#### Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Grace UMC, we hope you feel at home here. Please help us get to know you better and if you are a visitor fill out the portion below and drop in offering plate or in one of the baskets at the door as you leave the sanctuary.

(For Visitors)  ☐ This is my 1st time visit to Grace UMC ☐ I have visited Grace UMC before ☐ I am a frequent visitor to Grace UMC		
Name		
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Children: Name(s) & Age(s)		
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☐ I would like a call from the	Pastor	
☐ I'm new to the area		
☐ I'd like information about		
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☐ I would like the newsletter	emailed to me	

This week at Grace		
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service—Sanctuary
11.26.23	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service—Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School—Class Room
Monday 11.27.23	6:30 p.m.	Missions and Social Concerns—Library
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts—Fellowship Hall
11.28.23	6:30 p.m.	Church Council—Jr Room
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir—Sanctuary
11.30.23	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study—Len Petratis'
Saturday:	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
12.2.23	11:00 a.m.	Private Birthday Party—Fellowship Hall
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service—Sanctuary
12.3.23	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service — Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School—Class Room

## **Contact Us**

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# You're always welcome here at Grace Church

### Our Mission Is:

To make followers of Jesus Christ through ministries that seek to nurture people to model Christ, reach out to people right where they are and witness that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Nurture — Outreach — Witness

PRAISE **PSALM 100:4** 

November 26, 2023

# **Prayers and Praises**

O God, our heavenly Father, we ask that your healing, comforting power bring these persons recovery, strength and encouragement; though Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- ⊕ Nancy Michler
- ⊕ Bonnie Miller
- ⊕ Lois Shelly
- ⊕ Jervaise Surotchak
- ⊕ Earl Voorhees (brother of Sharon Lang)
- → Jane Williams (mother of Marsha Sandt)
- Reese Bachelor (niece of Bonnie and Terry Wagner)

We also lift before you:

- Persecuted Christians around the world
- Safety for all military
- Missionaries around the world
- The homeless and unemployed
- Strengthening of marriages and families
- ⊕ Shut-ins
- ⊕ Unspoken requests

Note: Contact the church office to submit a prayer request. Only submit requests with permission from the person you wish to list. Concerns are listed in Grace Today for two weeks. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of a Pastoral visit please contact the church office.

#### ADVENT READINGS AND CANDLE LIGHTING

This Advent season would not be the same without your help! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in reading during the Advent services and lighting the Advent candles. Don't be nervous, Pastor Tim will gladly walk you though the steps ahead of time.

#### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

On December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm the Celebration Choir will be hosting the Family Fun Night with Christmas caroling around the area. We will be carpooling to as many places as time will allow. (If you know someone who we could go to, call the church office to add to the list). After caroling we will return to the church for refreshments and Christmas fun. If anyone would like to donate cookies for the night please bring them to the church that night. Please RSVP to the church office so we can plan the refreshment. We will have a special guest helping us to bring Christmas cheer to everyone A little hint he wears a red suit and has a white beard. HO HO HO! So dress warm get the kids and come out for some Christmas Fun and fellowship.

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Dick Stiles or the church office if you are planning on attending. *All* men welcome and bring a friend.

#### **ANGEL TREE GIFTS**

This Christmas, the Missions and Social Concerns Committee is participating with Families First in the Pen Argyl School District and Slater Family Network Foundation in the Bangor School District with their Angel Tree Ministry. Pick an ornament from either tree in the narthex. Each ornament has the **need** and **want** of a child whose family needs a bit of help this Christmas season. *PLEASE* stop at the table to register which ornament you have selected and wrapping instructions. Gifts are due back to the church by December 3rd.

#### **POINSETTIAS**

In your bulletins, there is a form to purchase poinsettias to be placed in church on Christmas Eve. You can place them in memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost this year is \$15 per plant. The deadline for orders in Sunday, December 3rd. Forms can be placed in the Offering baskets or given to Jessica in the office.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS CELEBRATION

The Sunday School will hold a celebration of Jesus' birth on Sunday, December 17th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All children are invited to attend. There will be a story, crafts and singing. Following the 10:00am service, the congregation is invited to join the children for birthday cake.

#### **WOMEN OF GRACE**

The Women of Grace wrapped a total of **110 Christmas gifts** for the men and women at the Slate Belt Medical. Please bring scissors and tape. We have also scheduled our next meeting on December 18th at 5:30pm. As always, new members are warmly welcomed.

#### THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you for the many prayers, beautiful cards and delicious food as this untraveled road of treatments is about to begin in December. - Nancy Michler

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

There will only be one morning service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent being held at 10am on December 24th. Christmas Eve services will then follow with a 3pm Family service and 7pm traditional service.

## **Prayer Request**

Li	st in Grace TodayKeep Confidential	
I would like to be contacted about this		
NAME:		

Please tear off this portion and drop in one of the baskets at the doors as you leave.

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