

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

**September 11, 2023**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you on this day we remember the tragic events of 9/11. This day holds deep significance in our nation's history, and as we reflect on it, let us come together in prayer and solidarity. We remember the lives lost, the heroes who selflessly responded, and the enduring spirit of resilience that emerged from the ashes. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones who continue to feel the impact of that fateful day.

In the face of such a solemn anniversary, let us also speak a word of care and hope. Even in the darkest moments, God's love and grace shine through. May we find strength in our faith and unity as a church community. As we mark this day, let us recommit ourselves to acts of kindness, compassion, and service. In doing so, we honor the memory of those we lost and demonstrate the enduring power of love and hope in our world.

God bless us all, and may we never forget the lessons of 9/11.

In Christ's service,  
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥†♦Family of Charles Joseph Kasuba, ♥♦Michael Ciampi (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Peggy Robinson, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Carolyn O'Loughlin, ♥Debbielee Thomsen, ♥Suella Fredrick (friend of Lorna McKenzie), ♥Betty Mayorga (sister of Rosario Hooker), ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Irene Misiti (friend of Rosario Hooker), ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Juzer Kasubhai, ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Ken Richardson, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥People of Ukraine, ♥All UMW 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 two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

## SAD NEWS.

We just received the news of the passing of Charles Joseph Kasuba. Charles is predeceased by his lovely wife Carole. He is survived by his daughter Diane Vitacco, son-in-law Robert and grandchildren Kim, Robert and Erika. Charles had been living in Florida for many years. Our sincere sympathy is sent to the entire family.

## SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS - 2023

**MISSIONS** – January/April/July/**October 2023**

**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY** – January 15, 2023

**UMCOR SUNDAY** – March 19, 2023

**EASTER** – April 09, 2023

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY** – April 23, 2023

**GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY** – May 7, 2023

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY** – June 04, 2023

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** – October 01, 2023

**UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY** – November 26, 2023

**CHRISTMAS EVE** – December 24, 2023 (Sunday)

**CHRISTMAS** – December 25, 2023 (Monday)

## COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

17 K. Pearce

24 E. Fitch

## COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2023

01 D. Nicosia

08 M. Pershad (Team 1)

15 M. Pershad (Team 2)

22 D. Nicosia

29 K. Pearce

**REMINDER.** Please remember to put your **Envelope Number** on your checks, your donation envelope or include with your Venmo or Zelle. Thank you.

## HOLD THE DATE!

The Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27**. Give Blood, Give Life. On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 3pm - 7:30pm we will be hosting our bi-annual blood drive benefiting Long Island Blood Services. In the Ed Bldg Gym we will accept donations from any and all volunteers willing to give of themselves for the benefit of others, to give life by giving of themselves. We all have an opportunity to share our blessings not only by donating but also by volunteering to assist in a successful drive by spreading the word and by calling a list of established donors. We are in need of five Call Captains to get the word out and to make a difference. Please call or contact Bob DiSalvo at 516-318-9106 to assist. We will be serving dinner to all donors and their families from 5pm - 7pm and we are in need of some kitchen help to promote that dinner. Please help make

a difference in the lives and health of our community by volunteering. Thank you and may God Bless us all in this mission.

*Bob DiSalvo*

**Coffee Hour** is being hosted this Sunday, September 17, by Rosario and Luis Hooker.

**Coffee Hour.** Please sign up by calling the Church Office (516/825-1182), speak with Bob DiSalvo or use the sign-up sheet in the BKR. We need volunteers for the end of the month of October.

**Welcome back to Church School!** Today's lesson was focused on Genesis 1:20-25. God created the earth and saw that it was good and beautiful. But there was something missing. So God decided the earth needed living things. God made trees, grasses, and flowers of all colors. Then God added fish for the waters, birds for the sky and animals for the land and God delighted in all of His creations. We are thankful to the Lord for all the wonderful and interesting living things He has created, including us!"

*Janet Stone*

### **Join us for Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023!**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is happy to announce that on Sunday, October 8th, we will be celebrating our first Pastor and Staff Appreciation Sunday! This is an opportunity for the congregation to express our gratitude and love to these individuals.

Following the service, we will be hosting a special brunch where everyone is welcome to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to show our appreciation. We kindly request that you RSVP for brunch to JoAnne Hazell at [juleast@earthlink.net](mailto:juleast@earthlink.net) by September 24 for us to ensure we have enough food and seating for everyone.

We invite the congregation to participate in this heartfelt celebration by sharing a gift or writing a thank you note to these remarkable individuals. Your kind words and tokens of appreciation will mean a lot to them.

Please mark your calendars, RSVP, and join us.

Regards,  
JoAnne

### **CALENDAR**

**Meetings:** Please check the calendar below to see which meetings are being held in-person and/or via Zoom. Thank you.

### **Weekly Meetings, Rehearsals and Gatherings:**

- \***Every Sunday** – Choir Rehearsal 8AM/Church
- \***Every Sunday** – Church School 10AM/Church  
(except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – 10AM/Education Building)
- \***Every Wednesday** – Bible Study 7:30PM-9PM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)
- \***Every Thursday** – Westminster Ringers 7PM/Church
- \***Every Saturday** – Prayer Meeting 8AM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)

**\*Every Saturday – Thrift Shop 10AM-2PM**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**\*Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – Board of Trustees 7:45PM In-person/Zoom-BKR**

**\*Sunday, September 17, 2023 – Church Council Meeting after Church Service**

**\*Monday, September 18, 2023 – SPPR Meeting 7:30PM/Zoom**

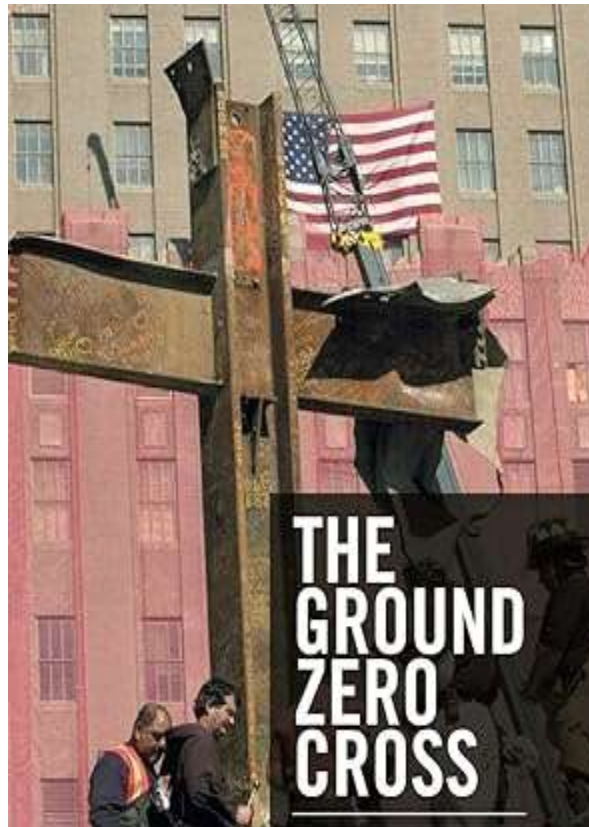
### **Upcoming Events:**

**\*Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – Fall Blood Drive**

**\*Saturday, October 14, 2023 – International Potluck Dinner**

**\*Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Annual Christmas Concert**

**\*Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast**



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