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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



BAD WEATHER POLICY/PROCEDURE



Due to the possibility of inclement weather again this year on the weekends, the staff proposed a Bad Weather Policy/ Procedure that was approved at the December Ad-Council meeting.

1. During the week, if school is canceled or has an early weather out, the Church Office will be closed and activities canceled unless special notice is given to group participants by their leader.
2. Sunday Morning or Saturday Night worship cancellation. Decisions to cancel will be made by 4pm on Saturdays and 7am on Sundays. The Pastors will consult with each other, contact the custodian Terry Jones, Pat Eriksen (Sunday Unlock Leader) and the Trustee Chairperson. If a decision is made to not have worship the Administrative Secretary, Jill Clem will contact "Snow Cap", put a message on the church phone and cancel the donut order for Fellowship Hour. Art Allen will put a message on the web site.
3. Pastors will contact Trudy Rants, the choir directors and the accompanists.

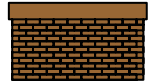
We are using Snow Cap which will help us to put the information out to the TV/ Radio stations. Snow Cap also offers the opportunity for members of Grace to sign up with them, free of charge, to be notified by email or text message if there is a cancellation at Grace. To sign up go to www.snowcaponline.net.

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TRUSTEE REPORT

HEARTS & HANDS/RETAINING WALL



The largest project is now complete; the final ridge caps were installed over the chapel in mid November. The new flat roof comes with a 20 yr. warranty, we have been told that this type of roofing material were first used over 30 yrs. ago in Canada and many of these are still in place today. The new tile roof over the sanctuary and chapel comes with a 50 yr. warranty. The manufacture has stated that there are similar type roofs over 100 years old and they would expect similar results for Grace Church. What's next? The next big project will be the replacement of the front retaining wall. Unfortunately the roofers had to tear down part of the wall next to the front steps in order to get the large boom close enough to finish the roofing project. This section of wall was in very bad condition and plans were to replace it in the next 2-3 years as the money became available. We are currently working with an engineer to redesign the wall to allow for better drainage to help prevent this from happening again. Work should start early next summer as the weather permits.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Chapel Service—Saturday evenings	5:30pm
Praise & Worship—Sunday mornings	8:30am
Traditional Worship—Sunday mornings	11:00am
Fellowship Hour—Sunday mornings	9:45am
Church School for all ages—Sunday mornings	9:45am
Nursery Available—Sunday mornings	8:15am-12:15pm

Special points of interest:

- Church email—gracechime@gracemethodist.com
- Church Website—www.gracemethodist.com
- Church Fax # - 712-276-1827
- T.V. Broadcast—Cable-One, Channel 9 Tuesdays at 11:30am