

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

November 7, 2022

Words from the Pastor

Grace and peace to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, on this sunny and warm Monday,

A Movie Bet

Two fellas were watching an old cowboy movie and it came to the part when the cowboy, on his horse, at full gallop, was headed right towards a cliff. One of the guys said to the other, "Hey, I'll bet you 10 bucks that he rides over the cliff." The other said, "You're on!"

Well, the cowboy and the horse went right over the cliff. The fella that lost the bet paid up. A while later, the guy who won said, "Hey, I'm feeling a little guilty about our bet and need to make a confession ... I already have seen the movie." The other fella replied, "Well, I have also seen the movie before ... but I didn't think he'd do it again!"

-Michael Hodgins

This cowboy paints a picture I think many of us are familiar with. We try our best to embrace change, but we revert to the same way we have always done things. We say things like "let go and let God," but we continue to pick up the problems we said we would lay down. We cannot keep doing the same thing we used to do and expect new results. If it's a movie you have seen before, then there is strong possibility the ending won't change. Don't keep watching the same movie and expect a different outcome and don't keep making the same mistakes.

The hardest part of change is taking the initial step to move in a new direction. Once we can manage the first step, we can continue the process of change. Change takes time and intentionality. You do not have to keep repeating the mistakes or making the same decisions. Today is your opportunity to take the first step in a new direction, seize the opportunity to make change.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥Family of Thornton (Thornie) Stone, ♥Jane Keidel Rosen, ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Family of Vera Okpych, ♥Family of Maria Calero, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Tyrone Jenkins (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Kathleen Knorz Bush (friend of Loretta Lewis Zimmer), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Patricia Sullivan (friend of Jenifer Hartig), ♥Jim Poch, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♥Rasheen Rutledge (cousin of Naomi Brown), ♥Our Military men and women here and abroad, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥People of Ukraine, ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥All United Methodist Women in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for one month. 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 NOVEMBER 2022

11/13	K. Pearce
11/20	D. Nicosia
11/27	D. Pike

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

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY – November 27, 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24, 2022 (Saturday)

CHRISTMAS – December 25, 2022 (Sunday)

COFFEE HOUR CLARIFICATION – There is a sign-up sheet in the BKR. If you sign-up (we hope you will), that means that you will assist in the kitchen (set-up, etc.). You can also bring food, fruit, etc. However, everyone is able to bring food without signing up. Bob will be on-hand to assist! Thank you.

HAPPY NEWS. Congratulations to the proud parents, Melissa and Matthew O'Brien, on the birth of **Penelope Margaret O'Brien**. She was born on May 5th. Not only are her parents happy and excited, but also her two siblings, XXXXXX.

DONATIONS. *We continue to need your help in supporting Grace Church.*

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). Also, please put your **Envelope Number** on your Venmo/Zelle donation. More and more of our friends and members are using these avenues for their donations and we appreciate it. Thank you

PLEASE: If you still have old offering envelopes with your Env#, use them. If you are giving by check, please put it in an envelope marked with your Env# and Name. If you do not know/remember your Env#, please give Eileen a call (516/825-1182) or email (GraceVSNY@aol.com) and she will give you your number. Your Contributions are input based on your Env#. Any questions, give Eileen a call.

Charge Conference forms were sent out. The Conference is scheduled for Thursday evening (in person) at 7PM - November 17th/BKR. All paperwork should be emailed to Eileen **no later than November 9th!!**

CORNUCOPIA – On Sunday, November 20, 2022, we are asking everyone to bring non-perishable food to fill the Cornucopia at Church. The items will be given to the INN for Thanksgiving.

We are in need of **Volunteers** to work on the **Counting Teams**. It would require your time only once every six weeks after Church. Please call Eileen in the Church Office if you have any questions and/or are willing to join!! Thank you.

The **United Women of Faith** are looking for women who will replace those members who are leaving their current positions. For more information, please contact Tonia Ukanwoke.

GRANNY'S ATTIC SALE/\$5 Bag - As we work towards reopening the Thrift Shop, we will be holding a community wide Granny's Attic Sale on Saturday, November 19th, from 10am-3pm. After the sale, we will move further along to prepare for the reopening of the Thrift Shop. Preparation for the sale includes sorting through the inventory, organizing it, cleaning, and moving items. The gym space will be ideal for selling as well. **For this to be successful many hands are needed**. We will be working Saturday morning, 11/12, from 10am-3pm. Please stop by so you can lend a hand or speak with Andrea for more info. It will be wonderful to open Grace to the community again.

HOSPITALITY – We are looking for Volunteers to assist at Coffee Hour (Set-up, put out the baked goods, coffee, etc. There is a sign-out sheet in the BKR. Individuals, family, Committees can sign up. You can also call the Church Office and Eileen will happily add your name to the sign-up sheet. Also, we would welcome donations of cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, bagels, etc. for the Coffee Hour. You don't need to sign-up to bring your donations.

If you require a **Hearing Aid**, please speak with one of our Ushers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. There were 2 kids and 5 in all in Sunday School on November 6. We missed our other kids! We talked about the story from Genesis when Jacob wrestled with God and God blessed him and gave him a new name - Israel. We colored a picture, did a maze, and talked about our blessings. We sang, "Good things happen when you praise the Lord," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," "What a Mighty God We Serve," and "This Little Light of Mine." We hope to see you next week in Sunday School!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS – There will be NO Children's Choirs (rehearsal) the week of November 7th.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 15th at 7:45PM/BKR.

Coleen Murray will be our **Liturgist/Reader** this Sunday, November 13, 2022.

WHERE CAN YOU VOLUNTEER....

Sunday School – Contact Kim Neri
Evangelism – Contact Andrea Owen-Boyd
Thrift Shop – Contact Andrea Owen-Boyd
Music – Call the Music Ministry Office (516/825-1940) Ken Richardson
Missions – Contact Katherine Perkins
Worship – Contact Kim Neri or Carol Provenzano
Acolytes – Contact Tim Neri
Ushers – Contact Mike Provenzano or Carol Provenzano
Counting Team – Contact Don Pike or Eileen Robertson
Hospitality – Contact Bob DiSalvo
Greeters – Contact Naomi Brown or Carol Provenzano
(Please call Eileen if you need contact information – 516/825-1182)

CALENDAR

Meetings: Please check the calendar below for which meetings are being held in-person or via Zoom. Thank you.

Weekly Meetings:

- *Every Sunday** – Choir Rehearsal 8:15AM/Church
- *Every Sunday** – Sunday School (in-person) 10AM
- *Every Sunday** – Junior Choir 9:15AM/Bert Keller Room
- *Every Sunday** – Rainbow Ringers 9:15AM/Bert Keller Room
- *Every Wednesday** – Bible Study 7:30PM-9PM/Zoom
- *Every Thursday** – Westminster Ringers 7:30PM

Upcoming Meetings:

- *Monday, November 7, 2022** – Nomination/Leadership Dev 7PM/Zoom

- *Tuesday, November 15, 2022** – Board of Trustees 7:45PM/BKR
- *Sunday, November 27, 2022** – Church Council after 10AM Service

Monthly Meetings:

- *Every Second Sunday** – UWF after Church/Upper Lounge - *In-person*

Upcoming Events:

- *Wednesday, November 16, 2022** – VSRC Thanksgiving Service 7:30PM/Zoom
- *Thursday, November 17, 2022** – Charge Conference 7PM/BKR
- *Saturday, November 19, 2022** – Thrift Shop “Granny’s Attic Sale”/\$5 Bag Day 10AM-3PM
- *Sunday, November 20, 2022** – Bring non-perishable food for the Cornucopia at Church
- *December 2022 (Dates TBD)** – Missions Toy Drive
- *Sunday, December 11, 2022** – Annual Christmas Concert
- *Saturday, December 24, 2022** – Christmas Eve Service 7:30PM
- *Sunday, December 25, 2022** – Candles and Carols 10AM
- *Saturday, December 31, 2022** – New Year’s Eve 11PM (TBD)
- *Sunday, May 14, 2023** – Music Sunday
- *Saturday, January 28, 2023** - 8th Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast
- *Sunday, December 10, 2023** – Annual Christmas Concert



Eileen