

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

**Berny Diedrich** broken hip, **Richard Comfort & Katherine Cornelius** doing well. **PTL, Lauren** (daughter of Bob & Carol Mac Kenzie) spinal fusion., **Kelly** (Judy Chambliss’ daughter-in-law) cancer treatments. **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](mailto: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. 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 Love December 24, 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**

Karen Kline

**PRELUDE**

Rob Wackerman

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH & INVOCATION**

Pam Schram & Mary Trice

**\*HYMN # 190**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**\*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.

**CHOIR**

*The Midnight Clear*

**\*PRESENTING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Bill

**\*HYMN # 96**

*The Love of God*

**MESSAGE**

***THE GREATEST GIFT***

Pastor Bill

John 3:16

**\*HYMN ( insert) Vs 1,3,5** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

**\*HYMN # 191**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**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 Bill

\*Standing if able

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

**HAPPENINGS AT GRACE**

Today – 4 pm **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols at 4pm.** Please invite family and friends to join you at our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.**

Thank you for supporting the various Christmas projects that we offered. See the enclosed list for the variety of Samaritan's Purse projects we supported. **Our combined gift was \$1,660.00.**

**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.