

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

October 30, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embrace the beautiful transformation of the seasons, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant colors of autumn and the way they gently remind us of life's ever-changing nature. While we experienced unexpected warmth this past Saturday, the cool embrace of fall has since made its presence known, painting the world around us with the vivid hues of the changing leaves. The days grow shorter, guiding us gently into the comforting embrace of long, cozy evenings.

With November on the horizon, our hearts are drawn to the essence of gratitude and the spirit of thanksgiving. It is a time to reflect on the abundant blessings that have graced our lives and to celebrate the enduring bonds of fellowship that unite us as a loving church community. Let us count our blessings, both big and small, and express our gratitude for the unwavering support and love that we share with one another.

Amidst the rustling leaves and the whispering winds, we hold on to the promise of hope and renewal. Just as the seasons change, so do we, evolving in our faith and deepening our commitment to serve others with unwavering love and compassion. Let us continue to nurture our growth as a loving Church community, rooted in the teachings of Christ, and dedicated to spreading His message of love and grace to all.

May the beauty of this season remind us of the transformative power of faith and the ever-present love of God. May we move forward with hearts full of gratitude and a shared commitment to uplift and support one another, allowing our circle to continue growing wider.

In Christ Service,
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥♦ Jennifer LaRochelle, ♥✝ Family of Michael Estivo (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Michael Ciampi (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Peggy Robinson, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Carolyn O'Loughlin, ♥Suella Fredrick (friend of Lorna

McKenzie), ♥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, ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Ken Richardson, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Milly 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

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 NOVEMBER

05	E. Fitch
12	D. Nicosia
19	M. Pershad (Team 1)
26	M. Pershad (Team 2)

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2023

03	D. Nicosia
10	K. Pearce
17	E. Fitch
24	D. Nicosia
31	M. Pershad (Team 1)

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

Coffee Hour is being hosted this Sunday, November 5th, by the Ukanwoke Family. Thank you for volunteering.

Church School. Today's lesson was the story of Jacob and Esau, taken from the book of Genesis 25:19–28. Isaac grew up and married a woman named Rebecca. They prayed

to God for a child. When it was time for Rebecca to have a child, she discovered that she was going to have twins! Isaac and Rebecca had two boys and, although they were twins, the boys were very different from each other. One twin was born with red hair and was very hairy. They named him Esau. Esau was born first. He loved to hunt and be outside. Isaac loved Esau very much. The other twin was named Jacob. Jacob liked to stay at home and helped Rebecca cook and care for the house. Rebecca loved Jacob very much. Jacob and Esau were blessings to Isaac and Rebecca and we are blessings to one another. We are blessings in our family, in our church, with our friends and with our community. As we move through each day, we are to remember that we are special and we are all blessings from God.

Janet Stone

Evangelism. It was great to fellowship with the congregation of St Paul UMC in Inwood as they celebrated Laity Sunday yesterday. Dr Simon Nzuzi delivered a timely message of our God of today, a God of now. Our God who answers prayers. We were warmly received there and were invited to come again. God is good.



The Thrift Shop is open every Saturday from 10am-2pm and has been busy serving our community. We are seeing old customers who are happy we reopened as well as new customers from diverse communities. We are in need of donations as we prepare for the holiday season and colder weather. Gently used clean clothing, jackets, gloves, shoes, sneakers, hats, kitchenware, pots, pans, blenders, toasters, cutlery, bedding, towels, costume jewelry and any items that would be useful to a household. Donations may be brought to the Thrift Shop on Saturday between 10am and 2pm and on Sunday after church. Thank you so much for your continued support.

The Thrift Shop Team

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 1st 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:

- ***Wednesday, November 1, 2023** – Boy Scouts 6:30PM-8PM/Gym

Upcoming Events:

- ***Saturday, November 4, 2023** – Charge Conference 12Noon at *St. John's UMC*
2105 Stuart Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580
(516) 285-6003
- ***Saturday, December 9, 2023** – **Breakfast with Santa**
- ***Sunday, December 10, 2023** – Annual **Christmas Concert**
- ***Saturday, January 27, 2024** – 9th Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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