

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 18, 2022

Words from the Pastor

Happy Easter to our Church Family and Friends,

On Sunday, April 17, we celebrated Easter Sunday. We give God thanks that we had more members and friends worshipping with us on Easter than on Palm Sunday. Our prayer is that the season of Easter will give us more opportunities to praise God with more grateful hearts. There is an art to gratitude. There is a form, structure, a knack for growing it, developing it, and subsequently owning it as a way of life. Why grow gratitude? The art of gratitude means there is a way to live in which feeling thankful is a general state of awareness – on good days and not so good days.

It is suggested that we approach gratitude from a perspective that it is a gift that we give ourselves and others. To build a grateful mind and heart is an investment in our health, success, joy, and prosperity. As we invest in ourselves, we are shaping the life we desire and consciously choosing the path ahead. The second method is to adopt an attitude for growing our gratitude, especially in ways that can be uplifting, fun, and inspiring. Try finishing this sentence with words that are inspiring for you: “I am grateful and wonderfully blessed when

Here is one that applies for me: “...*when I am spending time with family and friends at home.*”

Gratitude Prayer

With the joy of God in our hearts, we are grateful that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We give thanks to God for Easter that places us in a posture of awe and wonder. Here we are reminded of the hope-filled joy of knowing who holds the pen to the pages of our lives and who walks alongside us through all our seasons. We are grateful to God for the amazing gift of living on the side of the cross where death has no more sting. In addition, we have the Word of God in written form that we are able to read and learn more about who our Creator is, what His son's life was really like, and why we needed a Savior to take our place. For all these things we are grateful. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

There will be Zoom Disciple Bible Study on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. We will begin at 7:30 pm and end 9:00 pm. We are preparing lesson 9 “God Warns the People.”

Zoom Confirmation Class will meet on Thursday, April 21, 2022. We will begin sharply at 6:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. Confirmation Sunday is June 12, 2022.

On April 24, 2022, we will celebrate 2nd Sunday in Easter. The scripture readings are Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Revelation 1:4-8, and John 20:19-31. Please read these scriptures to help enhance your Easter Sunday experience.

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. 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 Easter,
Pastor Nation



Prayer List. †♥Family of Adam Doeringer, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♥Richard Keller (son of Bert Keller), ♥Lisel (daughter of Evelyn Neber), ♥Our Military men and women here and abroad, ♥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 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

4/24 D. Nicosia

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2022

5/1 D. Pike

5/8 E. Fitch

5/15 D. Nicosia

5/22 M. Pershad

5/29 K. Pearce

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* 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.

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 8 in all for Zoom Sunday School April 17. In the younger kids' lesson, we remembered the story of the Last Supper, and we heard the story of Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. Then we sang, "This is the Day that the Lord Has Made," "Sing and Celebrate," "Allelu," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Every Day with Jesus Is Sweeter than the Day Before." In the older kids' lesson, we talked about what Jesus' resurrection means to us, and we listened to the songs, "Rise Again" and "Because He Lives" 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. Thanks!

HOLD THE DATE!! We are having a Retirement Dinner for Pastor Nation on Thursday, May 19th. 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. Please check out the attached Flyer.

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.

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 7:30PM-9PM (Zoom/FB)
- ***Every Thursday** – Westminster Ringers Rehearsal 7:30PM/Church
- ***Every Thursday** – Confirmation Class 6PM-7:30PM/Zoom

Upcoming Meetings:

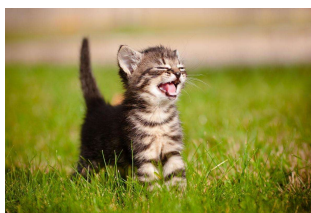
- ***Monday, May 16, 2022** – Church Council Meeting 7:30PM/Zoom

Monthly Meetings:

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

Upcoming Events:

- ***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!)



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