

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

**April 11, 2022**

## **Words from the Pastor**

Grace, mercy and peace to our Church Family and Friends,

On Sunday, April 10, we celebrated Palm Sunday which begins Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There was much excitement as Jesus arrived humbly, seated upon a donkey/colt. The gathered crowd amplified the celebration as they waved palms, laid their coats/clothes on the donkey and on the streets, and shouted "Hosanna" (save now), and "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven". Spiritually, the crowds represent humanity joyously responding to the presence of the Christ among them. Jerusalem symbolizes a place of perfect peace. My prayer is that your Holy Week be blessed with joyous memories of our Heavenly Father who loves us, cares for us, and sent His only Son to die on the cross for our sins.

### Prayer for Holy Week

*O Father, most merciful, in the beginning you created us, and by the passion of your only Son, you created us anew. Work in us now, both to will and to do what pleases you. Since we are weak and can do no good thing by ourselves, grant us your grace and heavenly blessing, that in whatever work we engage, we may do all to your honor and glory. Keep us from sin and empower us daily to do good works, so that as long as we live in the body, we may always perform service to you. After our departure give us pardon of all our sins, and receive us to eternal life; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen. Source: St. Anselm, 11th century*

There will be Zoom Disciple Bible Study on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. We will begin at 7:30 pm and end 9:00 pm. We are preparing lesson 8, "The People with a King," for class on Wednesday.

Zoom Confirmation Class will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2022. We will begin sharply at 6:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm in April and May. Confirmation Sunday is June 12, 2022.

On April 14, 2022, we will observe Holy Thursday with service at 8:00 P.M. The Scripture readings are Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, and John 13:1-17, 31b-35. Please read these scriptures before the service to help enhance your Holy Thursday experience.

On April 15, we will observe Good Friday with two (2) services. At 2:00 pm, laity will share messages on the Seven (7) Last Words of Jesus on the Cross. The scriptures are Luke 23:32-34, Luke 23:39-43, John 19:25-27, Matthew 27:46-50, John 19:28, John 19:28-30, and Luke 23:46. The lectionary readings are from Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42. Please read these scriptures before the service to help enhance your Good Friday experience.

On April 17, 2022, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. The scripture readings are Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, and John 20:1-8. Please read these scriptures to help enhance your Easter Sunday experience.

It was good to see members and friends that we have not seen in a while at worship on Palm Sunday. We look forward to seeing more members and friends on Easter Sunday.

Our church is opened for in person worship service in the sanctuary. 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 towards Easter  
*Pastor Nation*



**Prayer List.** †♥Family of Adam Doeringer, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♦♥Richard Keller (son of Bert Keller), ♥Michael Provenzano, ♥Mason Baker (cousin of Debbie Nicosia), ♥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 Peebles (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

4/17 K. Pearce

4/24 D. Nicosia

## SPECIAL SUNDAY DONATIONS *in April*

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 17, 2022**  
**MISSIONS**

### 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.

**Zoom Sunday School.** We had 2 kids and 6 in all for Zoom Sunday School April 10. In the younger kids' lesson, we remembered the story of Palm Sunday and heard the story of the Last Supper when Jesus shared the bread and wine with his disciples and washed their feet. Then Kim Neri led us in singing, "This is the Day that the Lord Has Made," "Sing and Celebrate," the Palm Sunday song, "Allelu," and the "Jesus Loves Me" Easter song. We missed our older kids. Please join us next week!

## **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.

**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 have been sent out. RSVP is requested. NOTE: We are carefully monitoring the increase in the infection rate of COVID-19. If it continues to rise, masks and proof of vaccination may be required. The safety of our guests is of the utmost importance to us. You will be advised the week prior to the Retirement Dinner of the final decision. You can also call the Church Office for further clarification.

**Save The Date** for United Women in Faith (UWF) formerly known as UMW. We shall be having the UWF Day/Fundraiser Event on 5/8/22 during church service.

## **Audio-Visual Technician Job Posting**

Grace United Methodist Church in Valley Stream, NY is seeking an experienced Audio-Visual Technician to live stream church services over online platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live. Eligible candidates should possess the following skills and experience:

- Familiarity with audio and video equipment and accessories: cameras, microphones, audio mixers, computers, LCD projectors, etc.
- Camera Operations: Basic video and/or DSLR camera operations suitable to shoot and record a religious service from a fixed location.
- Audio: Setting up and mixing multiple microphones for a live broadcast. Placement of microphones for music broadcast, setting up handheld microphones, lavaliers, etc.
- Experience with online broadcast platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live. Must possess the ability to prepare the broadcast, broadcast over multiple platforms simultaneously, and troubleshoot on-the-fly in order to broadcast an uninterrupted service.
- Computer and network experience: Candidates should possess the skills to operate a computer and access a network to log into and broadcast over online streaming services.

Please submit your resume with a cover letter summarizing your strengths, skills, and relevant experience to [gracevsny@aol.com](mailto:gracevsny@aol.com).

### **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/Church
- \***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 Monday** – Retirement Committee Meeting 8:15PM/Zoom
- \***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:

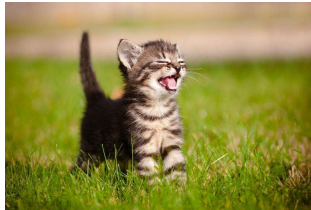
- \*Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – Worship Committee 8PM/Zoom
- \*Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – Boy Scouts 7PM/Gym
- \*Monday, May 16, 2022 – Church Council Meeting 7:30PM/Zoom

### Monthly Meetings:

- \*Every Second Sunday is Youth Sunday until June 12, 2022 (Church/Zoom)
- \*Every Second Monday – UWF 7:30PM/Zoom

### Upcoming Events:

- \*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 8, 2022 – UMF Fundraiser during Church
- \*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*