

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OTHERS IN TIME OF NEED

A funeral coordinator is needed. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Roger.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Do you find yourself with months where you run out of money before you run out of month? Do you visualize yourself being able to retire with dignity? Do your dreams for your future appear to be a fading mist or are you able to see it in High Definition? Grace United Methodist Church is hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University! This 9-week course will walk you through all of the relationships with money that you've ever wanted to learn, but had never gotten before. From a small emergency fund, through paying off debts, saving for kids' college, all the way to a basic understanding of how to save for retirement and build wealth using your greatest tool, your income. Join us as we walk through this journey together! For more information, feel free to visit with Todd or Doyne Grow, or sign up and order your class materials at <https://fpu.com/1052100>. The first class will begin January 13, 2018 at 9:00 am.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The children's Christmas program is Sunday, December 17th during the regular worship service, followed by a potluck dinner.

POINTSETTIA PLANT



Poinsettias

There will be poinsettia plants displayed in the church throughout the Christmas season. The congregation is invited to purchase these poinsettias (at a cost of \$12.00 each). Order blanks are on the table in the Narthex. Please leave your payment in the offering plate or drop off in the office **before December 17**

NEW LIFE CENTER NEWS

We are collecting the following Christmas gifts items for The New Life Center shelter residents: Stocking caps; Work gloves and ski gloves; Socks (white and colored crew socks - not tube socks); White undershirts - various sizes; Underwear - various sizes briefs or boxers; Thermal underwear - tops and bottoms in various sizes. Please place unwrapped gifts in the labeled bin in the narthex by December 7th. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Anderson, 218-329-6477.

YOU ARE INVITED

For two years Grace UMC has been operating with two key leadership teams. If you have felt like God has been nudging you into a leadership role or serving in a new way, the Operations and Resources Team invites you to attend their December 12th meeting at 6:30 PM. Operations and Resources works to lead Grace into being a "Church of the Neighborhood" that seeks to make followers of Christ for the transformation of the world. Specifically, it works to pull together resources (programs, dollars, people, equipment) for implementing the vision; Plus, it tends to the personnel, building and finance parts of operating Grace. A fuller description of the role and work of the Operations and Resources team will be shared at the beginning of the meeting. If you feel God is calling you to a new way of serving please attend the Operations and Resources meeting Dec. 12th - 6:30 PM.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering envelopes for 2018 are now available. If you would like envelopes and do not find a box with your name, please take a box and write your name next to the number on the sheet. Remember to discard your 2017 envelopes on January 1st. If you have any questions, please call the office.

CHRISTMAS EVE



Christmas Eve Candle Light Service is Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 P.M.