



STAYING IN TOUCH...
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Carrilea's Corner

Thank you to all who made the Fifth St. Christmas Dinner such a success! As we continue on this Advent Journey, now on our third week, we find ourselves immersed in a time of waiting—waiting with hope, with anticipation, and with the promise that God is ever drawing us closer. Advent invites us to come home, not only in a physical sense but in a spiritual one, as we return to the heart of God's love and purpose for our lives. I look forward to exploring the lectionary passages of Isaiah 12:2-6 with you this Sunday.

Before worship, I would also like to extend an invitation to join us for Sunday School from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. We'll engage in a meaningful conversation about the Incarnation and why Christmas matters to our faith. It's an opportunity to delve deeper into the mystery and beauty of this sacred season and how it transforms our lives.

May this week of Advent bring you moments of peace, reflection, and a sense of coming home to the One who calls us beloved.

Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00AM
 Worship at 11:00 AM
 Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Contact us at gracestatesville@gmail.com or visit us at www.gracestatesville.org.

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The week of December 8-14, 2024

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound:
 Nancy Milstead,
 Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:
 All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Lisa McBroom, James, Shakira, Kyle & Patricia, Rebecca Beaver, Jennifer Jolly's mother, Walter Arreaza, Alf Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in the west, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, homeless children, our nations immigrants.

Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military:
 James Pulliam, Adam Ivey, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations:

Birthdays

9 - Cohen Bryce Hayes

Anniversary

11 - Jim and Janna Brown

Concerns:

Racial Healing.

Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the gun epidemic going on right now.

School students and staff and the community around these schools.

Prayers for people who feel unloved.

Middle East Crisis.

Teen's who are considering suicide.

All those affecting by Hurricane Helene.

Lisa McBroom.



December Birthdays

- 6 - John Barnard
- 6 - Bob Rawls
- 9 - Cohen Bryce Hayes
- 19 - Marsha Angell
- 24 - Lauren Berryhill
- 25 - Grace McDougall
- 26 - Eben Coarsey
- 27 - Diane Hamby

Anniversary

- 11 - Jim and Janna Brown

Steve's sermon's are always available
On Facebook and Youtube.
You can easily find it at:
www.gracestatesville.org

Budget

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$96,873.00
Received year to date: \$88,948.72
UNDER budget: \$7924.28
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00
This Week's Offering: \$2542.00



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have Paypal! You will find a Paypal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

*Upcoming events:

Christmas Eve Service
December 24th
6:00pm

Church Maintenance Scouts

Scripture for the Week

Isaiah 12:2-6

Sermon

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Leader

Reader Reader's Choir

Mission Board News

This year's Advent offering will support The Back@Home program with Fifth Street Ministries. This program attempts to get people into permanent housing quickly, sometimes even bypassing staying at the shelter. Of course, this means the families need almost anything to set up a household.

We will stay quite specific in our Advent offering. We'll be collecting sheets, towels, and kitchen supplies, along with cash, to support this program. For the purposes of this offering we will only accept New items.