



To Glorify God,
To Grow in Faith,
To Give in Service,
Together in Christ.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 20th – Fourth Week of Advent

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome to Grace! We worship indoors with one service at 9:15 am by using certain safety protocols to care for each other. As attendance rises, we will consider returning to two services at 8 am and 10:30 am.

Find Grace Worship Online

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, or computer with any browser). Go to www.YouTube.com and search for: Grace Hatfield Services (posted each week on Wednesday following the Sunday, at noon). Find the lessons & prayers on Grace's website. **Spread the word!**

The **Flowers on the altar** are provided this week to the glory of God by Rich and Emily Woltmann in memory of Thea Woltmann and Ed Meibohm and by Betty Murray in honor of her nephew Pate's birthday.

The **Eternal Light Candle** is offered by Laura Kratz in honor of her family.

For Sunday School: We're holding Sunday school by Zoom. Contact Laura Slugg for your personal invite (pj's are ok!)

We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace Events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. Please let Pastor Peterman, or a Church Council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.

Elders' Birthdays

Would you like to brighten someone's day? Do you have a minute to send a card? Here are birthdays coming up.

December 24 **Bob Kaler III**

December 29 **Suzanne Colville**

Death Announcement

We have received word of the death of Robert Miller Vass, the husband of Rachael Long. Rachael was the first teacher and long-time Director of Stepping Stones, then called the Grace Lutheran Nursery School.

To see the obituary, which has the possibility of sending a message to the family through the funeral home, go to this website: <http://www.huffandlakjer.com/obituary/robert-vass>

Generous Grace Responds with Sweets



Cookies, Candy, Sweets galore! When the call went out to keep Sweets for Sharing (S4S) alive this year, Grace family and friends responded like the jug of oil that kept giving more in the midst of a drought! (Read that story, if

you'd like in I Kings 17:7-17). INreach packed 47 tins of cookies for our friends who are homebound and others -- the most ever! We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for making so many people's holiday season a bit sweeter and bright! A special thanks to packing hosts Bruce and Peggy Schmidt, and to additional packers Kay Deussing, Emily Woltmann, and Kay Stone, who all wore gloves and masks to keep the food safe for our friends. We thank all who provided sweets to make these gifts possible.

Our Tree Has Arrived!!!



Our survey about attendance for Christmas Eve is finished, but if you haven't taken part and you or someone you know is still interested in worshipping in person on Christmas Eve, please email or call the church office (contact information on page 2) to see if there would be space in the

service you would like to attend. ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

2021 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes on the table in the narthex. Just a reminder that you should not use these new envelopes until January 2021.

We apologize for the labels on this year's offering envelopes. Pastor and Maura were trying to make sense out of our database program and were delighted to be able to get the envelope numbers to print. They didn't notice until the boxes were on the table that only one name per household printed, the "head of household" in the program, usually the male in the home: We apologize for all the missed people!

A HUGE Thank you for your generous gifts to the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project



As we packed up all your wonderful gifts and prepared them to be delivered to our families, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our members and the families of Cub Scout Pack 510. Your gifts to the Stepping Stones Staff and Classroom Gifts were also amazing. In addition, you provided 227 pairs of socks for the Welcome Church. Thank you so much for shopping and supporting our families, the Stepping Stones Staff and children and the Welcome Church. Your Christmas Spirit of giving is a shining light of Christ's love.

The Giving in Service Team

From the Executive Committee:

During this unprecedented time of COVID, Grace's leaders have worked hard to establish protocols and procedures to help keep us safe. Our Grace family has taken personal responsibility and if someone is not feeling well or is at risk, have stayed home and enjoyed online services. Going forward, we will continue to have in-person services as well as on line services, as long as it is deemed safe from government officials to do so. That may mean additional changes at some point in time, but we believe that trying to worship together is worth the additional safety precautions. We know that working together we can do this!

EEC Food Cupboard UPDATES...

Every week your generous donations feed a growing number of people in Hatfield who are finding it necessary to get their household supplies and food from the EEC food cupboard. Thank you so much for continuing to drop off donations in our plastic food bins located under the portico at Grace, as well as in the food bins in the narthex. Any additional items you can pick up while you shop will make a difference. Updated wish lists for scarce items will be shared in Grace notes.

The items that are currently in the most need:

- Gift cards – Janet can shop for exactly what is needed
- Canned Vegetables: asparagus, carrots, peas, spinach, lima beans, mixed vegetables, whole tomatoes
- Tuna **in oil**
- Vinegar – pint or quart
- Applesauce – Large cans or jars (29-30 oz)
- Pasta, boxed – any shape or size except spaghetti
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper – individually wrapped
- Shampoo
- Body Wash

Distribution date: Tuesday afternoon 1:00-2:00 pm: Dec 22 & 29, 2020 plus Jan 12 & 26, 2021 and Tuesday evening 5:30-6:30 pm: Jan 5 & 19, 2021

The food cupboard is available to all Hatfield borough residents, so please reach out if you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving supplemental food pantry items. 215-855-2540; foodcupboard@yahoo.com. Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!

Food Ministries: Sources of Food

Food Cupboard Distribution |

The food cupboard at Emmanuel EEC (100 S Main Street) Open next: Tuesday, December 22, 1:00 pm

Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath) Open next: Saturday, December 19, 10:00 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (69 W Broad St, Souderton) has a daily meal program. Anyone may come for a bagged meal with limited social contact. No registration required. No residency requirements. Up to 4 bags a day possible if picking up for a family or for neighbors who can't get out. Open: 6 days a week, Mon – Sat, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Entrance in the rear

This Week at Grace

Sunday, December 20 9:15 am	Worship in person-new members joining
10:30 am	Sunday School, ZOOM
Offerings?	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings to the office; or drop in locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance.
Monday-Tuesday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care Closed 12/23-1/3
Tuesday, December 22 8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Welcome Bread Sandwiches
Wednesday, December 23 12:00 pm	Sunday's worship posted: www.YouTube.com Search: Grace Hatfield Services

Thursday, December 24 4pm, 6:30pm, 9pm	Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 27 NO in-Person worship	Video of Lessons & Carols with communion posted Saturday at noon

Last Week (in person attendance #s only included)

Third Week of Advent, 12/13/20

Attendance: 9:15 am, 50

General Fund - \$3,186.00 **Capital Fund** - \$377.12

Yoga will stop for the holidays and begin again on 1/6/21. We will assess the COVID situation each month. If anything changes and we need to stop, you will be notified.

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For All Who Grieve, including: The family and friends of Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Ralph Buffone; Marilyn Homan; Barbara Masser (Ray's wife); Joan Lattanze; Samuel Barndt, cousin of Andrea Roney; TreMar; Karen Weirbach; Diane Graham Miller; George Townsend (Roney's friend); Donna Plawa: Beto Dominguez (Jesus Tula's cousin), John Green (Jess Moran's uncle), Edward Felix McTeigue (Reilly's friend), Tomasa Dominguez (Jesus Tula's grandmother), Al Godshall, William Hardnock, Rita Hamilton (Roney's friend), Margaret Ann Berman (MJ Moyer's family), Carol Capanear, Jim Markowski

Lost to Covid-19: Elizabeth Coyle, Crystal Tula's great aunt; Charlotte Hutchinson, Jess Moran's grandmother; Victor Dominguez, Jesus Tula's uncle

For those in active duty military service: Robert McNulty, Marines, basic training; Jessica Murphy, Air Force; Matthew Smyrl, Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard

For active military deployed overseas: Kyle Murphy, Air Force