



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

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, Advent is upon us! It feels so good to be walking into this wonderful season of the Church Year. The theme of Advent 2022 is: "The Advent Of Joy." The key verse of the season is: "For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people!" (Luke 2: 10-11).

This Sunday I will preach on the theme: "The Final Joy." The texts are Isalah 2:1-4; and Revelation 21:1-5a. The lectionary gospel for the first Sunday of Advent usually has to do with getting ready and being prepared for the Second Coming of Christ - not the easiest texts for me to preach. This year I will talk about the end of time as the Final Joy, to use Tolkien's words, "a glimpse of Joy, Joy beyond the walls of this world." But the texts together also point to kind of world God has planned for us here and now, as we flow to the mountain of the Lord and listen to God's word.

Here is the full Schedule of Advent sermons and texts.

Advent 1. November 27. " The Final Joy."

Isalah 2: 1-4. Revelation 21: 21:1-5a.

Advent 2. December 4. "Joy and Sorrow, Longing and Love:
A Sermon From The Cello."

Isalah 11: 1-9. Matthew 2: 16-18; and Luke 2: 25-35.

Advent 3: December 11. " The Joy Of The Kingdom."

Isalah 35: 1-7,10. Matthew 11:2-5.

Advent 4. December 18. "The Joy Of a Child."

Isalah 7: 10-16. Matthew 1: 18-25.

Christmas Eve. December 24. "The Story of Christmas."

Isalah 60: 1-3. Luke 2:1-20.

Christmas Day! December 25. "A Day Of Joyful Service." Instead of worship inside our walls we will do the work of Christmas by going out and serving others.

The First Sunday after Christmas, January 31. "My True God Gave To Me: The Twelve Days of Christmas In Congregational Song and Teaching." This will be led by Sue and me based on a children's book we have completed on my version of the song with her art work.

Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00 AM

Worship at 11:00 AM

Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound:
Tressie Starrette,
Irene Shoemaker
Sarah Adams,
Nancy Milstead.

Those issues close to us:
Autumn Harris, Christian Viera,
Gina Ellis, Laura Hall family,
those affected by Hurricane Ian,
Marian Archibald, Ray Smith,
Bill Mashburn, Victor Sisk,
Clara Rogers, Vera Webster,
peoples of the Ukraine,
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,
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:
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,
Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,
Brian Saxton, 30th Brigade.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations:

Birthdays

- 21 - Christian Nicholson
- 23 - Nancy Milstead
- 24 - Casey Adams

Anniversary

- 25 - Bob and Lisa Barber

Concerns:

Racial Healing.

Our Nation.

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

Tara and her son, Bryson,
with seizures.

Bill Warren.

Jo's daughter.

Renae's nephew, Jeremy, with
liver transplant, may be
rejecting new liver.

Janice Berryhill's father, Bill.

Larry Sechler family.

Recent shootings with all
involved.

Doug's fraternity brothers and
friend who have passed away.

The week of November 20-26, 2022

November

Birthdays

- 1 - Katelyn McMillan Corcoran
- 4 - Susie Wiberg
- 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

Anniversaries

- 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

Needed year to date: \$92,790.00
Received year to date: \$77,832.00
UNDER budget: \$14,958.00
Weekly needs: \$2062.00

Advent Offering

The Joy(s) of a Baby

The Mission Board is asking everyone to please bring baby items every Sunday in lieu of \$\$\$. Most needed are: Diapers (all sizes but especially 5&6) and Pull-ups, wipes, jarred food and formula. All items will be donated to ICM.



Church Maintenance

Nicholson/Davis

Scripture for the Week

Isaiah 2: 1-4.
Revelation 21: 21:1-5a.

Sunday's Sermon

"The Final Joy."

Leader

Doug Hendrix

Reader

Reader's Choir



Grace Christmas/
5th Street Resident staff
Potluck
Is back!!

Mark your calendars!
December 4th.
5:30pm.

Bring your favorite dish or 2 to share. Deacons will provide drinks and bread.

Lots of Fun! And Games!!