

Today with Grace Church

9:00 a.m. Classes

<u>Children</u> (4 yrs - 5th Grade)	Children's Wing (Lower Level)
<u>Student Ministries</u> (6th-12th Grade)	Room 10 (Lower Level)
<u>Adult Class - Revelation</u>	Fellowship Hall (Upper Level)
<u>Young Adult Class - Genesis</u>	Room 6 (Lower Level)

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

<i>Jr. Church</i> (Children are dismissed at the beginning of the sermon to meet Mrs. Pritt at the Welcome Center)	Worship Center
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6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Nursery not available	Worship Center
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Join us this evening at 6:00 P.M. for an evening of carols and scripture reading to celebrate the birth of our Lord! Handouts are at the Welcome Center to invite family and friends.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25, through January 1, 2024. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Should you need to get in touch with someone, please reach out to an elder. For prayer requests, please send your email to prayer@GraceChurchRootstown.com.

Year End Giving

All gifts received by December 31, will be posted on your yearly giving statement that you will receive in January. If you mail in your gift be sure it is postmarked by Saturday, December 30. If you give online, the transaction needs to be made through the giving portal by 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, December 31. To give online <https://gcor.churchcenter.com/giving>.

Baptism

Our next baptism will be Sunday, February 11, 2024. If you desire to be baptized, please email the office at Office@GraceChurchRootstown.com. Sign up deadline is Sunday, January 21.

Facility Improvements

This fall efforts will begin to renovate the youth and AWANA areas in the basement. Fresh paint, new lighting, flooring, and updated furniture will be part of the improvements. Estimated cost is \$18,000. If you desire to give toward this project, you can do so online by selecting "Capital Improvements" or by check indicating "Capital Improvements" on the memo line.

Grace Church Cookbook

We need recipes for our cookbook. Categories needed are as follows: Appetizer/Snacks, Main Dish Casseroles/Crockpot Meals, Pasta, Meat Dishes, Vegetable/Sides, Breads, Salads, Cheese Dishes, i.e., cheese ball, spreads. Desserts, Cookies, Candy, Pet Treats, Fun Food, i.e., edible play dough. Recipes can be placed in the basket at the Welcome Center, given to Kim Jackson, or sent to the office. It would be helpful if they were sent in a word document. Contact Kim Jackson if you have any questions.

Old Hymnals

If you desire an old hymnal located above the coat racks in the hallway, please feel free to help yourself to as many as you would like. The remaining hymnals will be removed the week of January 1, 2024.

Senior Trip - Hartville Hardware and Kitchen

Seniors, join us Thursday, January 11, for a trip to Hartville Hardware & Kitchen. We will leave the church at 10:30 A.M. and return around 2:00 P.M. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, see Butch Wilhelm.

Baby Shower

Come and celebrate with us at Katy Lookabaugh's Baby Shower on Sunday, January 14, immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Your presence is the greatest gift, but if you would like to contribute, Katy has a registry on Amazon. The link is listed below. We are looking forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you!

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/katy-lookabaugh-january-2024-ravenna/ZIRKKNY8BKD1>

Nursery Workers

Today

9:00 a.m. - Cathy Wilhelm; Eva Pieplow
10:30 a.m. - Vicki Letts; Lorie Fronk

Next Week

9:00 a.m. - Kathi Pritt; Melody Parkinson
10:30 a.m. - Shelli Fergis; Hannah Pieplow

This Week's Calendar December 24 - December 30

Tuesday

Ladies' Bible Study
Studies to resume January 9

Conference Room 1

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal
Rehearsal to resume January 10
Youth Study
Studies to resume January 10

Worship Center
Conference Room 1

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study
Studies to resume January 11
Men's Leadership Class
Class to resume January 4

Fellowship Hall
Conference Room 1

2023 Financials

General Budget

\$ 22,596.43 - November Giving
\$ 23,000.00 - Monthly Budget
\$250,761.57 - Giving YTD
\$253,000.00- Budget YTD

Capital Improvement

\$20,082.62 - Fund Total
\$100.00 - December 3
\$0.00 - December 10
\$0.00 - December 17

Welcome Guests - We are glad you joined us this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a visitor's packet.

Closed Caption is available during the sermon on your mobile device. Visit the Welcome Center for instructions or scan the QR code at an entrance into the Worship Center.

Nursery is available during the 9:00 a.m. classes and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



A Testimony of Comfort

Luke 2:25-33

Pastor Tim Paulding

December 24, 2023

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