

Grace Church Calendar – February 2017

(Post on your refrigerator or somewhere convenient for reference)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY</p> <p>Communion Assistants - Michael & Wanda Hall Greeter - Debi Pisko Ushers - Allen Biggerstaff, James Hall, Joe Whisnant, Ted Whisnant Children's Church and Nursery - Emilee Bumgardner, Sheila Drum Offering Tabulators - Mike Pisko, Herb Travis</p>			<p>1</p> <p>12:00P Fred T. Foard Seniors @ Wesley Chapel 6:00P Choir Practice 6:45P Women's Prayer Reunion Group 6:45P Men's Prayer Reunion Group</p> <p><i>Josie Jarrett</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Tricia Panek Rebecca Speagle-Rogers</i></p>	
<p>5</p> <p>9:30A SCS Learning Hour 10:00A Youth Music 10:30A Worship Celebration 12:00P First Sunday Lunch (FH) 1:00P Women of Grace (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30A Staff Mtg. 6:15P Daisy & Brownie Troop (FH) 7:00P Property/Facilities Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00P Chancel Choir Practice 6:45P Women's Prayer Reunion Group 6:45P Men's Prayer Reunion Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00A Men of Grace Prayer Breakfast @ the Blue Moon</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>9:00A Second Sunday Breakfast (FH) 9:30A SCS Learning Hour 10:00A Youth Music 10:30A Worship Celebration 11:30A Praise/Worship Ministry Team Mtg 3:00P Ministry Team Mtgs. 4:00P Leadership Ministry Board Mtg. 5:00P Valentine Dinner (FH)</p> <p><i>Bobbie Brendle</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>NO Staff Mtg.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>NALC Pastors' Conference in Orlando, Florida 2/14 @ 8:30 AM - 2/16 @ 12:00 PM</p> </div>		<p>15</p> <p>12:00P - 2:00P Grace Senior/Adult Luncheon (FH) 6:00P Chancel Choir Practice 6:45P Women's Prayer Reunion Group 6:45P Men's Prayer Reunion Group</p> <p><i>Joshua Fulbright Michael Whalen</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study</p> <p><i>Randy Frye</i></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00P - 9:00P Harvey Leatherman Family, use of Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Meredith Martin</i></p>
<p>19 Newsletter deadline</p> <p>9:30A SCS Learning Hour 10:00A Youth Music 10:30A Worship Celebration 2:30P NC Lutherans for Life at St. John's Lutheran, Conover</p> <p><i>Randy Fulbright</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30A Staff Mtg. 6:15P Daisy & Brownie Troop (FH)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00P Chancel Choir Practice 6:45P Women's Prayer Reunion Group 6:45P Men's Prayer Reunion Group</p> <p><i>Marjorie McDaniel</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Carolyn Whisnant</i></p>	
<p>26</p> <p>9:30A SCS Learning Hour 10:00A Youth Music 10:30A Worship Celebration</p> <p><i>Crystal Smith</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30A Staff Mtg. 6:15P Daisy & Brownie Troop (FH)</p>	<p>28 Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>6:00P Pancake Supper</p>	<p>March 1 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7:00P Ash Wednesday Worship (UC)</p>			<p>FH = event held in Fellowship Hall UC = event held in Union Church PS = event held in Picnic Shelter</p>	

COVENANT OF CONDUCT

Grace Lutheran Church
Newton, North Carolina

In order for our congregation and Leadership Ministry Board to deal effectively with issues within the congregation, and to maintain good relationships within the Christian Community at Grace, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. Every member of our community is free to express his or her opinions about the ministry.
2. Opinions about other persons or programs led by other persons shall always be shared according to the Biblical wisdom of Jesus found in Matthew 18:15 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.'
3. Members are invited to share their opinions directly with their leaders (Board members, staff, pastors, volunteers) in conversation that is mutually uplifting of our ministry.
4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to one another, the other member shall ask: "What would you like me to do with this information?"
 - a) If it regards another person reference Matthew 18: 15-17.
 - b) If it regards a point that can be dealt with respond: "I know someone who might be able to help you with that."
 - c) If it regards something needing Board attention, see #5 below.
5. If a member desires information be shared with the Board the following may be said:
 - a) If the person is willing to share the concern in person: "I can see that this is important to you. I think you should share it with the whole Board. Our next meeting is set for ... Call our president and she/he will gladly make time for you on our agenda."
 - b) If the person is unwilling or unable to share the concern in person: "I can see that this is important to you. I would like to share this concern on your behalf with the whole Leadership Board. I can only do so with your permission to use your name when I share this information. Do I have your permission to do that?"
 - c) If the person is unwilling to publicly air their concern at all: "I'm sorry, I know this is important to you but I will not share your concern with others as we do not deal with anonymous letters, gossip, or opinions in this congregation."
6. When our leaders come together to guide our congregation we fully expect them to:
 - a) Pray and call upon the presence of our gracious God.
 - b) Reflect upon and discern the will of God for our congregation.
 - c) Model cordiality, hospitality and patience with one another.
 - d) Represent and strive for our communal good rather than personal agendas.
 - e) Deal with disagreements honestly, openly and with loving-kindness.
 - f) Listen carefully to others' concerns and seek to understand them clearly.
 - g) Model Matthew 18: 15-17 in all their dealings with others.
7. As God's children in Christ we shall: Care as we have been cared for, share as we have been gifted, forgive as we have been forgiven and love as we have been loved.

PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

As a member of the Leadership Ministry Board of Grace Lutheran Church, I agree to the following principles:

1. I will follow the Leadership Covenant of Conduct.
2. I will ensure that confidential Board discussions, documents, and other information distributed for or discussed at Board meetings will remain confidential.
3. I will support and promote all Board decisions and actions, even if I disagree with them.
4. I will strive to be positive and joyful in my conversations with others about the work of the church.
5. I will model the behavior of a disciple by praying and reading the Bible daily.
6. I will attend all Board meetings and special meetings as prescribed by the Constitution.
7. I will prepare for all Board meetings and special meetings by thoroughly reading any documents distributed in advance of the meeting, and, when possible, having motions prepared in writing for distribution at the meeting.
8. When called upon, I will serve as a member of a Ministry Team, Task Force, and or Hiring/Call Teams as needed.

Adopted/Board Retreat 01.15.17