

Sunday, December 23, 2018

# Community Life Calendar

## the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### ***Welcome to St. John's Grace United Church of Christ!***

*Where, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Whether you are a long-time friend, newcomer, or first time visitor— we are so grateful to share this day with you. We hope you are filled both in spirit and in body as you worship with us. Come, open your heart and your spirit and be family for an hour or two—you may even decide to make this church family your own.*

*And we would thank God for that!*

#### ***ALTAR FLOWERS***

*are given today to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
The birthday anniversary of  
Harriett M. West  
by the Barbarino Family*



#### **SERVANTS in WORSHIP for TODAY'S SERVICE**

*Lay Reader: Sue Baldwin  
Ushers: Nick Jankowski  
Adam Fletcher  
Ron Pettie  
Deanna Lee  
Acolyte: Dustin Neugebauer  
Nursery: Sherri Tullius  
Hospitality: Christmas Cookie Sunday!  
Altar Guild: Ruth & Steve Lauer  
And Denise Barbarino*

**If you are a visitor with us today: WELCOME!**

We hope you do feel welcome and would love to know a little more about you. Please fill out a visitor's card, which you can find on the back of the pew in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. We pray that you find God's peace and joy with us this morning, and that you will come back and worship with us again.

## **Some Upcoming Highlights:**

December 24: Christmas Eve Services:

6:00 p.m. Family Worship

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Sacrament of Holy Communion

January 1: Resolution Run - 2:00 pm

January 27: Congregation Meeting

January 27: Annual Chili Cook Off—after worship

March 23: Annual Bull & Oyster Roast

### **Year End Information Update Request**

As the year comes to a close, please make sure that the office has your correct address for the church database. Or if you know of anyone else that needs to be updated as well. Please forward changes and updates that you know of to Barbara.

### ***2019 Offering Envelope Boxes***

Offering boxes for the coming year are available today, in the rear of the sanctuary. If you currently have a box—but do not need one **OR** if you would like to begin using offering envelopes, please let Barbara in the office know your needs.

*“I have held many things in my hand, and I have lost them all;  
but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.” ~Corrie ten Boom*

**Prayerfully consider how to share the many blessings  
God has placed into your hands**

Last week 120 members, guests, and sojourners of all ages  
worshipped together with St. John’s Grace.

#### **Stewardship—2018**

Last week’s offering goal: \$4,400

YTD offering goal: \$186,828

Last week’s offering: \$3,494

YTD offering: \$163,785

***As part of your faithful offerings, St. John’s Grace regularly shares  
with others in need in our community.***

#### **Missions — 2018**

Amounts shared with others as of December:

CEA: \$1,885

Earl’s Place: \$2,312

SWES: \$1,820

## WE HOLD in LOVE and PRAYER:

*Please keep these friends and loved ones in your prayers! If there is someone you would like added to our list, please fill out a prayer request card, send an email: [admin@stjohnsgraceucc.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsgraceucc.org) or call us at the church office 410-744-5700.*

### **NURSING HOME**

Mildred Butcher—Ridgeway Manor  
Mark Scheihing—Encore at Turf Valley  
Shirley Athas—Ivy Manor

### **HOMEBOUND**

Ida Aspelmeyer  
Bernice Harper      Beverly Thomas  
Steve Zuback      Doris Bush

### **SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

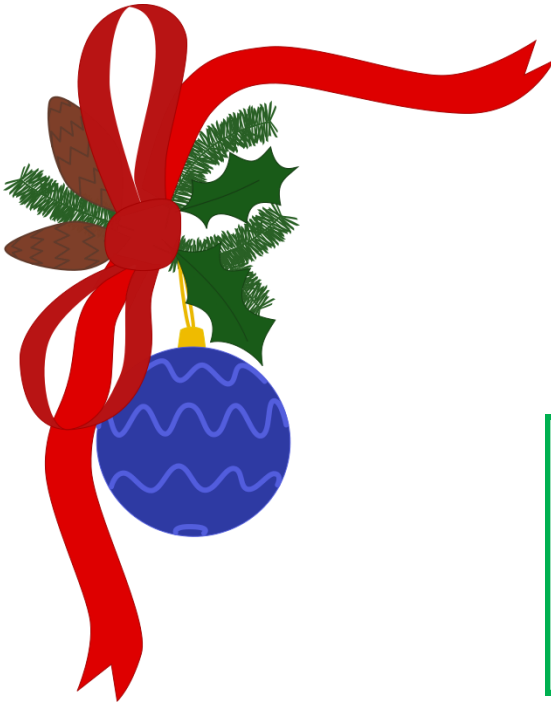
Patrick Barbarino	Jennifer Jachimiec
Michael Barbarino	John Howard
Chuck Redmond	Kevin Myers
Andrew Robey	Tom Myers
Ty Smith	Josh Tullius
Sydney Moses	Joe Clark

### **CONTINUING PRAYER**

Helen Simmons  
Carolyn Freeland  
James Emmanuel  
The Corrieri Family  
The Robey Family  
Beth Angemaier  
Rosa Sapunar  
Erin Bruce  
Laura Pratt  
Donna Young  
Laura Flanagan  
Paul Alterini  
Timothy Dantoni  
Greg Hurley  
Paul F. Hurley, Jr.  
Ken Mitchell  
Pat Severe

Shirley Powell  
Joe Conn & Lisa Diorio  
Cassi Lambert  
Bob & Melva Eder  
Carl Hopf  
Rick Hall  
Eric Weaver  
Ben Morris  
Thelma Eberwein

Please keep us updated  
on the status of  
friends and family  
on the prayer list.



### **New Member Reception**

Interested in learning what membership at St. John's Grace is all about? Join us for a New Member information session right after worship on January 6th or January 13th. We will be receiving New Members during worship on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Holiday Office Hours**

The Church Office will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Rev. Jennifer Knighton (410.627.3830) or David Nau (410.913.0799) directly for any emergencies.

### **Resolution Run:**

Our team is growing!! Sign up and join us at 2 PM on New Year's Day. Register at [www.charmcityrun.com](http://www.charmcityrun.com) and make sure to join the "St. John's Grace team". Questions? See Nancy Gardner, Rev. Jenn or a prior participant.

### **See Rev. Jenn for Christmas Eve Servants in Worship!**

*Ushers are needed Christmas Eve, both services,  
Acolytes are needed Christmas Eve, both services*

### **Servants in Worship Ministry:**

*Ushers are needed January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
Nursery Helpers are needed January 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
Hospitality Sponsors are needed January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
Lay Reader is needed January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
Altar Flowers Sponsor is needed January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>*

### **Westside Shelter Update**

"Thank you to all who donated to the Men's Westside Shelter.

**We met AND EXCEEDED the goal** - 165 pairs of socks, 250 washcloths and more than enough candy was given to fill the 154 bags of hope for each resident on Christmas. The overflow will be donated to the Men's Westside Shelter along with the bags to fill their upcoming needs. Thank you all for your generosity!"

Nancy Hazelwood

### **Earl's Place Challenge Update:**

Thanks to your generosity, David T., resident at Earl's Place, is \$128 closer to getting his Christmas wish. Help us provide the coat, boots, socks, hat, scarf and gloves he asked for. Specially marked envelopes are available on the missions table (by the outside door), and can be placed in the offering plate.

Nancy Gardner

### **SWES Christmas TOY Drive Update**

St. John's Grace collected 85 wonderful toys for the Southwest Emergency Services (SWES) Toy Give Away! Thank you all for your generous donations to the SWES toy drive.

Bonnie Lease

### **CEA Gift Cards Update**

Thanks to all contributed a gift card for CEA. The total was \$270.00 and that will help the older children to purchase a gift for Christmas. My personal thanks and the thanks of CEA for your generosity in giving to this mission project.

Connie Heasley

### **CEA - Other Ways to Donate**

You can also write checks to CEA directly or via St. John's Grace UCC with 'CEA' on the subject line. Food can be purchased this way at a much reduced cost via the Maryland Food Bank.

## December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 10:00 AM Greening of the Church & Pot-luck
2 Advent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr. Church 1:30 PM Living Water Worship - Sanctuary, Parlor 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	3 3:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons 7:00 PM CDSPG - 202 7:00 PM Riverchase Condo - 201	4 12:00 PM Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Missions Planning Meeting	5 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview Catonsville 2:30 PM organ tuning 3:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops	6 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9:00 AM Living Water Discernment Day 11:00 AM Lahan Music Group Class - Parlor, Library 5:00 PM AA
9 Advent 2 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Children's Christmas Program & Worship Service 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 6:00 PM Michael Tan - 201	10 3:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons	11 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 6:30 PM Ministry Council 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	12 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview 1:00 PM Ugly Quilters 3:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops 7:00 PM Toastmasters	13 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15 11:00 AM Lahan Recital - Sanctuary, Parlor 12:00 PM girl scouts ginger bread event 5:00 PM AA
16 Advent 3 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Christmas Cantata & Worship Service 1:30 PM Living Water Worship 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 5:00 PM Youth Homeless Mission	17 3:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons	18 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson	19 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview Catonsville 3:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops	20 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 First Day of Winter	22 Caroling @ Hopkins 5:00 PM AA
23 Advent 4 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr Church 11:30 AM Caroling @ Brightview	24 Christmas Eve 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	25 Christmas Day	26 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops	27 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	28	29 5:00 PM AA
30 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr. Church 11:30 AM Michael Tan Celebration	31	1	2	3	4	5

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Resolution Run - 5K	<b>2</b> <b>1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA
<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Fundraising Committee Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Living Water Worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> CDS PG - 202	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions Committee Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Riverchase Condo - Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b> <b>1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Ugly Quilters <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops <b>7:00 PM</b> Toastmasters - 202	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA <b>5:00 PM</b> Bowling
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Gratitude Committee Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson	<b>16</b> <b>1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tangled Learning Co-op	<b>19</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Living Water Worship <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Homeless Mission	<b>21</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>6:30 PM</b> Ministries Council Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Sharon August Girl Scouts planning meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Ugly Quilters <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops <b>7:00 PM</b> Toastmasters	<b>24</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Congregation Meeting, Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Chili Cook Off	<b>28</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson	<b>30</b> <b>1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview</b> <b>3:00 PM C.</b> Mikelson Cello Lessons <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tangled Learning Co-op <b>4:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Overnite	<b>2</b> <b>12:00 AM</b> Girl Scout Overnite <b>5:00 PM</b> AA

**Serving Us**  
**December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM**

*Lay Reader: Connie Heasley*  
*Ushers: Sue Baldwin*  
*Casey McNeeley*  
*Donna Bowen*  
*Darren Hurley*  
*Acolyte: Gunner Neugebauer*  
*Nursery: Alicia Williams*  
*Hospitality: Choir Sunday!*  
*Altar Guild: Ruth & Steve Lauer*  
*And Denise Barbarino*

**Sign-Up for 2019!**

Sign up for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities! A sign up board is in the office hallway, and *right now* you can put your name down for:

***Sunday Altar Flowers***  
***Lay Reader***  
***Usher***  
***Acolyte***  
***Nursery Volunteer***  
***Hospitality Treats***  
***Birthday Cake Sponsor***

So let's get signing—pencil provided!

**BE THE CHURCH:** *Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor. Embrace diversity. **Reject racism.** Forgive often.

Love God. **Fight for the powerless.**

Share earthly and spiritual resources. **Enjoy this life.**

Our Pastor is available anytime!  
 You may contact by phone or email:  
 Church office: 410.744.5700

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 Phone: 410.627.3830  
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**Ministry Staff**

Pastor.....	Rev. Jennifer Knighton
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Sexton.....	Benjamin Rubalcaba
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Choir Master.....	Michael Tan
Minister of Music.....	Greg Satorie-Robinson
Music Leader.....	Greg Bell

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