

Events for the week of November 27, - December 4, 2016

Sunday, November 27, 2016—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
Fellowship—Education
- 3:00 pm Christmas Decorating

Monday, November 28, 2016

- 1:00 pm Early Learning Readiness
- 1:00 pm NO Quilting

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

- 1:00 pm Early Learning Readiness
- 3:30 pm Set up to serve Churches United
- 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, December 1, 2016

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

Friday, December 2, 2016

Saturday, December 3, 2016

- 11:00 AM WOG Advent Luncheon

Sunday, December 4, 2016—2nd Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School
Fellowship—Churches United for the Homeless

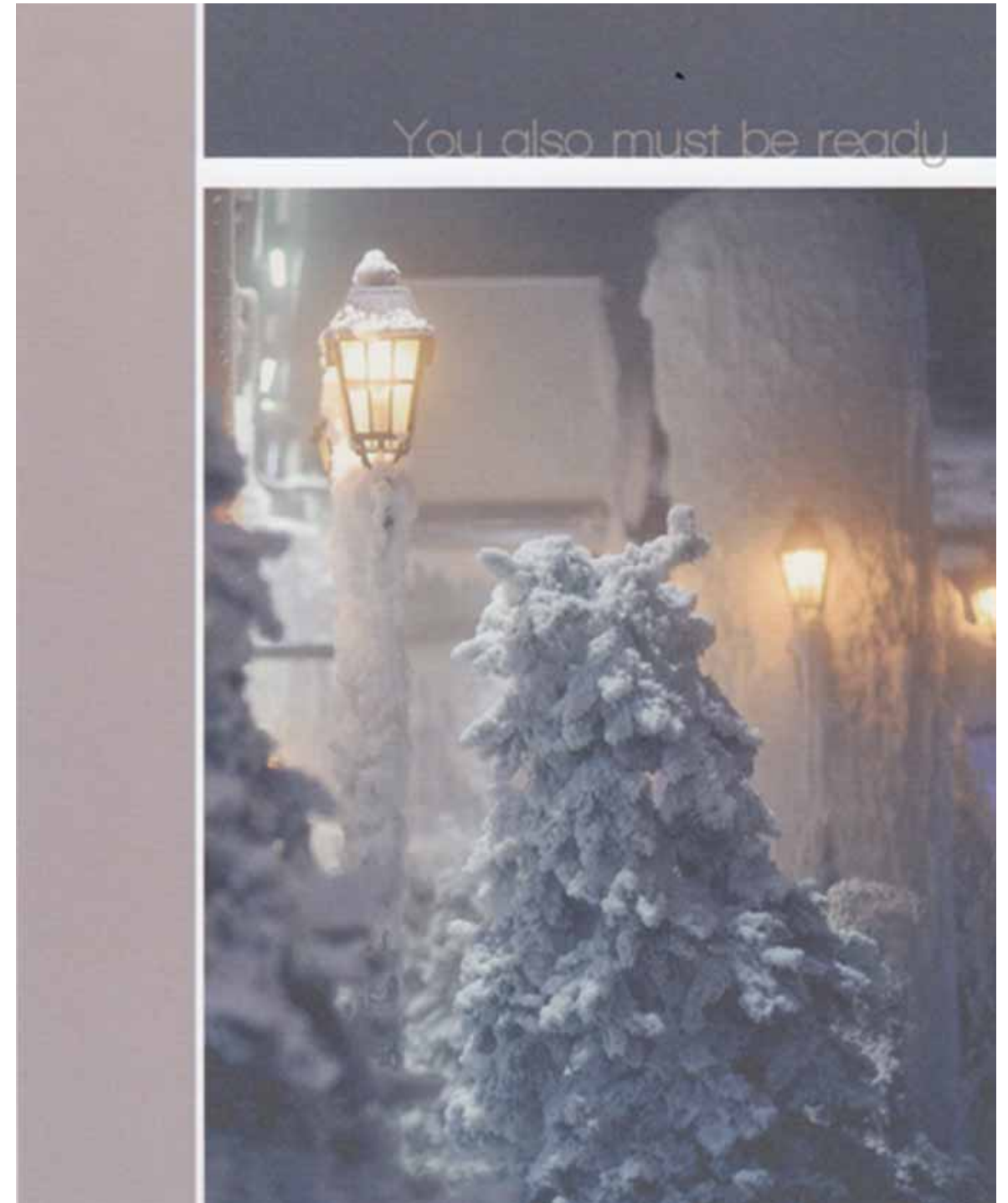
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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

November 27, 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:

Lee Horner

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, and 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:

Stephanie Grow

Stars illumine the night sky; carols resonate in the air; candlelight shimmers on window-panes; lights drape like rainbows around evergreens; wreaths adorn entrances; 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



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 2017 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 3rd at 11:00 am. The Beyond Blue Band will provide special music. Tickets can be purchased from Phyllis Murray or by calling the Office by Monday, November 28th.



CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM, on December 31, 2016 to be counted as a 2016 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2017 contribution. Grace is not responsible for contribution lost in the mail.



NEW LIFE CENTER

Articles of clothing being collected as Christmas gifts items for The New Life Center shelter residents. are:

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 8th. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Anderson, 218-329-6477