

# 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 28, 2022**

## **Words from the Pastor**

Grace and Peace to our Church Family and Friends,

Just checking in on how your Lenten journey is going. On March 27, we observed the fourth Sunday in Lent. During the season of Lent, we face questions of life and death. We revisit the trial, beatings, crucifixion of Jesus. Lent gives us the opportunity for deeper self-reflection and self-evaluation to help us determine if we are on the right path towards God or away from God. When we find that we are wandering off in the wrong direction, we confess our misdirection. Then, we return to God who is always waiting for us to reconnect with him.

Prayer for the 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent – Dear God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we come to you this week with grateful hearts for the many blessings in our lives. Alongside our blessings we are facing many challenges. Help us to set our minds on our blessings and not to spend too much time feeling sorry for ourselves. Remind us that you have blessed us with the gift of life and surrounded us with family and friends. Holy God, you have trusted us with responsibilities to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, continue to provide for our needs and set your love over us.

As we continue our journey in Lent, let us remember those whose sacrifices have secured the goods that we enjoy – parents, teachers, soldiers, investors, scholars, pioneers, prophets and others. But mostly we remember Jesus Christ – his selfless life, his voluntary death, his victorious resurrection, and his continuing power to save. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

There will be Zoom Disciple Bible Study and Lenten Services on Wednesday March 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 – finish Lesson 6 and start Lesson 7. Scripture readings for March 30th are Deuteronomy chapters 5, 6, and 9.**

Zoom Confirmation Class will meet on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Meeting times are Thursday evenings at 6:00–7:30 pm, in March, April, and May. Confirmation Sunday is June 12, 2022.

Sunday, April 3, 2022, is 5th Sunday in Lent. The scripture readings are Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; and John 12:1-8. Please read these scriptures to get familiar with the stories.

Our church is opened for in person worship service in the sanctuary. It was good to see members and friends who come 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](http://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.** †♦♥Family of Adam Doeringer, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♥Mason Baker (cousin of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Christine and Adam 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 APRIL 2022

4/03 D. Nicosia  
 4/10 M. Pershad  
 4/17 K. Pearce  
 4/24 D. Nicosia

### SPECIAL SUNDAY DONATIONS *in April*

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 17, 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** – May 8, 2022

**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](https://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](mailto: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.

### **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 5 kids and 9 in all for Zoom Sunday School March 27. In the younger kids' lesson, we heard the story Jesus told of the Prodigal Son and the Forgiving Father. Then Kim Neri led us in singing, "Shalom, My Good Friend," "This is the Day that the Lord Has Made," the Palm Sunday song, and "Allelu." In the older kids' lesson, we read from Matthew chapter 7 and listened to two versions of the song, "Seek and Ye Shall Find" on YouTube. Please join us next week!

**The new Grace UMC Website is now live!** Please check it out at <https://www.gracevsny.org> (same website name as before). One good thing about the new website is that it should display well on a phone, tablet, or computer screen. You will find the weekly order of worship and church newsletter posted there, as well as a link to Facebook for viewing worship services. There is also an enhanced calendar feature that allows you to display it by month, week, as a list, or by category. Be sure also to check out the dropdown menus at the top of the home page for more content. We welcome feedback and suggestions. You may contact Katherine Perkins at [katherine.lowe.perkins@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.lowe.perkins@gmail.com). Thanks!

**HOLD THE DATE!!** We are having a Retirement Dinner for Pastor Nation on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It is being held at the Coral House located at 70 Milburn Avenue in Baldwin (516/223-6500). The cost per person is \$80 and the event will last from 6PM-10PM. We are looking forward to celebrating with Pastor and Desmond as they begin their new journey. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

## 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/FB) 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:**

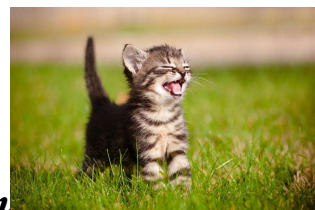
- \***Monday, March 28, 2022** – Board of Trustees 7:30PM/Zoom
- \***Monday, May 16, 2022** – Church Council Meeting 7:30PM/Zoom

### **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
- \***Thursday, May 19, 2022** – Retirement Dinner for Pastor at the Coral House/6PM
- \***Sunday, June 12, 2022** – Confirmation Sunday
- \***Sunday, June 19, 2022** – Father's Day (All Day)



*Eileen*