

Order of Service

Call to Worship "Tidings of Joy" Choir

Welcome

Scripture Memory: 2 Peter 1:3a

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence."

Prayer

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Communion



"Joy Has Dawned"

"Hear The Angels Sing/Finale" Choir

SERMON Dr. Ross Layne

"Enslaved No More"

Galatians 4:1-7

Closing Hymn "Doxology"

Benediction

Welcome to Grace Community Church!



Grace Community Church is live-streaming the worship service on Facebook Live and You tube.



You can access either: through the link on the homepage at ourgcc.com Please be sure to contact the church office church at **414-771-3020** or email office@ourgcc.com to let us know if you would like a phone call from a pastor.

NEED HELP?

If you have a special need at this time, please let us know how we can be of help. Contact the office at: **414-771-3020** or email at office@ourgcc.com

Events This Week



Mon. Jan.01 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Office Closed
Tue. Jan.02 6:30 pm: Men's Study
Wed. Jan.03 7:00 pm: BOG
Sun. Jan.07 9:00 am: Sunday School & GCF's
10:15 am: Corporate Worship

Upcoming Events

Tue. Jan.09 6:30 pm: Men's Study
7:00 pm: Elders
Wed. Jan.10 6:45 pm: Learning and Leaning
Fri. Jan.12 6:00 pm: Grace4Kids
Sat. Jan.13 9:00 am: Decoration Takedown
Sun. Jan.14 9:00 am: Sunday School & GCF's
10:15 am: Corporate Worship
12:00 pm: Seasoned Salt Lunch



The Escalera and Clemins families would like to thank Grace Community Church for all the prayers, cards, meals, love, and support during Eric's unexpected passing and funeral.

Please join us Saturday, Jan. 13th at 9:00am to help (un) deck our halls. There is lots to put away from our 2023 Christmas season.....and many hands make light work!! This is also a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.



See Judi Kasun for more information!

TAG TEAM Bowling League!

Come join us for fun and fellowship while we bowl!

Mondays for 12 weeks Jan.8th - March 25th
2 person teams \$15 per week
(first week will be \$20 for prize fund)
AMF West Lanes 7505 W Oklahoma Ave
Invite your friends/family to join too!

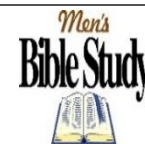
Please contact Martin or Anna Ehret 414-388-4569 if you would like to join, or sign up at the back table!



Note: Please place your offering in the box on the back table next to the door as you leave the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study

II Kings
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 204.
For more info see Phil Snyder



There will be a New Year prayer gathering **TODAY**, December 31st Room 204.
From 12:15pm until approx.1pm

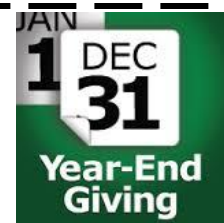


Nancy Kolp would like to thank everyone at GCC for all your prayers, cards, meals and encouragement over the past few weeks and months during recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to the Piggott family for the recent loss of Al's dear brother, John. May the Lord give them comfort as they mourn their loss. Please keep Al, Mary, Melissa, and the rest of the Piggott family in your prayers.

A Message from the Treasurer, Kurt Sonnenburg:

"All donations/gifts that you desire to go on your 2023 GCC giving statement, must be sent to GCC office by 12/31/23"



Buying gas and groceries?
Planning a special meal?
Shopping Online or In-Store
RaiseRight can work for you!

RaiseRight is just another way to pay for your purchases using gift cards *in place of* cash, checks and credit cards! **Plus, they make great gifts themselves!** Don't forget we stock approx. **40** cards but can order from over **750** vendors. GCC receives between 2 and 14% rebate on all cards purchased.

See Darleen at the Book Table in the Lobby

The 2023 Five Day Bible Reading Program

Week 1

Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1
Genesis 3-5; Mark 2
Genesis 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 3
Genesis 9-11; Mark 4
Genesis 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5
www.FiveDayBible.com

ANNIVERSARIES



Jan.03: Joel and Renae Ebert
Jan.05: John and Zaida Jaquez

BIRTHDAYS

Dec.31: Todd Clemins
Jan.01: Cathy Degner, Maria Toeller
Jan.03: Kyle Menger
Jan.04: Evelyn Hintz
Jan.06: Jasmine Brown
Jan.08: Daniel and Brandon Aguilar
Jan.09: Jovelyn Clemins
Jan.10: Colin Zielinski
Jan.11: Tim Kasun
Jan.12: Jasmin Kersh



Today I will pray for:

Our Church Family

- * Jim H. - Healing
- * Nancy K.- Healing
- * Alan M. - Healing
- * Kathleen C. – Healing
- * Tim C.- Healing
- * Roxanne L. - Strength
- * Angela T. - Healing
- * Kate G. – Healing
- * Strong marriages at GCC
- * Church members & attendees without jobs
- * Lost family and friends
- * Elijah E. – Serving in the Military

Missionaries Serving Locally & Overseas:

- * Tige and Renee Smith - Cambodia
- * SBC Gerson Reyes – Mexico City, Mexico
- * Tim T - Philippines
- * Samuel M - Romania
- * Eugeniusz T – Poland/ Ukraine Relief
- * SBC Africa Representatives – Bayak; Radi I., Prosper, Simon S.
- * SBC Myanmar Representative - Henry L.
- * SBC India Rep. - Kishore, Prasanna Kumar, Gummadi Ebenezer
- * Joel, Jeff M., Phil., Jarrett - Grace to the Streets
- * Milwaukee Rescue Mission
- * WVCY Radio WI USA

Sunday Morning GCF & Sunday School Groups

Prayer Group: 8:30 am - Room 118
One Accord GCF: Room 306 - Led by Rick Ellis
New Life GCF: - Cafeteria
Sunday School:
PreK-6 years – Rm. 207 - Melissa Layne, Karen Donohoo
7-12 years – Room 201 - Ariail Layne and helper

Helpers for today

Prayer: Pastor Ross
Sunday School: NO Class
Nursery: Anita Weinzatl, Jodi Petty
Children's Church: Laure Klafke and Kiddy Jones
Greeters: Bill and Debbie O'Brien, Dave Grabman, Jan Bergersen

Helpers for January 7th

Prayer: Al Piggott
Sunday School: Melissa Layne, Karen Donohoo
Nursery: Beth Neustifter, Jasmin Kersh
Children's Church: Debbie O'Brien, Kiddy Jones, Lynne Chambers
Greeters: Don & Anita Weinzatl, John & Kate Ivy

Praise Team

John Jaquez (leader), Tim & Suzanne Caldwell, Tim & Judi Kasun, Jeff & April Smith

Technical and Sound

Jesse Ceron, Dean Mertins, Kurt Sonnenburg

GCC Giving

Last Week 2023: \$10,689.00
Last Week 2022: \$12,108.00
YTD 2023: \$321,886.02
YTD 2022: \$338,205.11

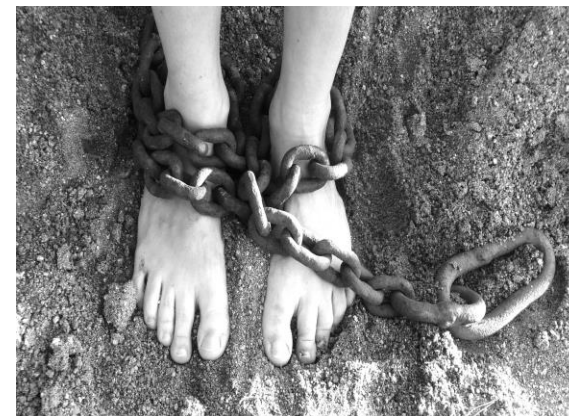


Invest In a Vision:

Special offerings are given for the GCC building fund. To donate, write **Invest in A Vision** (IIAV) on memo line of your check.
Last Week: \$80.00
Total IIAV: \$326,653.88
SCRIP: Total Profit for Jan.- Nov. 2023 - \$2,556.39
Total Profit for Jan. - Dec. 2022 - \$3,236.31



December 31st, 2023
Communion Sunday



“ENSLAVED NO MORE”

Presented by:
Dr. Ross Layne

*“So you are no longer a slave, but a son.”
Galatians 4:7*

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Thou didst leave Thy throne
And Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity

Chorus

O come to my heart Lord Jesus
There is room in my heart for Thee

Heaven's arches rang
When the angels sang
Proclaiming Thy royal degree
But in lowly birth
Didst Thou come to earth
And in great humility

Thou camest O Lord
With the living word
That should set Thy people free
But with mocking scorn
And with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary

When the heavens shall ring
And the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory
Let Thy voice call me home
Saying yet there is room
There is room at My side for thee

Chorus 2

My heart shall rejoice Lord Jesus
When Thou comest and callest for me

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Savior what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

Doxology

Chorus 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

