

Christmas at Word of Peace

December 16: Festival of Carols | 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM—This festive worship service features special music with choirs, bells, harp, timpani, flute, oboe, percussion, strings, and special guest, Rachel Kurtz.

December 18: Promises of Hope | 6:30 PM—A special contemplative worship for those who are experiencing loss and heartache.

December 24: Christmas Eve Family Worship | 10:00 AM & Noon—Designed especially for families with young children, although anyone may attend. We celebrate Christ's birth with Holy Communion, festive music and a kid-friendly message that will inspire and engage all ages.

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship | 2:00, 3:30, 4:45, 6:00, and 11:00 PM—These timeless worship services feature a biblical retelling of the Christmas Story along with carols and prayer by candlelight. *Holy Communion will be served at all Christmas Eve services except 3:30 and 4:45.*

December 25: Christmas Day Worship | 10:00 AM—Happy Birthday, Jesus! We gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the most wonderful gift ever. *Holy Communion will be served.*

NOTE: *Christmas Eve services earlier in the day are generally at capacity with overflow seating in the Gathering Area. Attending a late afternoon or evening service will hopefully help provide comfortable seating and parking for everyone. Additional parking will be available across the street at ADO.*

WORSHIP, CLASSES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Special Congregational Meeting—The Building Task Force has met with our architect to develop initial plans to expand our facility to accommodate growth in our worship, fellowship, and education ministries. The church leadership has approved moving forward with these plans to explore their feasibility. **Building plans will be presented to the congregation at a special meeting on Sunday, December 16 at 12:15 PM.** Voting members should plan to attend.

Parents Afternoon Out is Saturday, December 15 from 1-5 PM. Cost is \$5/hour for potty-trained children; \$7/hour for infants and children not potty-trained. \$50 family maximum. Sign up on the Youth bulletin board. For more information contact Christina Verbick at (763) 496-2430 or cverbick@wordofpeace.org.

Fair Trade Fair—Fair trade gift items will be sold before and after worship today in the Gathering Area. Purchase beautiful, handmade Christmas gifts from artisans around the world, while participating in a mission

to eradicate poverty. **NEW: Order online by December 17** and items will arrive at your door before Christmas! Type this link in your web browser: serrv.org?a=wordofpeace.

Word of Peace will offer another session of Life Groups this winter. If you are interested in being a Life Group leader, please contact Lydia Svenulski, Director of Adult Ministry, at lsvenulski@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2421, or Pastor Tyler at tstrom@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2400. More information about Life Groups can be found at wordofpeace.org/adults.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite someone to worship this Christmas! Please share the enclosed Christmas bookmark with a friend or neighbor.

Word of Peace has hired Kyia Haebig as the new part-time Youth Ministry Admin. Please stop in and say hello!

Advent Calendars are \$5.00 each and feature a milk chocolate treat hiding behind each window. Makes a great gift! Quantities are limited and calendars are available in the Gathering Area and outside the Children's Ministry office.

Thank you for your generous response to the Gofundchurch Pledge Drive! If you haven't pledged already, you can do so anytime at wordofpeace.org/pledge or by filling out a pledge card (available at the Information Desk) and dropping it off at the church office.

Flowers on the altar were given by Josh Holland in celebration of his wife, Mindy Holland's, 40th birthday.

The Cover to Cover at-home guide is located in the back of your bulletin each week. Take it home and use it to practice prayer, Bible reading/reflection and family connection.

There will be no Yoga on Sunday, December 16.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Do you enjoy decorating for Christmas? Join us this afternoon (Sunday) from 2-3:30 PM to help transform the church for the holiday season! All ages are welcome and there will be festive music and light refreshments.

Local Christmas Relief—Financial donations are being collected and distributed to families in need in our community. Special giving envelopes are available at the main entrances to the Sanctuary and a credit/debit card reader is available at the Information Desk. Or, you can give online at wordofpeace.org/give (select "Other" in the Giving Type section and type "Local Christmas Relief" in the memo).

Worship Volunteers are needed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—Make it a part of your family tradition to serve! Sign up at the Volunteer Desk in the North Gathering Area or contact Lydia Svenulski at lsvenulski@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2421.

CROSS Holiday Food Drive—CROSS desperately needs food for its families this holiday season. Shopping lists are available at the CROSS Corner in the North Gathering Area. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items to the CROSS truck at Cub Foods in Rogers on Sunday, December 9 from Noon-4 PM or to the CROSS Corner. Fresh food may be dropped off directly at CROSS, 12915 Weiland Circle in Rogers.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

All Confirmation Volunteers are invited to the Youth Room on Wednesday, December 12 from 7-8:30 PM for a quick Christmas coffee break, and treats. We appreciate you so much!

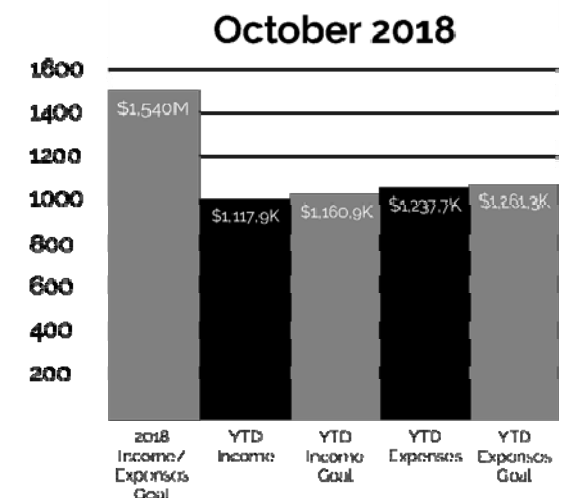
Ugly Sweater Christmas Party—Join all your high school friends on Sunday, December 9 from 6:30-8 PM wearing your favorite Ugly Christmas Sweater! We will have snacks, games, an ugly sweater contest, fellowship, and so much fun!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Word of Peace is solely funded by the financial gifts from church members, guests, and attenders like you. If you are currently giving to Word of Peace, THANK YOU! Your continued giving is vital to support the 2018 operations and the ministry that Word of Peace provides to the congregation and community.

Please consider a recurring gift to ensure that you are continuing to support Word of Peace even when you are unable to get to church. More information at wordofpeace.org/give.

Questions? Contact Linda Thomas, Director of Administration, at (763) 496-2407 or lthomas@wordofpeace.org.



Total Loans: \$110,000

Budgeted Loans: \$100,377

WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, December 9 | SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

Worship at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM
Church School at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM
All Morning: Fair Trade Fair
11 AM Baptism Class
5:30 PM Yoga
6:30 PM High School Youth Group
7 PM Men's Group (Clive's)

Monday, December 10

All Evening: Fair Trade Fair
Church School at 5 and 6:30 PM
5 PM Kids of the Kingdom
5:30 PM Monday Night Meal (Hamburger Stroganoff)
6:30 PM Worship
6:30 PM DivorceCare
7 PM Deo Glorias

Tuesday, December 11

9 AM Women's Friendship Circle
9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group
6 PM Cub Scouts Den 4/Pack 582
6:30 PM Grief Support Group
6:30 PM Caregivers Support Group
6:30 PM Executive Team
7 PM Boy Scout Parent Committee
7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 12

9:30 AM MOPS Christmas Party
5:30 PM Confirmation Early Group
6 PM Angel Wings
6:30 PM Confirmation Late Group
6:30 PM Confirmation Volunteers Christmas Coffee Break
6:30 PM Bible 101
7:30 PM Festival Chorus
7:30 PM Discovering the Leader in Me

Thursday, December 13

10 AM Bible 101
3:15 PM Spirit Wind
6 PM Grace Choir
6:30 PM Property Team
7 PM AA

Friday, December 14

6 PM Girl Scout Troop #17937

Saturday, December 15

9 AM Festival of Carols Rehearsal
1 PM Parents Afternoon Out

Sunday, December 16 | THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT

Festival of Carols at all Services
Worship at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM
Church School at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM
9:45 AM MSM.AM
12:15 AM Special Congregational Meeting
6 PM Confirmation Rehearsal

Monday, December 17

Church School at 5 and 6:30 PM
5 PM Kids of the Kingdom
5:30 PM Monday Night Meal (Chili, Chicken Nuggets)
6:30 PM Worship
6:30 PM DivorceCare
7 PM Deo Glorias
7:30 PM Lead Gift Team

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns are listed in the worship bulletin for one week unless otherwise requested, or it is an on-going difficulty for a church member. Prayers of the Church that are spoken during worship will include new prayer concerns and updates. Thank you for understanding as we meet the many prayer requests and needs of the Word of Peace congregation and community.

Ill or Hurt-Sawyer Rockwood, Barbara Madden, Bev Tepley, Gunnar Lindaaas, Ella Wenzel, Sarah Smith, Mary Lu Mattson, Aurora Long-Berning

Battling Cancer-Todd Johnson, David Van Dan, Bud Redepenning, Karen Glimsdale, Cheryl Randklev, Suzanne Polkeyberg, Syd Shrader, Bev Reed, Sharon Burn, Peter Henry, Steve Glass, Lori Beauvais, Ruth Moen, Megan Simon, Dee Stencel, Lowell Mattila, Tonyia Lucas, Tanner Hoover, Rose Gilbert, Sue Rawlings, Donna Kuhn, John Holland, Neal Stahl, Kevin, Elaine, Vicki Holts, Cheryl Ganara, Jamie Harff, Kari, Mary, Evonne Schultz, Nathalie, Lori Carlson-Yule, Beth Haney, Shane Burton, Darlene Personius, Maury, Pastor Cyndi Ganzkow-Wold, Craig, Heather Brown, Xander Wold, Rob Lundeed, Janis Teichler, Chelsi Terwey, Tyler Guimont, Wesley Graves, Hailey O'Malley, Joan Ring, Jeanne Olsen, Darin, Tim, Diane Childs, Karla Teasley, Kevin Kleist, Debra Donohue, Mike Childs, Jacob Nardini, LeRoy Slater

Thanksgiving-For the baptism of Aiden Christian Strom

Mourning-Ted and Tammy Lane and family mourning the death of Ted's mother, Barbara Lane. Judy and Norm Volkers and family mourning the death of Judy's mother, Virginia Nelson. Lora, Bryce and Brianna Anderson mourning the death of husband and father, Bob Anderson. Michael Sahlen and family mourning the death of his brother in-law, John Dill. Family and friends mourning the death of Spencer Charlesworth.

Those known by our congregation in military service-Sage Clifft, Joseph Farrow, Stephanie Westrum, Jenny Rose, Austin Lucas, David Hellerude, Chase Schmidt, Bryce Balfanz, Cody Messner, Nick Jones, Tyeler Schmidt, Michelle Werness, Gabe Vicioso, Eric Ouellette, Eric Leiter, Trevor Young, Shawn Alderman, Jacob Kerkow, Matthew Halvorson, Brian Hornbaker, Adam Schutte, Ryan Broyles, Daniel Reichert, James Miller, Pamela Burns, Bill Cole, PJ Holland, Richard Kiphuth, Erin (Schoephoerster) Kukay, Chris Kukay, Michael Scott, Wendy May, Greg Bowers, Brad Kunz, John Vargas, Scott, Chad and Tad Wellsted.

REQUEST A PRAYER

Prayer Box: Please use the prayer cards provided next to the church office window and place your prayer request in the Prayer Box.

Call or Email: Contact Pastor Kristin Skare at kskare@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2404.

Online: Go to wordofpeace.org/pray and use the online form to submit your prayer request.

Prayers will be prayed for during the following week, and the church staff prays for all prayer concerns in the Word of Peace Community each Tuesday.



December 9 & 10, 2018

Welcome to Word of Peace! If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection Card so we can become better acquainted. Cards are available outside the Sanctuary doors and at the Information Desk; or complete the online card at wordofpeace.org/connect.

Children are always welcome! There are a number of spaces and activities designed for children to experience worship in a variety of ways:

- **The nursery** (birth to age 3) is staffed with paid child care assistants. It is located just off the S. Gathering Area across from the kitchen.
- **Busy Bags** (18 mos. to grade 5) filled with quiet activities are available on the racks in the Gathering Area.
- **The PrayGrounds** (birth to age 3) are quiet play spaces in the Sanctuary.

Please help clean up the Busy Bags and PrayGrounds so that they are ready for the next children to enjoy. For more information, please request a copy of the *Children in Worship* handout from an usher or visit wordofpeace.org/children-in-worship.

Hearing-assisted devices are available upon request at the sound & media desk in the back of the Sanctuary.

Join us for social time following worship. Free coffee and \$1 donuts are served in the South Gathering Area on Sundays. Stay awhile and get to know one another!

Looking for more information? Visit wordofpeace.org to find out about upcoming events, learn more about our church programs and ministries, listen to the weekly message, subscribe to our mailing list, make a donation, and more. Or, stop by the Information Desk in the North Gathering Area with any questions.

Our Vision and Mission Statement

Our vision is to be a community where everyone knows Christ's Love and shares Christ's Love with all people.

Christ works through us as we welcome all people to grow in faith, love, and devotion, share Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

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Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Fri 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

