

“Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ”

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# grace notes

## Hello Friends,

December 2nd begins the Advent season when we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. When we look at the commercialization of the Christmas season we can decry it, embrace it, or do both. The colors, lights, decorations, gifts, parties, music, and special holiday drinks at Starbucks is all a part of Christmas.

This December we're starting a new sermon series entitled, "The Gift of Jesus." We'll be

looking at how God's gave us the greatest gift to teach, heal, and guide us. Each week we'll look at how Jesus' teachings helps us navigate this busy season and keep the focus on him.

This month we'll have skits and special music all leading up to our Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 7pm. Be sure to invite your family and friends for a memorable service!

**Grace and Peace,**  
Pastor Paul

## Christmas Eve Worship Service

We hope you and your family will join us for our Christmas Eve worship service at 7:00pm on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior through traditional hymns, the voices of children and candlelight.



## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are needed for serving evening meals at the Rescue Mission Family Center on South Cedar. Several of our volunteers have had to stop. We need the following:

*Subs are always needed for Southside Kitchen, during the day, and Rescue Mission Family Center, evenings. Contact Mona at 323-3779 or [mmorgan1226@yahoo.com](mailto:mmorgan1226@yahoo.com) if you can help!*

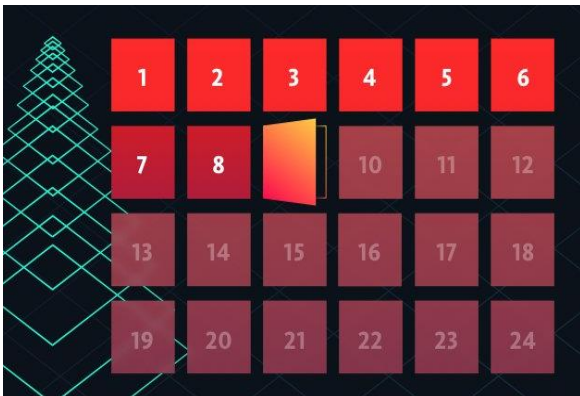


## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

This will start on November 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in front of Penney's. Contact: Doug Burruss with questions. 517-331-0127 or 517-323-7281

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We have another mission opportunity for the family and friends of Grace Church. Pick up a red South Lansing Ministries bag in the narthex. Inside, or nearby, you will find a list of items needed at South Lansing Ministries. Instead of taking a treat from an advent calendar, you place an item in the bag. Please return your filled bag back to Grace by Monday, December 24.



## HOLIDAY BASKETS

Grace partnered with Christian Services for Thanksgiving and will do so as well for Christmas baskets for families in need. We will be collecting money and gift cards so food items can be purchased. The November 'Make the Change' offerings (collected on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>) will be going to purchase food for the food baskets. In addition, we will provide gifts for the families. Watch for a sign-up sheet to be passed around.

Please have all presents in by December 21st so they can be wrapped and sorted. Items for the food baskets will be purchased prior to December 23rd so that the baskets can be packed during the 11:30 service.

Any questions contact Julie Prevo



## MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

The **Make the "CHANGE" Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, is collected the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

### November 25<sup>th</sup>

To help buy food for the Christmas baskets.

### December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our Advent Offering collected throughout Advent will go to the South Lansing Ministries.

*Beginning in 2019 it will be collected the second Sunday of each month!*

*Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.*



*Give generously and....*

## Make the CHANGE!

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

-explore the resources to grow and mature in faith-  
"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 3:18

## NURSERY NEWS

We offer care in our nursery for infants through 3 year olds. Our staff people Miss Emma and Miss Lisa care for our kids in addition to our rotating Grace volunteers.

If you feel God calling you to work with our infants and toddlers, contact Opal at: 517-490-3218. Once your application is complete (including background check), she will be able to add you to the schedule.

Willing hands and hearts make this ministry possible!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This class will be exploring the book of Romans.

Join us Sundays in the green room from 11:00-12:00am

*Led by: Sallie Franks.*

## ENERGIZE!

*E! Jr. – Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>      E! Sr.– Grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>*

### **WE ARE ALL ABOUT:**

Relationships... with Christ & Each other

Authenticity... Being Real

Service... Giving Back

Faith... Understanding & Sharing

Excellence... Doing & Being Our Best

**and.... FUN!!!**

Contact Jamie Young for more information –  
eymprog@gmail.com



"A Baby Is Born" is our new unit beginning Nov. 25th. We prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth and take time to remember the reason we celebrate is because Jesus was sent to remind us that God is with us. Come with us to have fun learning! We begin in the 11:30 worship service and leave for Kids on the Move at 10:45.

**ORANGE ROOM: Kids on the Move Jr.**  
Preschool children 4 years old thru 2nd graders

**BLUE ROOM: Kids on the Move**  
3rd graders through 6th graders

**SEE YOU SOON!**

### TEACHERS

We delight in teaching and serving the next generation of leaders. Please join us as a teacher of Kids on the Move this summer! Contact Stephani Davis – our new Teacher Scheduler (stephanidavis65@comcast.net) for more information and to sign-up. We can't wait to hear from you!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Annual Advent Celebration

*"Mary: According to Your Word"*

Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - 1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing

Speaker: Waltha Gaye Leavitt

A Continental Breakfast will be served, and an offering will be taken for the United Methodist Community House programs in Grand Rapids. All women and men are invited.

Child care will be provided.

Please contact Donna Kleiver for reservations or questions at (517) 648-6119

**\*\*Deadline for reservations: December 5, 2018\*\***



United  
Methodist  
Women



## The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Staff Highlight

### Meet Tabatha!

Each month the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will highlight one of Grace Church's staff members. Elizabeth Schaefer serves as liaison for the church's worship coordinator and submitted the following article to better acquaint members with that position.

Tabby Hansen has been the worship coordinator since May of 2017. She has been married to Jason for nine years and they have two sons: TJ is 9 and Logan is 8. Tabby grew up in the Springport area and then moved to Lansing after high school. Jason is employed by AT&T. They live in Lansing and the boys attend Holt Public Schools.

Tabby is a busy sports mom and enjoys keeping up with the boys many activities. TJ is involved in swimming and floor hockey, while Logan participates in baseball, basketball and floor hockey. Also Tabby and Jason coach the boys floor hockey team.

When not working or shuffling kids to activities, Tabby also volunteers in the kids classrooms and on field trips. She helps with the Kindness Club at school which helps to promote being kind and including others.

As a family the Hansens enjoy spending time outdoors. They play sports in the yard and love the time they have together as a family. During the summer they have a tradition of going to the upper peninsula to spend time with Tabby's grandmother and enjoy the natural resources the UP has to offer.

Tabby is also involved in many of the activities around the church. She enjoys helping with VBS, the children's choir and youth group.

If you get a chance, stop and say hi to Tabby on a Sunday morning. She will likely be warming up with the Praise Band. Grace Church is lucky to have such a faithful, fun person leading worship at the 11:30 service.

## Staff Love Offering

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to remember our pastor and staff with a love offering for the Christmas season. Gifts will be graciously received through December 23rd. Gifts received will be distributed evenly among all paid staff members at Grace to show our love and appreciation for all they do for our church. Simply place your gift in an offering envelope and label it "Love Offering".

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### GRACE STAFF

Pastor: Paul Hahm

Choir Director: Xiaosha Lin

Accompanist: Nicole Cloutier

11:30 Worship Leader: Tabatha Hansen

Nursery Workers: Emma Stagner

Lisa Bass

Custodian: Clem Nicholson

Secretary / Children & Youth Ministry Director: Jamie Young

Choir Section Leaders: Justine Alexander

Cole Harvey

Jake Gourd



## BIRTHDAY LIST DECEMBER

Carol Bell – 12/3  
Jason Hansen – 12/3  
Lexi Quesada – 12/3  
Alexis Wood – 12/4  
Susan Young – 12/4  
Pam Fowler – 12/5  
Cheryl Risner – 12/6  
Terry Fults – 12/14  
Mariah Wood – 12/14  
Catherine Ballard – 12/16  
Julie Bordayo – 12/16  
Rodney Kleiver – 12/17  
Ann Arnold – 12/17  
Jeffrey Wilson – 12/18  
Bruce Block – 12/19  
Lucy U'Ren – 12/22  
Devan Barnhart – 12/22  
Mary Lou Horwath – 12/24  
Paul Hahm – 12/24  
Justin Volkens – 12/25  
Erica Eckhart – 12/25  
Mona Morgan – 12/27  
Sandy Lipka – 12/27  
Lena Pereida – 12/29  
Rose Barker – 12/29  
Presteen Blackshaw – 12/30

## ANNIVERSARY LIST DECEMBER

### DECEMBER 8

Curtis & Helen Seibert

### DECEMBER 16

John & Linda Burley

### DECEMBER 17

Doug & Esther Burruss

### DECEMBER 19

Dale & Karolyn Bartell

### DECEMBER 25

Mike & Mary Lowery

## 2018 Time of Remembrance Ceremony

Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm

Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes Delta Chapel  
6020 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing MI 48917

Please join us and light a candle to honor your loved  
ones who have died  
(This year or in previous years)

No reservation is necessary. However, if you'd like to let us  
know you are coming or have questions, please call 517-323-7890.

## With Thanks...

Thank you for helping end homelessness for a child right here in the Lansing area. Because of you, a child is home, instead of homeless.

Your most recent gift has helped a family move from shelter to a home of their own. Thank you for helping them secure their future. Now, they can start each day with confidence, thanks to you.

– Jeanette Asher, Haven House Development Director

We have received your donation to the Small Household Needs Bank and we thank you for your continued support. We depend so much on the generosity of people like you to keep our ministry alive within the community.

As you know, the need continues and its through friends like you that we are able to meet our client's needs.

- Vivian Rounds, Assistant Coordinator of Mt. Hope  
Small Household Needs Bank

Thank you for your donation. God honors your generosity and I'm grateful that you partner with us in ministry to the Haitian people.

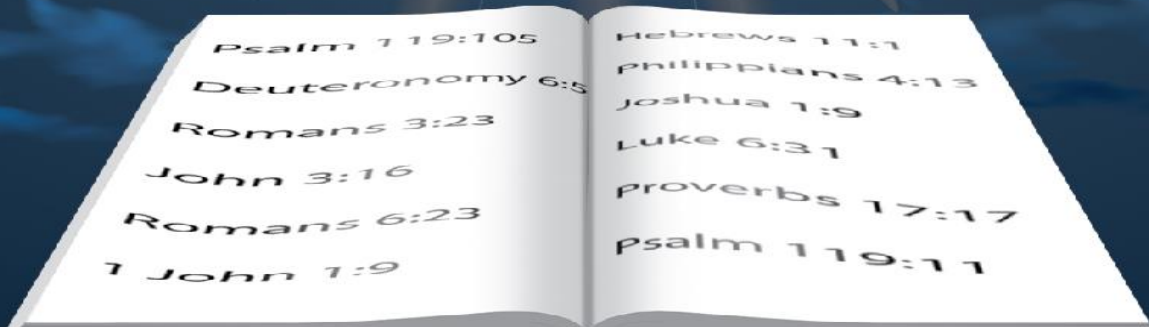
– Rev. Laura Alexander Elliot, Exec. Director of  
Soaring Unlimited

Thank you for my birthday card! - Liam Dimmick,

Thank you to all the vendors, shoppers, bakers and volunteers that made our Alternative Holiday Gift Fair a HUGE success! THANK YOU!

# FANTASTIC VERSES

AND WHERE  
TO FIND THEM



## **CHRISTMAS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8:00pm  
(*Dinner Provided nightly*)

This event is designed for kids in 4yo preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Bible Stories – GAMES – Skits – CRAFTS –  
ILLUSIONS – .... and MORE!**

## **NOW ENROLLING**

Pick-up a yellow registration form near the welcome table or  
by emailing: [lgraceumc@gmail.com](mailto:lgraceumc@gmail.com)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

If you are an adult interested at serving at this amazing event – see Jamie Young  
or email: [lgracekids@gmail.com](mailto:lgracekids@gmail.com)

# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9:00-12:00pm Greens Market
<b>2 Communion</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – ENERGIZE!	<b>3</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Missions	<b>4</b> 7:00pm – UMW Executive Mtg	<b>5</b> 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00 pm – CVNA 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00-11:30pm Advent Breakfast
<b>9</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm – ENERGIZE!	<b>10</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Trustees	<b>11</b>	<b>12*GN Deadline*</b> 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>13</b> 5:45-9:00pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00-4:00pm XVBS Decorating
<b>16</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM <b>5:30-8:00pm – XVBS</b>	<b>17</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm – SPRC <b>5:30-8:00pm – XVBS</b>	<b>18</b> <b>5:30-8:00pm- XVBS</b>	<b>19*GN Mailed*</b> 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00 pm – Finance Meeting 7:00pm – AA, Y.C. <b>5:30-8:00pm- XVBS</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 “Make the CHANGE” Offering</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM	<b>24</b> Office Closed No Prayer Shawl 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service	<b>25</b> Office Closed <b>Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>26</b> Office Closed 6:00pm – Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>27</b> Office Closed 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am – Fellowship Time 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM	<b>31</b> No Prayer Shawl	<b>1</b> Office Closed				

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Sunday Services

**9:30am** (*Traditional Worship*)

**11:30am** (*casual atmosphere - serious faith - praise music*)

Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (*Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM (*Wednesday*)

**EDITION: DECEMBER 2018**