

PARISH NOTES

We extend our sympathy to Laurie & James Dickson and family on the passing of Laurie's father, Mark Samuelson on Monday, November 25, 2024.



December's Communion offering will benefit **Grace Church HOPES Fund**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet or a pew pocket envelope.

TODAY is the last day to order poinsettias. If you would like one in honor or in memory of someone, order forms are on the literature table in the sanctuary.

2025 tithing envelopes are in! Pick up your envelopes on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday School Pajama Party! Sunday, December 22nd

After the Children's Message at the 9:30 service head upstairs for a story, popcorn, crafts, and a movie. Don't forget to wear your cozy pajamas! If able, we encourage the kids to bring an item for our food pantry or Covered by Grace ministry. We will talk about how we show Christ's love by helping others.

Grace Church's 35th Annual Christmas Concert "Christ is Born for You!" will be held **NEXT Sunday, December 8th** at 4:00pm with a cookie reception to follow. The reception committee is asking for donations of cookies (2-3 dozen) and volunteers to help. Signup sheets are in Wesley Parlor and Higginbotham Hall.



The Hanging of the Greens committee would like to give a Big Thank You to the many people who stayed to help last Sunday. A special thank you to the 5 members of WAHS Jr Class Officers who volunteered their time. Many hands helped to complete the decorating. Also, a special thanks to Tristan who helped in all areas.



A "**Sharing Tree**" has been set up in Wesley Parlor, with 10 tags for gift suggestions for families at the Salvation Army. Let's share with others in our celebration of Advent and Jesus' birth! Take a tag, purchase the gift and return it, along with the tag, to the Salvation Army building by December 9th.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 1

8:30/9:30/11:00 a – Worship
9:30 a – Agape Sunday School, Winger Parlor
9:45 a – Children's Sunday School
6:00 p – Community Worship at The Crossing

MONDAY, December 2

5:15 p – Christian Yoga
6:30 p – Wesley Parlor Reserved
7:00 p – Ping Pong, Gym

TUESDAY, December 3

9:00 a – Pickleball
11:00 a – Staff Meeting, Wesley Parlor
12:15 p – Christian Yoga
6:00 p – Pickleball
7:00 p – Prayer Gathering, Wesley Parlor

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:00 a – Men's Ministry Breakfast
5:15 p – Christian Yoga
6:00 p – Madrigals
6:30 p – Choir
6:30 p – CREW (Youth Group), Gilfillan Room
7:00 p – Gym Reserved

THURSDAY, December 5

9:00 a – Pickleball
10:00 a – Disciple 2A, Library
5:00 p – Higginbotham Hall Reserved
6:00 p – Caregivers' Support Group, Winger Parlor
6:30 p – New Beginnings Handbells
8:00 p – Disciple 2A, Zoom

FRIDAY, December 6

9:00 a - Pickleball
9:30 a – Yarn Angels, Library
11:15 a – Fitness Class
12:15 p – Christian Yoga

SATURDAY, December 7

6:00 p – Gym Reserved
9:00 a – Praise Team
12:30 p – Gym Reserved
5:00 p – Higginbotham Hall Reserved

LAST WEEK'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (in person)	TOTAL
8:30 – 33 9:30 – 93 11:00 – 86	212
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (online)	TOTAL
9:30 – 102 11:00 – 132	234
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$7,223.00

Do you get chilly during worship in the winter? You'll notice there are lap robes on the back pews for your use to add some extra warmth this season. They are also great for covering napping children! Think of it as Covered by Grace, but inside!

Covered by Grace is a ministry that allows anyone in need of winter items to take them from the clotheslines on the front porch of the church. Donations can be placed in the gray bin across from Pastor Bill's office.



The Food Pantry is in need of **canned meat, pancake mix, syrup** and **cereal** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute!

Grace Children's Choir practices on Sundays at 9am in the choir room. All children in 1st through 6th grades are welcome and encouraged to join.

The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers this holiday season. Kettles will be out from November 18-December 24. To sign up visit www.registertoring.com or visit The Salvation Army in person at 311 Beech St Monday-Friday 10a-2p.

You are invited to the Olmsted Manor Retreat Center!
Christmas Luncheon December 8 & 15, 2024, 12:30pm.
Enjoy a delicious homemade lunch and a preview of the manor decorations before the Annual Open House events. Call to reserve your spot 814-945-6512.
Annual Christmas Open House December 8 & 15, 2024, 3-7pm.
You and your family are invited to come and see the Manor House and grounds decorated for the season, enjoy some live music and Christmas cookies, and spend the time celebrating the birth of Christ together. All are welcome!
To learn more about Olmsted Manor and the 2025 events, go to www.olmstedmanor.org/events

Welcome

December 1, 2024

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH
AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

It is our desire and goal for you to know Christ and to make Him known as part of this worship experience. If you are looking for a church home, please consider us.

Members, Guests, and Visitors:

Please fill out a **YELLOW CARD** including any prayer requests or comments on the back. *If you wish your prayer request to be confidential, please indicate that on the card.*

PLEASE NOTE: Handicapped seating for those in wheelchairs and their families is available in the sanctuary – just in front of the sound booth.

DVDs of each Sunday's service are available. Call the church office.

LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS are available on the literature tables for your use each week.

WATCH Sunday's services live at 9:30 and 11 am on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GraceLiveWarren or our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/embracegrace

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known!

Our Core Values

Extravagant Generosity

We give joyfully of our time, talent, and treasure.

Authentic Engagement

We want to shine the light of God's love in our whole community.

Transformational Discipleship

We seek God's will and God's way for our lives.

Extraordinary Grace

We are all sinners seeking God's grace together.

Word-Centered Mission

We believe the Word of God provides the foundation for all that we do.