

Grace ABOUNDS November 2019

A Center of Mission and Ministry - Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace!



Golden Agers Honored Oct. 20

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Grace celebrated the faithful witness of our Golden Age members. Thirty-one Golden Age members were present for the service. A covered dish meal followed in the Ministry Center with each Golden Ager present recognized individually with a coffee cup from the congregation inscribed, "I thank God for you." We truly thank God for each of our Golden Age members and their contributions over the years to the ministries of Grace and to God's work in our community and in the world.

The above photo was taken after the service. Front row, pictured from left to right: Trudie Epting; Heather Harris, Margaret Brackett, Faye Hartman, Edna Riley, Edd Wicker, Marysue Rivers, Eddie Rivers (standing). Second Row: Sharon Neel, Anna Kay Singley, David Riley, Mike Davenport, Katie Davenport, Judy Bedenbaugh, Linda Cromer, Ronnie Cromer, Sheila Martin, Robert Martin, Sadie Epting. Back Row: Bob Harris, Pastor Michael Price, Bob Dibble, Cissie Dibble, Everett Crafts, Glenda Crafts, Nancy Derrick, Sue Hartman, Evelyn Harmon, Chop Cooper, Zoila Lipscomb, Tommy Lipscomb, Snag Epting.

Pastor's Notes

Hi there Grace,

"A Center of Mission and Ministry -Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace."

That is the summary statement of our mission here at Grace Lutheran

Church in Prosperity, South Carolina. As we continue into fall and into the holidays of Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas and Epiphany, it is good for us to remember what moves us. The mission that Jesus Christ gives us is to go out into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey all that Christ has commanded. As a congregation settled here in the middle of the town of Prosperity, this is how we enact that holy mission.

We celebrate and we share God's grace. It might be a good idea that we start putting that little summary everywhere. Maybe it's time to write it on our doorposts and instruct this to our children. Maybe it's time we ritualize some grace-filled practices in our meetings and in our time together. Maybe it's time to speak this out loud to each other. It's hard to speak the entirety of our mission statement, as good as it is, because there are so many words.

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Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Walt Quattlebaum
- 6 Terrell Alewine, Andrea Lewis, Wendy Riley
- 7 Mary Grace Whitlock
- 9 Buck Black
- 10 Julie Shealy
- 11 Kathy Brown, Zoe Frick
- 13 Nancy Derrick, Lexi Medlock
- 14 Michael Riley, Gina Kerr
- 15 Dean Harmon, Barry Hartman
- 20 Anna Sandor
- 21 Dakota Senn, Makyia Senn
- 22 Nathan Shealy
- 24 Lauren Derrick
- 25 Hunter Neel
- 26 Walker Eldridge
- 28 Nicole Harmon, Jacob Harmon
- 29 Ben Derrick

Birthdays

2 - Carolyn Boland, Ashley Mattison

RIPTHOOU

- 3 Justin FarrRichard MercerLiz Warner
- 4 Nick Long
- 5 Robert Hawkins
- 10 Billy AckermanSuzanne Medlock
- 11 Linda Cromer, Joe Wilson
- 16 John Barbee, Jason Riley
- 17 Lynn Wessinger
- 18 Taylor Metz
- 19 Ron Calsing, Lori Derrick, Joshua Nelson, Jessica Sandor
- 21 Edna Riley
- 22 Jean Bedenbaugh
- 26 Jacy Mitchell
- 27 Tom Neel
- 28 Jordan Dimock Hayden Grace Templeton
- 30 Jaxon Wessinger

Please let the church office know if your special date is missing from our birthday, baptismal anniversary, or wedding anniversary list. Thank you!



Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Kris and Laura Lindler (25th)
- 22 Mike and Lee Payton (16th)
- 24 Craig and Coulter Templeton (7th)
- 26 Ben and Samantha Yarborough (5th)

Grace People in the News

BAILEY STEWART was inducted into the MCHS Beta Club Oct. 9.

DREW DOMINICK was named MC Special Teams Player of the Month for September by the Newberry Touchdown Club.



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But "Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace" is simple and easy to say. It's easy to remember what moves us. It's easy to see how this simple statement gives us a purpose to worship together, gives us a direction for what our ministries look like, what our decisions are about, what we change for, what tradi-

tions we uphold and why, and what moves us as a congregation.

This week as I'm writing this I am gathering with other rostered leaders in the South Carolina Synod and this year we have focused on rituals of love and grace, anointing with oil, sharing grace with each other in a ritualized way. It leaves me with a hopeful question we can continue to ask of ourselves: When and how do we celebrate God's grace? With whom shall we share God's grace? We have each other, we have our neighborhood, we have our town, our community, and our world to share this grace with. And each moment of worship around the sacraments, each meal shared, each gift shared is done "celebrating and sharing God's grace."

It's a summary of what we can thank God for what has already been done, and it's a summary of what we will do that has yet to be done.

Start saying it, Grace. Celebrating and sharing God's grace. Own it. Claim it. Live it.

Peace,

Pastor Michael

Update Your Contact Information

Don't forget to share changes in your mailing address, telephone numbers, or e-mail with the church office. A new *People of Grace* directory will be published in January.

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All Saints Sunday - Nov. 3

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Sunday

10:30 a.m. Service

We remember the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ All Saints who have passed to life in the church triumphant since last All Saints Day.

> John Adam Bedenbaugh William Edward "Bill" Boland Joseph Eugene Counts Frances McCrackin Dawkins Sydney Owens Shealy **Gurney Layton Warren** Jane Shealy Wicker

Time/Talent Forms Due Nov. 3

Annual Time and Talent Forms are due Nov.

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3. Please reflect and pray on your call to use the special talents that God has given you in His service in the coming year at Grace. We need everyone's help to carry out GETHER our congregation's ministries

- including Sunday worship services. Copies of the form are available on the narthex table and at graceluth.org.

Council Nominations - Nov. 10 Council Election - Nov. 24

Annual Congregation Council nominations



will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10. Each voting member can nominate for Council FOUR individuals who meet the qualifications for voting members. (See pg. 7 for the definition of voting member.) Council election is set for Sunday, Nov. 24. We will be electing FOUR peo-

ple to three-year terms on Council in addition to a youth council member. The recent bylaw change adopted by the congregation in September allows Council to decide whether four or five Council members are elected each year. Council decided at its Oct. 15 meeting that the congregation would elect four members this year to 2020-2022 terms.

Help With Our Thanksgiving Meal

Our 11th Community Thanksgiving Meal will be

held on Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgivings, we Thanksgivings have been blessed to share meals with community members with financial or health problems, individuals alone without family, group home residents, hospice patients, Meals on Wheels recipients,



and shut-ins. We really need your help to make this special meal happen for an 11th year!

We need donations of green beans, stuffing, chicken broth, cranberry sauce, turkeys, pies, sweet potato dishes, rolls, and bread. We need turkey fryers, kitchen cooks, servers, and delivery people. We also need folks willing to stay after the meal to help with clean up. Sign up sheets are on the board across from the office window.

This year our menu will include hams instead of Boston Butts. The Thanksgiving Meal Team will purchase the hams, but we will need congregation members to cook and carve the hams and deliver them to the church by 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. There is also a sign up sheet on the board for this. You may also purchase and donate the ham that you cook and carve. Hams should be 8 lbs. or more and butt portion.

Flyers and invitations are on the narthex table. Take an invitation to someone who might benefit or put up a flyer at your work place or business.

We will have two seatings at 11:30 a.m. and noon. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are accepted.

Our goal is to finish by 1:30 p.m. so everyone can return home for Thanksgiving family time. Please feel free to come for as much time as you are able. Of course, everyone will not be able to be at church on Thanksgiving, but there is some way for everyone to participate to make this a memorable Thanksgiving for others - and for each of us as we join together to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings!

Grace Preschool Thanksgiving Feasts

M/W 2s and 3s: Monday, Nov. 18

T/Th 2s and 4s: Tuesday, Nov. 19



Annual Advent Devotional Booklet

Each year, Grace members and friends prepare a special Advent booklet of daily devotions to



share with the congregation and the community. We encourage you to take dvent this opportunity to share DEVOTIONALS as an individual - or as a

family or group project!

Your devotion can be as short as a small paragraph or as long as you need to give your reflection, keeping in mind that these are short, daily devotions. A suggested guideline is around 150-300 words. Include a suggested title at the top as well as the Scripture verse. Include a brief one or two sentence prayer at the end.

Sign up sheet with topics and Scriptures is on the narthex board. A copy of the sign up sheet was also e-mailed to the congregation on Oct. 24. Please sign up or call the office (364-3331) to let us know which devotion you are writing. Submit your devotions to the church office by Sunday, Nov. 10. You may e-mail them to the church office at gracelutheran2@att.net or leave written or typed devotions in the church office box outside the pastor's office.

Children's/Youth Nativity - Dec. 8

Our Children and Youth will present their Out-

door Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. All children and youth are invited to take part.

The youth will rehearse for the Nativity during Sunday School each Sunday in November (3, 10, 17, 24) and Sunday, Dec 1. In addition, we will re-

hearse Sat, Dec. 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Grace Youth are also planning to have a float in the Prosperity Christmas Parade, which is Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. They will be begin pre-



paring the float on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. Nativity rehearsal will follow at 3:30 p.m.



Christmas Eve Worship Services 10:30 p.m. p.m.

Advent Fellowship Night Dec. 1

Everyone is invited to come enjoy Advent Fellowship Night on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. in



the Ministry Center. This event was called Advent Family Night for many years, but has been "rebranded" this year to emphasize that this is a fun fellowship event for ALL members and FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent friends of Grace not just fami-

lies with children or youth.

Also new this year, we are asking you to bring your favorite Nativity Scene to display. If it's a large set, you may just want to bring the key pieces. We will have tables set up to display your Nativity and a form you can fill out briefly explaining why it is special to you.

As our service project, we will be packing bags of personal care items for Manna House to give to their clients as an extra blessing. Manna House is our local food bank, and personal care items (other than soap) are not provided to clients unless they are donated. We need your donations of shampoo, bars of soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for women and men. Bring items with you to Fellowship Night or leave donations in the box in the narthex.

This year's craft will be a Blessing Box that you can use to collect coins for a service project or use to get ideas for small service projects to do during Advent. (We have some pre-printed simple ideas that we will share.) It could also be used as a Gratitude Box where you write down an item a day that you are grateful for and place the paper in the box. Materials will be available for you to be creative in personalizing your box.

Please bring a finger food (or foods) to share for a light meal. Soft drinks, tea, plates, cups, and napkins will be provided.

Christmas Cantata Oh Holy Night

Sunday, Dec. 15 9 a.m. at Wightman

Sunday, Dec. 15 3 p.m. at Ebenezer

Sunday, Dec. 22 10:30 a.m. at Grace



Women Begin New Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study finished our 18-week study of the 23rd Psalm, *Traveling Light* by

Max Lucado. We enjoyed learning more about this beloved Psalm and applying it to our every day lives.

We also enjoyed a two-week painting session with our very own instructor, Anna Kay Singley. The ladies enjoyed painting a fall pump-

kin. This was a refreshing break from our regular Bible study week.

We are currently seeking new material for an Advent study to begin in November. Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. We welcome and encourage all women to join us! For more information, contact Sally Dominick or Deborah Ruff.

Grace Backpack Ministry Helping 14 Children at Prosperity-Rikard

Fourteen elementary students from Prosperi-

ty-Rikard Elementary are now receiving bookbags of weekend food from Grace's food back-



pack ministry. With this larger number of children, we need extra food donations. Please help this special ministry by adding an item or two for the bookbags to your regular grocery shopping. A list of needed items is available on the narthex board. Donations may be left in the red children's wagon in the narthex on Sundays or throughout the week.



Youth Carowinds Trip Saturday, Nov. 9 Sign up on the narthex board.

Annual Hobby and Collectors Fair Sunday, Jan. 19

Bad Weather Date: Jan. 26



LMM Ladies' Night - Nov. 21

Invite your spouse, daughter, mom, or friend to our Heartland Conference Lutheran Men Ladies' Night on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran



Church in Pomaria. The meal will be baked chicken and all the fixins', catered by Ronnie's Restaurant for \$12 per person. Entertainment will be provided by Oasis gospel quartet. Anyone who would like to attend should contact Johnny Merck by Sunday, Nov. 17.

Manna House Item of the Month

Canned Greens

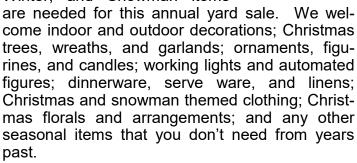
(Turnips, Mustard, Collards, Spinach)

Place donations in the box in the narthex.

Please Help! Donations Needed for Christmas Yard Sale on Dec. 7

The All-Things-Christmas Yard Sale sponsored by Grace's Relay for Life Team will be Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. until noon at the church - rain or shine. Please come see us for unique bargains and surprises.

We need your help to make this event happen. Christmas, Winter, and Snowman items



You can begin bringing donations to the Ministry Center on Sunday, Dec. 1 (through lunchtime on Friday, Dec. 6). Please spread the word to your family and friends that we need their donations, too.

Thank you for helping us kick off Grace's 2020 Relay for Life efforts. Please call Emmett Wicker (364-4133) or email ewickercat@att.net for additional information.



If you are unable to fill your ministry assignment, please find someone to serve for you. If possible, notify the church office so your replacement can be listed in the bulletin. Thank you!



Assisting Ministers

- 3 Melodie Waters
- 10 Chop Cooper
- 17 Kelly Whitlock
- 24 Sally Dominick

Communion Assistant

Mike Davenport

Acolytes

Helena Mewbourn, Payton Metts

Crucifers

- 3 Caroline Whitlock
- 24 Bailey Stewart

Torchbearers

- 3 Rosalie Price Lillie Waters
- 24 Allie Waters Zoe Frick

Children's Church

- 3 Angela Mercer
- 10 Melodie Waters
- 17 Puppet Ministry
- 24 Lora Price

Greeters

Dale and Julie Shealy

Ushers

David Luther, Judy Bedenbaugh, Craig Farr, Justin Farr, Lynn Wessinger

Communion Sending

3 Kay Chandler, Judy Bedenbaugh

Nursery

- 3 Glenda Crafts, Emmett Wicker
- 10 Suzanne Medlock, Lexi Medlock
- 17 Andrea Lewis, Edwina Wicker
- 24 Deborah Ruff, Camryn Shealy

Altar Flowers

- 3 Melodie Waters (white)
- 10 Kay Chandler
- 17 Linda Cromer
- 24 Nathan Shealy

Please let the office know of special designations for altar flowers prior to Thursday morning. You may leave a note in the office box, call the office, or send an e-mail with your information. Thank you!

Offering Tabulators

Edna Riley, Craig Farr Lisa Farr, Kimberly Farr

Altar Guild

Kay George, Beverly Hawkins

Pew Rack Helper

Nancy Derrick

Front Sign

Eddie Rivers



During the month of November, the sanctuary lamp burns to the glory of God and in memory of John Bedenbaugh by Judy Bedenbaugh.

For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and \$30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.

October Attendance

Sunday School - 33 ave. Worship - 88 ave. Golden Age Sunday - 95

<u>Newsletter Deadline</u>: Monday, Nov. 18 Weekly Bulletin Deadline: Thursday - 9 a.m.



The 2020 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Chart is posted on the narthex board. Sign up now for your special dates!

Order Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones to decorate the sanctuary. Cost is \$11 with paper and bow. Order envelopes are available on the narthex board. Deadline to order poinsettias is Nov. 17. Donated poinsettias can be



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Our Offerings for October

(does not include October EFTs)

MINISTRY BUDGET Our Monthly Need: Given during month	315,221.00 100,596.80
Goal to Date\$1	
BUILDING LOAN FUND Our Monthly No Given during month	\$4,870.00 \$.00 \$53,373.00
MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND	
Given during monthGiven year-to-date	\$270.00 \$2,920.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Given during month	\$203.00
Given year-to-date	\$1,832.11
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Given during month	\$25.00
Given year-to-date	
CAMPERSHIP FUND	
Given during month	\$75.00
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MINISTRY BUDGET

Needed To Date: \$127,980 Given thru Oct. 27: \$100,597

Amount Behind Goal: \$ 27,383

BUILDING LOAN

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Required To Date: \$54,200 Given thru Oct. 27: \$53,373

BUDGET Amount Behind Need: \$ 827

10th Annual World Series One Goal

The 10th annual World Series One Goal collection kicked off Oct. 27. Pick up a WSOG bag in the narthex. Fill your bag with loose

change (or dollars). Return the bag on Sunday, Nov. 10.

World Series One Goal collection supports our **one goal** of spreading

the Good News of God's Love in Jesus Christ throughout the **world**. This year's proceeds will be divided between the Pee Dee Indian Project (50%); the Wicker Campership Fund (25%), and the Bedenbaugh/Chariker Grace Scholarship Fund (25%).

If anyone would like a t-shirt with the World Series One Goal logo or more information, please contact Steve Bedenbaugh (803-364-2000).

Current Fund Treasurer Needed

If you are interested in this position, please contact Pastor Michael or Nathan Shealy, Council Chair.

Reminder: Voting Member Definition

Annual Congregation Council nominations will be held Nov. 10 with elections on Nov. 24. To be a **voting member** of Grace and be eligible to serve on Council and vote on church matters (including elections), Grace Constitution states that you must:

(1) be a confirmed member of Grace (includes adults received by affirmation of faith or adult baptism);

<u>AND</u>

(2) have communed on record (sign the pew book) in the current or previous year (now, 2018-2019);

<u>AND</u>

(3) have made a financial contribution on record (use an envelope with your envelope number or name or make an on-line donation) in the current or previous year (now, 2018-2019).



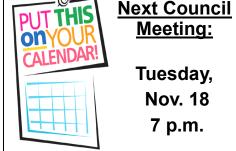
Grace Congregational Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. All members were present except Nathan Shealy, Melodie Waters, and Mike Shealy, who were all excused. After the reading of the Mission Statement in unison, devotions were led by Johnny Merck, who showed a video based on John 10:10b. The DVD was intended to encourage congregations in the future by touching and changing life today through several means: Campus Ministry, Candidacy Committee, Latino brothers and sisters, and Japanese Evangelical partner-

ship. Johnny ended devotions with a prayer.

New Business

Congregation Council decided that nominations will be made on Nov. 10 with election on Nov. 24. Council also decided that four individuals would be elected to Council for 2020-2022 terms.

Members discussed what to do with the remaining \$4,500 from the Martha Counts Estate. Ways to use this money for the good of the church were discussed: (front door improvement, tinting widows to



block sun, church sign). The need for new furniture in the lounge was also mentioned. A list of needs will be made for the next Council meeting so that members can prioritize their desire for using this money.

All four facility requests were approved.

Ministry Team Reports

Care and Fellowship Team: Golden Age Sunday is Oct. 20.

Christian Schools Team: A music leader has been hired.

Community Hope Team: Grace will be serving at Manna House Oct. 21-25. Volunteers have been called.

Finance Team: Team Chairman Steve Stubbs is going to schedule a meeting soon.

Good News Team: Wednesday night Bible Study will resume when Advent material comes in.

Worship Team: Meeting was held on Oct. 14 to plan for Advent and Christmas.

Youth Ministry Team: Plans are underway for Trunk or Treat, a float in the Christmas parade, and the children's live Nativity.

Old Business

Thank and Tell will continue.

Parsonage: One quote was received for a new roof at \$10,800 (another for \$13,800.) Johnny is getting quotes together. More conversation will take place next meeting. Council was asked to pray about figuring out the best options. Kay Chandler will call Habitat for Humanity for their input.

After shepherding concerns were shared, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Michael.

- From minutes submitted by Kathy Brown, Acting Council Secretary

Sept. Financial Reports:	Balance, 9/1	Received	<u>Expended</u>	Balance, 9/30	Additional Information
Current/Budget Fund	\$29,591.21	\$13,238.93	\$13,030.70	\$29,799.44*	\$10,471.17 Annuity
Building Fund	\$28,238.77	\$ 3,917.00	\$ 4,719.85	\$27,435.92	(\$369,973 balance owed)
Property/Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,482.02	\$ 335.04	\$ 100.83	\$ 3,716.23	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 3,689.95	\$ 258.45	\$ 102.17	\$ 3,846.23	n/a
Christian Schools Account	\$14,957.64	\$ 9,407.26	\$ 7,916.27	\$16,448.63	n/a
Schools Educational Fund	\$ 5,203.73	\$ 5,827.43	\$ 5,247.84	\$ 5,783.32	n/a

^{*} Balance does not include designated monies for the Adult Choir Fund (\$370.23); LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); or Sound System Fund (\$335.39) or monies from the Counts Estate (\$5,000) contained in the Current Fund Checking Account.

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						2 FALL BACK Set clocks back one hour
3 All Saints Sunday Fun and Fellowship - 9 a.m. Nativity Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m.	4 No Preschool	5	6 PS Chapel - 10:55	7 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	8	9 Youth Carowinds Trip Leave at 8 a.m.
Worship - All Saints Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Time/Talent Forms Due	Finance Team - 7 p.m.		Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music - 7:00 (Grace) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.			
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Advent Devotions Due Confirmation - 4 p.m. (Grace) Girl Scout Fundraiser - 5-7 p.m.			Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music - 7:00 (Wightman)			
17 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Fun and Fellowship - 9 a.m. Nativity Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m.	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20 PS Chapel - 10:55	21 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	22	23
Poinsettia Orders Due	Christmas Music - 7:00 (Grace) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	Congregation Council - 7 p.m.	Bible Study - 6 p.m.			
24 Christ the King Sunday Fun and Fellowship - 9 a.m. Nativity Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m.	25 Deadline for Thanksgiving Meal Reservations - 10 a.m.	26 Newsletter Team - 9 a.m.	27 No Preschool Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Meal	28 Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Meal:	29 Ministry Center Reserved for Wickers	30 Ministry Center Reserved for Browns
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - Council Elections - 10:30	Preschool Thanksgiving Feasts - M/W2s, 3s	Preschool Thanksgiving Feasts - T/TH2s, 4s Ministry Center	Set Up/Decorating Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music - 7 p.m. (Wightman) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	Church Office Closed	Give Thanks to the Yord, for Ke is good. Pack 107:4	Don't forget to make plans to join us on Dec. 1 for Advent Fellowship Night!



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Sunday:

Fun and Fellowship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

Grace Preschool: 8:00 am-12:00 noon

Monday-Thursday

Office Secretary: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

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All-Saints Sunday Sunday, Nov. 3



Youth Carowinds Trip Saturday, Nov. 9



Council **Nominations** Sunday, Nov. 10 **Council Election** Sunday, Nov. 24



Community Thanksgiving Meal at Grace

Thursday, Nov. 28 Seatings: 11:30 am, Noon

Annual Advent Fellowship Night Sunday, Dec. 1



Begin Bringing Donations on Sunday, Dec. 1 for the **Relay for Life**

All Things Christmas/ **Winter Yard Sale**

Mark Your Calendar! **All Things** Christmas Yard Sale Saturday, Dec. 7





Children's Outdoor Nativity ıday, Dec. 8

Christmas Cantata at Grace Sunday, Dec. 22





Christmas Eve Worship 4 p.m. and