

Activities

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday -Office Closed**
 9:30 a.m. - **Prayer Group**, Music Director's Office, Everyone is Welcome!
 7:00 p.m. - "**House of Prayer**" Christmas Gathering, Intersection
- Tuesday**
 7:00 a.m. - **Men's Tuesday Morning Coffee** - Russ' Restaurant
 2:30 p.m. - **Tuesday "After School Hours"**, Intersection
- Wednesday**
 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. - **Wednesday Morning Prayer**, Pastor's Office
 9:00 a.m. - **Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**, Fireside Room
 6:00 p.m. - **Pizza & Family Night Activities**, Intersection
 6:30 p.m. - **Middle School Youth Group**, Intersection
 6:30 p.m. - **Boy's Club, God's Girls, Kid's Club**
 6:30 p.m. - **Women's Bible Study**, Fireside Room
 6:30 p.m. - **Friendship Circle Quilting Group**, Church Basement
 6:30 p.m. - **Men's Bible Study**, Education Office
- Thursday**
 7:00 p.m. - **Holland Prayer Leaders Mtg.**, Fireside Room
- Friday**
 7:00 p.m. - **Concert**, Intersection
- Saturday**
 8:00 a.m. - **Men's Basketball**, Intersection

ADVANCED NOTICE

- Sunday, December 9 - 4:00 p.m. - Staff Relations Meeting, Room #116
 Sunday, December 9 - 4:30 p.m. - Christmas Choir Practice, Sanctuary
 Monday, December 10 - 7:00 p.m. - Women's Evening Bible Study, Consistory Rm.
 Tuesday, December 11 - 8:00 a.m. - Making Pig-In-The-Blankets
 Tuesday, December 11 - 3:30 p.m. - Kid's Hope Christmas Program, Intersection
 Thursday, December 13 - 6:00 p.m. - Elders & Deacons Meeting
 Thursday, December 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting
 Saturday, December 15 - 9:00 a.m. - Kid's Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, December 16 - 11:00 a.m. - 1st & 2nd Time Visitors Luncheon, Fireside Rm
 Sunday, December 16 - Kid's Christmas Program
 Sunday, December 16 - AMPED Christmas Card Handout & Bash
 Wednesday, December 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Middle School Christmas Party, Intersection
 Saturday, December 22 - 11:30 a.m. - Christmas Caroling at the Faber's
 Monday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Elders and Deacons Serving on Consistory - 2007

- Elders:** Beukema, Mike - **Vice President** - 07
 Brown, Kel - 09
 Bruins, John - 09
 Crawford, Jayne - 09
 Prince, Ed - 08
 Redder, Lloyd - **Clerk** - 08
 Shumaker, Roger - 08
 Tubergan, Dewey - 07
- Deacons:** Bleeker, Mark - **Chairman of the Deacons** - 09
 Bredeweg, Ed - 08
 Brown, Joyce - **Treasurer** - 07
 Kiekintveld, Ron - 08
 Lynema, Todd - 07
 Prince, Wilma -
Assistant Treasurer - 08
 Russell, Josh - 09
 Zoerman, Dave - 09

Grace Community Church Morning Order of Worship

PRAYER EXCHANGE

- Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements Brian Crawford
 Call to Worship "Glorify"
 Lighting of the Advent Candle
 *Songs of Praise & Worship "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #124
 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145
 "I Stand In Awe of You"
 Prayer of Praise
 *The Lord's Prayer
 *Greet One Another
Children's Worship dismissed 3 yrs. - 2nd grade
 Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory "Special Music" Authenticity
(Those who desire healing prayer, please come forward during the offering)
 Prayer of Healing / Prayers of the People / Prayer Pages
Sermon Series: "Advent Is..."
 God's Word for Us Luke 1:26-38 (pg. #1588)
 Good News "ANTICIPATION"
 Communion
 Prayer of Invitation
 Invitation to Prayer Room
 *Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #123

* Feel free to stand, sit, kneel, bow, dance... worship however the Spirit leads.

Message: Pastor Aaron Anderson
Authenticity

Ushers This Week:

Kel Brown, John Bjorum, Carmen De Roos

Ushers Next Week: December 9

Larry Kooiker, Roger DeFeyter, Todd Lynema

Nursery Attendants During Worship This Week:

a.m.: Pat Weatherwax, Sue Redder, Rita Gorter

Nursery Attendants During Worship Next Week: December 9

a.m.: Kim Klaasen, Emily Rosendahl, Beth Marcus, Eric Rosendahl

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH MINISTRY STAFF

- Aaron Anderson - Pastor
 Rev. Red Faber - Pastor of Emeritus
 Amy Russell - Director of Education
 Lisa Crozier - Director of Music
 Kathy Bruins - Prayer Leader
 Brian Crawford - Director of Student Ministries
 Brenda Kolean - Secretary
 Bob & Lois VanderZwaag - Custodians
 Dave Zoerman - Kid's Hope Director

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 2, 2007

Mission Statement

"To Share the Good News of Salvation in Christ Jesus, Pray and Show God's Love"

ACTIVITIES TODAY

- 9:15 a.m. - Pre-Worship Prayer
- Pastor's Office
- Children's Worship 3 yrs. - 2nd Grade
- Room #115
- 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 3rd - 5th Grade
- Room #120
- 11:00 a.m. - Middle School Classes
- Intersection - Upstairs
- (Teen & Adult Classes)**
- 11:00 a.m. - High School & Adult Class
- "Liquid" DVD Series
- Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. - High School & Adult Class
- "An Unstoppable Force"
- Consistory Room
- 11:00 a.m. - Paula's Class
- "Life Reaches Out"
- Pastor's Office
- 4:30 p.m. - Christmas Choir Practice
- Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. - High School AMPED Youth Group
- Intersection
- 5:45 p.m. - Pre-Worship Prayer
- Pastor's Office
- 7:30 p.m. - High School Leaders Mtg.
- Intersection

MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 A.M.

PRAYER EXCHANGE

Sermon Series: "Advent Is..."

Luke 1:26-38 (pg. #1588)
 "ANTICIPATION"

Communion

Message: Pastor Aaron Anderson

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EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer
 Songs of Praise & Worship
 Prayer Requests

Luke 2:8-15 (pg. #1591)
 Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. #1497)
 "THE FIRST NOEL"

Message: Pastor Aaron Anderson

Piano: Judy Meeuwssen
Song Leader: Marion Hoeve

"THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE READING"

- Sunday, December 2: Hosea 7, 8 / Psalm 137, 138
 Monday, December 3: Hosea 9, 10 / Revelation 2
 Tuesday, December 4: Hosea 11, 12 / Revelation 3
 Wednesday, December 5: Hosea 13, 14 / Revelation 4
 Thursday, December 6: Joel 1, 2 / Psalm 139
 Friday, December 7: Joel 3 / Revelation 5
 Saturday, December 8: Amos 1, 2 / Revelation 6

Welcome Visitors

We welcome you to Grace and thank you for worshipping with us. We are a church of people who love the Lord and welcome all of God's people no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. All visitors are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a free meal after the worship service. We are excited to meet you!

Kid's Hope

Story of the Week - Daniel and Justin were spending time together outside of school. Daniel and Justin began talking about their heritage. Justin stated, "I am like 1/8 Indian, because my dad was part Indian." Daniel responded, "that is cool Justin, did you know that being part Native-American means you can get certain scholarships for college?" Justin responded, "you mean you think I could actually go to college someday?" Daniel responded, "yes, Justin you could go to college someday." He got a huge smile on his face and sat back in the chair and said, "wow, me in college someday."

Fundraiser - When shopping online for Christmas gifts this holiday season don't forget about our new fundraiser at: www.supportthisministry.com/graceofholland. If you have any questions about the website please talk to Dave Zoerman.

Christmas Event - The Christmas event will be Tuesday, December 11. Mentors please sign-up on the ledge if you are able to go.

Turkeys for the Kid's Hope Families - There is a sign-up sheet on the ledge to donate a turkey for one of our Kid's Hope families. All turkeys can be put in the freezer downstairs by December 10. There will be stickers in the kitchen to put on the turkeys to signify what they are for.

Thank Yous

A great big thanks to my church family; your prayers, cards, meals, and rides during my recent surgery and recovery were greatly appreciated. I love my Grace family!!
...Judy Bareman

Thank You for all the prayers, all the cards, Pastor Anderson for his visit and the plant. Blessings to you all.
...Ivan Kragt

Music Ministries

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL TODAY!! Come one, come all! 4:30, in the sanctuary, today as well as next Sunday. The choir will be singing on Sunday morning, the 23rd, and during the Christmas Eve service.

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT - We have an incredible opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord in song together with our community. Our very own Authenticity will be presenting a Community Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Intersection ... and our very own drama team just may make a cameo appearance, as well! This is the PERFECT opportunity for you to invite a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member, ANYONE who loves music and loves Christmas to a fun night out. There will be desserts following the concert. Don't miss it!

URGENT NEED - And speaking of the concert, we are in need of desserts! Please sign up on the ledge TODAY to bring a dozen or more cookies, or anything that is a finger-food dessert (we will not be using silverware) . Thank you in advance for your help, Grace!

Educational Ministries

Middle and High School Students - Who are involved in the Christmas program: Please plan on joining us for rehearsals beginning this morning. Today's will be held downstairs at 11:10 a.m. and will last about 15 minutes.

Parents and Students - Just a reminder that we will be having a full run-through of the Christmas program on Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please let Amy know if you are not able to attend.

Children's Worship Helpers Needed - For the new year! There is a new sign-up sheet on the ledge for Children's Worship. Please take a moment and sign-up to help for a Sunday or two!

Children's Worship - (3 years old – 2nd Grade) will be dismissed during the worship service and all other classes begin at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Sunday School is dismissed at 11:55 a.m.

Join Us For Sunday School

There are some great new options for our High Schoolers and Adults to choose from as well as classes for kids 3 year olds through middle school.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study - Our class goes from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We have chosen the "Women of Worship" book, by Dee Brestin, featuring a study of 10 Psalms; the book includes a CD from Integrity Music. This promises to be a fun time with a great group of women. We are on lesson 8 days 1, 2 & 3. **A nursery will be provided.**

Join Us Every Wednesday Night - Starting with dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Intersection and classes from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There is something for everyone with Kid's Club, God's Girls, Boy's Club, the women's Friendship Circle quilting group, and women's and men's Bible study. Bring the whole family for a night of fun!

Student Ministries

High School AMPED Leaders Meeting - Will be meeting the 1st Sunday of each month at the Intersection at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday "After School Hours" - Meets every Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Intersection.

Middle School Zero Hour with Youth for Christ - Meet at the Intersection on Friday night, December 7th at 10:15 p.m. Your parents can pick you up at the Intersection on Saturday morning, December 8th at 6:30 a.m. Please turn in the registration form and \$10.00 to one of your leaders ASAP. Bring gym clothes, tennis shoes, a lock, swimsuit (one-piece), towel, \$\$ for extra pop.

Middle School Youth Group - Meets every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come early with your family for pizza. All students 6th-8th grade are welcome to join us. Wednesday, December 19th is our Christmas "Give-Away" Party!!! from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Your parents can pick you up at 8:00 p.m.. Wear your gym clothes and shoes. Dinner will be provided. The cost will be \$5.00.

High School Youth Group AMPED - Meets every Sunday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. All students who are in 9th - 12th grade are invited. December 16th we will be delivering Christmas cards to our shut-ins and having our Christmas Bash.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 16: Pam Lynema, Brittani Redder, Karen Young, Natasha Beukema
December 23: Diane Kooiker, Tycen Kooiker, Jayne Crawford, Travis Rosendahl
December 30: Judy Bareman, Tammy Beukema, Danielle Crozier

January 6: Deb Dykema, Danielle Crozier, Joan Breuker, Tori Zoerman
January 13: Pam Dykema, Brynn Kooiker, Barb DeFeyter, Rita Gorter
January 20: Glenda Grassmid, Andrea Rosendahl, Beth Bloemers, Brittani Redder
January 27: Sandy Bjorum, Judy Bareman, Natasha Beukema

General Info

2007 Budget Update - We are truly blessed here at Grace. Please keep Grace Community Church in your prayers. Offerings needed per week: **\$6,249.00**. Offering, November 25, 2007: **\$7,851.00** - Year to Date +/- : (- **\$21,797.95**)

Women's Monday Evening Bible Study - The Women's Monday Evening Bible Study will be meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Consistory Room, studying lesson 4 in our book. We are using the "Women of Faith" study guide, "Giving God Your All". This study is open to all women of Grace Church.

Operation College Student - It's not too late to help in the next step of Operation College Student. Join us TODAY in the downstairs kitchen to help in packing these boxes. We will be meeting at 3:30 rather than 4:00 (so we don't conflict with the choir rehearsal). You are welcome to come when you can and leave when you must. The final and ongoing step of this project is to pray for these students - especially during this exam stretch. Please remember to pray for: **Allison Bleeker, Ross Bloemers, Danielle DeRoos, Jason Elzinga, Jessica Elzinga, Rita Gorter, Brad Houtman, Blaine Kooiker, Katelyn (VanDerMeulen) Meyers, Emily Rosendahl, Mallory Tanis, Mark Tanis, Lisa VanDerMeulen and Court Ziegler**

Watoto Children's Choir - From Uganda will be here on January 6. If you are willing to host a small group of children and their chaperon for the evening of January 5, please sign the list on the ledge...only a couple more groups need a house for the evening! Do you have questions? Talk to Kristi Rosendahl.

Pig-In-The-Blankets - We will be making them again on the Tuesday, December 11th. A sign up sheet is on the ledge, so sign up today. This year they are \$7.00 a dozen.

Christmas Caroling - Saturday, December 22 we will be going to Red & Marge Faber's house to sing Christmas Carols. We will leave the church around 11:30 a.m. and be back late that afternoon. Please bring snacks to pass. We will be taking the Church Bus.

Shut-Ins Christmas Card List

If you would like to send our shut-ins a Christmas card this year, the Youth Group will be delivering them again this year. The cards will be delivered on Sunday, December 16th. The shut-ins Christmas card bags are on the table in the foyer. Names of the shut-ins are listed below.

Shirley Beckman	Pearl Doolittle	Don & Hazel Huisman	Jane Johnson
Arlene Kiekintveld	Pret Kolean	Irene Rigterink	Bea Vanderploeg

House of Prayer Christmas Party

Today is the last day to sign up for the "House of Prayer" Christmas party for the members and their families. Which is on Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Intersection. Thank you!

Address for Ruby Ochsner

Heartland of Holland
493 West 32nd St. Rm. #406
Holland, MI 49423

December & January Birthdays Widows, Widowers, Missionaries & Over 80 Years Old

December		January	
Ruth Bloemers	December 6	Kibii Maiyo	January 1
Shirley Groenheide	December 16	Gerry Zuverink	January 2
Katherine Johnson	December 17	Irene Rigterink	January 18
Kay Smeenge	December 29	Ruby Ochsner	January 21