

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

**March 10, 2025**



♥♦Chris Ukanwoke, ♥†♦Francis Paul D'Elia (father of Janice Biegler), ♥Jake Gunther (grandson of Jane Gunther), ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥Jerry Noble (father of Thomas Noble), ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Families dealing with the California Wild Fires, ♥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), ♥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, ♥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

## **SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS - 2025**

**MISSIONS** – January/April/July/October 2025

**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY** – January 19, 2025

**UMCOR SUNDAY** – March 30, 2025

**EASTER** – April 20, 2025

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY** – May 4, 2025

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY** – June 15, 2025

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** – October 05, 2025

**UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY** – November 30, 2025

**CHRISTMAS EVE** – December 24, 2025 (Wednesday)

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – December 25, 2025

## **COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2025**

**March 16 – Debbie Nicosia**

**March 23 – Marisa Pershad**

**March 30 – Marisa Pershad**

## COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2025

April 06 – Debbie Nicosia

April 13 – Everett Fitch

April 20 – Debbie Nicosia

April 27 – Marisa Pershad

**PLEDGES FOR 2025** – Our current Pledge amount is **\$119,344**. Hopefully, if you haven't already pledged, **please** consider helping us reach our goal. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or you can call or email the Church Office and your pledge will be entered. Thank you.

**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 are looking for volunteers for March 30. All dates in April are also available.

**PLEASE** put your **ENVELOPE NUMBER** on any of your donations (Check/Venmo/Zelle). This will help our Counting Teams and also help the Church Office to input your donation into the correct account.

**Spring Blood Drive.** Give Life, Give Blood. On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 3PM to 7:30PM we will be hosting our SPRING 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 to 7PM. Please help us serve our community and save lives of God's children. Bless you.

*Bob DiSalvo*

**The Jean and Ken Larson Memorial Sunday is March 16th.** The Emergency Food Program, sponsored by the Long Island Council of Churches, had its beginning here at Grace Church in **1976** under the direction of *Jean and Ken Larson* with two appeals made for food throughout the year. In 1977, Jean and Ken Larson initiated a program of contributions to be made weekly, 52 times a year, and it continues until today. ***In their honor and memory, we would ask you to bring extra food on this Sunday (March 16th) – there is a box labeled Jean and Ken Larson Memorial Sunday in the Narthex. Money is also welcome as the Council can purchase food at lower prices than we can.*** Checks should be made out to Grace United Methodist Church, put in a separate envelope and marked for the Church Office. Please continue to support this worthwhile tradition which has been going on for **49 years**.

**THANK YOU to Scout Troop 109** for participating in our Service. We appreciate all your Troop does for us.



**Lilies.** If you would like to place a Lily in the Sanctuary for Easter in loving memory or in honor of a special someone, please fill out the order form (located in the Narthex) or email ([GraceVSNY@aol.com](mailto:GraceVSNY@aol.com)) me your request. The Lilies are \$14 each. Please make the check out to GUMC and either place it in the Offering Plate in a sealed envelope marked for the Church Office, mail it to the Church Office, or use Venmo/Zelle. If you have an envelope number, please note it either on the order form or on your check. *The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 14, 2025.*



### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Services.**

We will continue to offer Wednesday evening services for every Wednesday of Lent leading up to Holy Week. Services will be an opportunity to draw closer to God during this Holy Season. Please join us for an intimate time of prayer and worship.

Spring 2025 marks the return of our beloved **Tenebrae Service** for the evening of Good Friday. The word "tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness," and the service is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles as readings and music reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The service typically culminates in darkness and a loud noise, symbolizing the closing of Christ's tomb. It is a somber and reflective experience that helps to prepare Christians for the celebration of Easter. **Volunteers are needed to participate in this service.** No special talent is required, just a willingness to participate in this beautiful tradition. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please see Bob DiSalvo, Pastor Kim or anyone on the worship committee.

**Looking for a way to help out and inspire others?** This might be the opportunity you are looking for! No specific skills are required, just a willingness to try something new! A substitute is needed for Church School on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Typically, there are between two and eight students, all of whom are lovely to spend time with. The lesson plan and materials will be provided for you and you will have the chance to experience the joy of sharing the stories of Christ with our youngsters! If you'd like to partner-up with someone, that's fine, but not necessary. If you are interested, please reach out to Janet Stone. Try it! You might be surprised by how blessed you feel after being with our young students! Thank you.

## **5 Week In-Person Lenten Bible Study**

Starting on Wednesday, March 12 at 7pm and continuing every Wednesday evening for five weeks, we will be starting an in-person Lenten Bible Study on the book He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart by Max Lucado. The book as well as a study guide will be available for purchase as we go through this study which has been specifically made to journey us through the Lenten season. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Pastor Kim at [pastoreumin@hotmail.com](mailto:pastoreumin@hotmail.com) or 646-468-9450. There will also be a sign-up located in the narthex on Sundays. **Also, it is important to note that the weekly online Bible Study that has been meeting every Wednesday evening will move to Tuesdays beginning on March 4 and lasting throughout the Lenten season.**

## **CALENDAR**

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

- \*Every Sunday – Church School 10AM/Church (except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month-10AM/Educ Bldg)
- \*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) *See above for temporary changes*
- \*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 Events/Meetings**

- \*Sunday, March 16, 2025 – Jean and Ken Larson Memorial Sunday
- \*Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – Spring Blood Drive 3PM-7:30PM/Gym
- \*Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Church Council Meeting after Church
- \*Saturday, April 26, 2025 – International Potluck Dinner
- \*Saturday, October 25, 2025 - New York United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

### **Upcoming Special Dates**

- \*Monday, March 17, 2025 – St. Patrick's Day
- \*Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday
- \*Thursday, April 17, 2025 – Holy Thursday
- \*Friday, April 18, 2025 – Good Friday
- \*Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Easter
- \*Sunday, May 11, 2025 – Mother's Day
- \*Monday, May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day
- \*Sunday, June 15, 2025 – Father's Day
- \*Sunday, October 19, 2025 – Laity Sunday
- \*Sunday, November 2, 2025 – All Saints Day
- \*Sunday, November 2, 2025 – Daylight Savings Time ends



Happy National Napping Day!! Eileen