

The Church Mouse

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 19, 2021– VOLUME 3

Worship Opportunity for Sunday

December 19th The Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 am

The Children's Christmas Pageant

You won't want to miss this! Caroline Peabody and the children have been working hard on this and it promises to be very cute!!



Church Events

- Dec 20th Bible Study for Ladies at 6pm, Ladies AA meets at 7 pm
- Dec 22nd Men's Breakfast, Taking Pounds Off Sensibly 9am, AA meeting in the Fellowship Hall at noon, *No Hurried Family Dinner until Jan. 5th*
- Dec 24th AA at noon, Candlelight Communion Service at 7 pm
- Dec 25th – Merry Christmas!

Sunday Servants

1 ST SUNDAY	2 ND SUNDAY	3 RD SUNDAY	4 TH SUNDAY
Dick Foard Chris Doyel William Crockett Brent Heath	Jim Rodarmel Louise Theberge John Kupiec Melissa Johnson	Jim Wesson John Ogburn Todd Coons John O'Briant Peder Wennberg	Doug Price Jane Price Bob McCreary Carter Richardson
Liturgists for December:			
Wynne Beale	Judy Bailey-Kinker	Bradyn Barr	Brent Heath

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

From Pastor Kathryn:

Dear Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for all the ways you've let me know you're thinking of me during this awful bout of COVID. It brings me to tears to know how much I'm cared for here. I feel the love of God and His care for me through the love of my church family. Thank you for your prayers--I know I am healing slowly but surely, and God has kept my mind and body strong. Even though I am fully vaccinated, my symptoms (and I've had everyone in the book) have been moderate and at times, intense. Thankfully, these past four days have been mild and for the first time, I can sort of taste my smoothie this morning. Praise God!

This has put a damper on my vacation plans to visit my brother in Orlando this week, but I am hoping to feel strong enough to drive to Jacksonville this weekend after my quarantine ends so I don't miss Christmas with my family. I will return after the New Year. I am thanking God every day for you. I will not forget the kindness you all have shown me during this scary time. God bless you for being Jesus to me in my time of need.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Kathryn



*Drive safely Pastor Kathryn.
As you travel
to Florida in your new car with the tree
on top!*

Notes:

Lyn Claybrook has a new snail mail address and phone number:

7407 Walker Ave. #106
Gloucester, VA
23061

New phone: 804-693-2683

**Join us at 7pm on
December 24th for
our Candlelight and
Communion Worship
service.**

Friends of Barnabas Mission Trip

Dear Church family,

Friends of Barnabas Foundation* is a 501 C3 Christian based foundation dedicated to providing medical care to the needy in the mountains of Honduras. Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere with a poverty rate of nearly 70%. FOBF* is excited to be heading back to Honduras after over a year's hiatus due to Covid and two catastrophic hurricanes which displaced over 900,000 people.

I have been participating on these "Mountain Medical Teams" since 2008 to bring primary and preventive medical care to those living in remote villages in Honduras.

Although team members pay their own transportation and meal/lodging costs, each medical team covers the purchase of the medical/dental supplies.

You may contribute to year's supply needs by writing a check to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and specify "FOFB" in the memo line.

All of your contribution will be designated for supplies. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support this mission.

Deadline for contributions is Dec. 26.

For more information visit <http://www.fobf.org/>. Click on Medical Teams to view details and see photos from previous trips.

Thank you for considering helping in this way.

Martha Rhodes



Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Spruill	12/02
John Peabody	12/03
Anna Gatling*	12/03
Linda Horsley	12/05
Nick Denison	12/07
Sarah Harris	12/08
Brent Heath	12/09
Pamela Lumsden	12/09
Steelman Ketchum Jr.	12/11
Susan Johnson	12/12
Micheal Haley	12/14
Paul Johnson	12/16
Jim Wesson	12/18
Lori Goings	12/21
Steve Spruill	12/22
Kent Taylor	12/25
Donnie Mullins	12/26
Deborah Ziegenfus	12/26
Gwen D'Amico	12/30
Jim Towell	12/31
Pam Kupiec	12/31

*Denotes a child

ANNIVERSARY

John & Bonnie O'Briant	12/02
Jim & Nancy Wesson	12/06
Micheal & Nancy Haley	12/23
Kathy & Bill Newborg	12/26
Dana & Penny Gilmour	12/27
Rex & Mimi Beckwith III	12/28
Harry & Jackie Doyle	12/30



Daily Lectionary:

Friday, December 17

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Zech. 7:8–8:8
Rev. 5:6–14
Matt. 25:14–30

Saturday, December 18

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Gen. 3:8–15
Rev. 12:1–10
John 3:16–21

Sunday, December 19

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Zeph. 3:14–20
Titus 1:1–16
Luke 1:1–25

Monday, December 20

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
1 Sam. 2:1b–10
Titus 2:1–10
Luke 1:26–36

Tuesday, December 21

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
2 Sam. 7:1–17
Titus 2:11–3:8a
Luke 1:39–48a (48b–56)

Wednesday, December 22

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
2 Sam. 7:18–29
Gal. 3:1–14
Luke 1:57–66

Thursday, December 23

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20.
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Jer. 31:10–14
Gal. 3:15–22
Luke 1:67–80 or Matt.1:1–17

Friday, December 24

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 132; 114
Isa. 60:1–6
Gal. 3:23–4:7
Matt. 1:18–25

Saturday, December 25

Morning: Pss. 2; 149
Evening: Pss. 98; 96
Micah 4:1–5; 5:2–4
1 John 4:7–16
John 3:31–36

ANONYMOUS THANK YOUS!!

I have been a member of this church for many, many years. The beautiful “Road to Bethlehem” concert on Sunday was the “best ever” I believe! I’m so appreciative to our talented Music Director, John Peabody, the choir members for their tireless practices to deliver this for us. We are so blessed to have each of you in our church to share your love and talents for music during our worship services every Sunday. (Many more than one person has said something similar.)

Someone wants to give a big thank you to Braydon Barr for faithfully ringing the bells at the start of worship each week!

Would you like to recognize someone at Grace on Main who has done a good job for the church? Perhaps others should know what they have done for us.

Just drop me an email at becky@gracecovenant.us and I will list it here.

Prayer Concerns:

Pray for Wesley and Betty Wilson, Dana Gilmour, David Guthrie, Virginia Wilkinson, Eva Towell, Matt Shackelford, Bob & Susan McCreary, Bert & Pat Perkins, Sue Mayhue, and her family with the passing of her father

If you have a prayer request, even if it is unspoken, you may call the church office and your prayer request will be placed here.

Brookdale, Williamsburg:
Virginia Powers
York Convalescent & Rehab:
Virginia Wilkinson
Gloucester House:
Oscar Northen



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