

1:00 pm MON – Memory Lane Support Group & Respite
 9:00 am TUE – Weight Accountability Group
 7:00 am WED – Men’s Prayer Group & Breakfast
 4:00 pm WED – Choir Practice
 10:00 am THR – SOAP Bible Study- led by Jan Wise
 11:30 am THR – Lunch Bunch Bible Study- led by Sharon Miller
 10:00 am FRI – Wise Bible Study- led by Jan Wise
 10:15 am FRI – Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse (in Crystal River) with Pastor Bill -will not meet 12/22 & 12/29

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Richard Comfort had surgery this week, **Katherine Cornelius** shoulder replaced- infection complication, **Gordon Ashley’s** surgery recovery going well - **PTL, Marge Stidd** passed away on **Fri.**, **Lauren**, spinal fusion, daughter of Bob & Carol Mac Kenzie. **Kelly** - cancer treatments (Judy Chambliss’ daughter-in-law). **Katie Snowberger’s sister-in-law** (chemo), the war in the Middle East, **Ellie** (Neil’s sister) & **Jerry** (friend of Comfort’s) both are choosing no treatment for cancer. To make prayer requests & praises and/or to be put on the list of people receiving email prayer requests throughout the week-send an email to janmetcalf7@gmail.com. Then remember to pray as you receive requests. **Remember our shut-ins: Marilyn Watson, Judith Funk, & Phyllis Colquitt** – addresses are in our online directory.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

We support Samaritan’s Purse Evangelistic and Disaster Relief around the world. Samaritan’s Purse has a presence in Israel. YTD, we have given \$2,383. Please note an amount on your check and/or envelope if you would like to give to them. We also support local Food Bank with gifts of food. SOS Fund – Pastor’s discretionary fund to assist people in crisis. **If you know someone in the church or community that needs assistance**, please let Pastor Bill know. **Karen Kline** – is our Faith Community Nurse. **Karen Kline & Carol MacKenzie** along with other trained Stephen’s Ministers are available to assist you if you need a friend. **Carolyn Bright** – Card ministry – if you would like someone to receive a card from the congregation let Carolyn know.



The Candle of Joy December 17, 2023

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

We Celebrate, Serve, and Grow in Christ
 We are a Stephen Ministry Church

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**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
& LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

Pastor Kip

**PRELUDE
LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH & INVOCATION**

Rob Wackerman

Jim & Alice Trusley

***HYMN #550**

Joy Unspeakable

***TIME OF GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.

I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

***PRESENTING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Kip

CHOIR *Can You Hear Christmas Bells*

***HYMN #8** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

MESSAGE *A Giant in a Sycamore Tree* Pastor Kip
1 Peter 1:8-9, Philipians 4:4-6

***HYMN #201** *Joy to the World*

CHORUS (2 times) *I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

I love you with the love of Lord.

Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.

I can see in You the glory of my King,

And I love you with the Love of the Lord.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Kip

*Standing if able

If you have questions or want to talk - you can contact Pastor Bill at pastorbill@gracemethodistchurch.org - call or text 260- 241-4869 or Pastor Kip at pastorkip@gracemethodistchurch.org - call or text 352-422-3493

HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

Today – WOW will be wrapping gifts after church.

Today is the last day to choose a Samaritan's Purse Project to support. If you do not choose a project, it will go where most needed. Fill out the special Christmas envelope and put it in the Offering. There are catalogs & envelopes in the Activity Room.

Thu. 2pm Women of Worship (WOW) meets in Fellowship Hall

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**Looking ahead to Sunday, Dec. 24!** We will be having our regular morning service on Dec 24 and a **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols at 4pm.** Please invite family and friends to join you at our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.**

**First Conference of the Florida Global Methodist Church will meet at Clermont Living Hope Church – Jan 18 & 20.**

You will be represented by Karen Stone & Jim Trusley and by Pastors Bill and Kip. Others may attend; however, you do need to register. Talk to Pastor Bill for more info.

**A date to save is Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** – we will be celebrating our 1-year anniversary as Grace Methodist. More info coming soon. It will be a blue shirt Sunday. Lunch and more.