

THE RIVER OF GRACE

Grace United Methodist Church, 193 Union Street, Bangor, Maine 04401 ~ 207-942-8320

Monday 12/5: Pastor's Day Off.

Tuesday 12/6: Thrift Shop open 9am-1pm

Wednesday 12/7: Thrift Shop open 9am-1pm, **Prayer Group 7:30am,**

Thursday 12/8: Thrift Shop open 9am-1pm, **FOOD MINISTRY 9am, Christmas Caroling 6:30pm – 8pm**

Dress WARM. Bible Study at 1:30pm.

Friday 12/9: Thrift Shop open 9am-1pm, Street Pastors 8pm-1am.

Saturday 12/10: Thrift Shop open 9am-1pm.

Sunday 12/11: Worship at 10am, **Choir Practice at 9am & SING during worsh., Shelter Meal.**

THOSE WE SHALL PRAY FOR.....

Mike M., Dustin (infection and surgeries) & his family, David (broken foot and other health problems), the new world that is yet to come, the people that they will continue to be blessed, deceased souls, the Dunn family, running water for new home, Mary D., Anthony & his family, Annie, Pastor Gretchen's mother, Dot & Ed, Beverly (taken a fall), Lola & Everett's surgeries to go well and bring healing, Donna's healing needed in her arm and hand, Street Pastor's Ministry, David, Crystal, Tom & Mike as they join the church, Baby David and his family, thanksgiving for the Saving Grace Thrift store and Food Ministry, family & friends of police killed in line of duty, Jerry, Dennis, Donna G.'s granddaughter Adrienne, people of Syria, for all our shut ins who can't be here with us, for discernment on moving, Michael's brother, Kristie & the Denners, Judith, Philip, Karolyn, the unborn, the homeless, earthquake victims in Italy, Sylva, Renee, Sammi, Magi, Dillion, Brian, Jennifer, Raymond, Jane's broken leg to heal, Lucille, Lucinda, Martin, Lena, Stewardship drive, Eric B., Leo's mother, Joe, Richard W., Mark, Raymond, Paula C., Timothy M., Spruce Run & all the victims it serves, Adrienne's granddaughter, Sharon, Kim, Praise God for His loving kindness, mercy and grace, the lost, Barbara H., Dawn & boys, Sharon, all those who live terrorized by war, Keil for healing, Peter, healing for those struggling with addictions, Tom W.'s wife, Suzanne, Maria's children, Kenney S., my sister, Darrell R. & Shirley, Shawn, Mitzie, Blake, Brandon, Laila, Arnold, Jered, Kathy W., Justin B. & his family, those struggling with Hep.C, Caleb, Jillian, Andrea, Ralph H., Jeff, Marcie, Irene, Anna, Chris, praise God for His compassion and loving kindness, Pat C., Judith G., those dealing with depression & anxiety, Roma, Darlene, Gillian, END of gun violence, Debbie, the Joys, Kelly & Carmen, Kenneth T., Annette F., Norma & Boot, Glenda M., Michelle L., Beverly, Zack, Rowena, Pastor Gretchen and all known only to God!

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Pastor Gretchen Casey ~ 207-702-2968 (cell) gretchenakc@gmail.com. Administrative Assistant: Lynn Ryan
Graceunitedmc193@yahoo.com ~ 942-8320. **Church Office Hours: Tues. – Friday 9-1pm.**

Saving Grace Thrift Store Hours: Tuesday – Sat. 9am-1pm. Donations accepted during regular Thrift Store Hours.

Pocket Prayer (*keep in pocket all week and pray*): “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14



Thursday a new Bible Study begins. We will read the book called
“Strength You Need” by Robert J. Morgan.

This book covers the 12 great strength passages of the bible.

Thursday Bible Study 1:30pm with Pastor Gretchen.

We will be studying the Sunday Scripture readings for each Sunday in Advent.

Christmas Caroling will be held on December 8th

(Bad Weather date Dec. 15th) at 6:30pm.

**Please wear warm clothing as we will be outside much of the time. We
will end by 8pm.**

Come and help us make the season a little brighter for folks.



***As gifts were brought to the Christ child so we bring what gifts we can to
Grace Church to be used for the Christmas Stockings for the needy.***

***Hard Candy, Cough Drops, Hot Chocolate, and Lip
Balm are all needed. Please bring to office.***

***Glenda McNally and her crew of volunteer elfs will gladly receive your
gifts and pack them in the Christmas Stockings!***

Thank you to all who have contributed!

“Oh come let us adore him”

This Christmas those who would like to honor God by donating poinsettias may do so by filling out the form below. We will not be able to purchase flowers for you if you have not paid in advance. We can no longer buy them with a promise that a check will be sent later. We thank you in advance for your understanding!

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

I would like to order flowers to glorify the Lord, Jesus Christ in honor of his birth. I would also like to remember loved ones and have the following special intentions mentioned in our Christmas Bulletin. I understand that there is a \$12 charge for each plant I purchase and that the money MUST accompany this form. It must be in the church office no later than Sunday, December 18th.

How many plants are you ordering? _____ (number of plants)

Which Category below will the flowers be listed in? Please fill in information for each plant.

In honor of _____ Given by _____

In loving memory of _____ Given by _____

In thanksgiving for _____ Given by _____

Thank you for your Christmas Order. Please leave these forms in Lynn’s mailbox if the office is not open. Checks can be made to: Grace United Methodist Church.
Deadline is Sunday, December 18th.

Christmas Services

- Saturday Night, 12/24, is our Christmas Eve Service which features the reading of Christmas Scriptures, candlelight and the singing of many traditional Christmas Carols. Service will begin at 7pm.
- Sunday, 12/25, is our Christmas Day service. Service will begin at 10am.
Please bring your neighbors, your family and your friends to these worship services!

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available in the parlor, the entry way and at the top of the stairs as you go into the sanctuary. Please consider an extra offering this Christmas.