

# 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 13, 2023**

Dear beloved church community,

Grace and peace to you! The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful Monday. As we journey together in faith, let the light of the Gospel illuminate our hearts and guide us through the days ahead. In the enchanting world of Peanuts, we find wisdom in the most unexpected places. Consider the character, Snoopy, who often engages in imaginative and patient waiting for his supper atop his doghouse. This seemingly simple act imparts a profound lesson in patience and faith. Snoopy unwaveringly trusts that his supper will come despite the passing of time. Snoopy's waiting mirrors the kind of patience and faith we are called to exhibit in our lives. Take inspiration from Snoopy's calm assurance, trusting that God's promises are sure, and in the Lord's perfect timing, will be fulfilled.

Yesterday we explored the imagery of bridesmaids eagerly awaiting the arrival of the groom, which serves as a powerful metaphor for our relationship with God. Just as the bridesmaids kept their lamps burning, we are called to keep the flame of our faith alive. The faith journey is marked by seasons of waiting, and it is in these moments that our trust in God is refined. As we navigate the challenges of life, let us wait patiently, trusting that God is faithful and God's promises are certain. Let us ensure that our faith is well-nurtured and our spiritual lamps are burning brightly.

May our burning lamps reflect the light of Christ.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥Mary Turbeville (cousin of Lenore Kurz), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle, ♥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**

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**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 19th, by the United Women in Faith. Thank you for volunteering. They are also going to have a **BAKE SALE!**

**Christmas Concert Soup and Sweets** - we will be offering soup, sweets and hot beverages immediately following our Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10th. **Volunteers** are needed to bake or purchase cookies, cakes, muffins, or donuts. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the soups. Many hands make light work so please consider joining us. Please let Janet Stone or Bob DiSalvo know how you'd like to help. We are looking forward to seeing you at the concert!

**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:**

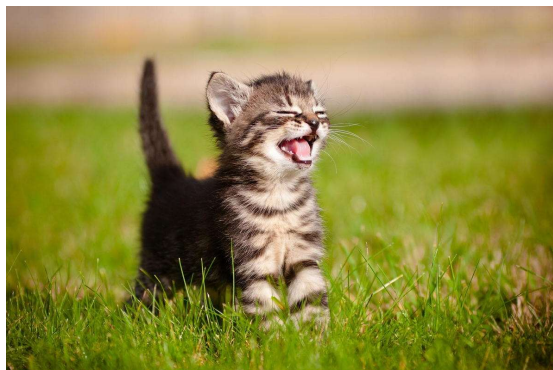
- \*Every Sunday – Choir Rehearsal 8AM/Church
- \*Every Sunday – Church School 10AM/Church  
(except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – 10AM/Education Building)
- \*Every Wednesday – Bible Study 7:30PM-9PM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)
- \*Every Thursday – Westminster Ringers 7PM/Church
- \*Every Saturday – Prayer Meeting 8AM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)
- \*Every Saturday – Thrift Shop 10AM-2PM

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- \*Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Nursery School Committee 7PM
- \*Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Board of Trustees 7:45PM/BKR

### **Upcoming Events:**

- \*Sunday, November 19, 2023 – UWF Bake Sale during Coffee Hour
- \*Saturday, December 9, 2023 – **Breakfast with Santa**
- \*Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Annual **Christmas Concert**
- \*Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast



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