

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

September 8, 2025



♥Kalli Medina (student of Naomi Brown), ♥Barbara Woodford, ♥Pat Panzarino, ♥Sonia Elliott, ♥Amanda Brown (Naomi Brown's mother), ♥Diane Rutledge (Naomi Brown's aunt), ♥George and Jeanne Simmons, ♥Maudlyn Scarlett, ♥Marianne Pike, ♥Jerry Noble (Tom Noble's dad), ♥Lionel Brown, ♥Chris Ukanwoke, ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥Heather Manning (friend of Kim Neri), ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Edie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Debbielee Thomsen, ♥Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥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 SEPTEMBER 2025

September 14 – Marisa Pershad

September 21 – Marisa Pershad

September 28 – Debbie Nicosia

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2025

October 05 – Everett Fitch

October 12 – Debbie Nicosia

October 19 – Marisa Pershad

October 26 – Marisa Pershad



EVERYONE IS INVITED....Everyone is invited to attend the Village of Valley Stream's 9/11 Memorial Ceremony commemorating the **24th Anniversary of September 11, 2001**. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 11th at 6PM at the A. J. Hendrickson Park Memorial Garden.

Church School 9/7/2025. We had two students in Church School this week. The bible lesson this first week back to Church School was based on **1 Samuel 1:1-28**. First and Second Samuel describe a period of transition in Israel from a federation of tribes to a royal dynasty. This time was turbulent, but God was at work bringing Israel to a new future. The story of Israel's transformation begins with the distress of a barren woman. Hannah was very sad because she didn't have any children. Her husband, Elkanah (el-KAY-nuh), and his second wife, Peninnah (pah-NIN-uh), had children. Peninnah often taunted Hannah for being childless. At that time, women were valued by bearing children. Elkanah loved Hannah and didn't understand her despair. When she and her husband traveled to Shiloh, Hannah went to the sanctuary and prayed that God would give her a son. She made a vow to give this child back to God. In a short time, God honored her prayer, and she gave birth to a son named Samuel. True to her vow, when he was weaned, Hannah took Samuel back to Shiloh to present him to the prophet Eli and dedicate him to the service of the Lord. As a child, Samuel served God in the sanctuary and learned the Scriptures from Eli. As an adult, he became the prophet of Israel that led the people to the kingship. Hannah believed in expressing her needs to God. She was persistent in her prayers, and when God said she would have a child, she trusted God's word. She went home happy. When God showed grace to Hannah by answering her prayers, Hannah responded by giving back to God.

Janet Stone



PRAISE MUSIC. We will be starting a Praise Singing group that will perform every other month in church. Our first performance will be on September 21. If you are interested, please stay for fellowship hour this Sunday, September 14 and arrive to church at 9:20 on Sunday, September 21 to go over the music in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact *Kim Neri* at 515-644-0979.

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. October Volunteers are needed. Marianne and Don Pike have volunteered for September 14. Thank you.

SPRC Meeting. Please update your calendar to include a SPRC Meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2025, after Church in the Upper Lounge.

"Reading Ephesians with Pastor Prumeh"

Over Zoom: Saturday, September 6, 13, 20 at 9am

September 27 at 10am

The Letter to the Ephesians is a beautiful text, encouraging the believers to find unity in Christ and put on the armor of God. But there are sections of Ephesians that have been misused as well. To more fully understand the text, we will also learn about the historical and cultural context of Ephesus. The bible study will be encouraging but at the same time, we will ask hard questions, which can be challenging as well.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82176659244?pwd=uqhPFeA3TIKhU660Q1wknmRdKMTJXk.1>

Meeting ID: 821 7665 9244

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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.

Use of Kitchen – Just a gentle reminder that clean-up in the kitchen after use is the responsibility of the user(s). Our Sexton is only responsible for mopping the floor.

CHOIR AND BELLS. Bell Rehearsal began on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 7PM. Choir Rehearsal began on Thursday September 4, 2025, at 8PM.

CALENDAR

Weekly Meetings, Rehearsals and Gatherings:

- ***Every Sunday** – Church School 10AM/Church (except 1st Sunday of the month-10AM/Educ Bldg)
- ***Every Wednesday** – Bible Study 7:30PM-9PM/Zoom (Same Zoom Link every week)
- ***Every Thursday** – Bell Choir 7PM/Church
- ***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
~(except September which will be the Second Sunday)~

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- ***Tuesday, September 16, 2025** – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30PM/BKR
- ***Sunday, September 21, 2025** – SPRC Meeting after Church/Upper Lounge
- ***Wednesday, September 24, 2025** – Blood Drive 2:30PM-8:30 PM
- ***Sunday, September 28, 2025** – UWF Sunday
- ***Sunday, September 28, 2025** – Church Council Meeting after Church
- ***Saturday, October 25, 2025** - New York United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
- ***Saturday, November 8, 2025** – Career Day 10AM – 2PM/Gym
- ***Saturday, November 15, 2025** – Joint Charge Conference 1PM
- ***Tuesday, November 18, 2025** – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30PM/BKR
- ***Saturday, December 6, 2025** – UWF Walk-a-thon
- ***Tuesday, January 13, 2026** – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30PM/BKR
- ***Tuesday, March 10, 2026** – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30PM/BKR
- ***Tuesday, May 12, 2026** – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30PM/BKR

Upcoming Special Dates

- ***Sunday, October 19, 2025** – Laity Sunday
- ***Sunday, November 2, 2025** – All Saints Day
- ***Sunday, November 2, 2025** – Daylight Savings Time ends



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