

Grace Gatherings

Thanksgiving and Advent 2019 Insert

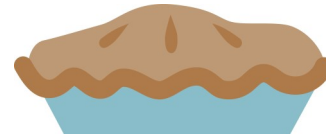


Thanksgiving Baskets

Grace has a practice of providing Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday. On Sunday, November 17 we will have a shorter worship service with a sermon, then plan for the baskets at the close of worship. We will form groups to put together dinner baskets for others in the community. These Baskets make it possible for those who might not have adequate financial resources to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner. So, be sure to be in worship that day to get in a group. If you have to miss, however, you may also contact the church office to be added to a group. Phone: 541-757-1600, email: office@grace97330.org

Give Thanks & Pass the Pie

7 pm, Wednesday, November 27



With grateful hearts, we will gather on the evening before Thanksgiving for worship. Our service will be the Eucharist, the Great Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving Eve worship is an important dimension of our Thanksgiving Holiday here at Grace. The pie we serve afterward is a reminder of our delight in the goodness of God's blessings. (see below)

Bring your favorite pie—home baked or store-bought—to share with family, friends & guests.

Deliver the pies to the Fireside Room kitchen Wednesday afternoon, or just before the Thanksgiving service. No need to sign up. Pies will be cut, served and ready to eat with delicious hot coffee (decaf) in thankfulness for and celebration of our delight in our generous God.

Advent and Christmas Services

The first Sunday of Advent begins December 1 this year.

Sunday Mornings worship will be at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Midweek Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer, Dec. 6, 11, 18.

December 24, Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m.—Manger Service with Candlelight and Communion

10:00 p.m.—A Celtic Christmas with Candlelight and Communion





Dear Parents & Grandparents & Friends of Kids,

Good News – **Casting starts NOW for the Young People’s Nativity Service.** Parts are available! **Let us know your choices by Nov. 10** – the Nativity’s coming to Grace December 15, and we need your help to get ready!

Everyone can get in on the fun. Preschoolers through college age are invited to take parts in the play, share musical gifts, or help with the service. **Other adults – parents, grandparents, friends of kids** – are needed in even more supporting roles. Ask anyone who’s ever been involved: Grace’s Nativity is a memory for a lifetime. (And the view from behind the scenes will make you grin all year!)

Signing up is easy:

(1) Use the online form at <http://bit.ly/19GLCNativity> before Nov. 10. Your choices will come to us automatically.

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(2) Pick up a “My Top Choices for the Nativity” form at church and give it to Donna King by Sunday, Nov. 10. You can:

- Hand it to me at church. • E-mail it to donnak@grace97330.org
- Leave a message for me at Grace: 541-757-1600.

Once we hear from you, the Nativity Coordinators can put the puzzle of part choices together to cast our Nativity play. **We want to be back in touch by Nov. 17 to confirm your role and to share more information. Please help us make this tight turn-around** – so the real fun of getting ready can begin!

We do our best to make it pretty easy and to help everyone have fun doing a great job. Songs are practiced and character actors start learning their parts beginning Sunday, Nov. 24. Dress rehearsal comes Saturday morning, Dec. 14.

On Dec. 15 the day of the Nativity arrives. Come see! We’re bringing God’s amazing story to life for you. Before your eyes love and joy will be brought into the world for the good of everyone and everything!

Remember: Everyone’s invited.
There are parts for all ages.

Sign up by Nov. 10. Invite your friends and family to sign up, too!

Can’t wait!
Deaconess Donna King
Director of Discipling Ministries at Grace

