

September 5, 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,

Labor Day is a reminder that the summer is coming to an end. Some of us wish the summer would never end. We have enjoyed opportunities to travel, to relax, to break away from schedules and hectic calendars and just enjoy life. For others, there is the thrill of entering the new season, and looking forward to the challenges ahead. For our children, it is the excitement of moving into higher grades, and for some a new school. For our new college bound students, it is a new school, new friends, new professors, living away from home for the first time, and not seeing mom, dad and siblings every day. We wish all of our children and youth and young adults well. For our current college students, may they be blessed with stimulating course work and professors.

The children's message for Sunday will focus on back to school, and blessing of their backpacks. Parents and grandparents, please encourage your children and grandchildren to bring their backpacks to church. Sunday school resumes on Sunday. We look forward to seeing all our children in Sunday school. Our Sunday school teachers are planning a year of fun learning to help you grow in your faith. Parents and grandparents, please encourage your children, grandchildren, and youth to participate in the ministries of our church. Our church school director, Mrs. Janet Stone, can share with you the ministries in our church.

There is a nursery available to assist parents with young children up to 3 years during Sunday morning services. For our visitors and guests, ask the greeters and ushers to direct you to the nursery. The staff is friendly and will welcome you and your baby with love and care. The church also has a nursery school for children up to Pre-K. For additional information, please call the nursery school director, Mrs. Michele Shipley, at 516/825-2354.

In the month of September, we will have several church events. Please check the church's calendar and participate, as you are able. I have spoken to some members

who have agreed to organize teams to work on the major events. Please help with these events, and remember, “Many hands make light work.”

In the coming weeks we will share with you opportunities to learn more about your church, the United Methodist Church, the Bible, growth in your faith, and how you can help to enhance the ministries of your church. Think of ways you can support your church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Remember your tithes and offerings are needed to support the ministries of your church.

The Scriptures for worship service on September 8, 2019, the 13th Sunday after Pentecost are: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon and Luke 14:25-35. At least two of these scriptures will be the focus of the message.

Journeying together,
Pastor Nation

Sunday, September 8, 2019. Pastor Nation will be giving the Sermon; Ken Richardson is the Organist and Director of the Chancel Choir; Counting Team members include JoAnne Hazell, Vicki Pemberton, Don Pike and Matt Roth; Ushers are Earl Boyd, Pat McKnight, Carol Provenzano, and Richard Tiedge.

Prayer List. ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥Courtney and Marva Fray (cousin of Barbara Woodford), ♥Sasha (Navy-Japan), ♥Family of Rosaura Rios Velez (mother of Jessica Calderon), ♥Bob LoBello, ♥Danny DiSalvo (nephew of Bob DiSalvo), ♥Susan Selsen (friend of Steve Savarese), ♥Samuel A. Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥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), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥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.

A great big VBS “thank you” to the following people who helped out with Vacation Bible School: Kim Neri (Music and Group Leader), Liz Lopez and Jasmin

Whittaker-Roth (Crafts), Julie DiSalvo (Group Leader), David Earl-Boyd, Josiah Whittaker-Roth and Ivan Ymaz (recreation), Angela Dattom (Snacks), Jasmin Whittaker-Roth (Skit Creator and Director) and Victor Mensah (Mission). Our VBS focus was on Ephesians 3:20 “Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!” We are to “go beyond” with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope! Our students went beyond this week by decorating snack bags with encouraging words and pictures to donate to the INN. Over 120 bags were created and given to those in need! Thank you as well to Pastor Nation, Eileen Robertson, Christina Condelles, and the VBS parents and caregivers. Thank you as well to our church members for your support.

Blessing of Backpacks. Please bring your backpacks to be blessed during the Children’s Message on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

International Potluck Dinner. The International Potluck Dinner is being held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, in the Gym beginning at 6 PM. Please plan your dish to share with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. If you cannot cook, please see Katherine Perkins for ideas on something else you can bring. We want everyone to come! It is fun to taste food from around the world. The cost is \$12 per adult, and children are free. 100% of the ticket money will go to UMCOR designated for the Congo. Please come and bring friends!

The UMW Purpose: United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.

We invite the women of Grace to attend our first meeting of the year September 8, 2019, after church in the Upper Lounge. Come and learn about our work and plans for 2019-2020. We are actively engaged in a new Prison Ministry and continue to support food insecurity in our area. We offer women the opportunity to experience God by participating in our local and global mission outreach.

The UMW Leadership Team

September Calendar

Thursday, 9/5 – GMNS Parents Meeting 5PM-7PM
Sunday, 9/8 – Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, 9/8 – UMW Meeting after 10AM Service/UL
Tuesday, 9/10 – GMNS Committee 7PM/Rm#2
Sunday, 9/15 – Religious Badges Distributed during Church
Sunday, 9/15 – Church Council Meeting after Church
Wednesday, 9/18 – Blood Drive/ Education Building
Saturday, 9/21 – International Pot Luck Dinner 6PM
Wednesday, 9/25 – Troop 109 7:30PM/G
Saturday, 9/28 – Valley Stream Community Fest

Have a wonderful week. Stay Safe and Dry if the Hurricane reaches us.
Eileen