

June 12, 2019

Words from the Pastor

Mission statement:

Grace United Methodist Church is a family of faith striving to share God's love with all people.

Dear Church Family,

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in abundance, as we remember that we are called and saved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to look to God about the salvation we share, and be aware of the potential to be influenced by evil. Jude, one of the shortest books in the Bible, urges us “to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.” Let us encourage one another to obey the teachings of God, build ourselves up in our most holy faith, and pray in the Holy Spirit, in order that we keep ourselves in God’s love as we wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring us to eternal life.

Today and always as we look to *God who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God and Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 24-25)*

It is with praise and thanksgiving to God that we share with you that the 220th Session of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church-Pathways & Possibilities Journeying Together was **fruitful** and **peaceful**. There were limited discussions on the issue of human sexuality. Many of you know that the United Methodist Church is in a transitional phase as a result of the decision made at the 2019 Special General Conference about the LGBTQAI+ community.

We give praise and thanksgiving to God for our church school ministry. We give thanks to our church school director, teachers, children and youth, parents and others for their dedicated service and support. Last Sunday during the worship service, recognition and awards were given to the teachers, children and youth for their contributions to our church. May our children and youth continue to grow in their faith and desire to help others. Congratulations to our church school children and youth who were awarded educational or campership scholarships. Thanks to those who make this possible.

The Scriptures for our worship service on June 16th, Confirmation Sunday, Father's Day, Peace with Justice Sunday, and Trinity Sunday are: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, and John 16:12-15. At least two of these scriptures will be the focus of the message.

Confirmation class continues on June 11, at 6PM-7:30PM **in the sanctuary**. This is our last class before Confirmation Sunday on June 16th.

Religious Education class for Scouts will continue on Thursday evening, June 13, 6:30PM-8PM in the Bert Keller Room. This is the last class. We will plan to recognize the scouts in church at a later date.

Journeying together in love,
Pastor Nation

Confirmation Sunday, June 16, 2019. Pastor Nation will be giving the Sermon; Ken Richardson is the Organist and Director of the Chancel Choir; Confirmands will be the Liturgists and Readers; Ushers are Donna Hartmann, Carol Provenzano, Elias Tarquino, and Richard Tiedge; Counting Team Members include Yvonne Basnight, JoAnne Hazell, Vicki Pemberton, Don Pike, and Matt Roth.

Prayer List. ♥Danny DiSalvo (nephew of Bob DiSalvo), ♥Susan Selsen (friend of Steve Savarese), ♥Family of Cylene Brown (friend of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Desmond Nation, ♥Miki Nation (daughter-in-law of Pastor and Desmond Nation), ♥Lascelles Boyd (father of Earl Boyd), ♥David Biegler, ♥Monica Campbell (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Joan Bertie, ♥Debbielee Thomsen, Iris Molina, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Buddy Dookhi, ♥Marilyn Ike, ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Donna Lowe (daughter of Loretta Lewis Zimmer), ♥Rev. Barbara Melzer, ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥Family of Excelencia Price-Edwards, ♥Carmelita and Charlie Seraphin (grandparents of Brianna and Jessica Knice), ♥Vincent Morrison, ♥Rondolph Ives (brother of Margo Morrison), ♥John Simpson. **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information.

Thank you to **Joanne Huffine, Nancy Roth, Julianne Hazell** and **Michelle Roth** for volunteering this past year as a Church School teachers. Thank you as well to **Nick Becker** and **Jason Huffine** for your service as assistant teachers. You have all done a fine job and you are much appreciated. An extra-special thank you to Joanne Huffine for her 12 years of dedicating her Sunday mornings in this

endeavor. We are grateful and wish you all the best in the future. Additionally, we are grateful for **Ekow Eshun and Julianne DiSalvo**, who have agreed to take on the Fifth and Sixth grade class next year! We are looking forward to working with you both, and I know those students will be blessed by having you as their teachers. Another thank you goes to **John Biegler**, who is ending his service as the Acolyte Coordinator. We are grateful for your time and dedication and wish you well in college! **David Earl Boyd** will be assuming John's responsibilities beginning in September. Lastly, we are always thankful to the grownups who encourage their children and youth to attend Church School. We look forward to beginning a new year on September 8th! Have a wonderful summer!

~Janet Stone, Church School Director~

Envelopes are available in the Narthex for your donation to the Project Fund Drive. Make sure you put your name and/or envelope number on the envelope. Thank you.

Blast off with the first **VBS** to land on the moon! ***To Mars and Beyond*** will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. The adventure continues with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine! VBS at Grace Methodist Church will be held **August 19-August 22** daily from 9AM to 12PM. Children who will be in K-8 in September may participate in VBS. Teens who are 14 and older may serve as assistants. Adult volunteers are needed to lead groups! Registration information will be available soon. Please see Janet Stone or email mom2springers@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Thrift Shop. *HOLD THE DATE!!* The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday, June 29, 2019, for their **HOT SUMMER SALE.** Make sure you drop in and take a look at all the bargains!

Grace Methodist Nursery School is looking for certified teachers for potential part time employment during the 2019-2020 school year. If interested, please submit resume to the nursery school either by mail or by email to gmns21@aol.com. If you have any questions, please contact Diane or Michele at 516/825-2354.

2018-2019 Church School Awards

Attendance: (33 Days of Church School - anyone with 22 or more days in attendance receives an award)

David Earl Boyd	Jaxson Baptichon	Miles Charles	Dominic Becker
Jackson Morton	Jared Baptichon	Ashley Dorsey	Kelmani Sygapolho
Tyler Vendres	Eden Harmon	Dylan Dorsey	

Scripture: (student successfully recites scripture from memory or demonstrated knowledge of the Bible)

Jackson Morton	Kelmani Sygapolho	Dominic Becker	Maxwell Charles
David Earl Boyd	Gavin Donaghy	Eden Harmon	Miles Charles
Jaxson Baptichon	Ashley Dorsey	Dominic Becker	Adrianna Becker
Casey Morton	Dylan Dorsey	Madison McIntyre	Jared Baptichon
Emani Brown			

Service: (Involvement in Worship Service, Christmas Pageant, or performs service above and beyond in class)

Liz Lopez	Warren Pershad	Maxwell Charles	Timmy Neri
Jackson Morton	Ava Bolden	Emma Diaz	Casey Morton
David Earl Boyd	Stephanie Neri	Gianna Augustin	Patrick Donaghy
Chris Becker	Alanna Bolden	Miles Charles	Kelmani Sygapolho
Tyler Vendryes	Jaxson Baptichon	Adrianna Becker	Gavin Donaghy
Jared Baptichon	Dominic Becker	Luke Lopez	Stephanie Robinson
Eden Harmon	Devin Page	Dylan Page	Jasmin Whittaker
Caitlin Pemberton			

Church Life. The last issue of Church Life will be on Thursday, 6/27/19. Church Life will resume in September. If there is any important information an email will be sent out. Check our calendar on the website for dates. You can also check our facebook page.

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June Calendar

Tuesday, 6/11 – Confirmation Class 6PM/Sanctuary
Wednesday, 6/12 – SPPR 7:30PM/BKR
Thursday, 6/13 – Religious Education for Scouts 6:30PM/BKR
Sunday, 6/16 – HAPPY FATHER’S DAY
Sunday, 6/16 – Confirmation Sunday
Saturday, 6/22 – Far Rockaway Mission Prep 10AM/K
Sunday, 6/23 – Church Council Meeting after Church
Thursday, 6/27 – Church Life will be on Vacation until September
Saturday, 6/29 – Thrift Shop HOT SUMMER SALE 10AM-3PM
Sunday, 6/30 – NO Youth Sunday

Have a great week!

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY! Eileen