

## GRACE AND HOPE ABOUND TODAY!

Today we celebrate two examples of God's Grace:

First is the baptism of Abigail Grace Murren. Abby is part of our Sunday worship as she comes forward each week for Children's Time and shares her thoughts about "Baby Gee (Jesus)." (Once Abby brought baby Jesus a Christmas cookie!). We see Abby's joy as she dances during the opening hymn with colorful scarves.

In many ways Abby shows us what the TRUST and JOY of a child look like. No wonder Stephanie and Sean named their child *Grace*, and offered her unselfishly to our Lord, to "baby Gee." We are absolutely grateful for Abby and the other children who are part of our church. May God send us many more!

The other Grace we have before us today is this blessed presence of our Sun-catchers, our Snow-birds, our friends. We are blessed to have individuals and couples who live part of the year far away, but who worship with us at Hope in the winter. Some of them have been coming here for 8 or 10 years. Some have just found us.

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# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS



February 24, 2019

**UNDIE SUNDAY** – Missions is collecting new socks and undies for "Undie Sunday" during February. Lots of undies and socks have already been handed in. Good work, Hope. One weeks to go! You can come to the church during the week and hand your contribution in. Also: Remember to save grocery bags for pack-a-snack and bring gently used children's clothes for Clothes-to-Kids.

**GETTING ACQUAINTED** – After worship today, all are invited to Hambley Hall for a get-acquainted reception when we get to meet newer church folks and sun-catchers. They get to share something about who they are and what they like at Hope church. Cookies, fruit and coffee will be served. Please come, everyone!

**THANK YOU** to the Suncatchers who assisted in worship this morning. We do value you!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** -- We begin Lent on March 6 with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 on the sanctuary. Feel free to invite your friends to join us for the imposition of ashes and the beginning of the Lenten season.

**PLAYGROUND** – Renovations are nearly complete. We are planning to re-dedicate the playground on March 17 with prayer and a picnic lunch. Stay Tuned!

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And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

[Philippians 1:6](#)

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Without doubt it is a joy to get to know them and to recognize their faith, their generosity, and their eagerness to worship God wherever they are. Without a doubt we are thankful for the gift of their presence and for their many gifts. Come express our welcome of our Sun-catchers as we have fellowship together in Hambley Hall after worship today.

Visiting another church, I learned the beauty of a Children's Time ending when the children left the sanctuary and the congregation said to them: *God be with you there*, and as the children responded: *God be with you here*. That is what we will affirm in April and May, as our Sun-catchers find it time to go to their other homes. That God will always be with each of us, here and there, when we gather or when we disperse.

Here or there. In life and in death. God is with Us. We are never alone. Thanks be to God!

*Blessings, Pastor Ginny*

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**DRAMA MINISTRY** – Join us on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> evening for Drama Ministry at 6:30. These sessions will focus on rehearsing scripture presentations for Sunday services. See Angie Cozens for more info.

**HOPE DRAMA CLUB** – In Hope Drama Club on Fridays 7:30-9:00 p.m., we will have fun with playscripts, music and movement. Who knows? You may be the star of our next production! See Angie Cozens for more info.

**JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL** – Temple B'nai across the road from us is holding a food festival today at 9:30 am to 2:30 p.m. They extend an invitation to Hope to come and have a good time exploring Jewish food. Why not join them after our get together?

**“STARRY NIGHT” DVD** - There are some DVD copies of the Christmas play “Starry Night” still available. These are an improved copy. Thank you, Frank, Linda and Alison. See Michael for a copy.

## CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Sunday	02/24	11:30 a.m.	Get acquainted with our suncatchers while having coffee in the hall, after the service  Session meeting R5
Monday	02/25	6:00 p.m.	PNC R5
Wed.	02/27	05:45 p.m. 06:35 p.m.  07:00 p.m. 07:30 p.m.	WNA prepared meal Adult, children and youth studies Bells practice Choir practice
Thurs.	02/28	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart lunch at Johnny's Italian
Friday	03/01	06:30 p.m. 07:30 p.m.	Drama Ministry Hope drama Club
Sat.	03/02	05:30 p.m.	Hope Fellowship dinner at Perkins