

Discover
Grace *A Community of Christian disciples who reach out to others with God's Grace.*

Calendar

This week at Grace

Today, November 29	8:45 am	Sunday School Adult Forum
	10:00 am	Worship followed by 5th Sunday brunch
Monday, November 30	6:00 pm	Adult Forum
Tuesday, December 1	5:30 pm	Executive Committee
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Wednesday, December 2	10:00 am	Word Watchers
	6:00 pm	Advent supper
	7:00 pm	Advent vespers
	8:00 pm	Sarah Circle Christmas
Thursday, December 3	3:45 pm	Clapper Kids
	5:45 pm	Grace Notes
	7:15 pm	Choir
Friday, December 4	6:00 pm	Holly Trolley @ Courthouse lawn

Announcements

Grace is now gluten free! We are now offering a gluten free option for communion wafers/bread. Please let the Pastor know before or during Communion.

Nativity scenes are available for \$15 each or 4 for \$50. These are handcrafted by Grace's High School Youth Group. See a Youth Group member or Joe Longcor

Community Christmas Baskets - Food donations will continue to be collected in the box between the outside entrance doors until December 7th. We are still in need of donations of turkeys. We also need assistance with delivering the baskets on December 19. Please see the signup sheets in the narthex if you can help.

Christmas poinsettias – if you would like to order red Christmas poinsettias, please contact Parish Administrator Victoria. Potted flowers are \$9.95.

Grace is in need of another Shepherd. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Wood.

Kitchen – if you have seen the metal spring/coil that was in the kitchen drawer in an envelope marked 'coffee stuff', please let Kay Howell know. This was used to clean the Bunn coffee pot and needs to be returned ASAP.

Green Gables - There will be a special Christmas collection for "Green Gables" community shelter in Hastings. Look for the wrapped golden box in the narthex to place your donations in. This is a way for Grace to reach out to the women and children in our community. A True Celebration of the spirit of Jesus. The golden box will be carried into the sanctuary during the "Colors of Christmas" program as an offering.

Sarah Circle - On Wednesday, December 2, Sarah Circle will be having a Christmas gathering with a short business meeting following Vespers. All women of Grace are invited. Please bring a snack and gift to exchange if you are able. No meetings in January or February, the next meeting

will be held March 2 to elect officers for 2016.

Once again Sarah Circle will be remembering nursing home residents with Christmas cards. If you have any religious cards or would like to donate a box, please drop those off in the church office and they will be provided to Jeanette Kogge who is coordinating this effort.

Advent suppers and Wednesday night services will be held on December 2, December 9 and December 16th. Supper at 6:00 pm, worship at 7:00 pm. Dinner on December 2nd is being planned by Brothers of Grace.

Advent Vespers – December 2: Finnish Folk Tune
 Theme Hymn: "Lost in the Night" (ELW #243)
 Preacher: Pastor Paul
 Reading(s): Matthew 25:1-12

Coffee Hour - Starting December 6 and going through March, coffee hour will take place in the narthex. Please stop at the hospitality table after worship and enjoy a beverage and snack!

Holly Trolley Signup Today - The sign-up sheets are in the narthex to participate in this years' Holly Trolley event at the trolley stop on the courthouse lawn. The date has been set for the evening of Friday, December 4th. Please stop by today and volunteer to take part in this event.

Brothers of Grace - Attention all men 18 yrs. and older, join the Brothers of Grace in a dinner night out at Kloosterman's Sport Tap, Tuesday December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a time of good food and fellowship. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the BOG bulletin board.

The Colors of Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 13th at 10 am. All youth are invited to select a character they would like to play by signing the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Each part is acted out as the story is read outloud by the narrator. Before the program starts, the bell choir will be ringing in the sanctuary starting at 9:30 am. This is a one service Sunday with a potluck and Jesus' birthday party to follow the program. Come and join the festive service both youth and adults have prepared for our Grace community.

Brothers of Grace---The next scheduled worship service at the Barry County Jail is scheduled for December 13th. There is a need for up to 5 members from Grace to go to the Barry county Jail and provide a worship service to the men and women at the jail. Please check with Jesus to see if you are called to this ministry. We will meet at the Barry County Jail at 12:45 PM, and will worship with both the men and women at the Jail. Please sign up on the BOG board if you can help with this ministry.

Hat, Sock & Mitten tree is in the entryway this morning. Please consider donating items, which will be provided to local Hastings school children in need.