

Grace Notes

Grace United Methodist Church

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Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Each Sunday
8:30 a.m. Early Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration

December 4

The Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent
Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

December 18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Annual Children's Pageant featuring
our Cherub, Alleluia and Youth
Choirs

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

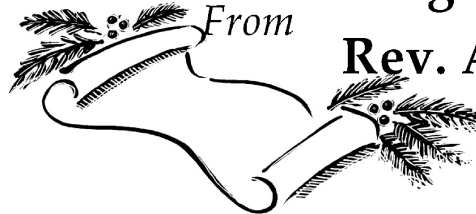
4:00 p.m. - A Family Service
Music by our Children's and Youth
Choirs in a service designed
especially for a younger
congregation
8:30 p.m. (Note new time)
**Festival Service of Candlelight and
Holy Communion**
Music by the Chancel Choir and
Brass ensemble
Worship will include carols, sermon,
Holy Communion and candle
lighting

December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. (*one service only*)
A quieter service to celebrate
Christ's birth, including carols,
sermon and Holy Communion

Advent Message



Rev. Amy

Dear Friends,

There is something very sacred about the day when the church turns the page of its calendar back to Advent. On that Sunday around Thanksgiving, when our bellies are still full from

too many rich meals, we find ourselves sitting again with the stark images of a hurting world looking for a Messiah. No matter what else is going on in my life, whether it is a season of hope or a season of struggle, I find my spirits lifting at the flickering candles in the Advent Wreath and the beautiful strains of "O Come, O Come, Emanuel."

It is very easy to forget the watching and waiting of Advent in the frantic rush to Christmas. The world is already singing its carols of great joy, the stores are decked out in festive attire, and we are expected to be having the time of our lives. But the scripture lessons for Advent are much more real; much more honest about the state of our souls and the length of our wait while also expressing a sturdy trust in God's faithfulness. "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down," writes the prophet Isaiah. "A voice cries out, 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'" The gospels start with the second coming of Christ, saying, "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light." For all of the light of Christmas, Advent begins in the dark. Advent comes as the days are reaching their shortest length. Advent calls forth our honest confessions about the incompleteness of ourselves, the spaces of darkness in which we are still awaiting the light of Christ.

This Advent I invite you to live as much in the season of watchful anticipation as you can, preparing your heart as much as your home. Quiet prayer can be a path to preparation, as can worship or simply saying "No" to one more demand. In hopes for your rich Advent season and in trust that Christ will be born among us again, I offer these two short prayers.

"In this strange season when we are suspended between realization and expectation, may we be found honest about the darkness, more perceptive of the light." - Jack Boozar

"You hollow us out, God, so that we may carry you,
and you endlessly fill us only to be emptied again.

Make smooth our inward spaces and sturdy,
that we may hold you with less resistance

and bear you with deeper grace." - Jan Richardson



Christmas Memorials

Please consider a gift to help underwrite the cost of

- special music for the Christmas Season
- decorations for the Sanctuary or
- the Capital Fund

to honor a special person or in memory of a loved one.

Complete the form below and return it with your check to the Church Office by **Friday, December 16**. Gifts will be acknowledged in holiday worship bulletins

I/We wish to make a gift of \$ _____ to

_____ Music _____ Decorations _____ Capital Fund

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____ Envelope No. _____
(Please print name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)



& Family Party
Sunday, December 11 – 5:30 p.m.

THE TURKEY DINNER IS BACK!!

It's hard to believe but "Christmas is coming and the Goose is getting Fat!" Or is it the turkey? In any case, it is time to think about the annual Turkey Dinner which is back after a one-year absence and is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m., right after the choir's Christmas Concert.

For anyone who does not know (and that has to be only someone new to the church) the annual Turkey Dinner is that special time in December when the "Grandmothers" of the church roast the turkeys, make the stuffing, gravy and mashed potatoes, and *all of the attendees bring \$3 per person plus a special salad, vegetable or homemade dessert to share.* We have a real feast!

After dinner, we'll sing some carols and Santa Claus will make his appearance! Girls and boys can whisper their wish lists to him, have their photo taken and receive a little gift.

Put the date on your calendar and call Carolyn Benfer, 410-337-6716 or the church office to make your dinner reservation and let us know what favorite dish you would like to bring. Please be sure to tell us also how many young children will be attending.



Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
*following the 10 a.m. service
in Fellowship Hall*

Get in the holiday spirit!

- Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a sweet treat
- Advent and Christmas crafts for the children
 - Make a fresh greens decoration
 - Sign up for Angel Tree gifts
 - Buy a Hoodie for the Homeless
- Bring your AIDS caroling cookies, toiletries



We remember:
WORLD AIDS

Sunday December 4

There are still many persons in the Baltimore region infected and affected by HIV/AIDS who have not

been tested and are not aware of how their futures will be impacted. Grace Church will recognize World AIDS Sunday on December 4 in worship. The communion offering will be distributed to local groups assisting with testing, treatment and social services for individuals and families affected.

CAROLING AT HOPKINS

Continuing a tradition of more than 25 years, the AIDS Task Force invites everyone to go caroling on the AIDS ward at Hopkins Hospital. We will meet on the Grace parking lot on Monday, December 12 at 6 p.m. to carpool. Santa will lead the way! A few members of the Beth El Congregation may join our merry band as well. Contact Bruce or Alice for details. Don't forget to bring your homemade cookies, wrapped candies and travel-size toiletries to the Advent Workshop (or before Dec. 11) to be included in Santa's goodie bags.

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 11 - 4:00 p.m.



SONGS OF MARY

"Magnificat" by John Rutter
and other selections for the season

The Chancel Choir and soloists
Alice Mack, soprano Kathryn Arnold, contralto
Steven James, tenor Robert Cantrell, bass
with 17-member chamber orchestra

The Handbells of Grace - John Kessell, director

Bruce Eicher, director



We welcome Michelle and Ryan Riddle, who joined Grace on Sunday, November 13. Dad is holding big sister Natalie and Mom is holding Emily Grace who was baptized at the same service. WELCOME!!



Heartiest
congratulations to
those of our Grace
family celebrating
birthdays in
December:

- 1 June Peterson, Kevin Phelps, Gini Simmons,
Ronald Kyle Spedalere
- 3 Chris Greene
- 4 Adrienne Plitt
- 5 Margaret Blackstone, Rebecca Blackstone, Sam
Glewwe
- 7 Ashley Perkins
- 8 Devon Byrne Conklin, David Irwin, Mary Jo
Rigler-Martin
- 9 Gladys Grim, Nicholas O'Dwyer, Jack Smith
- 10 Elizabeth Everton, Patti Fenske, Anna
Wojciechowski
- 11 Ben Francis, Jennifer Gabriel, Michael Stetz
- 12 Erin Farrugia, Lauren Green, Anne Griffith,
Hanley G. Heubeck, Andrea McCracken, Miller
Weiskittel
- 14 Samantha Frank, Charles Moylan, Jr., Lauren
Winship
- 15 Gloria Weddell
- 16 Virginia McIntyre, Joan Potter, Patricia J. White,
Lindsey Wyatt
- 17 Lydia Everton, Eleanor Megraw
- 18 Dr. Henry Holljes, Betty Inman
- 19 Darla Rowley, Alec Schill
- 20 Luke Fishman, Sally Hauf, Alexander Lewis, Bob
Outman
- 21 Christine Calderon, Timothy Gause, Nicole
Kasson
- 22 H. Brooks Hauf, W. Benton Stansbury III
- 23 Chrystal Eickelberg, Charlotte Houghton
- 24 Carol Sutton
- 25 Carter Parkinson, Jr.
- 26 Brice W. Dean, David Eicher, Phil Schnering
- 27 Sierra Craig, Bettie Crow
- 28 Jeffrey Hebden
- 29 Stephen Davis, Natalie Francis, David McGuinn,
Amy Seitz
- 30 Beth Hayes, Wendy Iglehart, Hyesun Stuart
- 31 Meredith Hauf, Holden Marshall, Justin Pfeffer,
Evan Scheiner, Allison Woodward

✓ If you have not yet returned your
Pledge Card in support of the 2012 budget,
please do so promptly.

WHY GRACE?

I joined Grace Church in 1955, and my wife Norma became a member a few years later. I was married to my first wife at Grace in 1953.

After the deaths of our first spouses, we believe that Grace Church was the underlying force behind our marriage in 1985.

My two children and Norma's four children were confirmed at Grace. Our youngest four grandchildren graduated from Grace Preschool. What a wonderful education for them!

The factors that have been inspiring to Norma and me revolved around three "F's" – **Faith, Family** and **Friends**. Norma and I have served on various boards while members at Grace, always guided by our **Faith**. Our **Family** – we have been fortunate to have six wonderful children and 13 grandchildren. Five of our six children were married at Grace.

The third "F" - **Friends** are an important element in any congregation. Norma and I are certainly blessed with many Grace friends.

The "SM" factor has been an important reason why Grace continues to grow in numbers and in our hearts. "S" - **Sermons** are a vital part of each Sunday service, and we have had an abundance of inspirational messages. We have been blessed with many ministers who have helped us through sad and difficult times. They also have been with us through many happy times.

"M" - **Music** has been the background and the foreground of the Sunday service. Many times after leaving church, a particular hymn keeps resounding in our minds.

I then think of three more letters: A - M - Y. She is Able to lead us, Magnificent in the process, and Youthful in her approach and leadership talents.

Norma J. Faby

Raymond M. Faby

Early deadline for next issue of Grace Notes

To accommodate the holidays, the deadline for the January issue of Grace Notes is **DECEMBER 1**, with a mailing date of December 19. All news of interest through the month of January should be included in this issue. I look forward to hearing from you!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

The Grace Preschool will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and all are invited! Make your holiday shopping easy and fun with a spectacular collection of gifts by local artists as well as an Auction with overnight packages, restaurant gift certificates and fine jewelry. Take the stress out of holiday meals with "Dishes to Go" - meals and side dishes assembled and ready to serve - in addition to delicious baked goods and other fine foods. Beautiful greens will also be sold. Proceeds will benefit the preschool.

A note from the Finance Chair

Speaking for myself and on behalf of the members of the finance committee, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all those at church who have responded so generously to our financial stewardship campaign for 2012 operating funds for the church.

On Celebration Sunday, October 23rd, we collected 80 pledges of financial support, totaling close to \$200,000 to be applied to the church's budgetary needs in the new year. Since then, additional pledges have come in almost on a daily basis, growing donations pledged to more than \$300,000. We are encouraged with this continuing response and pray that it will enable us to meet our budget planned for 2012. Results are posted each Sunday in the worship bulletin.

As with any organization, Grace Church needs to operate from a planned budget. It is vital to know at the start of the year what income the church may count on during the year to fund its missions and operations. Without this knowledge, the church cannot practice effective financial management.

Moreover, it is important for each member of the church to commit to the church's financial support, to be a stakeholder in the church's work in the community. After all, why would you not want to support your faith in the work of the church?

Over the next several weeks, we will contact those members who have not yet responded, offering them another opportunity to be a part of our 2012 financial stewardship campaign. If you are contacted, please carefully consider and respond as your individual circumstances allow.

May God bless you and yours.

Lee Starkey,
Chair, finance committee

"The Hopes and Fears of all our Years"

Advent Study and Cookie Exchange
Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

As part of Grace's continuing faith formation classes, join senior pastor Rev. Amy McCullough for an evening focused upon our expectations and anxieties around the Christmas season. For all of the joy we profess at the birth of Christ, Christmas can be a time of frantic schedules, exacerbated family tensions and dashed hopes. Yet the birth of the Christ Child is precisely God's loving gift for our frantic, often harried, incomplete lives.

We'll start with a **biblical study** of the prophetic texts which form the basis of Israel's hope for a Messiah and then apply those visions to the hopes and fears we bring into the season. We'll also discuss practical ways to create a simpler, more satisfying Christmas.



Following the study, we'll enjoy a congregational **cookie exchange**. If you are able, please bring two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

All are welcome. If anyone would like to attend and needs childcare, please speak with Rev. Amy and arrangements can be made.



Downing Kay celebrates her 104th birthday at the UMW meeting and luncheon. What a lady!!

We think of others, especially at Christmas...



Angel Tree

Angels among us!!

It is getting to be that time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and begin to get “all wrapped up” in the hustle and bustle of the upcoming holidays.

For several years now, Grace has participated in the Angel Tree Project. This special program is dedicated to children of parents who are incarcerated and it is run by an organization called Prison Fellowship. The parent who is in prison is given the opportunity to fill out an application asking for nearby churches to bring a couple of gifts from that parent to his or her child or children.

Grace always responds so generously to this cause. While there are so many in need during the holidays, we choose this as one of the ways we can help because it is for these children, who are innocent bystanders of a parent’s mistake.

At the Advent Workshop on December 4th, you will have a chance to be one of the angels among us. Please look for two large posters with children’s names and gift ideas. You may sign up to purchase a gift or to make a monetary donation to that family. We take any money collected and give each caregiver a gift card to Giant Food. After you sign up we will give you an angel (with all the information you will need) and you will attach the angel to the wrapped gift. Gifts need to be at church by Thursday, December 15.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with making phone calls to the caregivers and/or delivering gifts to their homes on December 17 at 9:00 am. If you would to help in any way, please call Barb Starkey at 410-377-5249.

Hoodies for the Homeless

Brrr – The harsh winter weather can be unkind to the homeless of our city. To warm them up even a little, the Grace Youth Fellowship will once again be collecting donations to purchase “Hoodies for the Homeless” to be distributed through Manna House. Make your purchase (\$18 per hoodie) at the Advent Workshop or any time through December 30. What a thoughtful gift to make in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

Checks should be made payable to Grace UMC and marked “Hoodies for the Homeless”.



The Linen Tree

The Toiletry Tree

The Undie Tree

These three Mission Outreach trees are in the Narthex. Please remember to pick up some gift items when doing your holiday shopping and place them on or under the appropriate tree. Your gifts will be shared with the clients of Manna House and the Susanna Wesley House to brighten their holiday. Boxer shorts are especially needed.

Grace for Grayson

Consider purchasing a Christmas card with your donation to the “Grace for Grayson” fund when visiting the Advent Workshop. This card is appropriate to hang on your tree or to mail as a gift to family and friends in their honor. Cards will also be available at the Coffee Hour on December 11 and 18. Bring your donation in any amount with check payable to Grace UMC and designated “Grace for Grayson.”

This alternative Christmas gift idea is just one of several this season. Thank you for your consideration.



AIDS Caroling

Monday, December 12

6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join in the singing!

To help fill Santa’s goodie bags for the patients at Hopkins Hospital, we will be receiving

home baked cookies, wrapped candies, sample-size toiletries at the Advent Workshop on December 4.



Grace UM Church celebrates 60 years at 5407 North Charles Street

Sunday, December 9 marks the 60th anniversary of Grace United Methodist Church at this location. Ann Weller Dahl, a lifelong member, compiled this brief summary of our history which we share with you on this happy occasion.

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Grace United Methodist Church might be described metaphorically as “a quartet making harmonious music together.” While the statement could be taken literally – superb music being a major component in the worship experience at Grace – in its figurative sense it refers to the fact that four churches have combined over the years to create the present congregation.

The original Grace, founded in 1868, stood in West Baltimore at the corner of Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue until January 1928 when its Methodist Episcopal congregation merged, by invitation, with the Roland Park

M. E. Church (organized 1896), located at Oakdale Road and Roland Avenue in the planned suburb of the city known as Roland Park. The “Grace” name was officially retained. In 1946 the “duo” became a “trio” when, upon the invitation of Grace, the North Baltimore Methodist Church (1893), standing on Mount Royal near North Avenue, consolidated with Grace, thus introducing the former Methodist Protestant element. For a time the church was known as Grace-North Baltimore. The fourth group to be welcomed, forming the present-day “quartet,” was the A. W. Wilson Memorial United Methodist Church, which for many years occupied the southeastern corner of North Charles Street and University Parkway and in May of 1996 merged with Grace. Since Wilson Memorial had been from the Methodist Episcopal South tradition, its coming created a congregation that currently represents all former branches of the Methodist Church. (The Methodist churches reunited in 1939 after splitting during the Civil War period.)

(N.B. For a detailed history of the church from 1868 to 1957, one may consult *A History of Grace Methodist Church* by George W. Dexter, published by the George W. King Publishing Company.)

UMW notes and news

The November meeting of the UMW was well attended as ladies and a few gentlemen came to listen to Rev. Amy McCullough tell the story of her life and how and when she felt called to ministry. She has known the path of her journey since early on, and in coming months will celebrate one new milestone when she completes her doctorate at Vanderbilt University.

The December meeting on December 14 will feature our associate organist/director of music David Brock and music of the Christmas season. The program will begin at 11 a.m. with luncheon (\$8.00) to follow. To make reservations for lunch: call Ruth Ann Beachler, 410-252-8906.

Charlotte Houghton gave the devotions on November 9, which, by request, are being reprinted:

“Our topic today is Faith and I am pleased to share what I have learned with you.

“Faith is one of the greatest emotions that we have. You are not born with it – it must be nurtured by scripture and experience, and it factors into our everyday life.

“We cling to this Faith when things get rough, because somehow we fear that this Faith is all that we have left. Fear is debilitating – it can destroy you. However, if you have time to fear, you have time to meditate! And this prompts a conversation with God

through prayer. We pray in Faith because we know that we cannot do it alone. By Faith we know that in God all things are possible and remember that Jesus said what you ask in my name the Father will hear.

“With this in mind, our Faith has made us a little less apprehensive and at least we realize that the task is doable. The

results may not be to our thinking. However, through Faith we know that God loves us and will cause a better day and that by the grace of God things will go more smoothly.

“Keep the faith always and remember the words “Be still and know that I am God.” Sit quietly and let your faith take you where you need to go and remember that with Faith you are never alone. By the grace of God, your Faith will set you free.”



Rev. Amy with Suzanna at UMW

Retirement Community residents, Seniors and those with whom we wish to keep in touch

Printed that you might remember our friends with a card during the Holidays

CHRISTMAS CARDS



OWN HOMES

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Grace Church Stewardship Campaign for 2012 Operating Expenses

NEW BEGINNINGS

Our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Accordingly, we wish to thank each and every one who, thus far, has supported God's work and already returned an Estimate of Giving card. As of November 9, 119 cards have been returned with commitments totaling \$300,492.00. We urge all those who have not done so to return your card today!

(You will find cards in the Narthex and entrance hall should you need another.) **Thank you!**

Kitty Allen
Janet Ander
Nathan & Kathryn Arnold
David & Annette Beachler
Lynn & Ruth Ann Beachler
Don & Carolyn Benfer
Nancy Blackstone
Francette Boling
Barbara Bond
Elizabeth M. Brannan
Patrick & Kate Brannan
David Brock
Susan & Bud Clark
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Nancy Gibson
Marcia Gleckler
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Tom & Jackie Gordon
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James Heckman
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Hollis Houston
Bettie Jean Howard
Wendy Iglehart
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John & Francie Keenan
Bill & Lois Klein
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Amy & Chris McCullough
Diana McGraw
Jacquelyn Meadors
Ellie Megraw
Tom Moore
Helen Mosher
Stephen & Kathryn Mullan
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Frances Northington
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Earline Patenaude
Doris Patterson
Marge Penhallegon
Henry & Mirlene Perry
June Peterson
Bill & Carol Polk
Nancy Rawlings
Bruce & Susan Rice
Thom & Sue Rinker
Tonya Sapré
Bob & Elaine Schaefer
Doug Schmidt & Allegra
Hamman
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Kevin & Elizabeth Shaner
Lynne & Norman Sharpe
Dorothy Shindle
Richard Shindle
Glenn & Kittie Simmons

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Brooke Smith
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Gordon & Joan Stetz
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Walt & Marguerite Stucki
Wilma Sutton
Charles & Leigh Thomas
Diane & Don Topper
Andrew Trofatter
Beth Vargas
Pat & Milt Volker
Marian Wallace
Susan Wallace
Lura Warren
Nancy J. Webb
Lois & Tom Wellener
Sue Wilkerson
Elmer & Jeaneen Wingate

**There is still
room for your
name!**

Bulletin Board buzz

Please take time to read the news-filled letter from our missionaries, the Zimmermans on the Mission-Outreach board near the church office

AIDS Task Force updates are posted for your reading on the bulletin board in the hallway

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Parent's night out

Get some shopping done without the kids or perhaps have a quiet night out at dinner! The Youth Fellowship will be

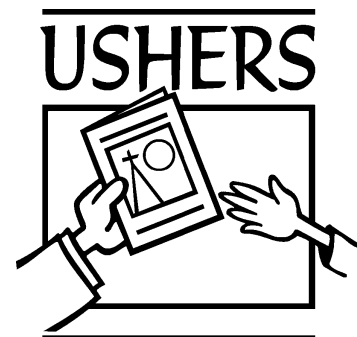
providing babysitting in the church parlor on **Friday, December 2**. We will have pizza for dinner and watch some holiday movies. Our tentative drop off time is 5:00 p.m. with pick up no later than 9:00 p.m. For more details or to make a reservation, please call Dave Beachler at 410-252-2139 or email dave@beachler.us.

Congratulations - Whew!

- To **Allison Woodward**, daughter of Norma Faby, who completed the Iron Man in Hawaii on October 8. Competing in the swimming, biking, and running components, her total time was 12 hours, 10 minutes.
- To **Malcolm Allen** who competed and completed all 26.2 miles of the NY Marathon, running for the Red Cross team.

Come to the Book Club

The next book for discussion is *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline, author of a list of popular legal thrillers. All are invited to join the group on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.



The usher teams are seeking more volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings. Men and women, with a welcoming smile, are invited! With three teams on the rotation, no one's commitment is burdensome. Please contact the church office if you would like more information or might be interested in serving.