### The Week Ahead at Grace Presbyterian Church: Dec. 29- Jan, 5

For additional information, call the church office or ask an usher!

Sun. Dec. 29	9:30 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Fellowship
Mon. Dec. 30	7:30 am Kudalini Yoga 9:00 am Jazzercise 7:00 pm Yoga
Tues. Dec. 31	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga
Wed. Jan. 1	Happy New Year!
Thurs. Jan 2	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 6:00 pm Jazzercise
Fri. Jan. 3	
Sat. Jan. 4	8:30 am Jazzercise 8:45 am Iyengar Yoga 10:00 am Mental Spiritual Wellness Topic: Winter Blues
Sun. Jan. 5	9:30 am Sunday Service/Communion 10:30 am Fellowship

# **Vision Statement**

We are an open and affirming congregation. We genuinely welcome people of all ages, race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs, and those who are cognitively and or physically challenged. Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose, each one engaged in ministry, seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship, and embodying God's love for the world.

### \*\*\* GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Financial Information as of October 31, 2024

Please keep your pledge up to date.

Pledge Budget \$68,750

Pledges Received \$66,571

Deficit \$2,179

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Total Dues to Presbytery \$3,400

Dues Received \$1,080

## **Women's Bible Study**

Women's bible study meets every other Wednesday in room 2 from 12 noon to 2 PM The next Meeting dates are January 8 and 22.

We are studying Acts, Awakening to God in Everyday Life, by Melissa Spoelstra. It is not necessary to do any preparation.

We will cover the material together as the Spirit leads us.

Come with an open mind and heart to explore scripture.

Bring your questions and experiences to share.

Questions - Contact Laura Taff - <a href="mailto:lt9115@gmail.com">lt9115@gmail.com</a>

### **Grace For Dinner**

If you are a neighbor in need of food, come to our table

Grace Presbyterian Church is offering a FREE dinner for people facing a food crisis

Saturday, Jan. 11 th-4:00 - 5:30 PM - Doors Open at 4:00

Meals prepared by - Shu House Meal choices:

- 1. Chicken & Broccoli w/rice
- 2. Vegetable LoMein

Please order meals by Monday, January 6th, 732-297-9182 or by email <a href="mailto:office@gracepcsb.org">office@gracepcsb.org</a> Please provide your name, phone number, number of meals and if any are vegetarian. One meal per person please. Let us know if you have transportation limits; we may be able to arrange delivery. If you miss that date remaining meals will be given out starting at 5:45 on a first-come-first serve basis.

### **South Brunswick Food Bank Items Needed:**

Ground coffee - Jelly - Chef Boyardee, or any canned pasta Crushed tomatoes - Pancake mix - Syrup Spaghetti, and any boxed pasta Paper goods: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins

Boxed milk such as Parmalat - Canned tuna
Please bring the item(s) to the church and put it in the cart by the front door. If you have any questions contact Lee - <a href="mailto:mrsp52@comcast.net">mrsp52@comcast.net</a>

# Spirituality & Mental Wellness

Join discussions around Mental Wellness in a safe space over Coffee and Bagels

# **Topic: Winter Blues**

Do you struggle with Seasonal Depression?

Our Facilitator for the morning;

Rev. Luke Ekstrom, Chaplain at Penn Medicine

Saturday, January 4th, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Where: Grace Presbyterian Church

57 Sandhills Road, Kendall Park, NJ

Tel. 732 297 9182 for more information

### **Look Who's Serving**

	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
Liturgist	Mike Royer	Carol Thomson	Lee Piotrowski	Laura Taff
Usher	Sandy Chmielewski	Janice Royer	Mike Royer	Evelyn Savage
Zoom	Janice Royer			
Worship Leader	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton
Coffee Hour		Cheryl Kotch	Vilja Casey	Tami Aug
Counters	Fran Trischetta Laura Taff	Carol Thomson Lee Piotrowski	Mike Royer Dottie Pickell	Fran Trischetta Carol Thomson
Musician	Spenser Gallo	Ted Elias	Ted Elias	Vince DiMura
Open/Close	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer

## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

<u>Pastor Debbie</u> - Debbie is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Works off site on Friday. She can best be reached by email <u>pastordebpaton@gmail.com</u> or cell phone 630-886-6785. Please honor Monday as her sabbath by only calling if it is an emergency.

Vince Di Mura - Music Director

<u>Church Office</u> - The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 25 - Wednesday, January 1. Messages will be checked daily. If you have an emergency please contact Pastor Debbie - 630-886-6785

### **NOT SURE WHO TO CONTACT?**

- Questions about donations Contact Al Goddard
- Questions about the children's ministry contact Nancy Varga nmvarga2011@comcast.net
- Questions about the Deacons contact Kathie Scott kathiemscott@icloud.com
- ❖ Have a prayer request? contact Tami Aug tamaraaug@gmail.com
- Put an announcement in the bulletin? tell the church office by Wednesday. office@gracepcsb.org
- ❖ Put an article in the newsletter? **Meg McQuarrie** meg@elixirfund.org
- **❖** Want to get involved? **Contact an elder.**

Questions about **Finance or Personnel** - Rob Aug; **Hospitality or Outreach** - Donna Keller; **Preschool** - Nancy Varga, Carol Thomson; **Property** - Jim Elieff, Mike Royer; **Worship** -Dottie Pickell; **Stewardship** - Laura Taff; **Christian Ed.** - Nancy Varga; **Wellness** Irene Carman; **Clerk of Session** - Peter Godinez

<u>Elders - Rob Aug</u>, Irene Carman, Jim Elieff, Peter Godinez, Donna Keller, Dottie Pickell, Mike Royer, Laura Taff, Nancy Varga

<u>Deacons</u> - Tami Aug, Gloria Bernard, Judianne Brown, Sandy Chmielewski, Amy Miller, Evelyn Savage, Kathie Scott

### **USERS' GUIDE**

- ➤ Welcome! If you are visiting, please sign our guest book on the table in the hall before entering the worship space.
- ➤ If you have a **prayer request**, fill out a blue *prayer request card* (the other side of the welcome card) and put it in the offering plate.
- > Restrooms are on the fellowship side of the sanctuary.

### More information?

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