

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

April 1, 2024

Good morning Grace UMC community,

Grace and peace unto you in the name of the risen Christ! I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication and participation in our Easter celebration on Sunday. Your presence and contributions made it truly inspiring, filling our hearts with joy.

As we reflect on our Lenten journey, I am reminded of the collective effort and hard work that went into preparing our hearts and minds throughout the season. With Easter's joy-filled arrival, we remember that our work as Easter people is just beginning. Easter is a time for renewal, growth, and spreading the message of Christ's resurrection to all corners of our lives. In the coming days as we put away our pastels and decorations, don't forget the essence of what it means to be Easter people—bearers of light, hope, and love in a world often shadowed by darkness. Let us embody the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in our daily lives by showing compassion, forgiveness, and grace to all people.

As we continue our celebration beyond Easter Sunday, may the words from the Easter sermon echo in our hearts and guide us to live out our faith with courage and conviction: "May we be bearers of light in a world filled with darkness, sharing the good news of Christ's resurrection and inviting others to experience the life-changing power of God's love when we are called by name."

May the risen Christ continue to inspire and empower us as we embark on this new chapter of our journey together!

Easter blessings,

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker



♥†♦Family of Selah Matthews, ♥Manny Kurz, ♥†Family of James Keidel, ♥Jasmin Whittaker, ♥Rene Mondol (friend of Rosario Hooker), ♥John Mirra, Jr. (son-in-law of Rosario and Luis Hooker), ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Veronica Stone (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Eugene (Gene) O'Brien, ♥Hedy Kling, ♥Gene Marks, ♥Declan Jurgens, ♥Pat Hamilton, ♥Michelle Hooker-Mirra, ♥Karen Kiernan, ♥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), ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥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, ♥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 April 2024

April 07 – Marisa Pershad/Team 1

April 14 – Marisa Pershad

April 21 – Debbie Nicosia

April 28 – Everett Fitch

NOTE: Bible Study resumes Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Coffee Hour – Volunteers are needed for April 7th, April 14th, and April 28th!! Please let the Church Office (Eileen) know if you are able to help. Thank you.

UWF Bake Sale April 7. The United Women in Faith are having a Bake Sale this Sunday, April 7, during coffee hour. Come support our mission projects by buying a tasty treat. Thank you!

~A word of thanks from the Music Ministry~

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the GUMC Music Ministry for all their continued hard work during Holy Week.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for all your hard work this week and every week! Even though many of you have struggled with challenges in life, your dedication to the Music Ministry never wavered. We appreciate you.

Thank you Kim Neri and the Westminster Ringers. The Bells continue to be very uplifting to our GUMC congregation. All your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

To our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Hooker, we thank you for your unwavering support in participating in both the Chancel Choir and the Westminster Ringers. We know we are in good hands.

It is an honor to Minister to you in song.

To God Be The Glory 🙏

In His Service,
Kenneth Richardson

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-8:30PM/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

- *Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Church Council Meeting after 10AM Service

Upcoming Events

- *Sunday, April 7, 2024 – UWF Bake Sale during Coffee Hour
- *Saturday, May 25, 2024 – Social Justice Event-Career Day and Luncheon.
- *Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Christmas Concert



Eileen