

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

July 8, 2024

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Good Morning Friends and Members of Grace United Methodist Church,

In 2010, I had just returned from a short-term mission trip to Kazakhstan. Upon my return to New York, I found myself wrestling with the mixed emotions. On one hand, I was excited because of growing sense that God was permanently calling me to the mission field after an amazing two-week experience. On the other hand, I was anxious at the thought of leaving behind everything and everyone that I had come to know and love in order to start anew in an unfamiliar environment. I had so many unanswered questions. Would I adapt well to the new culture and context? Would my children adjust to a new school and make new friends? Would my gifts and graces in ministry be well received by the community I was coming to serve? After much time in prayer and discernment, God had made it unmistakably clear that God was calling me to Kazakhstan. In 2011, with that same nervous excitement, I was appointed to serve as a United Methodist missionary and moved to Almaty, Kazakhstan. For the next eight years of our lives, God provided the adventure of a lifetime and blessed our family in countless ways.

While Valley Stream is not Kazakhstan by any stretch of the imagination, when I received the call from the district superintendent to consider a new pastoral appointment to Grace United Methodist Church, I very much felt the same as I did in 2010. My family and I were currently in a place that felt like home to us and yet God was calling us to start all over again. Would I be received in this new context? Would my children adjust once again? Would my gifts and graces in ministry be received at Grace? Would my presence be a source of blessing for the community? For me however, there was only one question that needed to be answered. Is this truly where God is calling our family? Because if I am going to where God is calling, then I believe that God will take care of the rest. *“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”* (Matthew 6:33). After much prayer and discernment as a family, I am convinced that it is Sovereign God that has placed me at Grace for such a time as this.

While I know I don't come here with all the answers and cannot possibly fulfil every hope and expectation, I can promise to be your pastor, to walk alongside you as a servant leader, and to be dedicated and sincere in all I do. I look forward to what God will do in the coming years and can't wait to get to know each and every one of you in the days ahead!

Humbly,
Pastor Eumin Kim



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♥†Family of Bianca Audrey Nielsen Armitstead, ♥†Family of Emma Donnelly, ♥†Family of Rowena Boyd (mother of Earl Boyd), ♥Vivian (4 months old) Peeples and sister Emilia (4 years old) Peeples (granddaughters of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Rev. Carl Borden, Rev. Dorothy Sith Borden, George and Teddy Borden and Roberto Gallimore (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥Veronica Stone (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥David Biegler, ♥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 July 2024

July 14 – Debbie Nicosia

July 21 – Marisa Pershad/Team 1

July 28 – Marisa Pershad

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR August 2024

August 04 – Debbie Nicosia

August 11 – Everett Fitch

August 18 – Debbie Nicosia

August 25 – Marisa Pershad

Welcome Pastor Kim! We welcomed Pastor Kim with the wonderful Grace VSNY Hospitality, enjoying hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, iced tea, cake, conversations and yes photographs. (Photographs are attached) Welcome Pastor Kim, Eli and family. We look forward to you being our Pastor. We are happy to have you as together we continue to serve the Valley Stream Community and environs. We thank all the happy hands that helped to make the Welcome Barbecue fun and a success.

Andrea Owen-Boyd

COFFEE HOUR/PUNCH ON THE TERRACE. If we want to keep Coffee Hour during the months of July and August, we need some volunteers to step up and take charge for those months. If no one or a group cannot help, we will not be able to have a Coffee Hour after Church. **UPDATE.** UWF will continue to do the third Sunday of the month. Therefore, *July 21st and August 18th there will be Coffee Hour.* Thank you UWF. If there are any changes, I will let you know.

CHURCH LIFE – Church Life is going on ‘Summer Vacation’ It will return on September 2nd. As in the past, any important information will be sent out. If you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call!

Volunteers needed. We could use one or two more Volunteers to join our Counting Teams. You would only have to count Sunday after church once every 5 weeks. Please contact Eileen if you would like to help us out. Thank you.

Music Ministry.

This past Sunday we were blessed to welcome Pastor Kim and his family.

Please join me in thanking the Chancel Choir for their dedicated service as they begin a well-deserved break for the summer.

The Choir's dedication has been unparalleled as our congregation has enjoyed their musical contributions each and every service since January 2023.

Over this summer's break, solo Choir members will assist in providing musical support for our services until the full ensemble resumes their ministry on September 15th, 2024.

Our Sunday morning choir rehearsals, which are open to the public, will also be suspended until we resume again in September.

In His Service,
Kenneth Richardson, Director of Music

CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings, Rehearsals and Gatherings:

- *Every Sunday – Church School 10AM/Church
(except 1st Sunday of the month – 10AM/Education Building)
Church School will resume Sunday, September 8, 2024
- *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 **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, August 11, 2024** – Church Council Meeting after the 10AM Service
- Sunday, October 13, 2024** – Church Council Meeting after the 10AM Service
- Sunday, December 8, 2024** – Church Council Meeting after the 10AM Service

Upcoming Events

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



Eileen