

**January 21, 2020**

**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,

In January 2020, we celebrate the 91st birthday of the Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1963. He was best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi.

There are many quotations from Dr. King's well-known speeches. Many of his quotations are closely aligned to scripture. Here are some of his most famous quotations: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." "Let no man pull you low enough to hate him". "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". "True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice". "One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means". Proverbs 10:12 reminds us that "hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs."

As we celebrate Dr. King's birthday and his contributions to peace and justice, let us apply more of his teachings to living in our homes, schools, churches, workplaces, and communities. I can imagine a better world if each one of us make greater efforts to make one or two of these quotations part of our daily living, especially in our interactions with others. Can you? May God grant us the desire, determination and spiritual fortitude to follow the example of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbor as ourselves, and even greater is loving our neighbor as Jesus loves us.

The Scriptures for worship service on January 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany are: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; and Matthew 4:12-23. At least one of the scripture will be the focus of the message.

Journeying together in 2020,  
*Pastor Nation*

**Sunday, January 26, 2020.** Pastor Nation will be giving the Sermon; Ken Richardson is our Organist; and Director of the Chancel Choir; Flowers are given in loving honor of Anne Mahoney's 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday from all her friends at Grace Church; Liturgist is Andrea Owen-Boyd; Reader is Martin Charles; Ushers are Jenifer Hartig, Chris Ukanwoke, Carol Provenzano, and Richard Tiedge; Counting Team members include Naomi Brown, Ekow Eshun, Al Greifenberger, and Debbie Nicosia.

**Prayer List.** ♥Prayers for Australia, ♥Prayers for Puerto Rico, ♥Kenneth Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Tom Moylan (brother-in-law of Michael Kurz), ♥Joe Alberigo (friend of Lenore Kurz), ♥Pam O'Brien, ♥Eugene O'Brien, ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Jonathan Greifenberger, ♥Heather Eggermann, ♥Margo Morrison, ♥Carol Provenzano, ♥Alwyn Daniel (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Cyril (friend of Pat Eshun), ♥Peter Tanner (friend of Samantha and Pam O'Brien), ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥Sasha (Navy-Japan), ♥Bob LoBello, ♥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, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Buddy Dookhi, ♥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.

### **News of Friends and Members.**

We would like to wish *Anne Mahoney* a very happy belated 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are in the Narthex. If you cannot find your number, please give me a call in the Church Office or email me at [GraceVSNY@aol.com](mailto:GraceVSNY@aol.com). Thank you.

*Eileen*

### **Dear Members and Friends of Grace United Methodist Church,**

For those of you who have already made a financial pledge to the church, we thank you. The more pledges we have the easier it is to plan and cover our expenses. For those of you who have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so now. So many good things are going on in the church, but financial support is greatly needed to support them.

Blessings,  
Your Stewardship Committee

On **Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020**, we will be having a one-day food drive. Send your student with boxed and canned food, which will be donated to the INN. Cash donations will also be accepted.

### **January Calendar**

Tuesday, 1/21 – **NO ALPHA 7:30PM/BKR**  
Saturday, 1/25 – Annual Prayer Breakfast 9AM/G  
Sunday, 1/26 – Worship Meeting after Church/*Church*  
Tuesday, 1/28 – ALPHA 7:30PM/BKR  
Wednesday, 1/29 – SPPRC 7:30PM/BKR

Have a great week.  
Eileen