

# Grace Notes

From: Rev. Jim Gorski

January 2024

## The New Year

A new year has begun. The page has turned, and we begin a new chapter. What awaits us in the days to come? What will be the difficulties? The challenges? The opportunities? The joys? The sorrows? The triumphs? The defeats?

No one knows the answer to those questions except God. He alone knows what a day will bring because he orchestrates the events of the day.

The Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, "...I am God and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose'" (Isa. 46:9-10).

God controls all things. Nothing happens in this world apart from his sovereign will. And because we know that God is good and all he does is good; we can welcome this new year with the peace of Christ guarding our mind and the joy of the Holy Spirit filling our hearts.

Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 6:24, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." And don't we know by experience the truthfulness of those words?

No man knows what a day may bring. We don't even know what an hour may bring. But because we belong to Jesus, we can live without fear despite the unknown future.

So, as we begin this new year, I have five Scriptures to encourage us and bolster our faith in God's providential care. May we take these words to heart and trust that God will provide for us, protect us, direct us, guide us, and grant us peace throughout this year and every year we live.

Philippians 4:19-20.

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to the riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Isaiah 41:10.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Psalm 73:23-26.

“I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Proverbs 2:6-8.

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.”

Philippians 4:6-7.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

God is with us. He will not forsake us or leave us – ever.

So let us have no fear for what the new year may bring. God is faithful and he will take care of us.

Blessed be his name.

### ***2023 Tax Statements***

Will be ready mid-January and available in the foyer at church. If you need yours to be mailed or emailed to you, please call the church office.

### ***2024 Offering Envelopes***

New offering envelopes for 2024 are available in the foyer at church. If you haven't done so already, please pick yours up and begin using them for the first Sunday of January in 2024. Throw away the old 2023 envelopes so they don't get used by mistake!

*“...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”* ***Philippians 4:6***



## Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

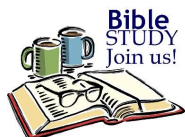
*“First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way.”*

*(I Timothy 2: 1-2)*



Please pray for the following physical concerns and spiritual needs of each, individual.

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”*  
*Jeremiah 29: 12*



**Please Join us every Wednesday  
And hear the bell ring!!!!  
(you have to come to Bible Study to find out!)**

**Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall  
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book  
“Survey of the New Testament”  
By  
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



Happy New Year!! The Circle starting in January will be starting a new Bible study. It is a book by Marci Ogrosky "Gods Cranky Prophets: Jonah and Habakkuk". How to respond in faith when you don't like what God is doing! God does not have to justify to us what he doing, but he does want us to come to him in prayer when we have questions. Please come and see what these prophets have for us to learn in our life. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10am at Grace.

If you have any questions please contact Marsha Allison

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## Calendar of Activities for the Month

**Men of the Covenant:** Thursday, January 4, 6:30 pm  
**WIC Circle Meeting:** Tuesday, January 9, 10:00 am  
**Session Meeting:** Sunday, January 14, 12:00 pm  
**Prayer for our Nation:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am  
**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am



The next **Session Meeting** will be  
**Sunday, January 14, 2024**  
 at **12:00 p.m.**

Please contact Rev. Jim Gorski, Jesse Arnold, Kit Bonvillian, Randy Borill, Cleve Chandler, Dana Andries, Don Andries prior to the meeting if you have items to bring to their attention.

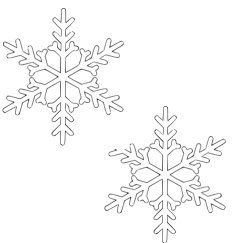
## Men of the Covenant Thursday, January 4

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant which will take place on Thursday, January 4.

We will be meeting at 6:30 to enjoy some good fellowship. Following the meal we will hear a devotion from the Word of God. Men, please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.



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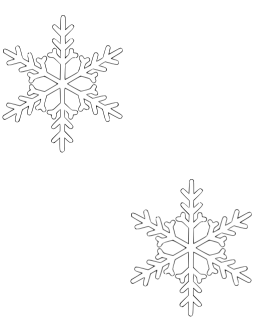


"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

2 Corinthians 5: 17

	1 <i>Happy NEW year</i>	2	3 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Men of the Covenant	5	6
7 <b>Communion</b>	8	9 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	10 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	11	12	13
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**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

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*Thank You*

Grace & Missions Committee,

Thank you for partnering with us in Peru over the years. Since we first went to Peru in 2010, we have seen God use us in many lives. After all the years, we are excited to see new pastors and leaders in the churches in Trujillo. Your contribution helped make that happen. We know it cost you and we want to take this moment to express our gratitude for you. We praise God for you.

We pray the Lord bless you and your family as you celebrate this Christmas. He came and dwelt among us! He is coming back to make all things new!

In the joy of resting in Christ,  
Stuart & Megumi Mills Family

***As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.***

***2 Corinthians 4:18***

