



# Grace Notes

January 16, 2021

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Email Edition

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## Second Sunday after Epiphany

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### No In-Person Services in January

The Executive Committee decided, in light of the recent spike in COVID infections and the burden these are placing on our healthcare system, that we should temporarily return to live-stream-only worship for the rest of the January. We realize how disappointing this will be to many of you (as it is for us!) but we felt it was our most faithful and prudent course of action at this time. Those scheduled to read may still attend in-person, or may record their readings on their phone (in landscape/horizontal mode) and upload the video to this [Dropbox link](#). Note that the office will remain open during regular office hours, 9:30-2:30, M-F.

### 2021 Contribution Statements

2021 contribution statements are available in the Narthex. They may be picked up during regular office hours, 9:30 to 2:30 Monday to Friday. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please call or e-mail the office. If you have questions about your statement, please contact Jo Fleming or Gail Hug.

### Adult Education Postponed

Pastor Janet Lepp's adult Sunday School series introducing the new worship supplement, All Creation Sings, is being postponed until we are back to in-person worship. We will advertise the new dates well in advance.

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the Nominating Committee. The task of this committee to reach out for people to fill the council, church officers, and delegates to the Synod Assembly. Please contact Claire Vail if you are willing to serve.

### Youth Meeting

This Sunday (1/16) at 4:00 PM there will be a Zoom meeting for the families of youth to discuss an event for this summer and brainstorm future plans. Please join us on the Grace Meeting Zoom link.



### Thank You Mike!

Many thanks to Mike Keeley who has been our organist the past 5 weeks while Dana has been away. As always, Mike has done a great job and we are most fortunate to have had him. Thank you!

### Congregational Meeting, January 30, Via Zoom

We will hold our annual congregational meeting on January 30 at 10:45 via Zoom, to approve our 2022 budget. **There will be a budget forum at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 23**, also via Zoom (on the Grace Meeting Zoom link), to help prepare for this vote. A Zoom link for Congregational Meeting will be sent in the GraceNotes on January 28.

### Faith Circle

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday evening, January 18 via Zoom, beginning at 7:00PM. All are welcome to drop in and join the group. Julie Johnson is scheduled to be the lesson leader, focusing on the Bible study provided in the Jan-Feb issue of "Gather" magazine. The lesson is titled "The Kingdom of God: Beautiful Feet."

## Poinsettias

Anyone who would like a poinsettia, please take one or more today or in the week ahead. They will be in the narthex. Thank you to all who contributed to make the sanctuary so beautiful.

## Box of Warmth

It is such a joy to take the gorgeous, warm hand knit items from Grace to Francis Nelson's pediatric department. Thank you! Of course the store bought are also very eagerly received. We have now donated 81 pieces of warmth to children and youths who sincerely appreciate them during our Illinois winter. We will continue collecting through February. Marcia Licquia for your Social Ministry Committee.



## Prayer Requests

We have two formal ways of praying for one another at Grace. One is in the Sunday morning worship service, where we pray for people by name in the Prayers of Intercession. They will also be listed in the emailed and printed versions of GraceNotes, but not in the web version. The other way is the Prayer Chain. This is more private, and prayer requests are shared only with the Prayer Chain team and not listed in GraceNotes.

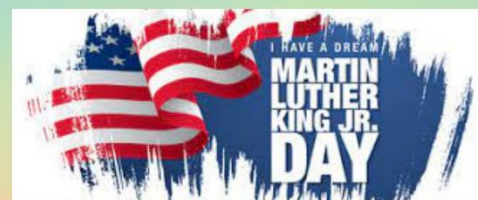
Please send prayer requests for the Sunday-morning prayers to Lyla at [office@glccu.org](mailto:office@glccu.org). We also have a tab on our website for prayer requests that you can access at <https://glccu.org/prayer-requests/>

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain should continue to go Lyla at [office@glccu.org](mailto:office@glccu.org).

**Grace Meeting Zoom Link and Web Pages and Access Links and passwords are available at Email version of Gracenotes.**

## Grace Food Pantry Update

You may have seen on our calendar that we have slotted the second Sunday of each month to be "Grace Food Pantry Sunday." We include this to encourage financial support for this ministry once a month. Food Pantry does not operate out of the General Fund, which is the destination for Sunday morning offerings unless otherwise designated. Because of this, Food Pantry depends on special designation for donations from those in the congregation that wish to support this ministry. Financial contributions are a great way to support Food Pantry, because every \$1 that is given can have the purchase power of much as \$10 at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Please consider making an extra donation to the Pantry at this.



**Office Closed on  
Monday, January 17**

	Worship Support – January - February			
Worship Support	<u>January 16</u>	<u>January 23</u>	<u>January 30</u>	<u>February 6</u>
<b>Reader</b>	Erika Bilger	Steven Blanke	Tucker Loven	Kathy Bowersox
<b>Video Technician</b>	Ruben Vipinraj	Michael Miller	Andy Bruhn	Ruben Vipinraj
<b>Flowers:</b>	Grace Schoedel & Gloria Rainer	Cindy Grigorescu	Royce and Lois Wilken	Sydney Bianchini
<b>Reason for Flowers:</b>	In memory of our mother's birthdays (1/12/1909) Ruth Grace Cool & Florence Evans	I honor of what would've been Edward and Jeanette Yewdall's 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary	Celebration of our anniversary	To the Glory of God

## This Week at Grace: January 16, 2022 – January 23, 2022

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, January 16, 2022</b>		
Worship	9:30 AM	Live Stream
Confirmation Class	11:00 AM	Google Meet
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Youth Meeting	4:00PM	Zoom
<b>Monday, January 17, 2022</b>		
Grace Office Closed		
Property Committee	5:30PM	Zoom (Online)
<b>Tuesday, January 18, 2022</b>		
Faith Circle	7:00PM	Zoom (Online)
<b>Wednesday, January 19, 2022</b>		
Food Pantry Truck Delivery	7:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
<b>Thursday, January 20, 2022</b>		
<i>Newsletter Copy Deadline</i>		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
<b>Sunday, January 23, 2022</b>		
<i>World Hunger Sunday</i>		
Worship	9:30 AM	Live Stream
Budget Forum	10:45AM	Zoom (Online)
Confirmation Class	11:00 AM	Google Meet
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room