

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

**December 2, 2024**



♥†♦Family of Charles Zipperlen, ♥Yeari Kim, ♥Jasmin Whittaker, ♥All victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, ♥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), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥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, ♥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

A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped decorate our Church for the Christmas Season. It looks wonderful.

## **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 DECEMBER 2024

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**Sad news.** Our long-time friend and member, *Charles Zipperlen* passed away on November 28<sup>th</sup>. A private service was held today followed burial at Pinelawn. A service at GUMC will be held at a future date. Please open the attached file for further information.

There is a **Church Council Meeting** this Sunday after the 10AM Service.

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. We need volunteers for December 22 and 29. Thank you Debbielee for volunteering – December 8<sup>th</sup>!!

**HOLD THE DATE.** Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 3PM we will have our annual Christmas Concert followed by Soup and Sandwich! Tickets are \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children. Fresh baked desserts are welcomed!

A Sincere **Welcome to our new Music Director**, *Drew Banzhoff*. Feel free to say hello!!!

**Christmas Card List.** Our annual Christmas Card Sign-Up List begins this Sunday, December 1, and continues through and including Sunday, December 22, 2024. All money collected will go to the Grameth Fund, a discretionary fund *for those in need*. Single Name is \$1; Family Name (The Smith Family) is \$2; Family Listing (Bob, Mary, Susie and Jack Smith) is \$4. In addition, *any contributions will be merrily accepted!!* Your participation in this annual event is greatly appreciated. Please see our volunteer(s) (in the Church Narthex and Coffee Hour) or call Eileen in the Church Office. You can also email your info to Eileen at [GraceVSNY@aol.com](mailto:GraceVSNY@aol.com) and then send in your donation to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your participation. (Elaine Treske and Lenore Kurz have volunteered to take your names!!)



**POINSETTIA.** If you would like to place a beautiful Poinsettia in the Sanctuary for Christmas in honor of or in memory of a loved one, friend, soldier, etc., please fill out an order form which is located in the Narthex of the Church or call the Church Office. The deadline is Sunday, December 16, 2024. Poinsettias are \$13 each. Please send your check (**made out to GUMC**) with the order form to the Church Office or place it in the Offering Plate (in a sealed envelope marked for the Church Office). Mark your check, “Poinsettia” and if appropriate, include your Envelope Number. Thank you.

**Walk-a-thon.** United Women in Faith is having a fundraiser walk-a-thon on Saturday, December 7. We will meet at Hendrickson Park just off Merrick Road, corner of North Franklin Ave. and West Maple St. at 10 AM. We welcome you to walk with us. We are also looking for people to sponsor us on our walk! Please see attachment.

**Due to hurricanes Helene and Milton, the inventory of Flood Buckets in all of the UMCOR warehouses has been depleted. There is a call for United Methodist Churches in our district to replenish their supplies. To fulfill this need, Grace United Methodist Church will be collecting the following items...**

**25 Five-Gallon Round Buckets with lids - (14.35"h x 12.19"w x 12.19"d)**

**17 32-64oz. bottles of liquid laundry detergent**

**25 16-40oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (No spray cleaners)**

**21 4-8oz. Pump Spray Air Fresheners**

**24 6-14oz. Pump Spray Insect Repellant**

**11 Scrub Brushes with or without handle**

**450 Cleaning wipes (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels)**

**58 Scouring pads ( no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)**

**22 packs of 50 clothespins**

**23 clotheslines (50-100ft.)**

**20 Rolls of 24 heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon sizes)**

**40 N94 particulate respiratory dust masks - (1-3mm thickness)**

**20 2-pair of rubber kitchen gloves**

**25 pairs of work gloves - (cotton with leather palm or all leather)**

**If you would like to make a cash or check donation, please put Flood Buckets in the memo line and we can purchase the items. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Bob DiSalvo, Prumeh Lee, Kim Neri, or Katherine Perkins.**

**News of Friends and Members.** Had a great conversation with Barbara Howard. She wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Good Christmas.

**LIW Youth Council Meeting.** Please open the attached file for information about the LIW Youth Council Meeting.

**Advent Candle Lighting.** Thank you Allison and Liam LaVoie for lighting the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Candle. Andrea, Earl and David, The Boyd Family, will be lighting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle this Sunday.

## **CALENDAR**

### **Weekly Meetings, Rehearsals and Gatherings:**

- \***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  
(*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**

- \***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, December 7, 2024** – Walk-a-thon UMW
- \***Sunday, December 15, 2024** – 3PM Christmas Concert followed by Soup and Sandwich
- \***Saturday, January 25, 2025** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Evangelism Prayer Breakfast (TBD)



**SMILE!**

Have a great week! Eileen