

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) led by Pastor Bill (will not meet 12/22- 12/29)

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Katherine Cornelius** shoulder replaced, **Gordon Ashley** surgery scheduled, **Rob Wackerman** recovering from surgery PTL. **Kelly** - cancer treatments (Judy Chambliss’ daughter-in-law). **Katie’s sister-in-law** (chemo), **Marie’s son, James** (dialysis). 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. 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 or someone you know would like a caring friend to listen, pray for you and with you.

**Carolyn Bright** – Card ministry – if you would like someone to receive a card from the congregation let Carolyn know.



## The Candle of Hope

December 3, 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** Rob Wackerman

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH & INVOCATION**  
Nelson & Donna Bell

**\*HYMN #102** *My Hope Is Built*

**\*TIME OF GREETING**

**\*PRESENTING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Pastor Kip

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor Kip

**CHOIR** *Table of Mercy, Table of Rest*

**MESSAGE** *Hope Knows Your Name* Pastor Kip  
1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #179** *What Child Is This?*

**\*CHORUS (2 times)** *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](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 & Dec 17 – WOW is wrapping Christmas  
packages in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Now through Dec 17 choose a Samaritan's Purse Project  
to support. Fill out the special Christmas envelope and  
put it in the Offering. There are catalogs & envelopes in  
the Activity Room. Please do not take catalogs home.**

**WOW is sponsoring a giving tree for clients of Home  
Instead. Please take a tag from the tree in the Activity  
Room, purchase the suggested small gifts, place them in a  
gift bag, attach the tag and place the bag under the tree.**

**NEXT SUNDAY 8:30 to 11:30 am - Next Blood Drive**

### **ATTENTION GUYS & GALS!**

For those who like to give nice looking gifts but hate to  
wrap - **WOW will be wrapping Christmas presents again  
on the 17th in the Fellowship Hall before and after  
service.** Bring your gifts in boxes and they will do the rest.  
There is no charge, however, there will be a tip jar.

**Looking ahead!** We will be having our regular morning  
service on Dec 24 and a Christmas Eve Service of Lessons  
& Carols at 4pm.