

CARRILEA'S CORNER

Dear Grace Family,

There are a number of meaningful gatherings coming up, and I want to invite you to be intentional about how—and why—you show up in community this season. As we continue reflecting in worship on the power of purposeful gathering and courageous hospitality, I'm reminded that not all tables are set with justice. Not all gatherings nourish. Some systems gather power by withholding food, care, and dignity from those who need it most.

That's why these upcoming gatherings matter:

ICE Watch Training — Hickory

As immigration enforcement increases across our region, we're called to stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. Siembra NC is hosting an ICE Watch training—equipping people to respond with care, courage, and protection. (Another one is being hosted in Charlotte on *Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:30pm*)

Hickory: *Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10am* [Click here to RSVP](#) [Read more about Border Patrol presence in Charlotte](#)

Beer & Hymns — Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6pm

Come out for an evening of good music, good people, and sacred mischief. We'll raise our voices (and our glasses) as we sing old favorites, unexpected hymns, and maybe a surprise or two. No experience necessary—just a love of community and a willingness to sing. Family friendly.

Moral Monday — Nov. 24

The Monday before Thanksgiving, will be another Moral Monday gathering. At the start of a week filled with family meals and national feasting, this public witness is a way to reclaim our values and resist a system where abundance is hoarded by a few. Let's gather to say: everyone deserves a seat at the table.

Details about time and location are coming soon—but please save the date.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service — Wednesday, Nov. 26

The theme for this year's service is Gratitude as a Bridge — A Thanksgiving of Shared Humanity. In a time when our world feels deeply divided—across faiths, politics, and communities—we come together to give thanks. Gratitude reminds us of what we share: our breath, our earth, our hope for peace.

This interfaith service invites us to listen, to honor difference, and to celebrate the abundance that comes when we gather as one human family.

We give thanks—not to deny our divisions, but to begin healing them.

Let's keep showing up—not just for comfort or tradition, but for truth, community, and justice.

In worship.

At the table.

And in the streets.

***With love,
Carrilea***

November 9-15, 2025

November Birthdays

- 1 - Katelyn McMillan Corcoran
- 5 - Melissa Wardo Hendrix
- 5 - Annabelle Lynn McMillan
- 10 - Chris Brown
- 12 - Layne Barnard Adams
- 18 - Brynn Dansby Lippard
- 21 - Christian Nicholson
- 24 - Casey Adams
- 30 - Clara Rogers

Anniversaries

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

**BEER AND HYMN DATES ARE
NOV. 18 AND DEC. 6
6PM**

*Our Thanksgiving Eve service is
November 26th. 6PM at Grace.
Sign up to bring snacks on the
bulletin board.*

**ICM NEEDS ANYTHING
AND
EVERYTHING!**

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$89,640.00

Received year to date: \$95,434.26

OVER budget: \$5,794.26

Weekly needs: \$1,992.00

This Week's Offering: \$405.00



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