



## Messages this month

**WELCOME TO ADVENT**, the four weeks leading up to the celebration of Jesus birth. During the season of Advent, we will be highlighting the Nativity Story by looking at the events surrounding Jesus' birth through the eyes of some of those who were there. Each Sunday we'll focus on a different people and consider some of the important lessons we can learn in our own celebrations and our own spiritual journeys. Included with this series is a Family Advent Devotional book so you can continue the celebrations and lessons at home. December 14 will also include the special Grace Choir Cantata, and December 21 will be a fun-filled intergenerational celebration with our annual no-practice Christmas Pageant. And each Sunday, along with lighting the next candle in the Advent Wreath, we'll also share with the kids a series of video series reveals what happens when the light go out and the nativity set comes to life. Filled with heartwarming messages about God's gift of love, the series will help all ages engage with the Christmas message in a fresh new way. Invite your friends and family to join you in the experience of Christmas this year at Grace.

We look forward to a variety of music during the month from; Kathy Margeson, Esther Bae, Margaret Jewett, Marilyn's Melody Choir, Grace Winds & Strings, the Grace Worship Team, and Erma Hawkes with the Grace Church Choir.

### MESSAGES

<b>Nov 30</b>	Gabriel – God's Quiet Glory (Pastor Peter)
<b>Dec 7</b>	The Shepherd – Gathered and Carried (Pastor Jim)
<b>Dec 14</b>	Grace Church Choir Cantata "Born a Mighty King" The Wisemen – The Gift for the Gift (Pastor Peter)
<b>Dec 21</b>	Mary & Joseph – Saying Yes to God's Christmas Pageant
<b>Dec 24</b>	6 PM Christmas Eve Worship – The Child – Christmas is for Giving (Pastor Peter)
<b>Dec 28</b>	Remembering God's Goodness and Our Future (Pastor Jim)

**NEW TO GRACE?** If this is your first or second time coming to Grace, welcome! We would love to meet you and get to know you. The pew in front of you should have a yellow Connection Card. Please fill it out and drop it in the one of the offering boxes as you exiting the sanctuary. Check out our website [gracememorial.ca](http://gracememorial.ca) for updates, services and much more.

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Church Office Administrator  
Custodian

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Rev. Jim Bae  
Rev. Dr. Scott Dunham  
Erma Hawkes  
Julie Probert  
Lisa Melanson  
Vonda Johnson



**GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE NOV 30-DEC 7**

**Hospice:** Helen Currie

**At Home:** Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Teddy & Claire Randall, Rose Marie Patterson, Marg Pollock  
Shirley Pierpoint, Sheila Martin, Dorothy Barrieau, James Rankine, Lawrence Steeves, Erma Hawkes,  
Lisa Lohnes, Gerry Crouse, Sylvia Dykeman, Sarah Gunaseelan

**Eden Retirement Villa:** Hazel Ridley

**Shannex:** Gregory Nickerson, David Ridley, Mavis Hallett, Doris Crawford

**Windsor Court:** Sherrie Evans

**GRACE CHILDREN & YOUTH Please pray for the month of December :**

- Leaders, and volunteers, and parents as they prepare for the Christmas holiday. Pray it would be filled with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. That they each would understand the meaning of Christmas as they receive the greatest gift of Christ. Pray for our leaders as they take a break that they would return refreshed and energized.
- We thank God for his forever grace! May the youth always remember that God is a good and forgiving father who loves us no matter what. Please pray the youth go to God for forgiveness knowing He was born and died for us because of his great love for us.

**Thank you for praying for our children & youth as they grow in CHRIST**



**WITH WARM & HEART-FELT APPRECIATION** Paul, Sonya, Jonathan, Melysa & Clark would like to thank all those who sent cards, emails, texts & flowers. We'd also like to thank those who donated to the Go Fund Me (Google "Fundraiser for Melysa Savoy by Leysha Savoy : In Loving Memory of Natalie Emerald Greene" or <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-loving-memory-of-natalie-emerald-greene>) in memory of our precious Natalie who is now in Heaven with Jesus.



**GRATITUDE** Thank you so much Grace family for your thoughtful gifts, emails, prayers, and phone calls over these past few months in regards to my car accident. I've made some progress and healing is slowly coming along and please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Blessings, Lisa

**PRAYER MINISTRY** is always available and welcomes your prayer requests. Please send them by email to Kathleen Brewer at [kbrewer168@gmail.com](mailto:kbrewer168@gmail.com) or by phone 506-449-0848. New members are always welcome.

**PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM** Looking for someone to pray with confidentially with you? A member of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available after worship each Sunday at the front of the sanctuary. You will then be accompanied to the Prayer Room for privacy. (available after in person services)

**GOING TO HOSPITAL?** Even though limited visiting is now open in Horizon Health facilities, clergy and pastoral care people no longer know whether a particular person is in hospital or not. If you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and desire a pastoral visit, please let family or a friend contact the church office so that we can be an encouragement and support.





# *33rd Advent Carol Festival*

***Presented by Grace Memorial  
Baptist Church***

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 7:30PM  
536 Northumberland St

***Featuring Local Church and  
Community Choirs with  
Congregational Singing***

**Freewill offering for the Make the Season Kind  
Campaign in support of local food banks**

*Don't miss this joyful night of music and holiday  
cheer!*





**THE FERNE SEWELL WMS GROUP** will be meeting on **Thurs. Dec, 4th** at 1 :15 PM in the Parlour. Janet has the Program, Esther has the Prayer Time, and Marie has the Devotional. Please bring in your items for Grace House.



**CHURCH BOWLING TOURNAMENT** Join us for our Church Bowling Tournament on **Sat, Dec 6th, from 2–4 PM** at The Drome (formally Bowl-a-Drome)! Located at 301 Main Street.

Invite a friend and come enjoy a fun afternoon of fellowship, friendly competition, and create great memories.

**Awards will be given for:**

- > Best Team Score
- > Highest Individual Score (per team)
- > Best Sportsmanship (voted by each team)

**Cost:** \$10 per person — includes two hours of bowling and shoe rental. Don't miss out on this fun event! We can't wait to see you there! Questions, contact Pastor Jim.



**CHRISTMAS BLESSING CARDS** These cards will bless our folks who are not able to attend regular services due to being shut in. Please drop your addressed cards (no stamps needed) for shut-ins in the card basket in the Welcome Centre or to the church office by **Dec 7th**. They will be delivered with a visit from pastors and volunteers. The list of names is printed in the Weekly Prayer Guide section of Grace Notes and in the monthly bulletin. Thank you for blessing those who are unable to attend regularly.

\* Once you start to receive Christmas cards in the mail, we are also collecting used stamps. All year long there is a collection box located in the Welcome Centre. Please allow a 1/4" around the stamp.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FEAST & FELLOWSHIP**

**5PM SAT, DECEMBER 20TH**



Join us for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. We serve a complete festive dinner with stuffed pork loin (gluten free), with potatoes and vegetables, rolls and special desserts. There will be punch, water, tea and coffee too. After dinner we'll sing some carols, tell some stories and have some fun together. It will be a wonderful evening for all ages.

**Tickets** must be purchased **in advance** and are just \$10 per person or \$20 per family household. Tickets are available on Sundays, starting on **November 30th** at the Kiosk in the Welcome Centre, and on week days from the church office. The **deadline** to get your tickets is **Wed, December 17th**. And don't forget to bring your tickets with you to the dinner, because there will be door prizes.

Willing to help with set up? See the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.



**CRAFT GROUP** Meetings will resume on the 1st and 3rd Tues, stating **Jan 6th** at 1:30 PM. Anyone is welcome. Bring your own project, example knitting, crochet, quilting. Contact person is Dale Sproull 506-454-0247.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

WED, DEC 24TH

#### 6:00 PM – A Nativity Story ~ Traditional Candle Lighting Service



This family friendly service Christmas Eve Service will feature carols and readings we light the Christ Candle of our Advent Wreath. We will complete the Nativity Story as we celebrate the Christ Child and conclude our worship in candlelight with Silent Night. (There will be battery operated candles for the little ones.) Bring the whole family (and a few friends) for this meaningful celebration and tradition to begin the holiday celebrations.



### CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT GRACE

12 Noon Thurs, Dec 25th

We know most people have plans for Christmas, but if you are looking for an option for dinner on Christmas Day, Grace is hosting a free traditional turkey dinner at noon. Along with turkey, the meal will include stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce and a variety of desserts. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Feel free to invite a friend or someone you know who would appreciate the opportunity to dine with others on Christmas day. We just need to know you are coming. Reservations can be made by calling Lisa in the church office (506-458-8527), contacting Pastor Peter, or emailing [office@gracememorial.ca](mailto:office@gracememorial.ca). Please make your **reservations** by **Sunday, Dec 21st**.

#### We also need some volunteers:

- > 6-8 people to set-up and set tables 7 PM Tues, December 23rd.
- > 3-4 people 10 AM Wed, December 24th to peel carrots & potatoes.
- > 6-8 people at 10:30 AM Thurs, December 25th to help with cooking and serving the food.

No experience necessary, just a heart to bless others. If you would like to help, just sign-up in the Welcome Centre, connect with Pastor Peter or contact the church office.

**Jan 3** Maiah Benigno  
**Jan 2** Joanne Oyedepo  
**Jan 7** Nina Cruz  
**Jan 9** A-Afolabi & Adebola Afolabi Sanni  
**Jan 13** Carol Jarvis  
**Jan 18** Bianca Cruz  
**Jan 20** Sophia Schriver  
**Jan 21** Marisel Benigno  
Rev. Scott Dunham  
**Jan 25** Anita Sergeant  
Brian Randall

### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Jan 27** Wayne Ross  
Claire Randall  
**Jan 31** Janet Spurrell

*If you do not see your celebration date and would like it to be added, please contact the office.*







## THE 2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERING – MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHERE NEEDED MOST

Each year our Christmas Offering is divided between where it is most needed in our ministries at Grace, and a special mission or outreach project. This year the mission portion will go to make a difference where it's needed most in our world.

**The Where Most Needed** fund at Canadian Baptist Ministries allows CBM to respond faithfully, prayerfully and strategically when urgent needs arise around the world. For example, Hurricane Melissa left devastation across the Caribbean in late October. CBM is providing assistance through local partners to help people rebuild their lives in Cuba and Jamaica. One never knows where the next disaster or need might be, but every dollar helps sustain life-giving ministry across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and Europe. Your support equips churches to feed families, strengthen leaders, and bring the hope of Christ to communities facing hardship

And this Christmas, our gift to the Where Most Needed fund will have a double impact, as a generous donor has offered to match every gift. This means our gift will be multiplied in impact, helping CBM act quickly and responsibly as new needs and opportunities arise.

Christmas reminds us that God's love entered human history in the most unexpected way, and that same love continues to reach lives today through acts of compassion and faithfulness. You can find your Christmas Offering Envelope enclosed with your Christmas letter, or pick up an extra from the table in the entryway to the sanctuary.



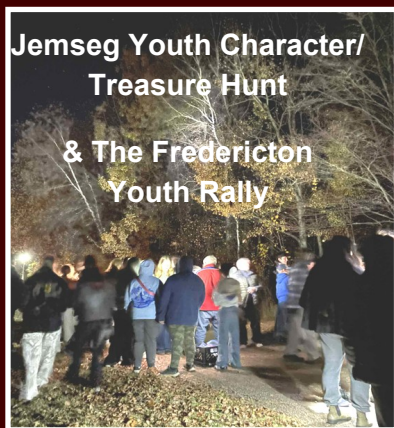
**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;  
A CHRIST CENTERED MOSAIC**

**MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY**









**THANK YOU** for the continued support in serving our community with donations for the Greener Village Food Bank! Donations are received the first Sunday of the month, please drop them off in the Welcome Centre (big white box) or during the week at the office (9 AM—4 PM).







## SCHEDULE FOR GRACE DECEMBER 2025




<b>Sat, Nov 29</b>		
Christmas Decorating at the Church		9:00 AM
<b>Sun, Nov 30</b>		
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC		9:30-10 AM
Worship service, Sa		10:30 AM
Church Business Meeting (after service), Sa		
Connection Team, GR		
Pickleball, gym		2:30-4 PM
<b>Mon, Dec 1</b>		
Monday Night Group, GG, Par		6:30 PM
<b>Tues, Dec 2</b>		
Pickleball, gym		6:45 PM
<b>Wed, Dec 3</b>		
Advent Carol Festival, Sa		7:30 PM
<b>Thurs, Dec 4</b>		
Ferne Sewell, WMS, Par		1:15 PM
GriefShare, Par		7:00 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room		7:00 PM
<b>Fri, Dec 5</b>		
Grace Youth, gym, FC		7:00 PM
<b>Sat, Dec 6</b>		
Church Bowling Tournament, The Drone		2-4 PM
<b>Sun, Dec 7 ~ Communion &amp; Food Bank</b>		
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC		9:30-10 AM
Worship service, Sa		10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym		2:30-4 PM
<b>Mon, Dec 8</b>		
Thomas & Brunswick Hall, Shannex service		2 PM & 3 PM
Property & Finance Team, BR		5:00 PM
<b>Schedule continues on to the next page</b>		
<b>Rooms:</b> Sanctuary; Sa, Parlour; Par, Welcome Centre; WC, Family Centre; FC  Grace Groups; GG (see chart)		

<b>Sun, Nov 30</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Ray Schriver 2 Bob Walton 3 John Curtis <b>WC Greeter:</b> Paul & Sonya Melanson <b>Media:</b> Kate Thompson <b>Prayer Team:</b> Lisa Lohnes
<b>Sun, Dec 7</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Eric Smith 2 Ed Stairs 3 Gerry Taylor <b>WC Greeter:</b> Carolyn Power <b>Media:</b> Arturo Castellon <b>Prayer Team:</b> Esther Bae
<b>Sun, Dec 14</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Mel Sproull 2 Patsy Burke 3 Blair Burke <b>WC Greeter:</b> Dale Sproull <b>Media:</b> Arturo Castellon <b>Prayer Team:</b> Adebola Afolabi Sanni
<b>Sun, Dec 21</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Afolabi Sanni 2 Daniel Corrier 3 Shade Oyedepo <b>WC Greeter:</b> Sarah Gunaseelan <b>Media:</b> Kate Thompson <b>Prayer Team:</b> Betty Ann Taylor
<b>Candle Lighting Service 6 PM ~ Thurs, Dec 24</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Ray Schriver 2 Bob Walton 3 John Curtis <b>WC Greeter:</b> Janet Howland <b>Media:</b> Emilio Ancheta
<b>Sun, Dec 28</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Eric Smith 2 Ed Stairs 3 Gerry Taylor <b>WC Greeter:</b> Doreen McClare <b>Media:</b> Reymer Salvador <b>Prayer Team:</b> Lisa Lohnes



**Pickleball** Join us weekly in the gym for Beginners on Sundays at 2:30-4 PM or for Intermediates on Tuesdays 6:45-9 PM. For Beginners, it will training, teaching basic skills and how to play and understand the game. Questions please contact Pastor Jim Bae; [Jimbae3@gmail.com](mailto:Jimbae3@gmail.com).



<b>Tues, Dec 9</b>	
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
<b>Thurs, Dec 11</b>	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
<b>Fri, Dec 12</b>	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
<b>Sun, Dec 14 ~ Cantata ~</b>  	
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
<b>Mon, Dec 15</b>	
Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM
<b>Wed, Dec 17</b>	
GriefShare, Par	7:00 PM
<b>Thurs, Dec 18</b>	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
<b>Fri, Dec 19</b>	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
<b>Sat, Dec 20</b>	
Christmas Festive Feast, gym or FC	5:00 PM
<b>Sun, Dec 21</b> 	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
<b>Wed, Dec 24</b>	
Christmas Eve Candle-Lighting, Sa	6:00 PM
<b>Thurs, Dec 25</b>	
Christmas Lunch, FC	12:00 PM
<b>Sun, Dec 28</b>	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM



The **Library** may be closed over the holidays. Be watching for more information in the next few weeks.



The **Nursery** is located off the Welcome Centre, is currently available during services for families with adult supervision. In the main space, services are Livestreamed so parents can still watch the service. This quiet space provides toys, books, and a rocking chair. A semi-private room is set up for all newborn needs.



**GRACE KIDS** Children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will begin in the worship service with the whole community. Midway through the service, children are invited to follow our leaders and volunteers to the Family Centre for an age-appropriate program.



**Grace Youth** will resume **Fri, Jan 10th**. Join us weekly on Fridays from 7 - 9 PM, this high-energy community of middle and high school students meets from December to Mid-June. We focus on helping students to think more deeply about what God is saying to us in His word and helping them to form their own opinions about Christ. New youth are always welcome. (any time of the year!) Contact Peter or Maiah ; [graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com).

### OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

- The church office will be **closed** from **Dec 25th** to **Jan 4th** and **resume** regular office hours (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) on **Jan 5th**.
- January's Bulletin** will be released on **Jan 9th** with an updated Grace Groups chart.
- Please** have **Annual Reports** ready for **Jan 15th**





## WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

**Thank you** for your faithful giving. There are three primary methods of giving to Grace:

**In-Person Offering:** As you enter the sanctuary there are Offering Boxes just inside each door. Drop your offering into one of these boxes at worship. Or drop your donation off at the church office during office hours (9 am-4 pm Monday to Friday.)



**Pre-Authorized Debit:** You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. There are various options for time(s) of the month. See Sheila Dunham (Financial Secretary) or contact the church office for the forms to set-up your giving.



**E-Transfer:** Send e-transfers using the email address: [treasureratgrace536@gmail.com](mailto:treasureratgrace536@gmail.com). Please clearly indicate in the message section how much you are giving to particular funds. (Ex: Current, Missions, Building, Benevolent, Easter)



## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AT GRACE

There are 4 primary funds to which people designate offerings:

**Current – The Ministry of Grace.** This fund supports everything we do as a congregation.

**Missions - Supporting our Ministry Partners:** This fund supports our donations to our partners such as Canadian Baptist Ministries (around the world) Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (Atlantic Provinces), Baptist Chaplaincy in the hospitals, Greenhill Lake Camp, Acadia Divinity College, Crandall University, and more.

**Building – Major Property Repairs:** This fund is used to help with major repairs to the church building such as a roof.

**Benevolent – People in Emergency Need:** This fund is used to help congregants and community people when they are facing a financial crisis for whatever reason.

Additionally, there is **Other – Time-Limited Emphasis:** These funds support special projects for a period of time. Currently, there is one main project: Organ Restoration Project.



## 2025 TITHES & OFFERINGS OF CHARITABLE RECEIPTS

Please note, that for donations to qualify for **Charitable Receipts for 2025** income tax deductions, must be received by **December 31st**. The last opportunity to give in 2025 will be at the morning worship service on Sun, December 28th. If you are planning to drop your donation off at the church office, please note the **office will be closed after December 24th**. E-transfers also need to be made no later than December 31st.

