

Events for the week of November 29, - December 6, 2015

Sunday, November 29, 2015—1st Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship w/ Hanging of the Greens
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

Monday, November 30, 2015

- 9:00 AM Early Learning Readiness
- 1:00 PM Quilting

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

- 9:00 AM Early Learning Readiness
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir
- 6:30 PM AWANA
- 7:15 PM Choir

Thursday, December 3, 2015

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisor

Friday, December 4, 2015

Saturday, December 5, 2015

- 11:00 AM WOG Advent Luncheon

Sunday, December 6, 2015—2nd Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 AM Annual Charge Conference

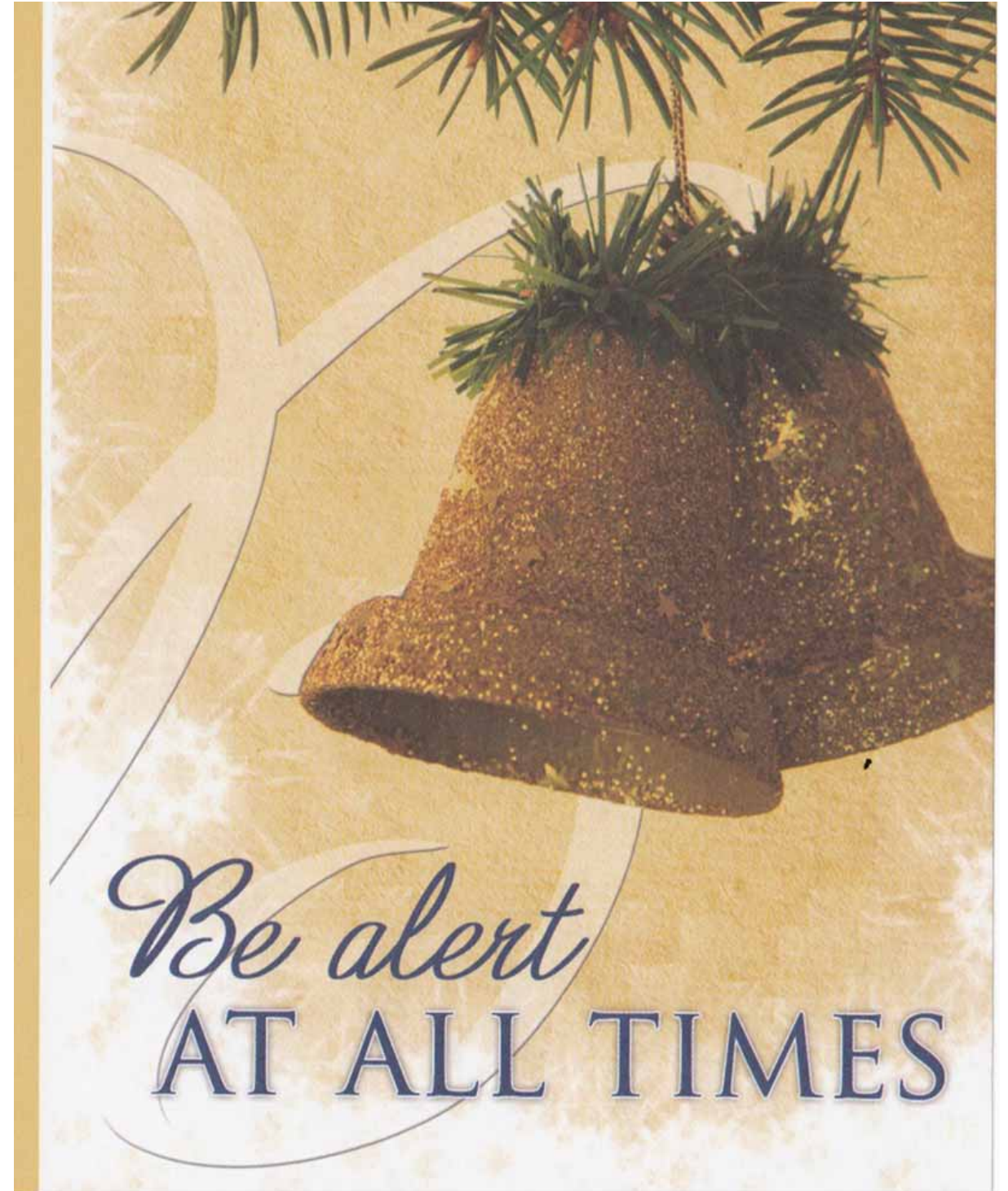
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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

November 29, 2015

1st Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

The Church of the Neighborhood
Making Disciples of Christ to Transform the World.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship
Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRAYER PRELUDE:

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Angela Ybarra & Carl Lindner

The whole earth is still and at rest.

Yet, the trees are about to break forth in song.

The cypresses rejoice.

The cedars of Lebanon sing praise. (Isaiah 14:7-8)

In Bethlehem unknowing hands shaped a tree into the cradle of God.

At Golgotha timbers were stained with a Savior's blood.

All creation shares in the history and the future of salvation.

Thus says the Scriptures, "The wood of the pine, the juniper and cypress shall be brought to Jerusalem.

They shall be prophets of the arrival of justice and peace: heralds of violence diminishing, grief healing, the Lord of light nearing.

Thus says the Lord, "I, the Lord, will be your eternal light.

The light of my glory will shine on you" (Isaiah 60:13ff) Amen.

HYMN: - #196 (Blue Hymnal) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD & RESPOND

THE INVITATION:

Angie Ybarra

Stars illumine the night sky; carols resonate in the air; candlelight shimmers on window-panes; lights drape like rainbows around evergreens; wreaths adorn doors; poinsettias flame red; angels stand at attention on treetops; cookies and baked goods adorn the air with sweetness. These are a few images woven into the sacred message of the night God became flesh and dwelt among us—not to dominate and control us, but to gently

CHARGE CONFERENCE is Sunday, December 6th at 11:15 am.



PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The new address and phone director for 2016 will be printed in January. If you have moved, or changed phone numbers, please let the office know.

ADVENT LUNCHEON



The Women of Grace Annual Advent Luncheon is Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 am. TODAY is the last day to purchase tickets for the Luncheon for ONLY \$5.00, and \$2.50 for anyone under the age of 8. Please see JoAnn Oelke, Phyllis Murray, Linda Davis or Judy Anderson to purchase tickets. Please let some one know if you need a gluten free meal.

CONTRIBUTIONS



All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM, on December 31, 2015 to be counted as a 2015 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2016 contribution. Grace is not responsible for contribution lost in the mail.

NEW LIFE CENTER

Gifts to the New Life Center for December are men's underwear shirts, stocking caps, gloves, sweat shirts and heavy tube socks. Please place your contributions in the box next to the food cart. If you have any questions, please ask JoAnn O. or Shirley M.