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Lynne



COME & CELEBRATE THE EVE OF
OUR LORD & SAVIOR,
JESUS CHRIST'S BIRTH

DECEMBER 24 AT 7:00PM
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 8 following Worship
Pearl Circle will be serving breakfast in
Otterbein. If you can donate a breakfast
casserole, coffee cake, etc., contact Gayle
Barnes 309-944-3674



Christ^{THE}
SAVIOR
"IS BORN"

It is time to order POINSETTIA PLANTS for the Advent/Christmas Season. These plants adorn the sanctuary, and can be purchased in memory of, honor of, or celebration of loved ones. Cost is \$10.00 per plant. **This year we have a limit of 40 plants.**

Plant purchased by: _____

Plant purchased for the following reason: (please circle)

† In Memory Of

† In Honor Of

† In Celebration Of

Name(s) to include: _____

- Please complete one form for each plant ordered
- Payment is due at the time of ordering
- Turn forms & money in to Coral in the church office before **December 13, 2024**





Pastor Dan Seibert
revseibert@gmail.com

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Sunday School:
Adult Classes at 8:00am
Ladies Bible Study at
10:00am

Worship Sunday at 9:00am
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)
Sunday at 9:00am

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Let's Pray!

Anonymous Requests

Brenna Betcher Callahan
Ruth Ann Eaker
Cathy Gaudet
Hannika
Kerry
Norma Lodge
Jane Massey
Ellen Rubino
Barb Sigwalt
Paula Venema
Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother

Ashley
Joey Eaker
Family Members
Nikki Haars
Cameron Hodgson
Kevin Ketterman
Andrew Lord
Bev Radue
Jan Seibert
Sally Swanson
Dean Yoder

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Joyce Criddle Mary Lou Deane John Riggs Connie Ryner
Sarah Stees Carolyn Stenzel Rita Webb

Please contact Julie Dahlquist with prayer updates.



Grace Church Luncheon Committee
& individuals who made & brought
food, helped serve and cleanup -
we are grateful for all you did to
make such a yummy luncheon.

We are truly grateful!
Vicky, Dan & Jeff
Family of Jeanette Klavine

To Our Grace Church Family,
Our heartfelt thanks for all your
prayers for Molly, our
granddaughter, who had surgery.
The Lord has been right at her side
and she is recovering well.

Jerry & Judy Scott

**2024 Offering Needed to
meet Monthly Budget**

\$31,000.00

Received November 3-17

\$18,372.10

General Fund





- 01 - Mary Gorman
- 02 - Karen Venter
- 03 - Rita Webb
- 07 - Daniel Coleman
- 09 - Paul Venema
- 10 - Suzie Neumann
- 12 - Izabella Stewart
- 13 - Pam Snodgrass
- 16 - Randy Clary, Emma Shoemaker,
Brad Toone
- 17 - Jean Hahn
- 18 - Russ Gray
- 19 - Mary Orton
- 21 - Karoline Hasson, Kenzi Hasson
- 22 - Linda Goodwin, Sharon Neumann
- 27 - Avery Mickley, Lora Lea Miller,
Jenna Rushing
- 28 - Ben Burris
- 29 - Landon Neuman

Holiday Hours

Closing at Noon Christmas Eve Day
 Closed Christmas Day
 Closed New Year's Day

Coral will be out of the office
 December 26, 27, 30, 31



- 14 - George & Gail Farley (22)
- 16 - Brian & Jean Berry (7)
- 18 - Steve & Karen Doy (48)
- 21 - Mark & Nancy Koster (11)
Steve & Sue TeStrake (56)
- 28 - Steve & Jane Scherer (39)

OWLS Christmas Lunch
Thursday, December 19
11:30am



Join us for lunch, followed by Christmas Carols with Becky Daniels & Lynne Haars. Please sign up in the lobby.



The Grace Book Club met on November 5 in the church library. Members attending included Gayle, Lavon, Sandy, Joy, and Sharon. We enjoyed discussing *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. For our December 3 gathering we will read three short books titled *The Christmas Tree* by Julie Salamon, *Lost December* by Richard Paul Evans, and *The Paper Bag Christmas* by K.A. Milne. Come visit our fun group.

The Ultimate Christmas Bucket List

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DRINK HOT COCOA



VIEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



DECORATE



EAT A CANDY CANE



PICK OUT A TREE



TAKE A FAMILY PHOTO



STRING POPCORN



MAKE A HANDMADE GIFT



BUILD GINGERBREAD HOUSE



SNOWBALL FIGHT



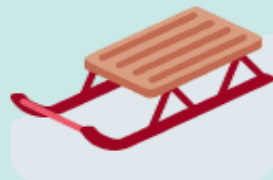
BAKE COOKIES

VISIT SANTA

SING JINGLE BELLS



WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER



GO SLEDDING



BUILD A SNOWMAN



DONATE FOOD

DECORATE THE TREE



DRINK EGGNOG



READ CHRISTMAS BOOKS IN BED



WEAR MATCHING PAJAMAS



HANG STOCKINGS

CHRISTMAS DIFFUSER BLEND



DONATE TOYS



WRAP PRESENTS



MEET A FRIEND FOR COFFEE

LISTEN TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC



WATCH HALLMARK MOVIES



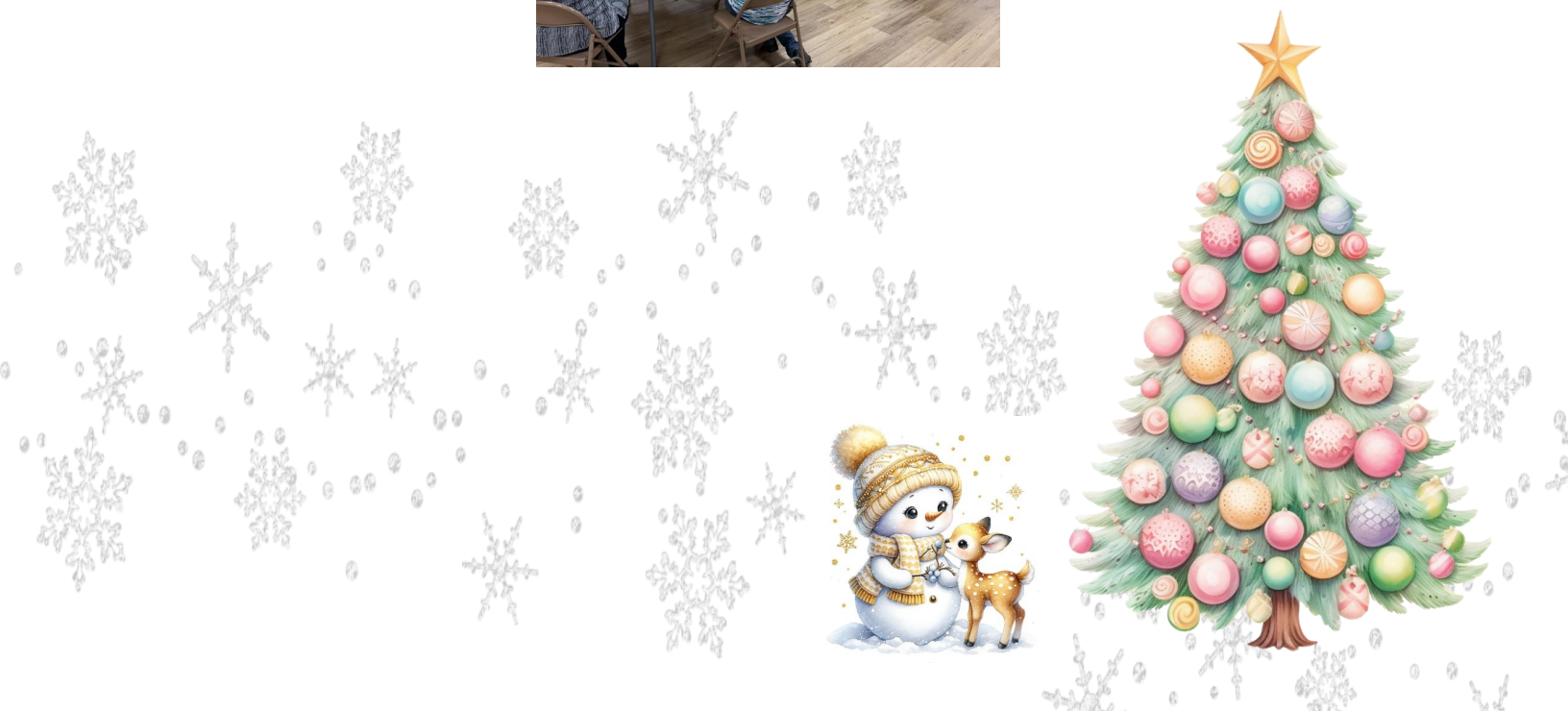
WEAR A SANTA HAT



Grace Youth Group got together on Sunday, November 10 and enjoyed making & eating tacos and Bible Study.



Women's Soup Supper November 7





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00pm - Book Club, Library</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30am - Violet Circle, Chapel</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>BREAKFAST Following Worship</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Geneseo Christmas Walk</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group, Dinner & Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSING at 12:00pm</p> <p>7:00pm - Candlelight Service</p> 	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>				