



STAYING IN TOUCH...

HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, this Sunday December 1 begins, believe it or not, Advent! The word itself means "coming", as in the coming of Christ into our lives and into our history.

"O, come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel."
The hymn is filled with longing and hope.

The Advent theme this year is Coming Home. What do those words stir in you? Your childhood home? Going home for Christmas? Home with God, home to your own dear self?

This Sunday I will preach on the theme: "Hope and Home in the Exile". The texts are Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, 11-12; and John 16:33. Sometimes we may feel like we are in spiritual exile, our home faith taken away from us. Sometimes we may feel like the American church, we trying to be faithful to Jesus and his way, is in Exile, perhaps especially so after the last national election. But Jeremiah has an important word for us, and so does Jesus.

Sometimes the people of God do their best work in the wilderness of Exile! Maybe then we especially turn to God.

Calendar

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

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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

24 - Casey Adams

30 - Clara Rogers

Anniversaries

25 - Bob and Lisa Barber
Cory and Sam Scott

Lawrence and Melissa Lippard
welcome Brynn to the world.
All are doing well

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.

Diana Floyd family.

Jen and Gina.

Kim's nephew is finishing bootcamp.

November Birthdays

- 1 - Katelyn McMillan Corcoran
- 5 - Melissa Wardo Hendrix
- 5 - Annabelle Lynn McMillan
- 10 - Chris Brown
- 12 - Layne Barnard Adams
- 21 - Christian Nicholson
- 23 - Nancy Milstead
- 24 - Casey Adams
- 30 - Clara Rogers

Anniversary

- 13 - Ben and Kakki Kudlacek
- 25 - Bob and Lisa Barber

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: \$92,919.00
Received year to date: \$83,526.72
UNDER budget: \$9392.28
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00
This Week's Offering: \$1618.81



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:

December 8th.
Fifth Street resident staff
Christmas Dinner.
5:30pm

Christmas Eve Service
December 24th
6:00pm

Church Maintenance
Comer

Scripture for the Week

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, 11-12; and
John 16:33

Sermon

"Hope and Home in the Exile"

Leader

Chris Brown

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.