

Building bridges between Christ and our community

December 8, 2024
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Welcome to Grace! Please fill out a Connect Card—either a digital version or a hard copy & *place it in the offering basket or leave in the narthex.* (This is our attendance.) For more information on Grace, visit our website: www.gumcmi.com. Thank you for joining us today.

East Angola Mission & Water Project Global

2024 UMC East Angola Mission - The East Angola Partnership began in 2003 and supports missionaries, education, and community development in East Angola, which has experienced a 27-year civil war. The Florida Conference has provided funding and resources for Wesleyan chapels/classrooms in several villages, providing places of worship, teaching and meetings at each community.

2024 The Water Project, Inc. provides reliable water projects to communities in sub-Saharan Africa who suffer from a lack of access to clean water and proper sanitation. Since 2006, they have been helping communities gain access to clean, safe water by providing training, expertise and financial support for water project construction.

Please indicate “December Missions” on your offering

Join us for our “Christmas Dreams” Cantata on Sunday December 15th at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm.
We’re having one service at 10 am & one service at 6 pm for Sunday.



Sunday School: 10 am
Nursery/preschool to Kindergarten: Rm 121
Grades 1-3: Rm 221 Grades 4-6: Rm 224
Children’s Church 11am: Grades K-6: Rm 221 & Chapel
Nursery: 9 am—noon, 0-4 years old: Rm 121

Worship Services: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Sunday School: 10:00 am

No Coffee This Week, Sorry

Worship Service
December 8, 2024
9:00 am



Prelude "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Welcome/Greeting Pastor Beth

Advent Candle lighting Rick & Heather Ellis

***Opening Hymn, #202** "People Look East"

***Song,** "O Come O Come Emmanuel/Reckless Love"

Apostles' Creed, #881 Rick Ellis

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Beth
The Lord's Prayer, #895

Special Music: "Make Room"
~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~

Doxology

Scripture: Luke 3:1-6 Rick Ellis

Message: The Way Pastor Michelle

Communion
~ Gluten free wafers available ~

***Closing Song,** Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Benediction

Postlude
*Please stand as you are able.



Flowers are to the glory and honor of God and in loving memory of Ed Venable from his loving wife, Bonnie Venable.

To sign up for flowers, let the church office know or add to your Connect Card. The cost is \$28. You can take your flowers home on Sunday or Monday

The next open Sunday is Dec 29. See the 2025 list in the Narthex.

Christmas Staff Love Offering:

Staff Parish is sponsoring a "Christmas Love Offering" for the Pastors and Staff. To contribute to this please mark your donation "Christmas Staff Love Offering".

GRACE UMC MERRITT ISLAND WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS



LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA 2-4PM, DECEMBER 14, 2024

RSVP BY DEC. 12 • AGE 12+ • CHILDCARE AVAILABLE WITH RSVP

RADA Cutlery makes a wonderful gift. See catalogs in the Grace workroom and submit your order to Carol Lamp 321 749 5722 by Dec. 15th.

Poinsettia sales: In honor/memory of a loved one for \$8-10. Donations will go towards our Food Pantry. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or E&A Building.

This Sunday after each service Catherine Harwood will have detailed tags for pick up outside the Fellowship Hall that list a specific gift to purchase for a child in need at MILA. Gifts will include toys/ clothing requested by the family, & grocery gift cards for the families. Gifts need to be unwrapped & donation details tag attached are due back to the Grace office during the week of Dec. 16th. For questions: charwood@earthlink.net or 321-243-0213.

Home baked goodies needed for Mila staff the week of December 16th. They have about 90 staff members. We plan on making coffee and cocoa with cookies, and baked goods. Please let me know if you can help with baking. Thanks in advance for your help. Jennie Williams, Buglady4102@yahoo.com

Mila Concert & Dinner on December 18 from 5-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad.

We want to give a big shout out to Grace Pre-school for the beautiful Thanksgiving bags and food for those in need.

On December 29 we will be having one Worship Service at 10:00 am

Upcoming Events

Dec 15: 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Cantata

Dec 16: 6:00 pm Car show mtg

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 3, 6, & 11pm

CALENDAR

Church office & library: Mon - Thurs 9-3

Preschool: Mon – Fri, 9 - noon

Sunday, December 8 Family Promise

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service; **Nursery** 9 am – noon, Birth – 4 yo, #121

10:00 am Special Gathering #112, 200, 209, Chapel, Workroom

10:00 am Ladies Advent Study, #207

10:00 am Sunday School: Nursery/preschool to K, #121; Grades 1-3: # 221; Grades 4-6: #224;

Youth: #219; Young Adults: #213; New Horizons: #214; Aldersgate: #212

11:00 am Special Gathering: FH

11:00 am Children’s Church: K-6: #221;

Monday, December 9

2:00 pm Salt, #112

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 am Women of Faith Bible Study, #212

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 206

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 pm Youth, #219 & FH

6:30 pm Girl Scout Leaders, 304

7:00 pm Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday, December 12 Raise Right Order

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am Clothing Closet

6:30 pm Praise Team

7:30 pm Bells

7:30 pm OA, 112

6:15 Cub Scouts, FH

Friday, December 13

6:00 am Men’s Prayer/Bible Study–Merritt Assembly of God. For info: 321-452-6019.

Saturday, December 14

10:00 am Caregivers, Music Room

2:00 pm Ladies Christmas Tea, FH

Ways to Give

- Online through Realm
- Text “Mercy” to 73256
- Offering basket or mail
- Bill pay

Attendance:	<u>9:00 am</u>	116	<u>11:00 am</u>	60
Online:	<u>9:00 am</u>	53	<u>11:00 am</u>	21
	<u>Youth:</u>	4	<u>Nursery</u>	1
Children	<u>10 am</u>	2	<u>11:00 am:</u>	2



Nov/Dec available in the Narthex and E&A lobby.
(Suggested donation: \$1.50)



Connect Card QR Code

The bulletin is available at: gumcmi.com under
“Worship Online”
Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am
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