

# E-Grace

Saturday, December 1

## Upcoming Events

### Children's Shop Day

Today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Coffee at Grace

Every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

### Circle of Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.

Amaryllis Room

### Sunday School

Christmas Program Rehearsal

### Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

### Youth Group

Christmas Program Rehearsal

### Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8 a.m.

Hungry Loon Cafe in Pequot

### UMW Christmas Drama

"One Small Light"

Thursday, December 6th at 11 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

All are welcome!

## Children and Youth Christmas Program/Bells of Grace

Sunday, December 9th

### Coffee Date with Pastor Gary

Wednesday, December 12th from 9-10 a.m.

Petals & Beans in Nisswa

(\* there will be only one coffee date in December)

### Christmas Cantatas

Friday, December 14th at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 15th at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 16th at 2 p.m.

## Sunday Preview

### Message:

"The Gift of Hope"

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Matthew 1:18-25

*The first Sunday in Advent gives us the "Gift of Hope." Jesus came to bring hope to the world. Over thousands of years, Jesus has been called by many different names - Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Beautiful Savior, Lamb of God. What does your name mean? Does the meaning give a hint to what your spiritual gifts might be? Bring your phone to church on Sunday and Google your name. Then add it and the meaning to the banner in the Gathering Space- before or after worship. Let's have fun with this hands-on activity!*

## Invitation to Holy Communion

### December Mission:

Christmas offering collected all month with a special envelope:

35% Lakes Area Food Shelf, 35% for church support of Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen and 30% for Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

### Communion Information

Because of the flu and cold season, Communion will be served using small cups for the Communion juice from December through March. If you would like to be a Communion Steward, please let Barb Wallace at (218) 821-1954.

### Big Thank You

Thank you to all who donated food items, gave their time and contributed financially. It was a big success filled with fellowship and delicious food. A special thank you to Julie and Tim Gowen for again taking the lead and investing so much of their time and energy.

## Kind Reminder

Thank you for making your pledges to Grace UMC and turning them in. This helps the finance committee make a budget for 2019. If you have not turned in your pledge for 2019, you may send an e-mail to Financial Secretary Doris Longnecker at [dorislong@tds.net](mailto:dorislong@tds.net) to give your financial pledge (whether weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly). Also include your willingness to contribute your time, talent and spiritual gifts to the church in these areas: Discipleship, Membership, Outreach, Worship, Finance, Trustees, Staff/Parish Relations and Ad Council. Thank you everyone!

## Christmas Greetings

Share your Christmas greetings with Grace Family by adding your card to the wreath in the Gathering Space.

Be sure to take a minute to read all of the other Christmas wishes!

## Children & Youth Christmas Program

Come hear the Children & Youth of Grace tell the Christmas Story by reminding us of God's great love. They will have their performance during worship on Sunday, December 9th. Following worship, the Bells of Grace will provide a concert in the Narthex.

If you have questions about the Children and Youth Christmas program, reach out to Andrea at 715.470.3131.

*\* There will be a dress rehearsal following worship on Sunday, December 2nd.*

## **Grace Bags**

Thank you to all who have donated money and items so far for our Grace Bags mission project. All are welcome to come to Grace on Thursday, December 6th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to assemble the bags. Pizza will be provided for all of the helpers.

## **Grace Cancellation Policy**

With the early arrival of winter weather, we want to remind you of the Grace Cancellation Policy. This policy is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. Basically, use your best judgment or call Pastor Gary at (218) 568-1049, the church office at (218) 568-5755 or the person leading your event.

Be safe!