

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

January 15, 2024

Good morning to the Grace UMC community,

Grace and peace to you on this winter morning. As we reflect on MLK Day, let us remember the enduring Christian spirit exemplified by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His commitment to justice, equality, and love serves as an inspiration and a call to action for us all. There was a wonderful MLK celebration at St. John United Methodist Church on Sunday. I hope we can do more to collaborate and worship together in our parish and district this year.

In the words of Dr. King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." As we navigate through challenging times, let us continue to be the light and love that brings healing to our community and beyond.

We were truly blessed to come together for a special healing prayer service on Sunday following our regular worship service. It was a time of connection and reflection on the power of prayer. Your presence made it even more meaningful. If you missed it, I hope you will join our healing prayer service in February. As we move forward, let's continue to lift each other up in prayer.

May the spirit of love and unity continue to guide our journey.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett, ♥David Biegler, ♥Vivian (4 months old) Peeples and sister Emilia (4 years old) Peeples, ♥Mary Turbeville (cousin of Lenore Kurz), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle, ♥Michael Ciampi (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Thomas Neu, ♥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), ♥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 - 2024

MISSIONS – January/April/July/October 2024

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY – January 14, 2024

UMCOR SUNDAY – March 10, 2024

EASTER – March 31, 2024

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY – April 14, 2024

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY – May 5, 2024

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – May 26, 2024

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – October 06, 2024

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY – November 24, 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24, 2024 (Tuesday)

CHRISTMAS DAY – December 25, 2024

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR January 2024

January 21 – Debbie Nicosia

January 28 – Marisa Pershad (Team 1)

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR February 2024

February 04 – Marisa Pershad

February 11 – Debbie Nicosia

February 18 – Everett Fitch

February 25 – Debbie Nicosia

GRACE METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL. Grace Methodist Nursery School, a nurturing early childhood center which has dedicated itself to “celebrating children and childhood” in Valley Stream for 53 years will be closing its doors after the 2023-2024 school year. Many factors including decreasing enrollment affected by the implementation of UPK in Valley Stream have caused us to make this very difficult decision. For 53 years GMNS proudly provided a variety of early children programs to the young children of the community and their families.

During its 53 year tenure GMNS has been blessed with a dedicated team of faculty members whose professionalism and devotion have contributed to its long standing success. GMNS is grateful for the support and loyalty of the Grace United Methodist Church family throughout the years.

Diane Panzarino, Director

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 – Thank you Andrea Owen-Boyd for hosting Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 14, 2024!! This Sunday, the United Women in Faith will be hosting Coffee Hour. Thank you. **We are still in need of a Host for Sunday, January 28!** If you are able, please sign up in the BKR, call the Church Office, email GraceVSNY@aol.com or just leave a message.

CALENDAR

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 Second Sunday of the month – Healing Prayer Service after Church/Chapel
- *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
- *Fourth Sunday of every month – United Women in Faith

Upcoming Meetings

- *Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Board of Trustees 7:30PM/In-person-BKR
(Zoom available if necessary)

Upcoming Events:

- *Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 9th Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast



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