

## *CHURCH LIFE*

**June 24, 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,

The warm weather is here and we are grateful for the seasons of the year. The four seasons of the year allow us to choose our favorite, and enjoy it. I plan to enjoy this summer. In the church we also have seasons. We are now in the Season after Pentecost. This season is also called ordinary time or Kingdomtide, which begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The basic color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

Remember that knowing Christ and growing in Christ have everything to do with acknowledging Him with our own mind. To know Christ is never an anti-intellectual affair. But knowing Christ is also a matter of the heart. By faith we know Him, but by His Spirit we also experience His love and presence. We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in His Holy Word, and He's never failed us yet. It is our faith that will move us forward.

My prayer for us is that we will learn more of Christ through the eyes and ears of the heart and that our intellectual understanding of Christ will enlarge. Furthermore, we will learn more about Christ in the experiences of life and the mysterious working of His Spirit. Amen.

As we enjoy the warmer weather, take time for relaxation and leisure, take vacations, and visit with friends and family, we pray for a safe and enjoyable summer. During summer, let us take time to exercise our spirit. The spirit needs to have exercise just as we need physical and mental exercise. Some of the spiritual practices we can do to exercise our spirit are meditation, devotional reading, Bible reading and study, fasting, fellowship, worship, and Holy Communion. These will help us to grow in

Christ. When we grow individually, the congregation will experience further growth. This is one of our goals for our church.

The Scriptures for our worship service on June 30, the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost are: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14, Psalm 77:1-2,11-20, Galatians 5:1,-13-25 and Luke 9:51-62. At least two of these scriptures will be the focus of the message.

Journeying together in the Season after Pentecost,  
*Pastor Nation*

**Sunday, June 30, 2019.** Pastor Nation will be giving the Sermon; Ken Richardson is the Organist and Director of the Chancel Choir; Liturgist is Andrea Boyd; Reader is David Boyd; Ushers are Jenifer Hartig, Pat McKnight, and Carol Provenzano; Counting Team Members include Al Greifenberger and Debbie Nicosia.

**Prayer List.** ♥Family of Joan Tiedge, ♥Danny DiSalvo (nephew of Bob DiSalvo), ♥Susan Selsen (friend of Steve Savarese), ♥Samuel A Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥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.

**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!

**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.



The poster features a central image of a church with a steeple, surrounded by various colorful plants and flowers. The text is arranged in a structured layout with a blue header and footer.

**Spring Landscaping and Sprinkler System**  
**Project Funds Drive**  
**May 15—June 30, 2019**

Our sprinkler system at the church needs to be replaced and we will be redoing the landscaping in front our church as part of the project.  
The yew hedges in front of our church steps are overgrown. We will be replacing the hedges and old shrubbery with perennial plants, grasses, trees.

**The cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000**  
and we are asking for congregants new and old, near and far to consider donating to this worthy project.

Please make checks payable to: **Grace United Methodist Church** with sprinkler/landscaping in memo and place donation in offering plate  
**OR** mail you donation to church office at:  
**21 South Franklin Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580.**

**Thank you for your generosity and support!!**

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](mailto:mom2springers@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

**Dear Grace Church Family** - In order for Grace Methodist Church to be a vital, active part of the Valley Stream community, we would like to form a committee which would gather information about community events such as street festivals, parades etc., and then work to coordinate church members to participate in those events. Ideas include, but are not limited to, handing out flyers or keepsakes with the church's information on it at a parade or setting up an information table at a fair. All ideas are welcome! If you are interested in joining and perhaps leading this committee, please reach out to Janet Stone at [mom2springers@gmail.com](mailto:mom2springers@gmail.com) or call the church office at 516-825-1182.

**MISSIONS.** Dear Church Family, please find the special July Missions envelope in your envelope box and give generously. Your money goes to support the lunches we serve at Far Rockaway Mission once a month, which continues during the summer months. The money collected in the Missions envelopes is also used to support Anchor House (faith-based intensive residential treatment program for recovery from alcohol and substance abuse), Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home (BUMCH, Nursing Home and Adult Day Care), El Porvenir (clean drinking water for the people of Nicaragua), and the United Methodist City Society, which sponsors many programs in NYC, including after school programs, Vacation Bible School and summer day camp, and scholarships for children for Camp Olmsted Methodist summer camp. If you do not have an envelope box, please mark an envelope with "Missions." Thank you! *Katherine Perkins, Missions Chair*

### **June Calendar**

Thursday, 6/24 – Last Issue of Church Life until September

Saturday, 6/29 – Thrift Shop HOT SUMMER SALE 10AM-3PM

Sunday, 6/30 – NO Youth Sunday

### **July Calendar**

Tuesday, 7/9 – Summer Fun Program 8AM-12N through 8/1

Wednesday, 7/10 – Troop 109 7:30PM/G

Saturday, 7/20 – Far Rockaway Mission Food Prep 10AM/K

Sunday, 7/28 – Religious Badges for Scouts 10AM