

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

October 21, 2024

“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11

This past weekend, the United Women in Faith at Grace United Methodist Church hosted Career Day, an opportunity for young people to consider their future. Numerous tables were set up with individuals who answered questions about their line of work. Panelists came forward to share their personal stories of how and why they got into their respective professions. What truly touched my heart was witnessing “HOPE” being birthed. You could see a twinkle in the students’ eyes as they began to imagine what their future could look like.

Seeing people with hope reminded me that as Christians, we are called to be people of hope! We are to be people who have a twinkle in our eyes because of the wonderful promise that we eagerly look forward to receiving. While hope is exciting to see in young people, I find that as people get older, hope begins to shine less brightly. In fact, the mantra seems to become “it’s better not to get my hopes up, because I will be less disappointed if things don’t turn out well.” We mask our cynical thinking under the guise of wisdom and experience.

When Jesus said let the children come to me for theirs is the kingdom of God (Mk 10:14), I believe part of that childlike quality is how children get so excited about something good that they expect to happen! God wants us to have that same enthusiasm, no matter how difficult things might be. Scripture reminds us that God’s plans for our lives are to prosper and not to harm, to give us hope and a future (Jer 29:11). Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning! (Ps 30:5). We have a God who is merciful and mighty, who is always “for us” and never “against us.” So keep your head up and don’t lose hope, knowing that something good is just around the corner!

Pastor Kim



♥†♦Family of Svetlana Hamlet, ♥♦Yeari Kim, ♥†♦Family of Helen Phillip, ♥All victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, ♥Charles and Edie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥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), ♥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 October 2024

October 27 – Nicosia

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2024

November 03 – Pershad Team 1

November 10 – Pershad

November 17 – Nicosia

November 24 – Fitch

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2024

December 01 – Nicosia

December 08 – Pershad Team 1

December 15 – Pershad

December 22 – Nicosia

December 29 - Fitch

Please sign up for *Coffee Hour*, now known as [FELLOWSHIP HOUR](#). There is a sign-up sheet in the Bert Keller Room. Please use the sign-up sheet in the BKR or call the Church Office. Thank you to Pat McKnight and Kim Neri for volunteering to host on Sunday, October 27, 2024. We still need a volunteer for November 10th!! Thank you.

Fall Food Drive ~ As the weather turns cooler, we think of being thankful for all that we have and are inspired to give more to others. Grace Church will be collecting boxed or canned food items on November 3rd, 10th and 17th. All food donations will benefit Long Island Cares in Valley Stream. You may bring whatever boxed or canned items you'd like, or, if you wish you can participate in the Long Island Cares Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving Program, which encourages you to donate all the items needed for a full family Thanksgiving meal. Information for that will be available on the table in the Narthex and will also be included in the Church Life email blast. However you'd like to contribute, please bring your donated items to one of the collection boxes in the Narthex and Education building no later than November 17th. Questions? See Janet Stone or call the Church Office 825-1182. Thank you!

Church School (10/20/2024). Our lesson this week focused on the scripture from Exodus 6:6 "I'll set you free with great power." Last week we heard about God's recruitment of Moses for a special task. When Moses was making excuses to try and avoid God's call, he told God he'd never been any good at speaking. God told Moses to take Aaron with him to do the talking. This Bible story can be divided into three sections. The first section is the initial asking. Moses and Aaron approached Pharaoh and asked him to let the Israelite people go. Pharaoh was not about to let his work force walk away into the desert. Instead Pharaoh increased the work of the Israelite slaves. The increased workload caused the Israelites to blame Moses and Aaron for coming and making their lives worse. God reassured Moses that God was in control. The second section is the sending of the plagues. In order to convince Pharaoh to release the Israelites from slavery, God performed a series of powerful acts. The plagues were designed not only to change Pharaoh's mind but also to display God's power and demonstrate God's control over all of creation. This section can be briefly summarized as a repetition of the following events: 1. Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to let God's people go. 2. Pharaoh said no. 3. God caused something terrible to happen. 4. Pharaoh agreed to let the Israelites go but then changed his mind when the plague went away. This pattern was repeated until God sent death to the Egyptians, and Pharaoh finally agreed to let them go. The third section focuses on remembrance. Directions were given for celebrating Passover. During the celebration of Passover, God's mighty acts in setting the Israelites free from slavery were to be remembered. God did a big thing in freeing the Israelites from slavery and wanted to make sure the Israelites remembered. It is always a good thing to remember what God has done for us and to be thankful.

Janet Stone

Career Day. United Women in Faith thanks everyone who helped with Career Day on Saturday, October 19 in the church gym. We had a great time with Career Tables, Career Panels, Lunch, and Speakers. We had a wonderful turnout of Grace Church and community members sharing their careers and helping with the event. Photos from this successful event will be sent separately.

MISSIONS MONTH.

Give to Hurricane Disaster Relief through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We encourage you to give to UMCOR for Disaster Relief following hurricanes Helene and Milton. The link to the UMCOR giving page for hurricane relief is <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>. That link takes you right to giving for Advance #901670. When you type in your information, you will be able to choose Grace Valley Stream as your local church.

Pray for missionaries during their birthday week. This week's names are Heath Jackson • Ibrahim Dabo • Kuriakose Tharian • Mary Rose M. Taliwaga • Mbwizu Ndjungu • Mikhail Chaudhury • Mitzi Sadler-Thorne • Renee Hayes • Roberta Boyd Bragan • Sam Ntamb Yav • Stephanie Suggs • Sung Lee • Young Kim

Meet missionaries on Zoom. The link to Register to meet missionaries on the Still In Mission monthly Zoom is <https://umcmmission.org/stillinmission/>. The next Zoom will be November 7, and the missionaries will be Rose Raphael Msagati who is in Kenya and Charles Mulemena who is in Belize.

October is a Missions Giving Month. Please give to Missions this October. Just write Missions on the notation line on your check or Zelle, or write Missions on the outside of the envelope you drop in the plate. Your giving through Missions goes to Far Rockaway Mission, Anchor House, Methodist City Society, Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home, and El Porvenir (clean drinking water projects in Nicaragua). Thank you!

Long Island Cares - This past spring, Long Island Cares opened the [West Nassau Center for Food Assistance & Community Support](#) at 241 Rockaway Avenue in Valley Stream. We have reached out to them and they are available to support any church and community members who may be in need of help. They are also willing to receive donations from Grace Church so our Fall Food Drive collections will be going there. If you are in need of food, personal or household care items or even pet food items, please know that you are welcome there. Families can also be assessed for additional support beyond food including referrals for SNAP, WIC, health insurance, emergency housing, utility assistance (HEAP) and other related programs. Flyers, in both English and Spanish will be on the table in the narthex and emailed out to all church members. If you need more information about Long Island Cares in Valley Stream you can call 516-980-9100 or email www.licares.org. Help is available if you need it.

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.

LAY SERVANT TRAINING. At the Church Council meeting we spoke about the opportunity for our leaders to be more equipped to handle our various roles. The flier below is being used to promote the laity training that educates and empowers to serve as laity leaders in our church.

Basic: Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry

- **Date:** Fridays - 10/18; 10/25; 11/01; and 11/08
- **Time:** 7:00 pm-9:30 pm
- **Instructor:** LS Gregory Holder

Called To Preach

- **Date:** Mondays - 11/11; 11/18; 12/02; and 12/09
- **Time:** 4:00-6:30 pm
- **Instructor:** Deacon Kathryn Dickinson

Becoming Accountable Disciples

- **Date:** Saturdays - 10/19; 10/26; 11/09; and 11/16
- **Time:** 10:00-12 noon
- **Instructor:** Rev. Eulynis Matthis-Fride

Leading Public Prayer

- **Date:** Saturdays - 10/26; 11/02; 11/09; 11/16 and 11/23
- **Time:** 10:00-12 noon
- **Instructor:** Rev. Andrea Smith

A number of us have gone to the training over the years and may attest to its relevance. It also gives us a chance to meet other laity from other churches. *Andrea Owen Boyd*

CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings, Rehearsals and Gatherings:

- ***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
(Starting Date TBD)
- ***Every Wednesday** – Bible Study 7:30PM-9PM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)
- ***Every Thursday** – Westminster Ringers 7PM
- ***Every Thursday** – Chancel Choir 8PM/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

- *Saturday, November 9, 2024 – Charge Conference at St. John's/10AM
- *Saturday, November 9, 2024 – Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Luke Lopez)/Gym
- *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

- *Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Nursery School Sale 10AM-2PM/Nursery School



Have a great week! Eileen