

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

**May 6, 2024**

Good Morning Friends and Members of Grace United Methodist Church,

Don't forget – May 12, 2024

H A P P Y  
**MOTHER'S**  
*day*

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



♥†Family of Karen Kiernan, ♥†Family of Dr. A.B.A Prempeh (Pat Eshun's brother), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Jasmin Whittaker, ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Veronica Stone (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Eugene (Gene) O'Brien, ♥Hedy Kling, ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥David Biegler, ♥Vivian (4 months old) Peeples and sister Emilia (4 years old) Peeples, ♥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), ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥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 May 2024**

**May 12 – Marisa Pershad (Team 1)**

**May 19 – Marisa Pershad**

**May 26 – Debbie Nicosia**

### **COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR June 2024**

**June 02 – Everett Fitch**

**June 09 – Debbie Nicosia**

**June 16 – Marisa Pershad (Team 1)**

**June 23 – Marisa Pershad**

**June 30 – Debbie Nicosia**

**Coffee Hour** – Jane Schreiber and Tom Littman will be hosting Coffee Hour this Sunday. Thank you. Don't forget to put the donated coffee money in the

envelope provided and put the envelope in the mail-slot by my Office. Worse case, slide it under the door!!

**Church School.** This week's story is from the Book of Acts. It highlights the way the early Christians worked together for the good of everyone in their community. It says they "held everything in common"—rather than saying, "this is mine"—meaning that they shared and looked out for one another. By doing this, they created a community where no one was needy. They even sold their properties and houses to add to the shared wealth of their community. Their shared resources were managed by the apostles, who distributed them to those in need. This was not mandatory, but people who were able did this to share, and to honor God by sharing the resources God had provided. Sharing was a way of showing love and friendship. As Christians today, we are called to share what we have with those in need. Sharing is hard for kids sometimes. It also can be hard for adults, as we might feel ill-equipped or unable to help those who need the most. We often want to hold close the things we have worked hard for. For many, today's story seems impossible. How could we live in a world where everyone shares all that they have? This might never be possible today, but we can find small and imaginative ways to share. It is important that we acknowledge and help children see that many people are in need, but that there are ways we can share. This story also lends itself to conversation about the basic needs of all humans and how we assure all of God's people are cared for.

*Janet Stone*

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### **2024 Camperships-**

*Camperships are financial gifts given to Church School students who wish to attend either Camp Quinipet or Camp Kingswood. Camperships are determined by the Educational Scholarship Committee. Consideration is given to church involvement, church school attendance and service to church. Submissions may be made by email or paper. See the link for the application. Please note that it is due **NO LATER THAN MAY 19TH**. Late applicants may receive a reduced scholarship. Please be sure to submit both sections (parent and camper).*

### **[2024 Campership Application](#)**

### **2024 Educational Scholarships-**

*Educational Scholarships are financial gifts given to church members who are college students. Consideration is given to church involvement and community service. Submissions may be made by email or paper **NO LATER THAN MAY 19TH**. Only complete applications will be considered.*

### **[2024 Educational Scholarship Application](#)**

Questions? Please email [mom2springers@gmail.com](mailto:mom2springers@gmail.com).

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We are having a **DIAPER DRIVE!** Did you know that Social Services benefits such as Welfare do NOT cover the cost of diapers? And that in order to leave a child with a subsidized daycare the parent MUST provide disposable diapers, not cloth? As we celebrate mothers during the month of May, let's remember to donate diapers, wipes and baby food to those less fortunate. Collection boxes are located in the Church and in the Education Building. All donations will benefit organizations like The INN or the Long Island Council of Churches. **We will be accepting donations through June 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you have any questions, please see Janet Stone or email [mom2springers@gmail.com](mailto:mom2springers@gmail.com). Thank you so much for your generous donation!

### **VOLUNTEERS – HELP NEEDED**

HELP – The Thrift Shop continues to provide inexpensive articles for sale to the community thanks to the many donations we receive. Keep them coming! It is also providing revenue to support the church. Three of our volunteers are moving which leaves us very short of help. In order to continue volunteers are needed. We meet Thursday at 10 am to sort through donations and prepare for Saturday. We are open Saturday from 10am-2pm. Even a two hour commitment would be appreciated from either 10am – 12pm or 12pm to 2pm on Saturday. This is a time of fellowship as well as a commitment to our church and our community. Please contact Eileen at the church office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you!

*Thrift Shop Ministry Team*

### **CALENDAR**

#### **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 **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, May 21, 2024** – Education Scholarship/Campership Meeting 4:30PM/BKR
- \***Sunday, June 9, 2024** – Church Council Meeting after Church

#### **Upcoming Events**

- \***Sunday, December 8, 2024** – Christmas Concert



Happy Mother's Day (Eileen)