



WELCOME

If you're new to Grace, read on!

We want you to feel at home and get connected to God's amazing grace for your life!

- Pick up your gift at the **Welcome Center** at the main entrance.
- Attend **"A Taste of Grace"** on Sunday, January 8, after both services to meet our pastors and learn about our church! A meal is provided.
- Connect with others by attending **Sunday morning** or **Midweek Grace**, try a **Community Group**, or **Volunteer in a ministry**.

Learn more by visiting the Welcome Center (by the front doors) or check us out online at gracepres.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to all who participated in preparing shoeboxes for needy children. We collected 1,350 very fully filled boxes at Grace. The total from the Peoria and Washington collection centers was 30,752! When the boxes arrive at their destination, a gospel booklet printed in the child's language is added. Including family members and friends, it is estimated that 7 to 9 people hear the Word of God as a result of receiving a shoebox. Please pray for many to come to know Christ through this gift.

A Family-Size Thank You for Grace Family Christmas

We would like to take a moment to thank all those who have participated in Grace Family Christmas this year. From choir, to orchestra, media, hospitality, ticketing, security, facilities, and much much more, the Grace Worship Ministry gives a mighty shout of praise to God for you. Because of your contribution, the gospel has been shared with close to 4,000 people in person and will be shared to countless more via television and DVD sales. We ask that the entire Grace Family joins us in praying for all those who would hear the gospel in this production. May many come to Christ and may all who hear be reminded In This is Love.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Pioneer Girls and Boys' Brigade

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 PM

Boys Brigade (3rd - 6th grade) and Pioneer Girls (1st - 6th grade) are meeting this Wednesday.

Boys' Brigade Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 PM

Pal-Gal Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 6:45 PM

This is a time for Pals and Gals to get to know each other better, exchange gifts, and have fun celebrating Christmas together. Meet in the Gal's classroom.

ADULTS

GriefShare Support Group

Monday, December 5, 6-8 PM — Lounge

GriefShare is having a special session entitled "Surviving the Holidays." There will be a video and a time of sharing with others who have lost a loved one. For questions or to register, call Geri Ringelsapugh at 309.251.2434 or Donna Warner at 309.397.6848. Walk-ins are welcome.

Christmas Cookies for the Homebound

Saturday, December 10, 9 AM

Our "Friends Visiting" ministry is looking for volunteers to bake, sort and/or deliver Christmas cookies to over 125 homebound Grace family members this year! Drop off cookies in the Special Ed room Friday, December 9, from 8:30 AM to noon or before 9 AM on Saturday. Sorting begins at 9 AM with delivery shortly after. Please sign up in a Sunday School class, call Bev Wright at 309.685.8549, or email billnbevwright@att.net.

Grace Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 13, 6 PM — Barrack's Cater Inn

All women are invited. Enjoy dinner and special music with Juliet Wu. Tickets are \$16 and available for purchase in the atrium. For more information, please contact Carol Learned at 309.231.0401.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

4 Grace Family Christmas
4 PM

23 Church Office Closed

24 Christmas Eve Services
4 PM and 6 PM

25 Christmas Service 10 AM
No Sunday School

26 Church Office Closed

MEDIA

Grace Alive!

Sundays

WEEK-TV 25 — 9 AM

WBNH-FM 88.5 — 9 AM

Live Stream

media.gracepres.org — 11 AM

Unlimited Grace Radio

Weekdays

WPEO-AM 1020 — 8:30 AM

WPEO-FM 97.7 — 8:30 AM & PM

WPEO-FM 103.9 — 8:30 AM & PM

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For more information on upcoming events please visit our website at www.gracepres.org/events.

KIDS

Grace Kidz

Sundays -

infant - age 4 — 8:30 AM

infant - sixth grade — 9:45 AM

infant - second grade — 11 AM

YOUTH

Jr. and Sr. High

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 AM

Jr/Sr High Christmas Skate Party!

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Peoria Palace Roller Skating Rink

11009 N. State St., Mossville, IL 61552

Our annual Christmas roller skating party is coming up and we would love all Jr. and Sr. Highers to come! Wear an ugly Christmas sweater if you like and bring \$6.50 for skate rental. The snack shop and arcade games will also be available. Don't forget to bring a friend and we'll see you there! If you have questions, contact John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

YAMS Sunday Night Life

No gathering tonight.

Volleyball

Thursday, 6 PM — Gym

MEN

Ministry to Men Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 AM — Front Porch

WOMEN

MOPS@grace

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM — Atrium

Wednesday Nights, Resuming in January

Bible Studies

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM — Various Rooms

Wednesday Nights, Resuming in January

MIDWEEK GRACE

Midweek Grace activities resume January 11.



DECEMBER

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

GRACE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Star Bright, Son's Light"
Dr. Bryan Chapell
Matthew 2:1-12
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BLESSING FOR GOD'S MISSION

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2016

We invite everyone who calls Grace Church home to enter into a lifestyle of generous giving! Your gifts make ministry here, and around the world, possible.

Giving to Church Ministries (Fiscal Year-to-Date)

What We Planned	What We Gave	Ahead/(Behind)
\$419,000	\$415,978	(\$3,022)

Missions Giving (10% of Church Ministries Donations)

What We Planned	What We Set Aside	Ahead/(Behind)
\$41,900	\$41,598	(\$302)

(Additional Missions Offerings)

What We Planned	What We Gave	Ahead/(Behind)
\$25,872	\$16,730	(\$9,142)

Monthly Mortgage Update

As of October 1	As of November 1	Amount Reduced
\$2,789,000	\$2,762,000	\$27,000

NOTE: You may give to the church mortgage by indicating "Growing Grace" or "Church Mortgage" on your donation.

REMEMBER GRACE: We are thankful to all those who remember Grace Church in their will and estate planning. We thank God for your legacy of love!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Shawnda Friday - November 24, 2016. Daughter of Stan (Theresa), mother of Sarah Soistman, sister of Aaron Friday, Aven Friday, Cecilie Barth and Michelle St. Louis.

Robert Ballard - November 25, 2016. Father of Darin and Scott Ballard, and brother of Irma Stephenson.

Robert Hrdlicka - November 28, 2016. Husband of Glenda, father of Bill and Bob Hrdlicka, John Cummings, Theresa Tarpley, brother of Craig (Pam) Hrdlicka, Mary Ann Broadfield and Sharon Morgan.

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MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

Matt and Sarah Wallace – Youth For Christ



Matt and Sarah started working with Youth For Christ in Peoria last May in a one year internship. They are Grace's newest supported missionaries. As they work with high schoolers in Peoria, they desire to see these teens evangelized, edified, and equipped in Christ, to become faithful men and women, and raise other faithful men and women. To learn more about their current ministry and how to pray for them, visit the Missions Kiosk near the main entrance and pick up their newsletter.

