

AMAZING GRACE

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ADVENT SERVICES

DECEMBER 3 | 9AM & 10:30AM | Virtual & In Person
THE REAL GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS: *The Gift of Peace*
LUKE 2:8-20

DECEMBER 10 | 9AM & 10:30AM | Virtual & In Person
THE REAL GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS: *The Gift of Hope*
MATTHEW 1:18-25

DECEMBER 17 | 9AM & 10:30AM | Virtual & In Person
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 24 | 9AM & 10:30AM | Virtual & In Person
THE REAL GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS: *The Gift of Joy*
LUKE 1:39-56

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7PM FAMILY SERVICE

9PM CHORAL COMMUNION SERVICE



HANGING OF THE GREENS

All are invited to help prepare the church for Christmas! Join us on Saturday, December 2 at 9AM for Hanging of the Greens.

ADVENT POTLUCK

The first Sunday of Advent brings back our "First Sunday" Potlucks! Plan to join us for lunch in the Great Hall on Sunday, December 3 at 11:30AM. Pasta with / without meat sauce will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. The warming oven will be available. There's no better way to start the Christmas season than sharing a meal together!

UMW CHRISTMAS TEA

All are invited on Thursday, December 7 at 1PM to the UMW Christmas Tea! The program will be held in the Sanctuary and will feature music by the Swing Sisters. After the program, treats will be served in the Great Hall.

ADVENT STUDY

with PASTOR JIM CLARK

Begins November 28
Call the church office if you would like to join us!
574-288-4789

ALMOST CHRISTMAS

A WESLEYAN
ADVENT EXPERIENCE

ADVENT STUDY

ADULTS

In 1741, John Wesley preached his famous sermon titled "The Almost Christian" in which he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly, striving to be altogether Christians. In Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience, authors Magrey deVega, Ingrid McIntyre, April Casperson, and Matt Rawl explore how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, connecting our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy.

Pastor Jim invites you to join him on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30PM starting November 28. Let's enter into the Christmas season with a commitment to be Altogether Christians, grateful for the gifts of Peace, Hope, Love and

Joy, and ready to share them with others.

Books can be purchased on Amazon for \$18. If you need help purchasing your book please let us know.

CHILDREN

While Pastor Jim leads the Advent Study for adults, the children will have their own Advent Study, which will also be on Tuesday nights from 6PM-7:30PM. We will be discovering the wonders of preparing for Christmas. Hope to see you there!

DINNER

Dinner will be served at 5:30PM each Tuesday before class. We would love to share a meal with you! Please call the church office (574-288-4789) to let us know if you'll be joining us so we know how much food to prepare.



SERVICE OF PEACE

December 21 | 7pm | Stockroom East
625 E Jefferson Blvd, South Bend

A gathering with music and readings to bring peace and hope for all.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES | 9AM & 10:30AM (Livestream & In-Person)

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION CALENDAR

If you would like to celebrate or memorialize a loved one or event by dedicating flowers for the altar, please sign up at signupgenius.com/go/70a084eadae2aa4f94-altar. Please sign up by 10AM on the Tuesday before desired date.

THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BETTER WE CAN CARE!

If you or anyone in your life needs care, love, prayer and support, please contact Melodie at 574-288-4789 or email the Grace Cares confidential email address at gracecares@gracemethodist.org. Grace Cares about you!



MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO GRACE UMC

If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR Code or text 574-444-3044 and follow the prompts. Please remember Grace United Methodist Church when doing your estate planning.