

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

Dec. 01.....Pat Morrison  
Dec. 03.....Katie Lochry  
Dec. 11.....Madge Zion  
Dec. 17.....Ezekiel Tsamwa  
Dec. 18.....Sharon Allen  
Dec. 19.....Holly Bouthot  
Dec. 20.....Jeff Kachmar  
Dec. 20.....Adriannah Tsamwa  
Dec. 21.....Jeff Widmann  
Dec. 23.....Don Clark  
Dec. 27.....Betsy Kachmar  
Dec. 29.....Jill Werling

Jan. 02.....Al Creager  
Jan. 05.....Ken Rogers  
Jan. 07.....Linda Knepple  
Jan. 13.....Carole Courtney  
Jan. 16.....Alice Bauman  
Jan. 17..... Pastor Robert Brown  
Jan. 23.....Vivian Allen  
Jan. 23.....Tim Bauman  
Jan. 26.....Carrie Geist

## Anniversaries

Steve & Allison Schneider:  
December 27, 2014

Don & Dee Stoiche  
January 17, 1959

Albert & Glenda Bragalone  
January 18, 1947

Gene & Vivian Allen  
January 21, 1949

## ATTENDANCE

October 6.....49

October 13.....47

October 20.....Not Recorded

October 27.....Not Recorded

November 3.....53

November 10.....48

November 17.....46

November 24.....44



# GRACE NOTES



The Newsletter for  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
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December 2019-January 2020

Sunday School:  
9:00 A.M.

Worship:  
10:30 A.M.

Fellowship:  
11:30 A.M.

Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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## THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR ROB



I love Christmas carols. I know so many pastors refuse to sing Christmas hymns before Christmas Eve, but I just love

them and will start listening to them long before Advent. People have decided this year to insult people who decorate for Christmas early, but, in a rare turn of joy and acceptance for me, I say bring on the Christmas decorations whenever you want!

Advent should put us in a joyful state of anticipation. We look forward to the coming Baby Jesus, yes, but we also wait in anticipation for the Return of Christ. We wait in anticipation for when God fully heals the wounds of this world and creation fully reconciles with God.

We have an Advent theme song this year: Canticale of the Turning. The whole idea goes something like this: Christ turns us from the darkness of the world into the light of God. Christ turns us from war to peace, from greed to generosity, from systems of oppression to systems of empowerment.

We cannot complete all of this turning in our wounded and broken existence, but we can start that work. As we anticipate our savior, let us also anticipate his turning and slowly nudge our world toward that new world.

We always anticipate that new world; let us celebrate our anticipation!

*Peace,  
Pastor Rob*

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### Sarah Circle

The Presbyterian Women get together for a circle meeting and Bible study at Grace at 1:00 p.m. Meets 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Next dates:** December 12<sup>th</sup> & January 9<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch Bunch

Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC Penny's on the last Thursday of the month at 12 noon - *All women are welcome!*

**Next dates:** January 30<sup>th</sup>

### Cancer Pad Sewing

Come join the women in putting together cancer pads for Cancer Services of North-east Indiana. A simple stitch is all that is needed. Anyone can come help with this great mission. Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.

**Next dates:** December 18<sup>th</sup> & January 15<sup>th</sup>

*All women of the church are invited to  
participate with any or all activities.*



**PW Christmas Party is going to be  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am  
at Salvatori's :  
10337 Illinois Rd. Fort Wayne, IN. 46814  
WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS  
FOR UNITED FAITH BANK**

## From the Treasurer....



2019 Offering envelopes will be available on Sunday, December 15, on the table in the Narthex. Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes and take it home. If you would like your box to be mailed, please call the church office at 426-4712.

- December 31 is the deadline for any money to be credited toward the 2019 budget.
- Reminder: If you have not paid your Per Capita for 2019 of \$40.72, it is due December 31.
- If you have a summary that goes in the Annual Report, PLEASE get it in before **January 5, 2020.**

## Volunteers...

If you would like to volunteer as a candle lighter, lay leader, or announcement reader, please contact Pam Callahan





*Poinsettias were ordered for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be listed in the bulletins during December. If you purchased a plant, feel free to take it home after worship on Christmas Eve to enjoy with your family!*



## Christmas Poinsettias 2019

### IN MEMORY OF:

Bill & Betty Werling .....	Bill & Jill Werling
Dennis Mahoney.....	Ken & Peggy Mahoney
Dick & Betty Sowers.....	Joyce Sowers
Don & Rose Zimmerman.....	Dave & Deb Zimmerman
Donald Brunnegraff.....	Evelyn Brunnegraff
Gerald & Helen Ricker .....	Janice & Tom Weber
Mary Jane Gilbert.....	Dave & Deb Zimmerman
Merry Hahnert.....	Kevin & Jen Mahoney
Norman Getts .....	JoAnn Getts
Parents and Siblings .....	Don Bosse
Ralph & Hattie Springer.....	Bill & Jill Werling
Richard Anderson .....	Mildred Anderson

### IN HONOR OF:

Bob Gilbert .....	Dave & Deb Zimmerman
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# Halloween @ Grace....



# Thank You!

*To our wonderful Grace family: Al and I don't even know where or how to begin in thanking you for all you have done for us while I've been out for surgery and recuperation. Pastor Rob made casseroles and brought those over from him and Nora; Cathy Garman made chicken noodle soup and Todd brought that and a loaf of artesian bread over; and Stacey Monnier brought spaghetti and meatball dinners from Casa's complete with salads and loaves of bread from her, Tom, and the Kids. You have no idea how humbled and blessed we feel. Also, a big thank-you to all the rest of you for your cards and prayers. I miss you all so much. I feel like I've been so alone in tackling all that has happened to us, and it will be so good to be back with you. We love you!*

*~ Blessings Al & Sue Creager*

*On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and the Session, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for all of you who made a pledge of financial support to Grace for the coming year.*

*Your generous pledges are important because they enable Grace's leadership to make important plans for carrying out her ministry and mission in 2020.*

*- Jim Wolfe*

*"Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and gave donations toward the 2019 events here at Grace....your time and effort is what made it SUCCESSFUL!"*

*- Congregational Life*

## *Christmas Schedule*

Come  
Celebrate  
**CHRISTMAS**  
with  
*Grace  
Presbyterian  
Church*



### **Hanging of the Greens**

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 P.M. @ Grace

*Help decorate the church and enjoy some fellowship –  
pizza, hot cocoa, and games!*

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### **Women of Grace Christmas Party**

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 A.M. @ Salvatori's

*Come enjoy holiday fellowship with the rest of  
the women of Grace!*

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### **WellSpring Winter Dinner**

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M. @ WellSpring

*A great outreach opportunity to spread Christmas Cheer  
to our friends as WellSpring!*

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### **Christmas Pageant**

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 A.M. @ Grace

*Come join us as our youth lead worship!*

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### **Christmas Caroling**

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 P.M. @ Grace

*Stick around after church and carol to our neighbors and friends!*

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### **Longest Night Service of Healing and Hope**

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M. @ United Faith

*A special service for those who struggle around the holidays.*

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### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M. @ Grace

*Come celebrate the birth of our Savior!*