



# Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

*It's that time of year again when we all begin decorating for Christmas. We buy lights, trees, bows, presents, and who knows what else as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Isn't it nice? Who doesn't look forward to Christmas. However, as we prepare for this Holiday Season, let us not forget another important part of the year.*

*Advent has just begun, and along with a time of preparation for Christmas, we emphasize a time of preparation for the return of our Lord. This is a time where we can share the Gospel message that Jesus Christ will return. Christmas is a time when it is much easier to talk to strangers about faith, and during this season, I encourage you to do just that. Share your faith, **INVITE OTHERS TO CHURCH!!!!** Give them the opportunity to experience the presence of God that each of us experience on Sunday mornings. If Sunday mornings are a little too "formal", then invite them to our Wednesday evening Advent services. This year we will once again use Holden Evening Prayer, accompanied by guitar rather than keyboard. It's a time for us to gather in a less formal yet still intimate setting and worship God through a different means.*

*Advent is a season of hope, and a season of preparation. Springs of Grace has a lot of preparing to do as we move toward the future. We have been doing very well, but we still have lots to do. So I encourage you to get as involved as you can with the church. Come to Sunday School, come to mid-week Bible Study, come to the Advent services. All of these will not only help you nurture your faith, but they will strengthen your relationship with God and with the people of Springs of Grace.*

*I hope that each of you have a very joyous Advent, and that it is followed by an exciting Christmas. I pray for each of you during this Holiday Season that God will fill your heart with joy, love, and peace.*

*God's Peace,*

*Pastor Judson*

Volume 1, Issue 12

December 1, 2008

#### Inside this issue:

Calendar	2
Those who serve	3
Flower List	4
Offering and Attendance	4
Back Page Notes	4
Council Meeting Notes	4

#### In our Prayers

- Alma
- Doris and her Mom
- Ann
- St. John's Lutheran Church

# December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Bible Study 10:30 Advent Service 7:00	<i>4</i> <b>Landrum Parade</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Church Decorat- ing 10:00
<i>7</i> <b>Second Sunday</b> <i>in Advent</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Bible Study 10:30 Advent Service 7:00	<i>11</i> <b>Council Meet-</b> <b>ing 7:00</b>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <b>Boiling</b> <b>Springs Parade</b> <b>10:00</b> <b>Advent Dinner</b>
<i>14</i> <b>Third Sunday</b> <i>in Advent</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Bible Study 10:30 Advent Service 7:00	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> <b>Fourth Sun-</b> <b>day in Advent</b> Drop-in at the Merrell's house 4-7pm	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Eve Candlelight</b> <b>Service 7:00</b>	<i>25</i> 	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <b>First Sunday</b> <i>in Christmas</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

Those Who Serve—THANKS FOR SIGNING UP!!!

<b>Date</b>	<b>December 7</b>	<b>December 14</b>	<b>December 21</b>	<b>December 28</b>
<b>Canter</b>	<b>Norm Lewis</b>	<b>Norm Lewis</b>	<b>Norm Lewis</b>	<b>LESSONS AND CAR- OLS</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Gere Ablett Larry Cantrell</b>	<b>Melton Roof Todd Kallam</b>	<b>Kay Otten Bob Faulks</b>	<b>Ron Crawley Rich Van Wagoner</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Carrie Merrell</b>	<b>Alice and Robert Smith</b>	<b>Diane Ablett</b>	<b>Kay Otten</b>
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Bob Faulks</b>	<b>Ron Crawley</b>	<b>Gere Ablett</b>	<b>LESSONS AND CAR- OLS</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Gail Hackett Jane Lewis</b>	<b>Gail Hackett Robert Smith</b>	<b>Gail Hackett Evelyn Swain</b>	<b>Gail Hackett Robert Faulks</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Tara Kallam Diane Ablett</b>	<b>Diane Ablett Marjorie Berkeley</b>	<b>Bobby Torrence Marianne Van Wag- oner</b>	<b>Jane Lewis Diane Ablett</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Richard Donaldson</b>	<b>John Fancher</b>	<b>Diane Ablett</b>	<b>LESSONS AND CAR- OLS</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Christine Donaldson</b>	<b>Christine Donaldson</b>	<b>Liz Crawley</b>	<b>Barbara Cantrell</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Hunter Crawley</b>	<b>Taylor Crawley</b>	<b>Hunter Crawley</b>	<b>Hunter Crawley</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Jessie Faulks</b>	<b>Robert Faulks</b>	<b>Jessie Faulks</b>	<b>Robert Faulks</b>



**Springs of Grace  
Lutheran Church**

P.O. Box 161000  
Boiling Springs, SC

864-599-8802  
Office Hours: M-Th 10 am –12 noon  
And by appointment

Rev. Judson F Merrell, pastor  
864-580-9800 ( C )—864-578-0441( H )  
judsonmerrell@bellsouth.net

Church Council:

- Todd Kallam, President
- Gail Hackett, Vice President
- Evelyn Swain, Secretary
- Ron Crawley, Treasurer
- Marjorie Berkeley, Chair-Wor. & Music
- John Fancher, Chair-Evangelism
- Bob Faulks, Chair-Property
- Richard Van Wagoner, Chair-Education

## Back Page Notes

### December Birthdays

Evelyn Swain—10  
Amy Abernathy—29

### DECEMBER FLOWER LIST:

7: Ann Kelley, in remembrance of  
Buddy  
14: Advent 3  
21: Lewis:  
In honor of Alma Uhrhammer  
28: Merrell

Pastor Judson will be on vacation Thursday De-  
cember 25-Thursday Jan 1.

### November Council Meeting Notes

- The Spending plan for 2009 was approved at the congregational meeting.
- New Chairs have been ordered, Advent service preparations are being made, we will once again do a joint Thanksgiving Service.
- A Big THANKS to Gail and Richard for their service on the Church Council!!!

### Giving and Attendance

November 2:	\$4,233.90	50
November 9:	\$1,138.00	41
November 16:	\$2,526.00	47
November 23:	\$1,913.00	52