

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** Early Worship – 8:30 am
Sunday School for all Ages – 9:45 am
Second Worship Service – 11:00 am
Girl Scouts – 1:00 pm
Girl Scouts – 3:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 pm
- Monday:** **MARTIN LUTHER JR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**
Yoga Class – 5:30 pm
UMM Meeting – 6:00 pm
- Tuesday:** Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am
Attendance Ministry – 10:00 am
JOY Group Meeting & Lunch – 11:00 am
Yoga Class – 5:30 pm
Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal – 6:00 pm
General Conf. 2019 Information & Disc. – 7:00 pm
- Thursday:** Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm
Girl Scouts – 6:30 pm
- Friday:** Youth Revolution
Office Open – 9:00 am – noon
Girl Scouts – 6:00 pm
- Saturday:** Youth Revolution
Church Council Annual Planning Mtg. – 9:00 am
UMW Reading Group Covered Dish Breakfast – 6:00 am
- Sunday:** Youth Revolution
Early Worship – 8:30 am
Sunday School for all Ages – 9:45 am
Second Worship Service – 11:00 am
Girl Scouts – 1:00 pm
Girl Scouts – 3:00 pm
SPRC Training – 3:00 pm
UMYF – 5:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 pm

CELEBRATING OUR FAITHFULNESS
TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

By Our Presence and Participation Last Week

Worship Service 8:30 – 27 11:00 –74 Sunday School – 53

On Line Worship 8:30 – 132 11:00 –128

By Our Financial Support

YTD

INCOME NEEDED WEEKLY

\$6,802

Operating Income Last Week

\$4,973

Operating Received

\$11,083

Transfer from Capital Fund

\$--

Expenses as of Last Sunday

\$9,368

INCOME exceeds expenses YTD by

\$1,715

Mortgage Reserve Received in 2019

\$120

MEN'S WEEKLY PRAYER BREAKFAST HAS A NEW TIME:

The Men's Prayer Breakfast has a new time. We will meet at 6:30 am Every Tuesday morning at Denny's, 342 Harbison Blvd

GRACE UMW BOOK GROUP INFORMATION

Grace UMW Book Group: Meeting Saturday, January 26 The first meeting of the UMW book group will be a covered dish breakfast on Saturday, January 26, 9:00 AM, in the UMW room. Bring a breakfast dish to share. Books to be read are from the Education for Mission category of the UMW reading program. There are plenty of books to choose from in the UMW room. All women of Grace are invited! Love to read? Come see what the UMW reading program is all about. Don't have time to read a book? Come anyway to listen to our lively discussion.

THINKING AHEAD

Yoga Class Monday & Tuesday – 5:30 pm

Jan 20th – Office Closed – Martin Luther Jr. Day

Jan 26th – Church Council Annual Planning Meeting – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Jan 27th – SPRC Training Mt. Hebron UMC– 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Jan 30th – John Chiles Cooking Class – 7:00 pm

A NOTE FROM THE HUNGRY / HOMELESS

The Hungry / Homeless Ministry would like to thank everyone for recent donations. They are currently collecting men's white crew and tube socks. The socks can be put in the box in the narthex for the Hungry / Homeless. They are also collecting calendars that you might get from the bank, insurance company, etc. that are mailed to you or handed to you. Thank you again for all that Grace has done over the years for this wonderful ministry

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

To date we have received a total of 49 pledges for a total of \$256,150.00 pledged for 2019. If you have not pledged and would like to please fill out a pledge card and drop in the offering plate or contact the office and we will fill out a card for you.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2019 Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex, please stop by and pick up yours today. If there is none for you and you would like to have a box please contact the office and we will be happy to assign a box for you. If on the other hand there is a box and you do not want it please contact the office and we will reassign the number to someone else.

BRICKS FOR SALE

It is always a great time to remind you all that the UMM are still selling Memorial Bricks for our Prayer Garden. You can permanently remember a loved one or honor your family and friends by purchasing a commemorative brick. Purchasing a brick is an easy way to leave a lasting legacy here at Grace. You may purchase a 4" x 8" brick for \$50.00 or an 8" x 8" brick for \$100.00. If you have not taken the time to stop and look at what is currently there please do right after the service today. If you would like to purchase one please pick up one of the green sheets in the Narthex it has everything that you need in order to purchase your Memorial Brick. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Marlin McPhail at 803-730-8355. Thank you in advance for your purchase.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL

Please be mindful during this cold and flu season that if you or a family member is contagious that you keep them home and not expose our children or immune compromised elderly to the germs.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE INFO.

Thank you so much for all you do for Sharing God's Love. We so appreciate your support and may God bless each of you.

We would like to encourage you to participate in Souper Bowl of Caring, Feb 3, which will be a true blessing to Sharing God's Love's ministry.

Our needs: jelly, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, winter clothing for children, king & queen bedding

FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO

On Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm there will be a Fellowship Meal followed at 7:00 pm by a presentation about the General Conference 2019 information and discussion. Please join us.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

A Bible based study for Adults has already begun with Mary Mason as facilitator. This Cokesbury study offers daily devotions and will culminate in a fun filled Sunday as Mary has plans outside of the read/discuss format. Class will meet on the first floor of the Sunday School building in the Library - looking forward to seeing you there - bring a friend and see what happens! Questions - Contact Kim Neel 803.917.9347 or kzneel@aol.com

GRACE'S CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church directory is online and alive! You can view our directory online or via the free mobile app today. To view the directory online, go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com> and follow the prompts under "sign in" to "create a login now". Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple App store in iTunes, Google Play store and the Amazon Fire App store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. If you need help in accessing the directory please feel free to contact Gloria Bowden or Bill Walker in the office.

If you do not have a computer or smart phone please contact the office and a hard copy will be printed for you.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: SECRET SISTERS!

Ladies, it's that time again -- time to sign up to be a Secret Sister. What is a Secret Sister? She's a special lady that you pray for and also surprise with cards, little goodies, and gifts throughout the year -- give her anything but your name! Secret Sisters will be revealed at the UMW Christmas dinner in December. There are Secret Sister forms in the narthex -- please have yours filled out and returned to Cindy Goodrich by January 27. OR, if you e - mail Carol Cranford (biologymama@gmail.com), she will be happy to e - mail you a form that can simply be filled out and forwarded to Billie Thompson. Instructions can be found on the forms. Being a Secret Sister and having a Secret Sister are blessings you don't want to miss out on!

COME RING OUR BELLS!!

Grace UMC is starting a hand chimes choir and are currently recruiting members! You do **NOT** need musical training to be a ringer. All you need is a serious commitment to attend practice meetings at a time mutually convenient for those attending. The **"Grace Ringers"** will only perform 3-4 times a year for special occasions/holidays. So if even if you are just a little interested please let Gloria Bowden (803-622-5667) know by January 31st!! Give it a try...it's a lot of fun!

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Here at Grace we have been recycling for a number of years. Paper can be recycled in the office in the box under the table; there are bins in the both kitchens for your plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard. We only have one earth let's try not to cover it with trash, let's all do our parts.

There has been a surge in the need to recycle cardboard boxes. The increase in online shopping has also increased the number of boxes used to ship items around the world. Therefore there is a current push promoting the recycling of flattened boxes.

There is also a strong market to recycle not only cardboard but also: paper, plastic bottles and metal cans.

February 23, 2019 - There will be a drop-off recycling event for Lexington and Richland County residents for paper shredding, electronics and scrap metal. The event will be from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Riverbanks Zoo & Garden, 500 Wildlife Parkway, Columbia 29210 (overflow parking lot, just past the main entrance)

BUDGET

On December 12th the Grace Church Council approved the 2019 budget. Some people have requested information about the budget, so there are some copies in the Narthex, please feel free to take one if you are interested in what is in the budget, if we run out of copies we can print extra copies for you, just let the office know.

We have updated our Prayer Concerns List. If you see a name that no longer needs to be on the list, please let us know. Please do let us know if we need to add a name. Thank you for your help in keeping our prayer list current.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5: 13-14

PRAYER LIST

Members

Cecile Barrington
 Violet Casper
 Mark & Ellen Merritt
 Marcia & Bob Adams
 Maxine & JD Drake
 Mabel Smith
 Cailynn-Ann Campos...
 Charles & Paige
 Griffin
 Jackie Daniel
 Otis Haynes
 Betty Arant
 Suzanne Jones
 Janis O'Cain
 Joyce & Darrell
 Sweeney
 Patricia McCauley &
 Family
 Cameron
 Sandra Merritt
 June Thornton
 Yvette Hering

Home Bound Members

Marian Rummel
 Lori Sisson
 Dorothy Roach
 Linda Pillai

Relatives and Friends

Andy Wilson..
 Alice Shivock..
 Mary Lenhoff..
 Dwight & Josette
 Smith...
 Robert McPhail...
 Joanna Washington..
 Jan Scott..
 Wayne & Jeanne
 Byrd...
 Megan Roseberry....
 Georgia Ware
 Trudy Kimsey
 Bob Jennings
 Lesli Neel...
 Ann & Gene Snow
 Phyllis Bolles
 Allison Timpe
 Pam Pardue
 Robert McCauley
 Barbara & Doug

Brockhart
 Sally, Riley & Sophia
 Karen Dolce
 Reid
 Katie Smith
 Jennifer Hart
 Dot Doidge
 Julie
 Kaci Grasty
 Claudia Oahis
 Wayne Starnes
 Family & Friends of
 Padgett McKenzie
 Bedenbaugh Family
 Marco
 Luther Cranford
 Family & Friends of
 Larry Roberts
 Kristen Allison
 Family & Friends of
 Valerie Roberson
 John & Pam Craig
 Talley Parker
 Ruby Vaughn
 Mary Berresford
 Renee Laird
 Patricia Montgomery

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE GRACE FAMILY

We welcome and invite all who would like to continue their Christian Journey by “officially” becoming a member of the Grace Family. Please contact the pastor, or church office, or indicate on the attendance pad if you are interested.

REGISTRATION PADS

To help welcome one another by name and record your attendance today, please sign the pad found on your pew near the center aisle. Please include the first and last name of each person attending. Visitors are asked to include their address and other contact information.

SERMON NOTES

The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good. To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as, when do I feel most alive? What do I love to do? What things, tasks, or actions fill me with a sense of purpose? What am I doing when time seems to stand still? These questions help us discern the Spirit’s movement in our lives. Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness. When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is birthed. How or where is God calling you?¹

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
And in celebration of the Hering’s 55th wedding anniversary
And in honor of Terry McPhail’s birthday
By Yvette & Rich Hering

SERVING IN THE CHURCH:

	<u>JAN 20</u>	<u>JAN 27</u>	<u>FEB 03</u>
<u>Lay Liturgist (8:30)</u>	Jim McDaniel		Kitty Fasching
<u>Lay Liturgist (11)</u>	Curt VanGelder	Carolyn Seabrook	Sharron Waddell
<u>Counters</u>	Kim, Mary	Jones, Rotholz	Jennings, Curt

FLOWER CALENDAR

Jan 27 – Open
Feb 3 – Theresa & John Douglas
Feb 10 – Open

TO ORDER YOUR SUNDAY FLOWERS

WE HAVE THE NEW 2019 flower calendar in the Narthex; please feel free to fill in any blank spaces, if you would like to have flowers delivered to the church, call Something Special at 407-7123. Their current price is \$41.73. Then call the church office by 9 am on Tuesday of the week you signed up to give your bulletin dedication. You may also provide your own flowers.

Baby Shower

IN HONOR OF
JENNIFER HOPKA LOCKLAIR

JAN | 27 | 2019

AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
DARLENE SIMPSON'S HOME
14 RIVER BOTTOM ROAD - IRMO, SOUTH CAROLINA

♥ Hosted by ♥

DARLENE SIMPSON, SANDRA LOVE, CAROL CRANFORD
RSVP BY TO DARLENE: 803.553.5490
REGISTERED AT TARGET AND BUY BUY BABY

¹ Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost (p. 53). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.