

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

March 21, 2022

Words from the Pastor

Grace and Peace to our Church Family and Friends,

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Grace UMC, Valley Stream can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences, and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities and to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. UMCOR works with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, and builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water, and works to reduce hunger. UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly to disasters.

On Sunday, March 27th, 4th Sunday in Lent we are invited to contribute to UMCOR with a special offering. You can send this to the church by Venmo, Zelle, or mail. Please be generous with your offering, 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative costs. Your sustaining gifts on UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere. (Source: UMCGiving)

Zoom Confirmation Class will meet on Thursday, March 24, 2022. Meeting times are Thursday evenings at 6:00–7:30 pm, in March, April, and May. Confirmation Sunday is June 12, 2022

There will be Zoom Disciple Bible Study and Lenten Services on Wednesday March 23, 30, and April 6, 2022. Bible study will be 7:00-8:00 pm, and Lenten Service 8:00-9:00 pm. Disciple Bible participants will continue the weekly readings from the Study Manual – Lesson 6. Scripture readings for March 23rd are Exodus 34:29-36:1. If you would like to prepare and deliver a message for Good Friday, please send an email to Andrea Boyd or the church office.

Sunday, March 27, 2022, is the 4th Sunday in Lent. The scripture readings are Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. Please read these scriptures to get familiar with the stories.

Our church is open for in-person worship service in the sanctuary. It was good to see members and friends who came to worship. Zoom and Facebook will continue at 10:00 am. We will continue to follow the COVID guidelines for in-person worship. The Zoom worship service Meeting ID is 883 8493 0735, Passcode: 086482, Telephone # 1 929-205-6099. Zoom Sunday School is at 12:30 pm, Meeting ID is 886 7860 9822, Passcode: 673474, Telephone # 1 929-205-6099. Zoom invitation will be go out by Saturday. Please visit the

church's website at GraceVSNY.org. From the website homepage you can visit the church's Facebook. Please share with your families and friends. Thank you.

Journeying in the Season of Lent - 2022,
Pastor Nation

Prayer List. ♥Adam Doeringer, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♥Sherry Schutt (niece of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Thornton Stone (father of Brian Stone), ♥People of Ukraine, ♥Roael Cooke (brother-in-law of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Ramona Morrison (daughter of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Averil Wallace (relative of Earl Boyd), ♥Neil Allen (son-in-law of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Pastor Nation, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Coleen Murray, ♥Velda Mathis (sister-in-law of Marianne Pike), ♥Maria Smith (mother of Rebecca Heyward), ♥Kenneth Richardson, ♥Kris Thomsen (cousin of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Nancy Roman (friend of Sing Larson), Emilia Peeples (granddaughter of Debbie and Joe Nicosia), ♥Alice Shubrick (friend of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Susan Short and her daughter ♥Sarah Short (friends of Nancy Wasek), ♥Faith Pollack (friend of Sing Larson), ♥Pearl Hamilton, ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Douglas Hayes, ♥Ulysses Ceazer (friend of Svetlana Hamlet), ♥Hensbert Neville Brooks (husband of Mahalia Brooks), ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥All United Methodist Women in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Maudlyn and Keible Scarlett, ♥Amy Cooke (sister of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Bob von Schmid (son-in-law of Adam and Christine Doeringer), ♥Kenneth Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Michael Kurz (son of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Airman Jayvee Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Margo and Vincent Morrison, ♥Cyril (friend of Pat Eshun), ♥Samuel A. Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥Rondolph Ives (brother of Margo Morrison), ♥Health care workers fighting the Viruses, those who are suffering, and grieving families. **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for three weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022

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SPECIAL SUNDAY DONATIONS *in March*

UMCOR SUNDAY – March 27, 2022

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS - 2022

MISSIONS – February/April/July/November 2022

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY – January 16, 2022

UMCOR SUNDAY – March 27, 2022

EASTER – April 17, 2022

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY – May 1, 2022

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY – TBD

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – June 12, 2022

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – October 2, 2022

THANKSGIVING – November 24, 2022 (Thursday)

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY – November 27, 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24, 2022 (Saturday)

CHRISTMAS – December 25, 2022 (Sunday)

DONATIONS. *We continue to need your help in supporting Grace Church, especially during the continued threat of the viruses.* Your checks can be mailed to the church office or you can use **Venmo or Zelle**. Venmo allows you to make a direct deposit donation to Grace Church electronically. If you are already signed up, you can use this now. If not, it is easy to sign up. *Go to Venmo.com* and follow the easy directions. The Church is listed as Grace Methodist VS. Currently a good number of the congregation are using **Zelle** (*do not use the Church phone number, use the Church email address – GraceVSNY@aol.com*). More and more of our friends and members are using these avenues for their donations and we appreciate it. Thank you

Just for your info, you can also donate via Venmo or Zelle to our Special Sunday's (Missions, Student Day, etc.). In the memo line just notate Regular Offering and or Regular Offering and Missions. Also mention the amount you would like to give for each.



"It is more Blessed to give than to receive". Thank you to all the faithful donors who have given of themselves for the benefit of others. On March 16, our Spring Blood Drive collected 34 units of life saving blood, what a great success. Bless you all, keep on giving. *Bob DiSalvo*

Looking for Support for our Friend, Elaine Treske. Elaine is in need of some assistance. She needs someone who could drive her to her doctor's appointments and someone who could come in occasionally to do some light cleaning, vacuuming, etc. It need not be always the same person. Perhaps we could get a list of people who might be available at different times, etc. Please, if you are able to help Elaine out if/when the need arises, give Elaine a call. Her home phone number is (516) 825-0051 and her email address is treskeem@optimum.net. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Wondering How You Can Help the People of Ukraine?

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the Church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

Zoom Sunday School. We had 9 kids and 13 in all for Zoom Sunday School March 20. In the younger kids' lesson, we heard the story about when God offered King Solomon anything he asked for, and Solomon asked for wisdom. Then we sang, "Happy Birthday" to Jaden, "Sing and Celebrate," "This is the Day that the Lord Has Made," Solomon's raisin cakes song, "I Am the Church, You Are the Church," and "Allelu." In the older kids' lesson, we read from John chapter 15 and watched the music video of the song, "In Jesus' Name" on YouTube. Please join us next week!

CALENDAR

Meetings: Our Church re-opened on March 6, 2022. Several of our groups will also begin to meet in-person. However, please check the calendar below for Zoom meetings. Thank you.

Weekly Meetings:

Every Sunday – Choir Rehearsal 8:15AM/Undercroft

Every Sunday – Zoom Sunday School

12:30PM – Younger Kids will have a Bible Lesson and Fellowship

12:45PM – Older Kids will join the Younger Kids for singing

1PM -1:15PM – Older Kids will have a Bible Lesson and Fellowship

Every Wednesday – Junior Choir 4:30PM-5PM/Church

Every Wednesday – Rainbow Ringers 5PM-5:30PM/Church

Every Wednesday – Bible Study 7PM-8PM (Zoom) during Lent

Every Wednesday during Lent – Lent Service 8PM (Zoom/FB)

Every Thursday – Westminster Ringers Rehearsal 7:30PM/Church

Every Thursday – Confirmation Class 6PM-7:30PM/Zoom

Upcoming Meetings:

***Monday, May 16, 2022** – Church Council Meeting 7:30PM/Zoom

Monthly Meetings:

***Every Second Sunday is Youth Sunday** until June 12, 2022
(Church/Zoom)

***Every Second Monday** – UMW 7:30PM/Zoom

Upcoming Events:

***Sunday, April 10, 2022** – Palm Sunday 10AM (Zoom/FB/In-Person)

***Thursday, April 14, 2022** – Holy Thursday 8PM (Zoom/FB/In-Person)

***Friday, April 15, 2022** – Good Friday 2PM (Zoom/FB) and
8PM (Zoom/FB/In-Person)

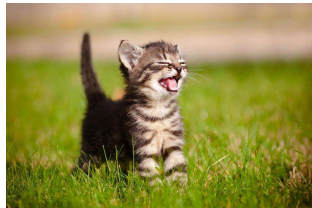
***Sunday, April 17, 2022** – Easter Sunday 10AM (Zoom/FB/In-Person)

***Sunday, May 8, 2022** – Mother's Day (All Day!)

***Sunday, May 15, 2022** – Music Sunday 10AM

***Sunday, June 12, 2022** – Confirmation Sunday

***Sunday, June 19, 2022** – Father's Day (All Day)



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