019, we received the following new members into the congregation and we give thanks for those who are serving as their sponsors:

New Members

**Carly Ashwood
and children Piper Kesner
and Adeline Fertig**

Clinton "Jesse" and Caitlin Barnes

Katelyn Brazelton

**Trevor and Laura Brazelton
and children, Hunter and
Christopher**

The Rev. Larry and Laurie Closter

Sharon DeMarse

Christopher Hardy

Lore Percival

**Eric and Sarah Percival
and children, Andrew
and Penelope**

Winnifred Strohlein

Doug Strosnider

Sponsors

Darin Ashwood

**John Brennskag and
Leyna Keegan**

Anna Lehman

Xavier and Donna Stewart

The Rev. Bill and Brenda Boldin

Sharon Gray

Scott and Erin Ritchey

Mike Kilgore and Barry Hadden

**Joey and Susie Gawrysiak and
children Claire and Emily**

Mike Kilgore and Barry Hadden

John and Wendy Venskoske

Congregation Council and Congregation Meeting Highlights

A special called Congregation Council meeting was held on November 26, 2019 for the purpose of approving a budget for mission and ministry to recommend to the congregation for approval at the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation on December 8, 2019. The budget was approved.

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation was held. The following are highlights of the meeting:

- Elected Congregation Council members, Class of 2022: **Helena Catapano, Scott Crumpler, Norma Fredrickson, Mark Lindgren, Gail Mazzocco, Ellen Pearce**; Class of 2020: **Christie McKee**; Youth Council members, Class of 2020: **Thomas Marsden, Abby Mauck**.
- Elected a Congregation Representative to the Mission Endowment Fund Board, Class of 2022: **Dick Nanna**
- Approved the Budget for Mission and Ministry Financial Support for 2020.
- **Congregation President, Brooks Nanna**, thanked the outgoing Congregation Council members from the class of 2019 for their service: **Julie Boyce, Russ Erwin, Sharon Gray, Maurade Lynch, Sandra Marcus and Tim Sadler**; youth Council members: **Ben Rayburn and John Whitley**. She also expressed the thanks of the Congregation to **Jerry Kerr, Roger Milburn, and Gene Fisher** for their service as Trustees.



GRACE LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL
"Learn and Grow in a Faithful Community"

Happy New Year to everyone! January is busy at the preschool as we offer the Soccer Shots program, the Lion's Club Kidsight Screenings, and speech screenings for our students. Our Parent Group on January 8th from 10-11:30 in the GMOC will be on Literacy at home. We will also enjoy a Chick Fil-A fundraiser lunch at the end of the month!

SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



We want to remind everyone that our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Silent Auction will be on Tuesday, February 25th from 5-7pm. We are collecting donations for the auction, so if you can help in any way please contact us! We already have some wonderful baskets and gifts to bid on throughout the evening. There will be children's entertainment provided starting at 6:30 in the preschool building.

Please save the date and join us for a fun dinner that supports our preschool!

Preschool Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year:
February 3rd – All currently enrolled families
February 10th – Open Registration

Preschool Registration

We offer a variety of classes for 2-5 year olds.

Come join our preschool family where we learn and grow in a faithful community!



Service and Outreach Helping Hands for the month of December

Highland Food Pantry

We will serve our neighbors in need by helping this ministry.

January 21 we will meet in Church alley to carpool at 5:30 or arrive at Highland Presbyterian Church at 5:45.



Please sign up on our website under Service and Outreach Ministry or let **Pastor Boynton** know you are planning to come so that he can let the pantry plan accordingly.

Thank you! ~ **Service and Outreach Ministry Council**

Tables of Grace

**Saturday,
January 25th
at 11:30 a.m.**

**Chirmol Latin Cuisine
821 N. Loudoun Street
Winchester, VA 22601
540-773-5706**

R.S.V.P. to **Kay Hallett**
by Thursday, January 23rd
703-795-0740
khallett2@comcast.net

Chancel Flowers



Opportunities for donating Chancel Flowers are available the month of January and February! Call Joan in the church office (662-6678) to reserve your Sunday!

Ordering Flowers for Worship

Flowers are signs of life, growth and beauty of creation. If you would like to donate the flowers for worship in memory or honor of someone in your life, please contact the church office to sign up for a given Sunday. You will deal directly with the church. The cost is \$45; make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and have flowers noted on the memo line. Going forward, we will be using Winchester Floral to provide floral arrangements. Unless requested otherwise, flowers are delivered to members in the hospital, skilled nursing, in special care at home, or re-purposed for church events.

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you were the leader of a Ministry Council or task group, director of an auxiliary or know you have to complete a report, it's time to start working on those annual reports. Have your report to **Beverly Dennis**, Parish Administrative Assistant, no later than **January 29, 2020**.

The Annual Report Meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 16, 2020**, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

*The preferred format is Microsoft Word or Publisher sent by e-mail to **bdennis@gracewin.org***



GODFREY MILLER FELLOWSHIP CENTER SCHEDULE

January 1—31, 2020

Wed. 1/1—
Happy New Year

Thurs. 1/2—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 1/6—
10:00 am Hand and Foot
10:00 am Party Bridge
10:30 am Knitting
2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge

Tues. 1/7—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Canasta
10:30 am Painting Class
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 1/8—
10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class

Thurs. 1/9—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Party Bridge
11:00 am MOBB
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 1/13—
10:00 am Hand and Foot
10:00 am Party Bridge
10:30 am Knitting
12:00 noon Kiwanis
2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion
5:30 pm Board Meeting
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge

Tues. 1/14—
10:00 am Teddy Bear Hugs
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Canasta
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 1/15—
10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class

Thurs. 1/16—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 1/20—
10:00 am Hand and Foot
10:00 am Party Bridge
10:30 am Knitting
2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge

Tues. 1/21—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Canasta
10:30 am Painting Class
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 1/22—
10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
1:00 pm Bingo and Hot Chocolate Social
2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class

Thurs. 1/23—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 1/27—
10:00 am Hand and Foot
10:00 am Party Bridge
10:30 am Knitting
12:00 noon Kiwanis
2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge

Tues. 1/28—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Canasta
10:30 am Painting Class
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 1/29—
10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class

Thurs. 1/23—
10:00 am Mahjong!
10:00 am Party Bridge
12:00 noon Jennifer's Lunch
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

For a full calendar of upcoming events check our website www.godfreymlerhome.org. If you have any questions or to sign up, please call 667-5869 and ask for Sharon Thornton (Sharon@godfreymlerhome.org).
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- *AGO Benefit Recitals and Concert ~ December 29, 2020*
- *Dinner and A Movie ~ Triple feature January 5th @ 5:30*
- *WATTS is here January 22—18, 2020*
- *Offering Envelopes have been mailed*
- *Tables of Grace ~ January 25th at Chirmol Latin Cuisine*
- *Annual Reports due Jan. 29 ~ Meeting Feb 16, 2020*
- *Welcome Our New Members*
- *January Calendar and Worship Assistants*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 8:15 and 11:00
Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Grace Place: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS
 8:00 a.m. –
 4:00 p.m.
 Monday -
 Friday

Prayer Team
We invite all who are interested in caring for others through prayer to join the prayer team.
 Contact **Becky Swanson Stern, at prayerchain@gracewin.org**

Prayers for those in our Military Services
 should include:
Seth Anton, Brian Baker, Brett Bozeman, Stuart Carper, Andrew Flanigan, Corey Flanigan, Elizabeth Grove, Ben Grove, Ellen Haines, Mitra Haines, Pastor Nate Huffman, John Lyons, Tyler Manuel, Kristjan Rauhaula, Brandon Reeve, Ted Schulz, Christine Sears, Alex Simpson, Danny Smith, Cassie Trulock, and Scott Zerull.

The deadline for input to the next issue of *TIDINGS* (covering February 1—28, 2020) is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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