



Grace UMC Advent Devotional

Advent is a season of **waiting, expecting and hoping** that includes the four Sundays before Christmas. The children made four advent candles during Growing in Grace classes. Each week's scripture passage is inside the lid. Light one candle and read the scripture together as a family. If you have a nativity set, consider adding the figures week by week. By lighting the candles and reading the Bible, we are reminded of the meaning of Christ's birth and become excited about his coming in the past and in our own lives today.

November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

Isaiah 9:2

Growing in Grace will learn about the prophet. Set out the stable.

Dear Lord, We place the stable and light this candle to remind ourselves to prepare our hearts as loving homes for the coming Christ Child. Amen

December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

Isaiah 11:6

Family worship with Advent Skit.
Set out the animals.

Dear Lord, We add the animals and light this candle to remind ourselves to prepare with peaceful community for the coming Christ Child. Amen

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Luke 1:46-47

Growing in Grace classes will learn about Mary and Joseph. Set out Mary and Joseph figures.

Dear Lord, We lovingly add Mary and Joseph and light this candle to remind ourselves to prepare with love for the coming Christ Child. Amen

All prayers are adapted from
Fran Woodruff's work at:
www.onthechancelsteps.wordpress.com

December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent - JOY

Isaiah 39:1-2

Growing in Grace classes will learn about the Shepherds. Set out the shepherds this week.

Dear Lord, We joyfully add the shepherds and light this candle to remind ourselves to prepare with joy for the coming Christ Child. Amen

December 24, 2014

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 5 and 8 p.m.

Luke, Chapter 2

Set out baby Jesus and the remaining nativity figures. Light a 5th candle.

Dear Lord, We fill the crèche and light the Christ candle. Jesus is born. There is always room. Amen

