

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

September 2, 2024

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” – Isaiah 43:19

This morning, I dropped my son off for the first day at his new school. The emotions he’s been going through leading up to this day include sadness about leaving his old friends and school, anger about having to start all over again at a new school through no choice of his own, and anxiety about how this new journey in his life will unfold.

In many ways, such may be the thoughts and feelings of many of us at Grace. So much has transpired over the last few months, much of which took place through no choice of our own. Yet we are here in the process of lamenting what could have been while remaining anxious about what will be.

The good news is God promises to create new and wonderful beginnings which emerge out of the harsh wilderness and barren desert. I have absolutely no doubt, that restoration and renewal are God’s plans for Grace. I know this because God is in the “resurrection” business, and through Christ all things are made new!

But here is the challenge. As summer comes to an end, and as our lives grow busier, will we have enough time and energy for God? Not just the “leftover” time, but the “first fruits” of our time and talents. Jesus says *“seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”* (Mt 6:33).

I invite the entire church to commit yourself to God and to serving His church in the days ahead. As we do so, may we witness the new and remarkable ways in which God will begin to work here at Grace and in our lives. Friends and family of Grace United Methodist Church, welcome back and all hands on deck!

Pastor Kim



♥Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥†Family of Kelena Kolotinskaya (Stan/husband, Natalya/daughter – 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), ♥Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥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 September 2024

September 08 – Debbie Nicosia
September 15 – Everett Fitch
September 22 – Debbie Nicosia
September 29 – Marisa Pershad – Team 1

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR October 2024

October 06 – Marisa Pershad
October 13 – Debbie Nicosia
October 20 – Everett Fitch
October 27 – Debbie Nicosia



Chancel Choir rehearsal will resume again on **Thursday evenings at 8:00pm in the church beginning Thursday, September 5.** Kimberly Neri will be leading the group until we find a church music director replacement. All Adults and Teens who like to sing are welcome to join!! If you have any questions, please email Kim at violinkim@aol.com or call (516)644-0979.

BLOOD DRIVE. Give life, Give blood, **on Wednesday, September 25, 2024,** from 2:30PM-7:30PM we will be hosting our FALL BLOOD DRIVE in the Education Building Gym. We have an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters while we serve our Lord and Savior. Please give so others may live! Dinner will be served to all donors and their family from 5pm-7pm. Please help us serve our community and save lives of God's children, bless you.
Bob DiSalvo

UPDATE. We are in the process of working on our Sound System over at the Church. Some new equipment and possible upgrades are being looked at. Thank you for your patience. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

A great big **Thank You** to *Kim Neri* for stepping in on Sunday and filling in for the guest musician who called in sick. A great job and very much appreciated!!

Please sign up for Coffee Hour, now known as FELLOWSHIP HOUR. There is a sign-up sheet in the Bert Keller Room. We need volunteers for September 8, 22 and 29. Please use the sign-up sheet in the BKR or call the Church Office. Thank you.

The **Thrift Shop** revenue for the month of August was \$1,307 with a year to date of \$9,283. Annualized the expected revenue for 2024 is \$13,887. We are using our new space, room 4, as our donation and storage center which will enable us to better manage donations and distribution of new items. We are hoping to have a strong fall season and exceed our revenue expectation. Our most pressing need remains finding volunteers. Many thanks to Brian Stone for the new air conditioners and we are extremely grateful to our Pastor for his support. We pray for God's guidance as we continue this ministry.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY – Sunday, September 8, 2024



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS. Blessing of the backpacks will be held this Sunday, September 8, 2024. Please bring them to Church on Sunday!!!!

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH. My name is Janet Stone and I am writing to invite your child to join us for Church School each Sunday. Church School is where students will learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and how to live a Christian life. We learn Bible stories and we learn how to use those stories to help us be better people. All rising PreK-8th Grade students are welcome. Children start out in Church at 10:00 with their families and are sent to Church School following the Children's Sermon. Please note that on the first Sunday of the month, children are directed to the Education Building first and then return to the church building in order to be with their family for communion. I am looking forward to a wonderful Church School year! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns at mom2springers@gmail.com ~Janet Stone~

EDUCATORS APPRECIATION SUNDAY is being held this Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 4PM. Please refer to the flyer below for detailed information.

SAVE THE DATE

Nassau Cooperative Parish of the
United Methodist Churches
Present

A Back to School Initiative:

**EDUCATORS
APPRECIATION
SUNDAY**

Join Us in Honoring Our Active and Retired Educators!
Teachers, Principals, Assistant Principals, College Professors,
Administrators, Paraprofessionals, Parent Coordinators

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | 4:00 PM

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2105 Stuart Avenue Valley Stream, NY 11580
Rev. David T. Ball

Dinner will be Served

Guest Speaker: Reverend Dr. Richard N. Hayes
Executive Director of the Institute of Innovation and
Entrepreneurship and Associate Professor of Management and
Entrepreneurship at Hofstra
Butler UMC in the Bronx

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THE CHALLENGING IDEM

CALENDAR – If you have any dates that you would like to have on our calendar, please send them to me at GraceVSNY@aol.com. The meetings could be weekly, monthly or just a special meeting or event. Thank you.

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
(Starting October 13, 2024)
- *Every Wednesday – Bible Study 7:30PM-9PM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)
- *Every Thursday – Westminster Ringers 7PM (Starting September 5th)
- *Every Thursday – Chancel Choir 8PM/Church (Starting September 5th)
- *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, September 10, 2024 – Board of Trustees 7:30PM/BKR (Teams Meeting Link is optional)
- *Sunday, September 15, 2024 – Worship Committee after 10AM Service/Chapel
- *Sunday, October 13, 2024 – Church Council Meeting after the 10AM Service
- *Tuesday, November 12, 2014 – Board of Trustees 7:30PM/BKR (Teams Meeting Link is optional)
- *Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Church Council Meeting after the 10AM Service
- *Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – Board of Trustees 7:30PM/BKR (Teams Meeting Link is optional)

Upcoming Events

- *Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Blessing of the Backpacks (Bring them to Church)
- *Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Educators Appreciation Sunday at St. John's 4PM
- *Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – Fall Blood Drive 3PM-8PM/Gym
- *Sunday, September 29, 2024 – UWF Sunday (TBD)
- *Saturday, October 19, 2024 – Career Day/Gym



Eileen