

## Small Groups and Classes

### SUNDAY

• **The Forum Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The topic for December 9 is "The Apostle John: The Beloved One" presented by Vic Maroni. Contact Elaine Pauls (630-865-6600) or Mark Fleming (markwflemi@aol.com) for more information.

• **Hearts on Fire (HOF)** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 250. This class is studying The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder. Contact Bob Pacanowski (bpacanowski@franklinsports.com) for more information. New members welcome!

• **New Connections** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 226. This class is devoting 2018 to the study of Genesis! Each week we'll discuss a new chapter. Contact Jeff Barbeau (jeff@jeffbarbeau.com) for more information.

• **The Questors Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in room 254. The topic for December 9 is "Faith & the American Founding" presented by Aimee Barbeau. The topic next week is Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus presented by Julie McCutcheon. Contact Ginnie Battle (ginbattle@icloud.com) for more information.

• **Open Hearts and Minds (OHM)** meets at 11 a.m. in room 232. This class will be studying The Great Spiritual Migration by Brian McLaren. Contact Pastor Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) or Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcrf@aol.com) for more information.

### WEEKDAYS

• **Sisters Bible Study** meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. with Pastor Cindy facilitating in room 254. This class is studying The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder. Contact Pastor Cindy Marino (cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

• **Prayer Ministry** meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. Join us in this important ministry as we carefully pray for each prayer request received by the Church. Contact Pastor Bill Bryan (bande1951@gmail.com) for more information.

• **Grace~Filled Yoga** meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Grace~Filled Yoga is a faith-based yoga class in which basic yoga moves/poses are combined with a mindful gentle flow. Contact Jane Abe (abzabe@msn.com) or Gail Lindsay (christinegp56@gmail.com) for more information.

• **Progressive Christianity** meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. in room 254. This class is studying the 3rd volume of The Challenge of Paul by John Dominic Crossan. Contact Pastor Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) or Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcrf@aol.com) for more information.

• **Portico Collective** meets on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. in room 234 of the Kayton Youth Center. Childcare is available. Contact Chris Weilemann (chris.weilemann@peopleofgrace.org) for more information.

• **Wednesday Night Bible Study** meets on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in room 254. This class is studying "The Old Testament" in the Disciple Fast Track Series. Contact Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com) for more information.

• **Thursday Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 254. This class is studying "Genesis to Exodus" in the Disciple Fast Track Series. Contact Pastor Doug Bowden (dbowden6@aol.com) for more information.

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder)

• **Mondays Nights** at 7 p.m. with Pastor Doug Bowden facilitating in room 225. Contact Pastor Doug Bowden (dbowden6@aol.com) for more information.

## Join a Sunday Class!

### CHILDREN

**Nursery Care:** 8 a.m. - Noon  
• 6 weeks to 2 Years - Rooms 130 & 131

#### 9:30 a.m. Schedule

**Children (3 years - 5th Grade):**

• 9:30 a.m. - Gathering (123)  
• 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Classrooms  
3 - 4 Year Olds - Room 137  
K - 1st Grades - Room 123  
2nd - 3rd Grades - Room 152  
4th - 5th Grades - Room 155

#### 11 a.m. Schedule

Pre - K to 3rd Grade gather in Sanctuary and move to Room 231 for Children's Church.

If you know of someone who has special needs that we can support at Grace UMC, contact Nicole Zaccaria, Open Doors Ministry Coordinator, (nicole.zaccaria@peopleofgrace.org)

### YOUTH

**9:30 a.m.**  
• 6 - 7th Grades - Room 233 of the Kayton Youth Center  
• 8 - 12th Grades - Room 234 of the Kayton Youth Center

### ADULTS

**9:30 a.m.**  
• Forum - Fireside Room  
• Hearts On Fire - Room 250  
• New Connections - Room 226  
• Questors - Room 254  
• Young Adults - Room 225

**11 a.m.**  
• Open Hearts and Minds - Room 232

## Upcoming at Grace Church

### SATURDAY • DECEMBER 8

5 p.m. - Saturday Evening Worship (AC)  
7:30 p.m. - Lakeside Singers (Sanc)

### SUNDAY • DECEMBER 9

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)  
9 a.m. - Christmas Around the World (AC)  
12 p.m. - Trinity Luncheon (FH)  
12:15 p.m. - Youth Choir (Sanc)  
1 p.m. - Surviving the Holidays (254)  
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (160)

### MONDAY • DECEMBER 10

9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)  
Temple Builders (AC)  
9:30 a.m. - UMW Quilters (FS)  
1 p.m. - Sisters (254)  
3 p.m. - Prayer Ministry (Chapel)  
7 p.m. - Advent Bible Study (225)  
Progressive Christianity (254)  
Yoga (Chapel)

### TUESDAY • DECEMBER 11

8:30 a.m. - Moms In Prayer (232)  
9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)  
Elderberries (ML)  
9:15 a.m. - PDO Board Meeting (225)  
10 a.m. - LaLeche League (231)  
6:30 p.m. - YWCA (231)  
7 p.m. - Riverwalk Quilters (AC)  
7:15 p.m. - Grace Praise Team (Sanc)  
7:30 p.m. - Al/Anon (232)

### WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 12

9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)  
Temple Builders (AC)

12 p.m. - Volunteer Christmas Lunch (FH)  
4 p.m. - Children's Bells (160)  
4:30 p.m. - Soccer (AC)  
5 p.m. - Cherub Choir (232)  
JR Singers (171)  
Portico Collective (226)  
7 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study (254)  
7:15 p.m. - New Life Singers (Sanc)

### THURSDAY • DECEMBER 13

9 a.m. - Parent's Day Out (LL)  
Elderberries (ML)  
9:30 a.m. - Disciple Bible Study (254)  
1 p.m. - Treble Tikes (154)  
4:30 p.m. - Soccer (AC)  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir (Sanc)  
CoDa (224)

### FRIDAY • DECEMBER 14

9 a.m. - Temple Builders (AC)  
4:30 p.m. - Naperville Eagle Soccer (AC)  
6 p.m. - Youth 360 (FH)

### SATURDAY • DECEMBER 15

9 a.m. - Gift of Love Rehearsal (Sanc)  
3:30 p.m. - Caroling/ Hot Chocolate (FS)  
5 p.m. - Saturday Evening Worship (AC)

### SUNDAY • DECEMBER 16

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m. - Worship (Sanc)  
9:30 a.m. - Children's Christmas Sunday School (123)  
10:45 a.m. - Emmaus Group (Chapel)  
12:15 p.m. - Youth Choir (Sanc)  
1:30 p.m. - Youth Bells (160)  
3 p.m. - Gift of Love Concert (Sanc)

## GRACE IN MISSION

December 8 - 9, 2018

Welcome to Life at Grace United Methodist Church

## Christmas Around the World Market

Join us today (Sunday, December 9), from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. Organizations selling items will include Ten Thousand Villages, Enactus (North Central College student-run direct trade group), Beads of Hope, Special Sparkle, WAR Chest (Women at Risk) and Equal Exchange (coffee, tea, chocolate, and hot cocoa mixes). This is a great opportunity to purchase a variety of reasonably-priced, one-of-a-kind handcrafted items such as ornaments, jewelry, kitchen items, textiles, and scarves. Sales benefit artisans from all over the world. This event is sponsored by Grace's Church & Society Committee.



## Christmas With Trinity UMC in Joliet

Feliz Navidad! Bienvenidos, Trinity UMC! Come, worship today (Sunday, December 9) with our brothers and sisters from Trinity UMC! Grace has had a long-standing connection with our "sister church" in Joliet and this year, for the first time, they are leading in worship alongside Pastor Daniel and our Praise Team. Pastor Ivan will share the message from the Gospel of Luke and a choir of children from Trinity will offer "The Little Drummer Boy" as part of the 11 a.m. service. As has been tradition, a meal and gift exchange will follow immediately in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we share in this richly diverse worship experience! Contact Nadia Kanhai (nadiakanhai@gmail.com) for more information.

## Surviving the Holidays Gathering

Are you dreading the holidays, knowing everything has changed after losing a loved one? Join us for our Surviving the Holidays workshop today (Sunday, December 9), from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in room 254 led by Judy Cornett. This workshop will provide ways to cope and a time to be in community with others who are finding this to be a difficult time of year. There is hope! Contact Judy Cornett (shottsja@gmail.com) for more information.



## Grace Youth Ministry "Season of Giving"

This holiday season, the Grace Youth Ministry has chosen Indian Prairie School District 204 as the recipient of their holiday giving project. With 118 homeless families in the district, we are hoping we can provide a bit of joy and love to each of them with your help. We will be collecting gift cards (in increments not to exceed \$50) to Target, Kohl's, Walmart, Fox Valley Mall, Bath & Body Works, fast food restaurants--anywhere you think might benefit (or be fun for) a school-aged child. In addition to gift cards, small hand-held electronic games, card games (UNO, Blink, etc.), chapstick, and hand sanitizer ("stocking stuffers") will be accepted. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 16.** Donations may be left in the box marked "Season of Giving" in the Church Office.



## The Gift of Love Christmas Concert!

Join us on Sunday, December 16, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary for "Carols in Grand Style!" This year's Gift of Love Concert will be presented by the combined Festival Choir and Orchestra, which includes the Chancel Choir, New Life Singers, Youth Choir, Children's Choirs, Youth and Adult Handbells, as well as guest musicians.



Tickets are \$30 for Adults, \$25 for Seniors (65+), and \$10 for Students and are available online at [www.peopleofgrace.org/](http://www.peopleofgrace.org/) tickets. You can also order by phone at 800-595-4TIX. Phone order tickets will be held for you at will-call. Contact Dan Wagner ([dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information.

## Christmas Eve Intergenerational Orchestra

Instrumentalists are invited to play in the Christmas Eve Intergenerational Church Orchestra at the Noon Service. There will be one rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, December 23, at 1 p.m. The only requirements are that you know all of your scales, have a good understanding of basic rhythms, and are available for the 11 a.m. call time. We will play prelude music and accompany the carols. Sign up at [www.peopleofgrace.org/Christmas-orchestra](http://www.peopleofgrace.org/Christmas-orchestra). Contact Dan Wagner ([dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information.

## Christmas Eve Services



### Come, Celebrate Christmas at Grace!

Christmas is that miraculous event we celebrate when God chose to come and live among us as one of us in Jesus Christ! Why would God do that? The only answer is love.

Join us at one of the following worship services on Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary:

Noon- Traditional service with Communion and the Grace Bell Ensemble, Youth Choir, and Intergenerational Orchestra

3 p.m. - Intergenerational service with the Grace Children's Choirs

4:30 p.m. - Intergenerational service with the Grace Praise Team

8 p.m. - Traditional Candlelight service with Communion and the New Life Singers

10 p.m. - Traditional Lessons and Carols Candlelight service with the Chancel Choir

### Donate an Animal or a Share of an Animal!

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. With a gift of livestock, trees, seeds, and training in environmentally sound agriculture, they have helped more than 25 million families achieve living incomes and support themselves. See the list of available animals to donate by visiting the Heifer table in the Narthex!



## In Brief

**Children's Special Christmas Sunday School Hour** — On Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 a.m. we invite all children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join us for a special Christmas hour in room 123. Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini ([chamus@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:chamus@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information.

**Thank you from the Children's Faith Formation Ministry!** On behalf of all of the children at Grace and those who were served in the community through various missional efforts, Thank You! Thank you for looking back and helping the children. You have been a huge blessing this year and we could not have done this ministry work without you. I pray that as 2019 arrives, you see more opportunities where you can be directly involved in ministry with the children. They are looking to all of us for guidance. Thank you so much for your continued support and may God bless you in this joyous Christmas season and in the coming new year!

**Sock Tree, for Hesus House,** is up outside of the Activity Center. Please bring socks of any color or size for children, youth and adults to place on the tree. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 23. This project is sponsored by the Emmaus Community at Grace. Contact Gay Craig ([gaycraig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaycraig@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

**Writers, Poets, Artists, Photographers!** It's time to think about contributions to our 2019 Lenten booklet of devotions, a Grace tradition for almost 50 years. Our theme is "The Water of Life – Our Baptismal Covenant," inspired by Chris Webb's "God-Soaked Life." Watch Grace in Mission for further info, but start thinking and praying about how you might be part of this time-honored publication.

**Save the Date! Calling all 5th and 6th grade families!** We will host our Created by God class January 25-27 at Grace and we want to have every 5th and 6th grader there! We have other churches contacting us to register their children and I would love to place all of our children so that we know how many openings we can support. We have a team of amazing parents, health professionals, lay and staff who commit themselves to this weekend so that our children get good information regarding "growing up" and physical and spiritual development! Don't let them miss out! It's fun, we play games, eat and have a wonderful weekend. Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini ([chamus@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:chamus@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information

**The Antique Road Show Visits Over 50 Fellowship!** On Thursday, January 10, the "Antique Road Show" will return to Grace! Two eminent local antique dealers will be on hand: Glenn Lynch, owner of Naperville's Out of the Attic, and John Leonard, owner of Leonard Auctions. Glenn and John will discuss current trends in antiques and collectibles and will offer reviews of items you submit. Be sure to bring one of your treasured heirlooms for discussion and evaluation. It can be any interesting antique, collectible, or piece of ephemera, whether deemed valuable or not. Lunch is scheduled for noon, with a cost of \$10 per person payable in cash at the door. The antique discussion will begin at 1 p.m. Sign up in the Church Office no later than Monday, January 7, at noon. Contact Ruth or Dick Trondsen (630-637-8731) for more information.

### Grace United Methodist Church Staff

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