

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 27 1st Sunday of Advent
- 30 Young Adult Advent Study Begins

DECEMBER

- 1 Pastors Advent Study Begins, 10AM
- 2 First Friday Friends, 7PM
- 4 Newcomer's Q&A, 10:45AM, 12:15PM
- 4 Sounds of Christmas Concert, 6PM
- 5 Women of Grace Christmas Party
- 7 Youth Ugly Sweater Christmas Party, 7PM
- 10 Parent Shopping Day
- 11 Youth Girls Christmas Coffee & Cupcakes
- 14 STARS Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing
- 15 Youth Dinner
- 18 College Reception, 10:30AM
- 18 Miracle of Jesus Event, 4PM
- 24 Christmas Eve Family Worship, 4PM
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7PM
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight, Communion
Worship, 11PM
- 25 Christmas Day Combined Worship, 11AM
- 27 College Christmas Party
- 31 Austin Street Shelter

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Combined Service, 11AM
- 6 First Friday Friends
- 7 Confirmation Dinner
- 8 Confirmation Sunday
- 11 STARS Luncheon, 12PM
- 13-15 Exultation Winter Retreat



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GRACE NEWS

November 27, 2016



Greetings to all!

We begin the Advent season today – a season of waiting, a time designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions – past, present, and future. This is a time where we emphasize hope, peace, joy, and love.

But how do we focus on the deep meaning of this time amongst the hustle and bustle and busyness of our lives?

We invite you to join us on a journey of spiritual gratitude in a 4-week Advent Pastors study called "Space for God" led by Reverend Barb Nauta.

Henri Nouwen wrote the Preface to this study and says this:

"...I learned that even hassled and hurried people can have a deep spiritual center, a continuing life of prayer and contemplation, and a creative relationship with God."

Join us in the parlor on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30AM beginning on December 1.

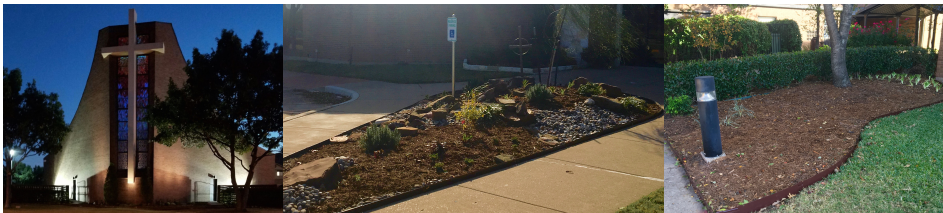
Let's guide and encourage each other as we walk through this Advent season together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Wendy



Congratulations to Christopher B. and Ross R. on earning their Eagle Scout awards! What a huge accomplishment to be celebrated! #EagleScouts

College Care Ministry says Thank You!! - We mailed a package to 50 undergraduate college students on November 25. The package included invitations to the college student reception on Sunday, December 18 and the Christmas party on Tuesday, December 27. We are very thankful for your donations for the packages that help keep our college students connected to their Grace PC family. If you have any questions or would like to add or remove your student from the list, please contact Ruby Gibke at rubymg@aol.com or Margaret Stanley at stanleys@tx.rr.com. Happy Holidays!



A huge thank you goes out to God's Gardeners for their vision and hours of labor improving our church grounds.

Pastor's Advent Study

If you are looking for some time each week to clear your mind and focus on God during the busy Christmas season, make plans to attend our Pastor's Advent Study. Rev. Barb Nauta is leading the study on the book "Space for God" on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30AM beginning this Thursday, Dec. 1 in the parlor. RSVP on your Connection Card.

Family Gateway Christmas Mission Project

Family Gateway is a Dallas organization which serves the homeless. Grace has been given 50 families to provide Christmas for this year. You are being asked to purchase two unwrapped gifts for each child in your adopted family and one \$50 Walmart or Target gift card for the adults. A wish list is provided. Stop by the narthex this Sunday through Dec. 4. All gifts must be returned by 11AM on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Poinsettias

If you would like to help decorate our Sanctuary for the Advent season, poinsettia orders continue this Sunday. Poinsettias are ordered in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$10/plant. Order envelopes can be found in your bulletin. Please fill out the front of the envelope, enclose payment, and drop it into the offering plate.

Sounds of Christmas, Dec. 4th, 6-8PM

It is time to invite your friends and family to our annual Sounds of Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6PM. This Sunday, you will find two tickets in your bulletin, one as a reminder for you, and the 2nd to be given out to friends, family, and neighbors as an invitation. This truly is an uplifting evening of beautiful music which will start your Christmas season off right.

Women of Grace Christmas Party, Dec 5th, 7PM

All women are invited to the annual Women of Grace Christmas Party held in the home of Melinda Shiff, 4620 Southwick Drive, Plano, TX 75093. This is a wonderful evening of great food and fellowship. To help in planning, please let us know you are coming by RSVP'ing on your Connection Card. Carpooling is also recommended due to limited parking. If you have any questions, contact Melinda at mpshiff@gmail.com.