

## **BRIEF REMINDERS**

- If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let an usher know.
- Please give a dollar donation when lighting a votive candle.
- If you notice something that needs attention (a light out, a roof leak, a clogged sink or toilet) please put it in the book outside secretary's office. Speak to Jim Kemp or Mary Gale McPharlin if you can help with small property needs.
- Check out the bulletin board as you are going to the Gathering Place, there are community events, volunteer opportunities, and church news that might be of interest.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- November 20<sup>th</sup> Timeline Conversation.
- **TODAY** November 20<sup>th</sup> Altar Guild Bake Sale
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Community Thanksgiving Service @ 7:00pm.
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Advent I
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Kid's Night Out @ 6pm
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Hanging of the Greens after church
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Historic Church Tour @ 1pm
- December 11<sup>th</sup> Lessons & Carols
- December 18<sup>th</sup> Pageant
- December 18<sup>th</sup> Blue Christmas Service @ 6pm
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Services, 6pm and 9pm
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service 10am in Goulden Chapel
- December 31<sup>st</sup> No 5:30pm service
- January 1<sup>st</sup> No 8am service
- **January 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Come to the Community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. The service will be held at the Marysville Assembly of God, 1245 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Marysville.

## **GRACE CHURCH MUG SALE**

We will have our maroon marble coffee cups for sale for \$10.00. Great for holiday giving! Questions? Call Mary Gale, 987-5978.

## **BOOK CLUB**

If you are interested in joining the book club it will meet again on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. We are reading the book "Invisible Wall" written by Harry Bernstein. We will meet at 7pm in the Gathering Place.

## **TIMELINE**

This Sunday after the 10am service we will be discussing the Timeline that everyone has participated in. Please come to the Gathering Place to listen to memories.

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Altar Guild Bake Sale is **TODAY**, November 20 after 8:00 and 10:00 services. Funds raised from our sale help defray the cost of candles, wafers, wine and maintaining clergy robes. Thank you all!!!!

## **DIRECTORY**

There are limited copies of an updated directory located outside the main office. If we run out and you would like one, please let Maureen know.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**

A call for Christmas Eve Instrumentalists: we seek instrumentalists to help lead the music in the 6:00 and 9:00 pm Christmas Eve services. We will rehearse after church on December 11 and 18. Please see or email Laurie Ryan for more details. [laurie.ryan@graceporthuron.net](mailto:laurie.ryan@graceporthuron.net)

## **OUTREACH**

### **"ANGEL-TO-AN-ANGEL" PROJECT**

Outreach is preparing for our annual Christmas Angel-to-an-Angel project to focus on needs in our neighborhood. This year, Grace Church will sponsor 25 children from the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School at Christmas with purchases of clothing and toys. We will be matching the children in those families with "angel" sponsors from Grace Church. On November 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, angel tags with the children's names, ages, gender and sizes will be available in the Gathering Place for sponsors to select a child for whom to purchase a gift of clothing and a toy. Gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Each Woodrow family will also receive a box of food donated by Grace Episcopal Church families, as well as a ham and bread provided by Outreach. Our goal is to provide a holiday meal and some kid-friendly snacks for the families. Outreach has compiled a list of food needed for the baskets. As you are doing your personal shopping, you may wish to pick up some of the items below to donate to the Christmas food baskets:

Instant potatoes	Canned fruit	Canned corn and green beans
Applesauce	Cereal	Cereal bars
Peanut butter	Jelly	Macaroni & cheese
Cookies	Fruit snacks	Instant oatmeal
Juice boxes	Hot chocolate mix	Tea

Outreach will again include 20 Seniors in our angel to angel project. We have done this for the past few years and the seniors were so very grateful for your generosity. Outreach obtains the names from Council on Aging, and the seniors list their needs and desires from which we can choose. Senior names will also be available the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for continued details in the weekly bulletin.

Thank you to all who help make this a successful project year after year!

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Our church continues to Support Mid-city Nutrition by providing volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday for the Soup Kitchen. The sign-up sheet is across from our Rector's office. Please consider signing up to participate in the worthwhile outreach effort. Thank you to Nancee Armstrong who coordinates this project and to those who continue to volunteer.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Our food pantry continues to meet the emergency food needs of our neighborhood families, seniors, and church family. This month we will be utilizing the list above to help provide the food necessary for our Angel to Angel project, as well as emergency needs.

### **HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR**

On Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, the churches in our Olde Towne neighborhood will be opening their doors to share their history and beauty. The churches will be open from 1-3 p.m. and a trolley will be available at 1 pm starting Our Savior Lutheran and will travel to the churches in the neighborhood.

### **COATS**

We will be collecting new and gently used winter coats for the Downriver Community Services, Homeless Health Care Program. A box is available at the Lees Lane entrance next to the food pantry box. Thank you for your support with this special project.

## **PLEDGE UPDATE**

We have had 105 pledge cards returned. If you need a pledge card, they are on the table in the church as you're going to the Gathering Place. Just a note if you didn't turn one in because you want everything the same, please take the time to fill one out. It helps us in the budget process to know that you are giving the same amount. If you wish to begin having your pledge automatically withdrawn, there is a sheet on the desk outside the office. Please fill it out and return to Denny or Maureen. Also, if you had your pledge taken from your bank account through the ach Debit and all remains the same you need to do nothing.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Pageant and Kids Night Out are outside the Chapel of the Holy Innocence (Children's Chapel).

The Sunday School classes will be learning the Birth Narrative during these next few weeks. They are making a very fun craft - ask a child to see theirs! I would like to give some special shout out thanks to those who helped make this craft possible: Mortimer Lumber for the donation of the wood, Denny LePla & Tim Morrison for cutting and sanding 100+ blocks of wood.

Thank you SO much!!!

### **THOSE SERVING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:**

#### **LEM:**

Saturday 5:30pm: Brian Campbell

Sunday 8am: Jeanette Bommarito

10am: Eric Wood, Pat Stacey, Jason Gibson,  
Connor O'Brien, Devin Mrowczynski

#### **Acolytes:**

8am: Jim Kemp, Jeff Thomson, Liam Thomson,

10am: Nicholas Larson, Cassidy Mrowczynski, James Young,  
William Gibson

#### **Ushers:**

8am: Bernie Jonas, Sue & Art Smith

10am: Tim O'Brien, Pat McPharlin,  
Donna Minock, Ginny Irland

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of*

**HARRY M. MYRON, DR. HARRY E. & MARY MYRON, RUSSEL & HELEN MAYNARD** *the gift of the family.*

**DOUGLAS H., ANDREW & TODD DAVID MOWAT,** *the gift of the family.*

*We welcome the newly baptized...  
Raegan Mariah Holmes, daughter of  
Matthew and Lisa Holmes,  
granddaughter of Steven & Sandra  
Rajnay.*

### **Those on our prayer list:**

John Wirtz	Ruthmary & Bob Wiley
David Postill	Elaine Shimmel
Mary Lou Creamer	Sharon Tobin
Abbie Wallace	Lexie Wallace
Cheryl Wilson	Bob Kelley
Bob Thomas	David

## CHRISTMAS POINTSETTAS

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of...[or] Thanksgiving for...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The gift  
of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the altar      \_\_\_\_\_ Carry Grace      \_\_\_\_\_ Where needed

Deadline for Poinsettia Memorials – December 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>NOVEMBER 2016</b>	SUN	20	8am	Holy Eucharist
			9am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
			10am	Holy Eucharist/Sunday School/Baptism
			11:15am	Coffee Hour: Altar Guild
			11:15am	Time Line Discussion
			11:45am	Praxis
			12pm	C4 Yourself Church in Goulden Chapel
	TUES	22	10am	Community Enterprises
			1pm	Community Enterprises
			4pm	Gentle Yoga
			5:15pm	Vinyasa Yoga
			6pm	C4 Yourself Church in Goulden Chapel
			7pm	Community Thanksgiving Service
	WED	23		<b>OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON</b>
			10am	Community Enterprises
			10am	Holy Eucharist
			1pm	Community Enterprises
			6pm	NA
	THURS	24		<b>THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	FRI	25		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
			6pm	NA
	SAT	26	8am	Yoga in gym
			10am	AA
			5:30pm	Evening Prayer
			7pm	AA
	SUN	27	8am	Holy Eucharist
			9am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
			10am	Holy Eucharist/Sunday School
			11:15am	Coffee Hour: Wiest/Selepack
			12pm	C4 Yourself Church in Goulden Chapel