

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 29, 2024

Dear Grace UMC Community,

Grace and peace to you! I hope this message finds you well and inspired as we look back on a busy weekend. Despite the challenging weather conditions, our congregation showed up in full force, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to prayer, worship, and service.

I couldn't be prouder of the way our community rallied together, braving the wet and cold to participate wholeheartedly in Saturday morning prayer and Sunday worship. It's moments like these that truly highlight the strength and resilience of our congregation. Witnessing each of you actively engaged in various activities throughout the weekend was truly inspiring. Your dedication to lending a helping hand speaks volumes about the character and spirit of Grace UMC.

As we move forward, let's continue to support and uplift one another through our words and actions. Together, we can make a real difference not only within our church community, but also in the world around us.

I'm excited to share that the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is making a comeback on Tuesday, February 13! It's a time for us to come together, enjoy good food, and prepare our hearts for the upcoming Lenten season. I look forward to seeing you there as we embark on this journey together.

Warm regards,

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥♦Karen Kiernan ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Patrick Curley (son of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥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), ♥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 February 2024

February 04 – Marisa Pershad

February 11 – Debbie Nicosia

February 18 – Everett Fitch

February 25 – Debbie Nicosia

Church School – *Lepers, Samaritans and Other Outcasts* – Luke 17:11-19

The story of ten lepers being healed by Jesus and only one leper said “thank you” has been taught to generations of children. The lesson: say “Thank You”. But wait, there’s more. We got to work exploring this whole event and came up with questions. What is leprosy? Why were the nine in a hurry to show themselves to the priests? How did Jewish rules on health and hygiene affect them? What about the one who remained behind and

thanked Jesus – and he was a Samaritan? Who were the Samaritans and why was that significant? Why were they scorned? Finally, what is our take-away here? How does Jesus treat the disabled and minorities? How should we treat the “uncool” classmate who gets picked on by the mean kids? You know him. You might find him standing by the fence, left behind after the captains chose their teams. *Lenore Kurz*

Souper Bowl 2024 Food Drive - In order to help our neighbors just a little bit, Grace church is holding a Souper Bowl Food Drive. Please bring boxed and canned foods to church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024. Non-perishable items such as soup, cereal, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, beans etc. will all be appreciated. Cash contributions will also be accepted during the worship service. All donations will be distributed to local food banks. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brian and Janet Stone.

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 *Allison and Liam LaVoie* for volunteering to host Coffee Hour on this coming Sunday, February 4, 2024.

The members of the **Evangelism Committee** would love to thank everyone who participated in our 9th Annual Prayer Breakfast and making it a phenomenal event of praise, prayer, worship and delightful eating. We give thanks to our fearless leader Rev Dr Jeffrey Hooker who supported the Program. We missed him early in the event as he answered the call to be in the community serving as a Fire Fighter. He was able to be back at the event to close us out.

Special thanks to members of our congregation and friends who offered prayers, songs, music, and testimonies. Special thanks to the hospitality team for preparing, serving breakfast, set-up, break-down and clean up. Special Shout out to the young men of My Brother's Keeper who helped with set-up, kitchen prep and serving.

We also give thanks to Rev David Ball of St John's UMC for delivering a highly impactful message in line with our theme. He said, that in order to, "Lie down in green pastures" we have to KNOW the Lord. We give thanks to the members of St John's UMC who participated in our program.

We have attached a copy of the program here in Church Life so that you may see how the morning flowed. We look forward to your presence and continued support for our upcoming **10th Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast** scheduled for **January 25,2025**, God willing.

So far our net proceeds from this event to support our Prison Ministry for 2024 are \$804. Have a wonderful day and love to you all.

Andrea Owen-Boyd, Evangelism Chairperson

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
- ***Every Fourth Sunday of the month** – United Women in Faith

Upcoming Meetings

- ***Tuesday, January 30, 2024** – SPPR Meeting 7PM/Zoom

Upcoming Events:

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