

Events for the week of **November 30 , - December 7th, 2014**

Sunday, November 30, 2014—1st Sunday in Advent

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

Monday, December 1, 2014

- 1:00 PM** Quilting

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

- 7:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

- 6:15 PM** Hand Bell Choir
- 6:30 PM** AWANA
- 7:15 PM** Choir

Thursday, December 4, 2014

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

Friday, December 5 2014

Saturday, December 6, 2014

- 11:00 AM** Women of Grace Advent Luncheon

Sunday, December 7, 2014—2nd Sunday of Advent

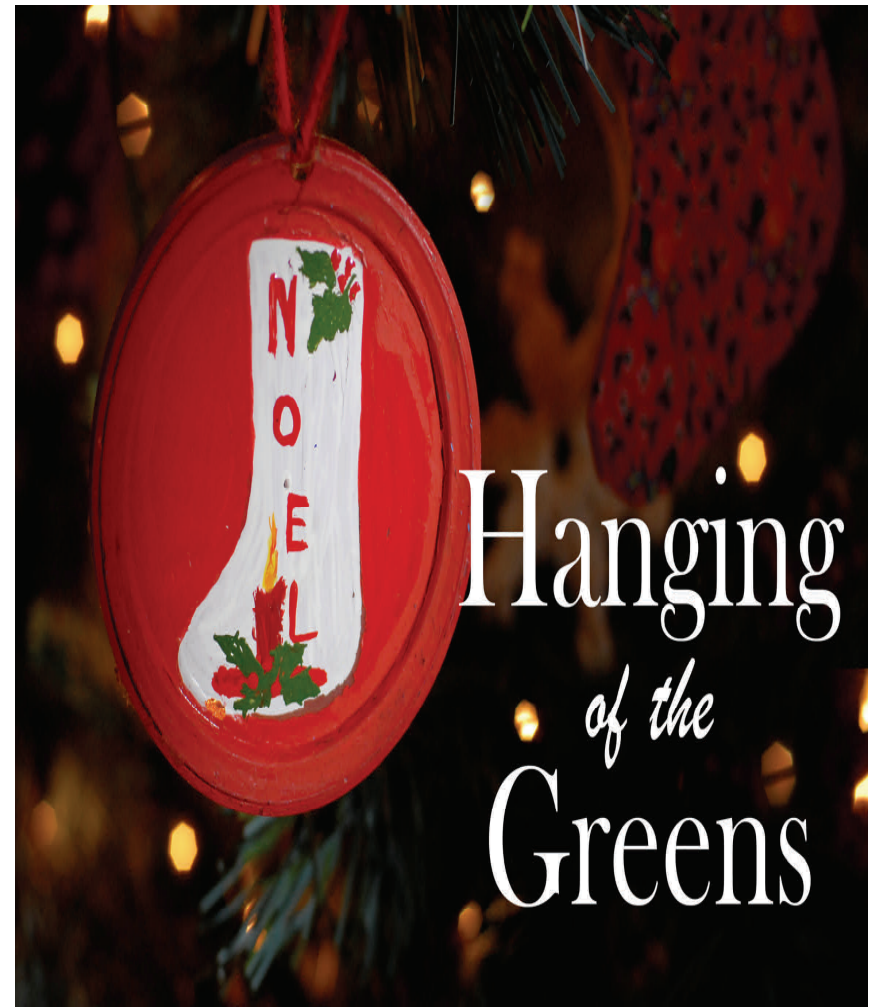
- 9:00 AM** Sunday School
- 9:15 AM** HCI Prayer Team
- 10:00 AM** Worship w/Communion
- 10:15 AM** Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 AM** Annual Charge Conference Meeting

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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Mark Forkner

Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl

Ushers: Jean Mann and Roy Murray

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Violinist: Kay Forkner

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 2014

1st Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

Nurturing Hope—Building Christ-lie Community

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.
We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship.

Gathering & Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

***LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: 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.

First Mile
MISSION



FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,277 or \$106.38 each member. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$5,597.54 given to date: about 38% of our goal.

REPORTS



Church Conference Reports are **NOW** due in the office.

NEW LIFE CENTER

The New Life Center will meet on December 12th .The Christmas gift box is in the Narthex with a list of items needed for the male residents attached to the box. Please have all unwrapped gifts of work or ski gloves, long johns, top and bottom, size L & XL, and crew socks in the box by December 12th.

CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM on December 31, 2014 to be counted as a 2014 contribution. All contributions **received** after that date will be counted as a 2015 contribution.